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**2) Why do you think people attend college or university? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) College is a place that the students can learn more and new knowledge and experience in it. Of course, different people have different reason to study in college. For example, some people want to be to go on a further study after they graduate from the college; some people hope to find a good job after their studying in the college and also some people wish to exchange their present situation through studying in the college. In my opinion, no matter what reason people study in the college for, studying in the college is just a preparation for their future' life.

First of all, students can learn new knowledge and experiences from the studying in the college. There are many teachers, professors with abundant teaching experience who teach students lots of new knowledge and help them to solve the problems in their study. With their help, student can learn a lot of useful basic and professional knowledge which is very helpful for their future' work and study. After they finish their study in the college, students go to work in the society and contribute to the different fields.

Secondly, students can learn how to arrange their own time reasonably. Before their studying in college, their life often arranged by their parents and their study often arranged by their teachers. It is very different for them to live and study in college, because students studying in college have to arrange their life and study by themselves. They have right to arrange their part time, such as when to get up, when is the sport-time, when to finish the assignment etc. This is very important experience for students' work and life in the future.

Thirdly, studying in the college make students having opportunity to live with other student and learn how to cooperate with other people. Usually, people often have uncomfortable feeling to live with a stranger, because they do not know each other and perhaps their habit and personality are different. But for the long run, it is good for them. They have to cooperate with each other and solve a lot of problems they will face together. Gradually, they can learn how to care and understand other people. It is a preparation for students to go to cooperate with other people in the society.

All in all, students not only can learn lots of new knowledge from the books but also can learn much more necessary experience such as how to arrange time and how to cooperate with other people. It is very important for their future work and life.

(b) People study in college or university for many different reasons. I think the most important reason is to gain more knowledge and learn more skills. Of course, there are also

many other reasons that people study in college such as to get more friends, and increase one's self-confidence.

These days, most jobs require people who are educated and have good job skills. Therefore, the people who want a good job have to study hard and at least graduate with a high education. Furthermore, as technology advances all over the world, more and more education is required of people.

Some people who study in college or university want to make more friends and increase their interpersonal skills. They enjoy their lives in university or college and tend to socialize a lot. They can meet more people who have the similar interests with themselves. They can go to uni ball after school and make more friends who they trust.

The people who graduate from college seem more confident in our community. These people are more respected by society. Many people want to be respected and to be important by family, friends, their bosses, and others in their lives. They find that most of them can confidently talk and do their jobs, as they are more educated. Therefore, most people want to get the confidence through the university or college study.

In today's society, people need more knowledge and skills to be adapted. The university and college study is a good way to achieve this.

***3) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents are the best teachers. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

(a) Obviously, the first teachers we have in our lives in most cases are our parents. They teach us to walk, to speak, and to have good manners before we reach "the real world." More than even the professional teachers that we have in school, parents are generally the most involved in the development and education of children.

Almost for sure our parents are the best teachers at the beginning of our lives, which actually corresponds to the parents' role in nature. Parents are most committed and involved in teaching their children; they have a kind of instinct to sacrifice a part of themselves for the betterment of their children. They love us and have great patience while passing down their knowledge to us. They wish us a success and thus will not teach us bad things. And of course, implicit learning occurs when children unconsciously copy some of their parents' habits and styles of behavior.

During the second stage of child development, adolescence, parents can still be in the best position to offer advice even though the children might not accept it. In this case, perhaps the child's friends would be the best teachers. Adolescents are notoriously rebellious in many cultures and may automatically reject any advice from their parents. My first

marriage for instance, was solely a matter of doing the opposite when my parents tried to intrude in offering their advice. So in such matters, parents should be much more flexible and be rather the partners with their children. So we can see that being a teacher of growing child become more and more complicated case as the time passes and many parents are simply not able to meet the increased demands.

On the other hand, I would say that parents are not professional teachers and they tend to be very biased by their love of their children. So wishing good things and an easy life may prevent children from maturation. In any case, parents usually can present only one viewpoint of the world, while good teaching should be based on different attitudes. Thus, when children go to school and have a great diversity of teachers, they learn much more than their parents could probably give them. Furthermore, once our parents get older, they become more conservative and cannot always be objective in regard to modern trends and fashions. Thus we need to take their advice with caution during that period. However, some kind of intuition, which I believe, shared between relatives about what everybody needs and great love, which exists in families, still makes our parents very good teachers and advisers at any time.

In conclusion, while parents are not the ideal teachers, and well-rounded children will generally need a great diversity of teachers in their lives in order to have a more accurate view of the world, parents are generally the most committed of all teachers and have the greatest emotional investment in their children and their future

***4) Nowadays, food has become easier to prepare. Has this change improved the way people live? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

***5) It has been said, “Not everything that is learned is contained in books.” Compare and contrast knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gained from books. In your opinion, which source is more important? Why?***

(a) People always are learning and practicing through their whole lives. From reading words in textbook such as toy, car, train etc., people have the concept and ideas. They further understand the actual meaning of these words by playing toys and riding or driving cars, trains etc.

Education (books) and experience are the main two channels for People to gain their knowledge. Each plays different roles for people. In my opinion, knowledge from experience is more important than that from books.

Experience first can prove if the knowledge formbooks are true or false. Textbooks are very wonderful in teaching people essential principles, how is the world looks like? What

is the basic law of change of people and things? We can learn a lot through primary school, secondary school until university. However, people can only understand the really meaning of those form books and justify them if they are right through practices. A few hundred years ago, people learnt from textbook that the earth was flat. However scientists found that was wrong through observations and measurement.

The knowledge from experience can improve and advance The world and our society. As books have limitation, they only teach us what people found in the past. The knowledge from the books are constrained to the certain conditions and environment. For example, mould and tools design for plastics industry, the university course only taught me very simple cases, most knowledge is obtained from various different and complicated cases in my career.

There are a lot new inventions and new products, which could not be found from textbooks. Our society and world are developed through continuous practices, those knowledge, never found in books, such as internet, e-business etc. are all developed through new practices.

"The truth comes from practices and experience", people are continually discovering new things and assessing the creditability of the knowledge written in books. The knowledge from experience helps us much more than those from books.

**6) A company has announced that it wishes to build a large factory near your community. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this new influence on your community. Do you support or oppose the factory? Explain your position.**

(a) I am from Arroz e Feijao, a small town in the northeast of Brazil. Building a factory in there will bring a lot of advantages and disadvantages, but I believe that Arroz e Feijao will mostly benefit from the building of a new factory because it is largely populated by poor people and the factory would bring many benefits to this small town. However, of course, a factory has disadvantages as well.

As you know, factories usually bring pollution. If this factory is not managed very effectively and efficiently according to specific rules, it's prone to polluting the local air and water. What's more, factories usually make noise. Beside clean drinkable water and fresh air, an ideal community should be quiet. If the factory cannot maintain this situation to the community, it will not last long. A factory that is too noisy or pollutes too much will eventually be relocated to a new area.

On the other hand, a factory could bring a lot of benefits to the community. So I would support the plan to build a factory to my community for all the reasons I will describe below.

First of all, the factory's construction will surely improve the local infrastructure. To run smoothly, the factory will have to have a steady, reliable supply of water and electricity. Some old pipes will be changed, and some facilities will be renovated. The residents' living standard get improved as a result of these widespread changes, an important benefit in Arroz e Feijao, where many people do not have access to clean water.

Secondly, to make the employee commute more convenient, the local roads will have to be rebuilt and broadened, resulting in improved public transportation. The town's residents can take a public bus to go shopping or go to work. As a result, air pollution and fuel consumption might be reduced.

Most important, a factory's establishment will bring up a lot of employment opportunities for the community. A factory needs experts from various fields. The residents can take just a few minutes to go to the factory to work. So, the local residents can get great benefits from this factory.

Generally speaking, I agree with the plan to build a factory near my community. If the factory can be managed successfully, the factory and local residents can have mutual benefit.

***7) If you could change one important thing about your hometown, what would you change? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.***

(a) Everything in the universe is in constant change. And everything needs continual improvement if the ever changing and increasing demands of humankind are to be met. If I were ever given the chance to change one important thing about my hometown, it would be Internet service. Needless to say that nothing generally revolutionized the way we live as Internet in the past decade. Thus, an improvement in this vital service would mean an even more, unheard betterment to the people in my hometown.

It is said that information is power. True saying indeed! I can envision how everything in my hometown could improve dramatically if the Internet service in it were made free, fast and staying out there like electricity, telephone or water all the time. One thing, a fast free and reliable Internet service could improve in my hometown is the way people work. If there is this said service people in my hometown must not necessarily commute to a far place to do their job. This in turn would mean less traffic jams, spacious work place, more time for family and recreation and so on.

The way people learn would be another important thing that a fast, free and reliable Internet service could better in my hometown. People will have the chance to go through tremendous and different information resources in a very small amount of time. They

apparently will also take less time to share it. This assures a more fulfilled life for my hometown people.

Since its advent, Internet touched every part of our life. It in a dazzling way improved the way we do business, learn and communicate. A change in Internet service implies good way of living for every one in my home town.

**8) How do movies or television influence people's behavior? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.**

(a) Hesitating I enter my house, the light outside is dimming and the shadows make everything appear unfamiliar. I know that my husband has not returned from work yet, simply because his car is not in the garage. I am alone. I carefully check all the rooms, almost expecting something to happen suddenly. I hold my bag in my hand as if it were a weapon. After the whole house has been declared “clear,” I start to breathe normally again and a smile appears on my face as I realize, once again, how a simple movie seen at the cinema a week earlier can modify my actions.

Sometimes I wonder if I should watch TV, with all its shows that make me wonder whether I exercise enough, whether I am slim enough, or whether I treat my pets with the care they deserve: am I really concerned about their mental health??? Not to mention the hundreds of commercials that try to make me believe I need a water purifier to remain alive since the water I am currently drinking is heavily polluted! And countless are the times when I have heard people talking by quotations learned from movies... We need to watch shows and films to know what to say, how to be, how to act. We are so addicted to all this that it almost seems like we cannot think on our own.

I cannot help thinking about what happened to me some days ago, an example that clearly shows what kind of power TV has over people. My husband and I were in a restaurant when I heard my young neighbor pronouncing violent words in a low angry voice. Surprised, I turned to better understand the situation and I saw that he was holding a fake military device and was acting as if he were filming a war movie. I am sure that if I had been a little be more updated about this type of movie, I would have recognized what he was saying as a quotation. Now, I wonder if he uses such a language also with his friends and with his parents, if he is aggressive, and if so, whether his attitude has really nothing to do with what he watches on TV.

That same evening on the way home I saw two cars stopped one next to the other at a traffic light and as soon as the light turned green they started racing, in the middle of town. In this case not even a major knowledge of movies and TV programs would have helped

me: there are just too many of them on the market showing the exact same thing: people racing with cars.

I am sure that everybody, if asked, could easily list many other examples of how TV and movies can modify our behavior and therefore our life but, I wonder, if we will always be able to draw the line between a TV show and real life, between what they make us think we want and what instead we really need and are and believe.

**9) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Television has destroyed communication among friends and family. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

(a) Television is undoubtedly one of the most powerful means of communication in the history of humankind, rivaled only by such other forms of communication as the Internet, the telephone, movies, and, of course, simple, low-tech speech. Television, with its wide availability and rich media with image and sound, is difficult to ignore and even seductive in its appeal. Television is as much a part of our lives as are our meals, work, or school; studies consistently show that the average American child spends almost as much time watching television as she does in school. Furthermore, because television is so rich in its media, it often requires our full attention or is more attractive to us than are our daily lives. Naturally, the more time one spends watching television, the less time she has with her family and friends. Thus, we can clearly see why some have claimed that television has been harmful for communication among family and friends. However, I believe that, while television has been somewhat harmful in its effects, it has hardly "destroyed" communication among family and friends for most people, although for some, this may be true.

Most people much prefer spending time with their families and friends to spending time watching television. Television is of course an important part of many people's lives, but most people would gladly choose family and friends over television were they given the choice. Furthermore, most educated people are aware of the deleterious effects of too much television and either avoid excessive time watching television, or actually do not enjoy it. I, for example, after a long day at work, would much rather spend time talking with my wife and playing with my children than I would watching some unrealistic portrayal of life on television. For my family, and me our time together is precious and beautiful, and could never be replaced or hurt by television.

Furthermore, the effect of television is simply not so great that it could be said to have "destroyed" communication among family and friends. Granting that communication among family and friends in industrialized countries has decreased in recent years, it might be tempting to blame this problem on television since its rise roughly coincided with the

decrease in time we spend with our families. However, I believe this situation is more likely due to increased pressures relating from work, school, and the economy. In my case, for example, I find that my pressures from work are so great that I must often sacrifice time at home so that I can meet the challenges of running my own business. Many of my friends are in similar situations--my best friend, for example, has just finished law school, which took about sixty hours a week of his time. In a word, people nowadays have very little time for anything, but television is not the cause--it is increased desire to succeed.

In some situations, however, television has surely contributed to a decrease in communication among family members. In my childhood in the countryside, I often saw parents and children watching television for hours on end, rarely speaking with one another. It seemed for them that television was a way to escape from their sad, miserable existence. However, even in this case, I would say that television merely contributed to the bad situation, but did not cause it; were television not existent, surely these people would have found other escapes, alcohol or gambling, for example. In other words, people always find a way to do what they want to do.

In short, I do not believe that television has destroyed or even harmed interpersonal communication among most people. Most people realize that television is merely a temporary diversion and do not use it to replace interpersonal communication. I believe that the damage attributed to television is greatly exaggerated and that such damage is most likely attributable to other more powerful social factors.

***10) Some people prefer to live in a small town. Others prefer to live in a big city. Which place would you prefer to live in? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.***

***11) “When people succeed, it is because of hard work. Luck has nothing to do with success.” Do you agree or disagree with the quotation above? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your position.***

(a) I fully agree with the claim that there is no correlation between success and luck. Moreover, I understand success to refer to one's ability to achieve the predominant part of his goals in his lifetime, which in turn leads to a correlation between success and income since the accomplishment of such a natural goal as to provide a good future for your loved ones demands the means. What is the simplest and most lawful way to earn enough to consider you a successful person? To receive a good education and to find a good job. Both receiving an education and making a career presuppose one's readiness to work hard, and success without hard work is simply not possible for the vast majority of the world's population. The reasons and examples listed below will strengthen my point of view.

First of all, considering an education and a career as key factors of success, one will choose to pursue a degree from a college or a university. One wishing to be admitted to the university will have to take several tests. It is doubtful that someone will be so lucky that knowing nothing; he could pass the test with a high score. A low score means failure, and that test taker will not likely be admitted. Therefore, in order to be successful, one should prepare for the tests and work hard, because a good education will provide him with a good job and an opportunity to accomplish some of his goals and dreams. In my lifetime, I have never met a person who could graduate from a college without working hard.

Secondly, it is impossible to make a career if one is indolent and lacking knowledge, at least in developed countries. Luck plays no role in achieving this success. Even if someone was unbelievably lucky enough to become a manager not being qualified enough, he will be asked to resign in the near future because of his inability due to lack of knowledge and experience to make right decisions. For instance, I used to work for a very small company owned by a friend. This company was later closed because of bankruptcy. The cause of bankruptcy was wrong strategies and decisions made by the owner. After the failure, he went to a university and worked for another company so that he could obtain experience and become a successful businessman. Nowadays, he considers himself a successful person because he had turned into reality his two biggest dreams of producing consumer goods of high quality and making charitable donations to needy people.

In sum, as long as someone understands success as an ability to turn into reality some of his dreams and goals, he will have to work hard because he will need money. And his chances to earn that money will remarkably increase if he could graduate from a college and make a career. All of these things are simply not possible without hard work. Luck has no place in such a scheme of events.

***12) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Universities should give the same amount of money to their students' sports activities as they give to their university libraries. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.***

(a) Some people claim that universities should give the same sum of money to their students' sports activities as to their university libraries. They point out that universities should attract more students to exercise, because a healthy body can make a student bear the heavy studies. On the other hand, most people, like me, strongly disagree with it. In the following paragraphs, I will explain some main reasons.

In the first place, an obvious advantage to spend more money on libraries is that enormous libraries can help us save a huge amount of money, paper resource and the time to seek study materials from a far bookstore. As we all known, the prices of books are more expensive than before, while we have to read more books to catch up with the high-tech era. Moreover, now many students are still too poor to go to school, therefore libraries

become the cheapest places to provide useful knowledge for them. Just imagine these poor persons can enjoy varieties of books in a comfortable environment with enough light and a quiet study atmosphere. How happy they are!

Secondly, another reason why I disagree is that the chief goal of university education is to teach students working skills. Obviously, libraries provide more useful information to students than sports activities do. For example, more and more libraries are also equipped with computers, which can encourage students to surf the Net to widen their horizons. Without the Internet, there will be fewer chances to make friend with the foreigners and catch the latest worldwide information. On the contrary, sports activities are just limited in a small area and a few of friends in some degree.

However, I don not deny that sports activities can provide chances to develop some good characteristics, such as cooperation. But frankly speaking, it is a bit wasteful to spend too much money on sports activities, when we can attain enough free exercises, such as running, which gain the same advantages as well. Furthermore, students are easily obsessed by the activities and overlook their studies. For instant, I once used so much study time to play basketball that I failed to go up to the next grade. Although I earned some awards of basketball matches at that time, I feel very regret. In fact, numerous students have the similar stories because of the attraction of the sports activities.

In conclusion, I firmly disagree with the idea that universities should give the same sum of money to their students' sports activities as they give to their university libraries. Nevertheless we are sure that both universities libraries and proper sports activities are valuable. Anyway, to avoid students playing overtime and ignoring their homework should be concerned. Is it wise to spend more money on universities libraries?

***13) Many people visit museums when they travel to new places. Why do you think people visit museums? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

***14) Some people prefer to eat at food stands or restaurants. Other people prefer to prepare and eat food at home. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

(a) People may have two choices to eat, either they go out to fast food stands or restaurants, or they prepare food at home, whatever suitable to them. In my case I prefer to go out to eat, as it is easy to get, it saves my time, and I can try variety of interesting food of different countries.

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Being a working person, with all day long office work and driving long way, it becomes difficult to do all preparation for making food. For me easy way to get food is restaurant, where I can get prepared food at home or office by just ordering on phone, Along with that

another comfort is, that when ever I have to eat together with my so many friends, I can always go to a restaurant, otherwise it's difficult to prepare food at home for so many people and don't get time to talk and having fun. So I always find it a easier way to eat out, apart from that It make my other outdoor activities possible because I don't have to bother about food wherever I go, to any fun place or theater or traveling, restaurants are always there throughout city and it becomes easy every time to get food whenever and whenever I need according to other activities.

Besides that I can save a lot of time by getting food from restaurant as, I don't have to go for vegetables and grocery shopping, I don't need to clean, cut and fry food and do a lot kitchen work, doing dishes etc., instead I can get fresh food delivered in minutes. Along with that when I eat at restaurant I have more time to do other things like reading, watching TV, and listening music, going out theatre, or having fun with friends, that don't make me tired or boring and I feel refreshed for next day work, so by going to restaurant I can manage a lot more activities instead preparing food.

In addition, in restaurant I get a variety of food choice, I can have taste of different regions, for example Indian restaurant I can get varied food from North Indian to South Indian Punjabi, Bengali, Madrasi, Maharashtrian, etc. at one place. Likewise, I can taste world wide food variety like pasta dishes in Italian restaurant, tortilla and burrito dishes in Mexican, pizza, and burger items in American, noodles in Chinese, etc. and can enjoy various vegetarian, non vegetarian dishes which are specialty of different countries.

Not only that, in restaurant the food is served with beautiful garnishing, that tempts for eating and is worth of paying. I find it very interesting to experience varied food in different restaurants.

To conclude I am fond of going stands and restaurants for eating that is suitable for me because of convenient, quick and variety of tasty food, which I enjoy very much and make my routine easier and interesting.

(B)

As people get more and more busy with their life style and career, they tend to go out and eat food from restaurants or other food stall. But I for one still prefer to come home, prepare and eat my food at home.

I have always enjoyed cooking for other people and let them praise me for it. It has been an extra bonus because I find cooking therapeutic as well. After coming from an exhausting day of work from the office, it is fun to be your own boss in the kitchen. I can do whatever I want to do and do not have to ask for any permission or worry about if I am

doing everything right. It is the fact that I know what I am good at it makes me feel exuberant.

But apart from this, cooking at home and eating with the rest of the family at the end of the day has been a tradition in the old generation. Traditions that more and more people are forgetting these days. We are so busy with our own lives that we are no longer interested with the lives of our near and dear ones. So I think the best way to catch up with the rest of the family with over a nice pleasant dinner and sipping warm wine.

Eating at one of those classy restaurants means that you have to be dressed properly with black jacket and white shirt. If you go to one of the Chinese restaurants that are just round the corner, it is always noisy when all you want is quite and peace around you. Sometimes the food is not even up to standard; sometimes your favorite dish is not available any more.

Then there is a question of hygiene. How well cooked is the food at the restaurant? Have they been washed properly before cooking? If food is eaten at home, you are sure that it will be cleaned and washed properly because hygiene, to you, is the most important thing.

Even if some people think of cooking as a hassle nowadays, with microwave, oven and other different kitchen gadgets, cooking can be done with no problem at all.

Last but not the least, it's very cheap when you eat at home. A person might not be able to afford Chinese 30 days a month, and 12 months a year.

So based on all the above-mentioned point, I think it is better to eat at home

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***15) Some people believe that university students should be required to attend classes. Others believe that going to classes should be optional for students. Which point of view do you agree with? Use specific reasons and details to explain your answer.***

Optional attendance to classes at universities has been an increasingly popular way for students to study for several years in quite a few countries. However, it has not yet had its intended results as it had been hoped. In fact, today, this system seems to be one of the reasons for the corruption of university education. In my opinion, compulsory attendance is better than having no requirement to attend all the lessons on-campus.

There are two points of view to this question. First, one side will say that university students are adults and should be able to manage their time as they see fit. This point of view says that sometimes, in today's busy world, people need flexibility to manage their lives. For example, many single parents who are trying to earn their college degrees will

sometimes need to skip a class because of the demands of their other responsibilities. However, I believe that the great majority of college students are young and single, and have few responsibilities, and that they need the discipline and structure of a system that requires attendance. Young people who have just gone off to college are notorious for the excesses to which they enjoy their freedom.

There are many negative situations caused by the free-attendance system. The most harmful one is the economic waste for both universities and students. Many students who do not attend classes regularly are likely to suffer decreased performance on their exams and therefore waste their time in college. They, generally, do not feel panic because of the failures or restudying the same subjects for the second time. However, this sometimes costs a fortune to both parents and the government that have created tax-funded subsidies for education for each student every year. Not only are the university fees wasted, but also the money for accommodations and other spending are also wasted.

On the other hand, students who are required to attend classes regularly have no time to waste in pubs or clubs. Nor can they spend these young years, which are more valuable to them to learn and think than any other period in their lives, on gambling or drinking. I do not mean they are only to study without any break or entertainment. Their social life is as necessary as studying during the hard academic years; yet, the amount of each should be balanced well. More spare time than necessary encourages the young to ignore studying and classes. Thus, neither the universities nor the students do their best if the students have too much freedom not to study.

To sum up, many teenagers are not able to think sensibly to decide when to study and when to enjoy with friends. A scheduled chart of classes, which have a huge number of options that are necessary to identify the best fitting one for each student, will help them to construct an ideal campus life including leisure activities. In addition, this will stop the waste of time and money and is likely to reevaluate the higher education system in several years. In short, I believe that the majority of college students are too young to manage their time responsibly and that universities should therefore impose strict rules on attendance.

***16) Neighbors are the people who live near us. In your opinion, what are the qualities of a good neighbor? Use specific details and examples in your answer.***

(a) Neighbors are part of our daily lives. They are part of the process of socialization. Socialization is the process in which we interact with other people. In our lives we are always trying to look for a good area to live, a nice house, and most important of all good neighbors. This will influence in the decision of either moving to the area, or star looking for another area. In my opinion a good neighbor will be those who are respectful, friendly, and helpful.

The first quality that good neighbors should have is to be respectful. Respect is the most important aspect of being good neighbor. Neighbors should respect your space and privacy in order to live in a peaceful environment. Being a respectful neighbor means not invading your personal space as well as your property. Another example will be to maintain a quiet environment not allowing loud music, or noise that will bother others. Respect to one another is the most important quality that a neighbor should have in order to live in harmony.

Another quality of a good neighbor is that it should be friendly. All people should be friendly to one another, but this quality is most important when it comes to neighbors. Neighbors are close to you, to your home, property and most important to your family. You might not see them every day, but they live next to you all the time. These are the reasons why they should be friendly. One of the ways to be friendly is by showing they care about you, and they should welcome you to their neighborhood. Friendly neighbors make a good and united society.

The last quality of good neighbor is that it should be helpful. Neighbors as well as everyone should be helpful to one another. Helpfulness is a characteristic that everyone should have. A helpful neighbor is that, that in the times of need is there for you. For example, if a person is in a situation where he/she needs a moral support for the lost a loving family member, the neighbor should give this person all the support he/she might need and encourage he/she that they can count on them no matter what.

Overall good neighbors are those whom are respectful in every way. Friendly, that every time you see them they greet you with a good smile. And good neighbors are those whom are helpful when ever you need a supporting hand.

(b) Neighbors are the people who live closest to us, so close that there maybe only a cemented wall separating their abodes. Therefore, I believe that a person has many responsibilities towards his neighbors. In my opinion the qualities of a good neighbor are, that he should be helpful, friendly understanding and trustworthy,

I would like to quote a personal example here. This incident just happened last year when a couple of my relatives came with arms to threaten my father. My mother and me were on the door and screaming our lungs out at them. Hearing our voices my neighbor, a very pious lady, came to our house with her guards and sons. She helped us to get our relatives reported to the police and that's not it she walked beside my family in every trial concerning this issue. Now that truly is a quality of a good neighbor! She turned better then our relatives also, a helpful and faithful friend, indeed.

Another quality of a good neighbor is to be trustworthy. A neighbor always has some knowledge about what is going on in the four boundaries of a house. This is because he

lives so close to you, he can hear voice, see your appearances, and observe who comes to your house and who goes; at what time. Basically, a neighbor can gossip about half of the things happening in your life. That is where the quality of a good neighbor comes in. A good neighbor should be trustworthy and sensible enough to not leak out one's family secrets.

I believe that neighbors are very close people and being a good neighbor is a duty that everyone should fulfill. It highlights the basic concept of give and take. As a neighbor is the nearest person to one in the darkest hour of the night also, therefore one should always be a good neighbor so that he is also treated in the same manner when he is need.

***17) It has recently been announced that a new restaurant may be built in your neighborhood. Do you support or oppose this plan? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.***

(a)

It has been recently reported by the local newspaper that a new restaurant is going to be built in our neighborhood (which is located in the country side of a big city). Some neighbors oppose the building of the new restaurant. I however (like most of the neighbors), believe that the new restaurant can contribute a lot to our neighborhood, as well as offer new opportunities to the neighbors.

One reason for supporting the building of the new restaurant is that after the restaurant will be built; I will not have to spend a lot of time in order to go to a restaurant. Since my neighborhood is pretty far from the city's center I have to drive several hours until I find a good restaurant. The result is that I, as well as the other members of the neighborhood, go only to restaurants only in special occasions (for instance, in birthdates). When the restaurant will be built I will have the opportunity to go to restaurants more often, the way other people from other neighborhoods do.

In addition, the restaurant may offer work for the students who live in our neighborhood. If the restaurant will be successful, it will naturally need a lot of waiters. The students in my neighborhood, who need to work in a working place that allows flexible working hours, would love finding a job where they can earn some money. Therefore, if the restaurant will hire them as waiters, it might help them a lot. I can take myself as a good example: when I was a student I lived in another neighborhood where two restaurants were located. I used to work as a waiter in one of these restaurants, earning money for the university's tuition fees.

In conclusion, I strongly support building the new restaurants in our neighborhood. The restaurant will allow me (as well as to the other neighbors) to eat in a restaurant more

often. The new restaurant might also offer job opportunities to the students of the neighborhood.

(B) When thinking about a place where people can gather and talk, I feel it a great thing for the community. A restaurant, to me, is a great idea for my neighborhood. Not only it a place that everyone can go to on special occasions, but also it is good that people around my neighborhood have new kind of food; since there is only one restaurant around my neighborhood. I really like this plan because it really gives people a different restaurant to go to and another place where new food can be found.

Around my neighborhood, there is only one Chinese restaurant for many years. I, myself, was tired of Chinese food and really wanted another menu. One of my friends said no to me immediately when I asked him to go to the Chinese restaurant. People around my neighborhood like changes. Last week, a new shopping mall was opened and on the newspaper survey of how people think about the new shopping place, everyone agreed that they liked it. My community will welcome a new restaurant, to me.

A place where people around neighborhood can go to socialize with good food is very important. The new ideas of the restaurant will give my neighbors another place to come for business, special occasion, and much more. As I mentioned earlier, the Chinese foods are very bland and almost everyone hates it; the new restaurant may have a different menu that can give everyone a fresh taste.

The new restaurant is perfect for my neighborhood, which likes changes and loves to go to place to talk and to eat tasty food. This restaurant will take part to bring people together as a family and as a community. The more people go to the restaurant, the more exciting and fun the place will become. The restaurant may have much success and can leads to more commercial building to be built.

***18) Some people think that they can learn better by themselves than with a teacher. Others think that it is always better to have a teacher. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons to develop your essay.***

(a) I support the view that teachers should be a part of the learning process. Below are several beneficial reasons for which I feel that teachers are needed in while learning. Below are also some of the problems that come up without their presence.

Primarily teachers are there for guidance in a particular field or subject. They give you a systematic and better way to approach a subject. A teacher normally teaches a subject in which he or she has expertise. Hence that person has made a study of the subject and can guide you in order to help you approach the subject in a better way. This guidance may be in the form of giving you names of reference books or giving you notes. Without a

teacher it would be extremely cumbersome to go through large libraries for a certain topic. Besides this the teacher could provide you help with any sort of problem that you come across while studying. The teacher could provide you strategies that help you solve a problem. Without a teacher, this problem would take up a lot of your valuable time or remain unsolved. Teachers can also point out when you are going wrong. They point out our mistakes and suggest ways for us to correct them.

In the end it does depend on the individual person to finally getting down to learn a subject. The actual studying has to be done by the individual. But the learning process can be made much simpler with the proper and continuous guidance of teachers. Hence it better to learn with the help of a teacher rather than learning by you.

(B) Depending upon their abilities and demands of the subject people plan to study, different people have different ideas about the need of teachers.

Some people think that they can learn better with the help of books and computers. Certainly, modern technology has made our lives easier in every aspect. Today, computers have almost eliminated the need of most paperback books. Students can get the study materials over the Internet now. But in my opinion, no matter how advance the technologies may become, the need of a good teacher can't ever be over-stated.

Whenever we are reading a new topic or new subject, questions regarding that topic start to appear in our minds. We need someone to answer them all and tell us more about them. At those moments, we actually need a concerned teacher who can help us by answer those questions based upon his own experiences.

In fact, a teacher can be a person who knows things better than us. For example, in my opinion parents are the best teachers throughout our lives. They teach us from taking the first steps to good manners, learning lessons from life to the accumulation of knowledge. No one can deny their important part in building our characters.

In old times of kingdoms, royalties were provided with the best teachers of their times to make them expert in every field of life. Even today, teachers, at home teach many intelligent students.

What could be a good example of the need of a teacher that God almighty sent his prophets to teach people about his teachings? Prophets were the selected persons from common people to guide people towards righteousness.

It is an old saying that the knowledge from experience is far more relevant than the knowledge from books. Books make you see the lines only whereas a teacher can take you beyond those lines in to a practical world.

So, in the light of the above discussion, it can be safely said that no matter how advance we may become in the technology, the need for good teachers will always remain. However, again, it may depend on a student's own choice.

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**19) What are some important qualities of a good supervisor (boss)? Use specific details and examples to explain why these qualities are important.**

(a) It's surely not so easy to be a good supervisor because you have to manage so many things and to deal with a lot of people, including your employees. In my opinion, the most important qualities a good supervisor should have are discretion, finesse and impartiality. Since a supervisor is usually responsible for a company, project, or business, etc., he will certainly meet many difficulties and problems and require him to make correct decisions. If a supervisor has not discretion and hesitate to solve the problems, he, of course, can't deal with them well, and he maybe lose some chances of business or cause greater damage because of his hesitation.

Besides discretion, I think a good supervisor should have finesse and impartiality. Usually a supervisor will supervise several employees. It is common there is some conflict of interest among the employees. How to make the employees get along with one another well is a task for a good supervisor. Generally speaking, if a supervisor treats his employees impartially, he can reduce or avoid the conflict of interest among the employees and make them work hard. Jinny was a supervisor in my company, when there was a chance of promotion in her department, she gave the chance to a employee who worked very hard, not to her relative who also worked in her department. All employees said nothing bad about the promotion but respected her.

As a supervisor, a person has to not only do his work well, but also manage his company or team well. In order to be a good supervisor, the most important qualities he should have are discretion, finesse and impartiality.

(B) I am a person who sincerely believes in Elton Mayo's Human Resource approach to management. According to him the key assets of an organization are its employees. Hence I personally believe that one of the most important quality that boss should possess should be to guarantee employee satisfaction.

An organization is as good as its employees. Hence the supervisor should have the knack of selecting the best possible employees. He should be able to identify talent when he sees it. He should create a good working atmosphere for his employees so that they can give their best.

He should also offer appropriate remuneration packages to keep his employees motivated. He should follow an open door policy wherein the employees are encouraged to come forward with their suggestions and grievances. There should not be a barrier of any sort between the employee and the boss.

The employee who is part of an organization, which follows the above policies, will feel motivated to give his best, which in turn will prove instrumental in the success of the organization. Mr. Narayan Murthy CEO of Infosys, a software consultancy firm in India has all the above qualities. Hence his organization has been voted the best organization in India

For three years running.

A boss should also have the tactical acumen to take the right decisions at the right time. After all the success of the organization depends on the kind of decisions he takes. He should also have the leadership capabilities to command the respect of his employees. He should lead by example. He should be prepared to accept his mistakes.

Thus I would conclude by saying that a boss should be a person who inspires his employees to give their 100 percent and also should be able to take the right decisions at the right time.

(c) What are the qualities of a good supervisor? Every one of us might have supervisors during her life. We spend a lot of time with them, work for them and generally, try to make them satisfy with our work. Usually we don't have the opportunity to choose our supervisors. But what if we could? What would be the most important qualities of a good supervisor?

The first important quality of a good supervisor is that a good a supervisor should have good interpersonal relations with his employees. This includes being interested in the employees' professional work as well as in their personal feelings. Take for example the case of my supervisor, Tom. When I don't feel well because of personal troubles, Tom asks me about my feelings, trying to give me good advice that will solve the problem. I know that my personal troubles are not related to my work. Even though, it is really good to know that the person you are working for takes care about your feelings and not only about your productivity.

The second important quality of a good supervisor is that a good supervisor should correct your mistakes, trying to explain you what is the right way to implement the assignment you have. For instance, when my supervisor saw that the report I prepared was written improperly, he called me to his office, explained my mistakes and told me how to write it properly. I am sure that in the next time I write such a report, I will do it properly...

In conclusion, a good supervisor should have two important qualities: he should have good interpersonal relations with his employees and he should explain them how to fulfill promptly an assignment they have. In an organization that is based on teamwork, good supervisor might mean good employees and good team always usually means good productivity.

**20) Should governments spend more money on improving roads and highways, or should governments spend more money on improving public transportation (buses, trains, and subways)? Why? Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay.**

(a) All means of transportation should be kept in good conditions. However, I believe it would be most beneficial for a country or city, if its government spent more money on improving public transportation. This would result in substantial standard of living improvements.

The volume of cars and trucks hitting the highways is dramatically rising every year. As a result, the number of traffic jams, accidents and carbon monoxide emissions are doing too. All these factors have a detrimental effect on our quality of life. Expanding subway lines and railroads and developing an effective plan to combine buses and subways routes, would eventually lead to a reduction in pollution levels, less traffic jams and less stress for the people.

If subway lines reached every corner of a city, people would not need to use their cars to commute. Less cars on the road, means less carbon monoxide emissions into the atmosphere; therefore, the air we breathe would be more pure. Less cars also means less traffic jams, which translates into less stress for drivers and better living conditions.

Not every country has a well-developed railroad system. Consequently, they have to rely on trucks and buses for ground transportation of passengers and freight. Expanding and upgrading railroad systems will result in fewer trucks and buses on the highways. Removing this kind of traffic from the highways and encouraging the use of trains, would be another way to reduce congestion on the freeways. The reduction of traffic represents less maintenance costs for the government. This surplus of money could be use for other purposes. For example, a forest recovery program or a national campaign against pollution.

Highways, roads and public transportation all require maintenance funds, but I think it is more important to think about the future and how to make our countries or cities better places to live in. Improving public transportation will help reduce traffic jams, accidents and air pollution. A safer, healthier and more enjoyable place to live waits for us in the future.

(B) Should governments spend more money on improving roads and highways, or should governments spend more money on improving public transportation (buses, trains, subways)? Why? Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay.

Yes the government should spend more money in improving public transport facility. In country like India where people like to travel in transport facilities provided by the govt.

mostly due to inability of possessing a vehicle or inconvenience of driving to place of work depend highly on these transport facilities to go to work.

Public transport forms lifeline of travelers and workers. Public transport is analogous to blood in our body. As blood constantly nourishes various parts of our body public transport provides industries and services with a fresh supply of work force to carry out its operation uninterruptedly.

The majority of work force depends on public services for its daily conveyance to its work place is a factory or office catering to essential services. An improvement in these services on only enhances the accessibility of the place but also improves the productivity of the workplace, thus causing enhancement of socio-economic growth of the nation.

Public transport is some times the only means of transport to a remote region, the increase in trips to the region would make reach essential services like medication and healing to reach in time. This improvement of transport may improve the economic condition of the region thus accelerating the process of development of the region which would other wise have taken a longer stretch of time.

Improvement of public transport would enhance the productivity and development, as improvement of transportation would remove the tension from the person's mind about his probability of reaching home if he missed his ride back home thus allowing him to concentrate more on his job.

Thus I would support the development in public transport rather than improvement of roads, as transportation would comfort the work force that depend on it and on whom the nations development is dependent.

***21) It is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in a big city. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to develop your essay.***

***(a)*** I was born in a small, quiet and peaceful village. Like other children in the village, I hope that one day I will live in a big city. Because I think that it is better for children to grow up in a big city than in the countryside. There are many advantages when living in a big city.

Firstly, the infrastructure in big city is much better than in the countryside, so the life there is more convenient. There are many highways and long, big bridges, which make transportation easier. With so may transport means such as taxi, family car, bus, cycle... it is very easy for you to go anywhere at any time. Along busy streets are tall, beautiful buildings. They are hotels, restaurants, embassies, hospitals, schools, private village big schools, big hospitals equipped with modern facilities make the study and treating disease

more effective. Living in big cities, children have good opportunities to learn in good schools and examine in good hospitals. In entertainment centre, there are many games to develop children' body including physical games and intellectual ones. Children can play there after hard periods in class. In big cities, telecommunications are also completed. Children can access with new technology easily. It's wonderful to live in big city. That's reason why I wanted to stay in my uncle's house in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, when I visited her at the children' age.

Secondly, big cities are not only economic centers but also social, cultural ones of a country. People here are active, polite, and intelligent... They are always busy with their work. It's good for children to get acquainted with people like them. Children can learn more from life in big cities than in the countryside. The life is hard and difficult, so it's good to adapt to it when you are children. The life in city helps children to have beautiful dream and have chance to make these dream come true.

Although there are also disadvantages in big cities such as social evils, environmental pollution, and noise... living in big cities is still dream of many people. It is better for children to grow up in big cities and have weekends in the countryside enjoying fresh air than live in the countryside and rarely come to city. In brief, children can develop comprehensively when living in big city.

(B) There is no doubt that a selection of the suitable place in which children can grow up represents an important aim towards parents nowadays. Many people debate whether children may grow up in the countryside or in a big city. Some people argue that children have to grow up in the villages for many different reasons. Others believe that children may grow up in a big city for many aspects. However before one decides to support or oppose one of the above two opinion, he/she should carefully consider the all aspects and reasons concern that subject.

Children have to grow up in the countryside for many different reasons. First, the countryside contains vast green areas of fields. These fields take part in purification the air from any pollution; consequently, children can breathe fresh and healthy air. Second, Parents may not worry about their children when they are playing in the farms and fields. This is because; there is no any dangerous thing, such as cars, trains or uncovered electric wires that may hurt children in these fields. Third, living in the countryside may stimulate the hide talents of children. For example, children may like to draw or paint what they see; therefore the viewing of green land may make children how to express themselves by drawing and painting.

On the other hand, children may grow up in a big city for many aspects. First, parents may want their children to grow in the urban city to let them live in feel the prosperity and advancement of their country second by second from the beginning of their life. Second,

living in the big city may make the growing of children so easy. For example, in the big city parents can find a suitable baby care center for their children easily. They can also find modern schools in which their children can go. Third, parents can find excellent hospitals in which their children can go if they get sick.

Even though growing it is better for children to grow up in the countryside or village for many different reasons, children may grow up in the big city for other aspects. In my own opinion, I believe that it is better for children to grow up in the big city for the following reasons. First, in the big city a mother can find easily a reliable person who loves her kids during her work outside the home. Second, living in the urban city may help children in growing in a social atmosphere. For example, in the big city there are a lot of children who can play together. In conclusion, growing of children in the big city is better than the countryside. At last, can you imagine the population density in the big city if all parents suddenly decide to leave the city and go to the countryside to let their children grow up there? Of course, I know your answer!!!

(c) Some people prefer living in a big city; others enjoy residing in a small town or in the countryside. Children usually do not have a choice and live where their parents choose to live. Both living in a big city and living in the countryside have some advantages and disadvantages for children's development. In my opinion, living in a big city is more beneficial for children because it offers more choices in education, services and fun activities.

Most of us agree that education is crucial for our children. Often, when a family resides in the countryside, there is only one neighborhood school in the area. On the contrary, there are plenty of educational choices in a big city: French schools, private schools, Montessori centers, and, of course public school.

Another reason for me to believe that living in a big city is better for children is a higher level of availability of different services. From my personal experience of living in a small town in northern Ontario I can say that it was a problem to find a dentist or family physician in the area, so we had to travel up to fifty kilometers in order to get help.

Last, but not least is that living in a big city offers a variety of extracurricular activities: sports, arts, hobby clubs, dance schools, gyms, and many more. I strongly believe that those activities are very important for children's development.

In conclusion, no doubts that living in the countryside have some advantages; however, in my opinion, growing children are much more benefited living in a big city. They have more opportunities to get good education, to receive services they need, and to have quality fun time.

**22) In general, people are living longer now. Discuss the causes of this phenomenon. Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay.**

(a) A greater number of people are now hitting the eighty-year mark than ten years ago. In fact, the life expectancy of the average human has gone up considerably, and is rising still. This phenomenon is the result of several reasons. For one, continuing scientific and medical innovation ensure that more people receive the treatment they require. As our knowledge grows regarding various diseases, we become better equipped to tackle them. Consequently, we have managed to eradicate some diseases on a global scale, while controlling the other diseases, so that the rate of mortality does not reach an alarming height during the outbreak of a disease. The plagues of yore, as well as the more recent plague outbreaks are becoming few and far in between. Such control of diseases means that the general life expectancy has gone up.

Diseases such as cancer, which used to result almost inevitably in death, are now curable, provided they are diagnosed at a certain stage. Diseases such as tuberculosis and cholera now cause fewer deaths than they used to only a few decades ago.

Another reason for the greater life expectancy is the general betterment of the quality of life. What we call the ‘global village’ is fast becoming a city. And in this city, more and more people are being provided a better level of hygiene than ever before. A better and improving system of communication ensures that the latest medical discoveries in the United States and Europe are known all over the world in a space of a few days. Therefore, more and more people have access to better health care. Even people living in relatively remote areas have access to some kind of medical facilities. Though these facilities may be incapable of handling a crisis, they may help prevent death in cases that require antibiotics and antivenin, thereby preventing death by infection or poison.

The increase in awareness also means that people in general are becoming more aware of the risks of various diseases. For instance, more people now, than two decades ago, are aware of the scourge of cholesterol and the havoc it wreaks on an individual’s circulatory system. Similarly people are becoming aware that prevention is, after all, better than cure and are taking the appropriate steps to prevent infection from diseases.

In general, though, the increased life expectancy owes much to the revolution in communication. It may be mentioned that even two hundred years ago, inventions and discoveries were being made. However, they did few people any good. It simply took too long to disseminate the information. The general level of awareness regarding health was also low. However, it has been noticed that since the inception of communication through first print, and then radio and television, the level of awareness regarding health has generally risen. To illustrate, print facilitated the spread of knowledge through books. Radio helped bring that knowledge to many people. Television helped to further this knowledge and disseminate it amongst an even greater number of people. And finally, the

Internet has removed the final barriers between intercultural and interracial communication.

In the coming years, we may hope to see an even greater increase in life expectancy, even as communication techniques continue to improve.

(b) According to the latest statistics, the average life span of human beings is about 75-79 years old. Comparing to that ten years ago, it has been increased by 10%. Advancement in technology, better lifestyle and nutritional diets are the main reasons for prolonged lives.

Advancement in technology helps to bring about new methods of curing fatal diseases. Cancer used to have no cure in the last decade, but recently new methods such as X-ray treatment and various types of injections are introduced which can greatly extend the patients' lives. Advancement in technology also improves the quality of medical instruments. This lowers the risk and minimizes the possible side effects of various operations.

People nowadays are having better lifestyle than in the past. They are more aware of the importance of healthiness. Compulsory annual body checks help to prevent the condition to worsen and the spread of diseases. People become more depending on their family doctors when they are sick instead of consuming medicine that is not given by their doctors. They also learn to maintain a suitable amount of workload and take breaks in order to be healthy psychologically. This can minimize the chances of getting the diseases that are stress related such as heart attack.

Balanced diet is not only a motto for people who are keeping fit, but also applies to the general public. People become more aware of the choice of food. They start to pay attention to the nutritional values of food. This can serve as a guideline to prevent people from overeating certain types of food and ignoring the nutritional food. It can therefore improve the healthiness of the public as a whole. It can also reduce the chances for malnutrition and can help extend the life span of human beings.

To conclude, advancement in technology and raising awareness in healthy lifestyle help to extend the life span of human beings. We can predict that in the future, people can live longer and healthier, and more methods of curing diseases will be introduced.

***23) We all work or will work in our jobs with many different kinds of people. In your opinion, what are some important characteristics of a co-worker (someone you work closely with)? Use reasons and specific examples to explain why these characteristics are important.***

(a) I have been working for 6 months in a dental clinic. This time allowed me to meet in

different ways my co-workers. I'm working with many kinds of people and I am spending a lot of time with them everyday. And now, I know a little bit about them. In my opinion some characteristics of a co-worker are help everybody in the office, good communication, Responsibility and create a good work's atmosphere.

Helping each other's is really interesting because you will finish fast. When I'm in the office, my partner Rachel brings me help and we both finish in less time I think that without her help, I probably spend hours. You can make more tasks in less period of time when somebody brings you help. Helping is a good way to meet people. When you work with other people is like a team. Things won't work well if you don't share your abilities with the people around you in the office. Everybody is important to make an excellent work.

Being responsible is the best characteristic of a co-worker because it means that you really care about your job and your working environment. Being responsible is demonstrated dedication and respect for others. Therefore, everybody will have an excellent impression if you are responsible with your work.

In addition, when you are working you want to have a good relation with everybody in the office. Avoid talk bad or critic ate about somebody else from the office. I don't like to work somebody who is bossy or always in a bad mood. If my coworker knows something else, it is good to share knowledge. I always have good attitude and open mind to learn new things. I love to work with nice people. That makes me feel in excellent mood and always available to enjoy my job.

For all these reasons some characteristics of my coworker are: Responsibility, Nice and kind with everybody. Available to help.

(b) After finishing my studies, I will soon be entering a practical life. Would have to work in an office with people of different nature. An ideal worker is defined, as an intelligent individual who knows the work given to him, willing to learn more, doesn't mind extra work etc.

But, in real life such an exceptional individual is quite difficult to find. Therefore, in my mind, the image of a co-worker, I would like to work with, should have the following qualities.

The first and foremost characteristic I would expect in her is that she should be a hard worker. I have always worked hard my self and that's why I would prefer someone who loves to work hard too, in order to get the work done by mutual contribution. Secondly, she should be fun loving. Dull and boring people are rarely competitive in my opinion. Everyone mostly likes jolly and friendly people.

Third characteristic I would love to see in my co-worker would be, she must respect others. When you respect others ideas, people tend to respect your ideas too.

My co-worker should not be racist. In today's world, people have realized that skin and features have nothing to do with one's capabilities. So she should be kindhearted and positive minded, since the environment in most big companies is multi cultural.

She should also have the quality of taking the ownership of the relevant issues. She must know what she is doing and what can be the possible consequences .She should also know the solutions of the small problems appearing in the work

Most of these qualities, I understand, cannot be found in most people. As a matter of fact, I would probably have two or three of the listed above. However, if you have the choice of co-workers that will work with you, it would be great for them to have the above qualities.

***24) In some countries, teenagers have jobs while they are still students. Do you think this is a good idea? Support your opinion by using specific reasons and details.***

(a) Nowadays, a lot of teens work in jobs while they are studying. Some of them really need the money they earn to compensate for their school expenses whereas others use the money they earn as pocket money. Whatever the reason for the students to work in jobs is, in my opinion, working is a great experience to all. Having a job is an important opportunity to learn about responsibilities and also teaches the teenagers to cooperate with their co-workers and enable them to understand the value of money.

To start with, working in a job gives teenagers lots of situations in which they should act responsibly; otherwise they will lose their jobs. For example, one has to wake up early if his/her working hours start at 8:00 AM in the morning, no matter how late he/she stayed up last night. Otherwise, his/her supervisor will warn him/her or may eventually fire the individual.

A second reason why having jobs as students has positive effects on teenagers is that it teaches them how to cooperate and the importance of cooperation. In a work setting usually the employees have to depend on each other on numerous occasions. When a single employee loafs, others will have to compensate for his/her workload in addition to their own tasks. Students will learn from their working experience the importance of cooperation and why every individual should effectively carry out his/her own work.

Another point is, these working possibilities enable the students to understand the value of money and that "Money does not grow on trees". After the student sees how hard he/she has to work to earn money, he/she will also be more reasonable while spending it, thus, his/her purchasing behavior will be enhanced.

In conclusion, when one has a job as a student, he/she will benefit significantly from the experience. This way, students will be more responsible when they graduate. Furthermore, they will be more cooperative, thus will be more beneficial for the companies they will be working in once they will be graduated. Finally, since they'll know better how to spend their money, they won't get into trouble due to excessive spending. All in all, having jobs as students is a terrific idea and I think every student should have a working experience before graduating and starting their professional careers.

(b) As is known education is the most important thing for people to improve their selves and to adapt the real life having strong abilities. In this view, many teenagers have to go on their educations while they are working to provide their education or living expenses. This case causes not desired results consequently.

Let's pretend a teenager is working in a supermarket in the evenings while he attends an school. Everyday he has to go to there after school so he doesn't have a chance to rest except weekends. Tiredness makes him embarrassed and as a result most probably he cannot be successful in his class.

Secondly, teenagers who attend their educations and also work somewhere at the same time cannot live their lives as other teenagers who just attend schools. That means education and other things like doing sports, going out for eating and watching movie or meeting friends to make some new plans are completely separate things. If a teenager puts off one of them to a later time, this case affects other things. For instance, should a teenager is working while he is studying, he cannot meet his friends like in the past or he cannot separate enough time to go out to do new things. As a result of this, day by day he would be obliged to choose working environment to earn money to continue his education so this undesired case make him an unsocial person consequently.

Thirdly, in the future when he got his real job after completing his education, he may feel some pressure in his mind because of the things, which couldn't be done when he's teenager. For example, during some conversations with his friends in the society, most probably he cannot find interesting issues to share with his friends because he had consumed all of his life at work. As a result, which may lead to some psychological problems for him.

In short, should teenagers continue their educations, they mustn't have job for any reason. In case of working, they may not be successful in their educations. Moreover, they cannot benefit from the opportunities of teenage term. It is fact that all kind of social solidarity and social welfare instructions should be gathered on this subject to offer teenagers some education opportunities such as scholarship to stay away from the working environment while they're studying.

**25) A person you know is planning to move to your town or city. What do you think this person would like and dislike about living in your town or city? Why? Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay.**

(a) I live in the city of Kolkata, the city of joy. My hometown is one of the four metropolitan cities of my country, India. It is a big city with a huge population. Kolkata is the city of my birth and no doubt it is my favorite city. Kolkata, like many other metropolitan cities, has a number of features, some of which will really attract newcomers while others will keep them away.

Kolkata is a city that is full of life. Here, unlike any other city in India, people are cooperative and one can enjoy one's joy and happiness in company of others. In Kolkata, help is always available, even if one does not ask for it. This is really a unique feature of Kolkata, which makes it a different city. One can enjoy the festivals to the full extent of one's desire. During the festivals people come closer, even if they are not known to each other. It is the mood during the festivals, which brings all the Kolkata together.

Similarly, people are also available to share each other's sorrow and grief. Here, one will always find a company if he/she searches for solace and comfort. If someone is in distress people are always available to help him/her whatever may be the time of the day. Kolkata is a lively city. One will not feel the live ness of Kolkata unless he or she resides here.

However, in spite of the liveliness of Kolkata, it has some features that may upset a newcomer. One of these is the crowd. The roads here are quite crowded as are the buses on the roads. Its really difficult for a newcomer to get adjusted to these crowded roads. To walk on these roads people have to jostle one another's arms and tramp each other's feet. There is a great rush on the roads during the peak hours and a lot of traffic congestion. As a result people are always late in reaching their destinations. Here, the number of vehicles passing through the roads is greater in comparison to the number of roads available, which results in traffic congestion.

So, a person who is planning to move to my city will like all its advantages but dislike all its disadvantages. However, even though Kolkata has a number of drawbacks and suffers from a lot of disadvantages, still it is my favorite city and will always be.

(b) As I have been living in my town, Bangkok, Thailand, for my whole life, I know this city and understand its culture and customs well. Like all cities, Bangkok has both positive and negative points. As the capital of Thailand, Bangkok has many of the advantages and disadvantages of a large, important city. I believe that my friend moving to Bangkok would enjoy the benefits of this friendly, cosmopolitan city, but dislike the pollution and traffic jams.

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As a capital city, Bangkok benefits you in several ways. One obvious reason is convenience. In Bangkok, transportation infrastructure is well provided such as sky train, under construction subways, buses, and a modern airport. Therefore you could select any mode of transportation you prefer. More than that, you are able to find many kinds of restaurant whether Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Vietnamese, European or Thai. You can enjoy your meals in various price ranges from the lowest to the highest. For example, boat noodle that costs merely 10 Bath per bowl (1/4 of a dollar). Even in the night, if you were hungry, you could be able to buy out something to eat. Remarkably, wherever you travel, you would see people's smile. As you know, Thailand is recognized as a smile country, so called Smile Siam. Automatically, this makes you feel like you live in your own town because of hospitality. Moreover, people in my town are not independent live. Rather, we depend on each other. For instance, when there is a festival, our neighbors would not be hesitated to give a hand with willingness.

Undoubtedly, there are some unfavorable environments. The problem of traffic jam, since my town is characterized by a warm weather, hence people do not encourage either to walk or to use bus services. Instead, they prefer to commute by their own car, this incurs unavoidable pollution problems both air and noise pollution. Therefore, you might be under emotional and stress when traveling during rush hour. Not only that, it is crowded town due to the density of population per square kilometer. This caused by immigration from upcountry for work and money purposes. If you love to live in a peace place, my town might not be suitable for.

In sum, I think every town has some bad point like my town. Although Bangkok has some unwanted environments, it is still a lovely town to live. Since most problems are external factors that could be solved, for the internal one, people are nice and touchable. As a result, you might be as a member of my town.

***26) It has recently been announced that a large shopping center may be built in your neighborhood. Do you support or oppose this plan? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.***

(a) My hometown, Pentair Remiss, is a small fishing village located in west Malaysia. You can hardly find a shopping center there in the neighborhood. I, together with most of the residents in this town, would definitely most welcome the proposal of building a large shopping center in our neighborhood.

Nearly one half of the residents in my neighborhood have to seek for a job in big city like Kuala Lumpur or Singapore. This is because most of the youngsters in my village are reluctant to follow their ancestors' step to become a fisherman. They wish to pursue a better job in the city. By building a big shopping center, it will surely bring up a lot of

working opportunities for the community. Some can work as executives while others can work as salesperson in the shopping center.

Other than that, the establishment of a large shopping center will provide the community a more comfortable and more convenient place to shop. As the weather in Malaysia is so hot, it will be an ideal spot to go shopping for its air-conditioning environment compared to the small stuffy grocery store down the town. On the other hand, it is much more convenient to shop in large shopping center where you can get nearly most of the goods here, from veggies to undergarments, just name it.

Furthermore, the shopping center will most probably benefit the community by offering goods in better price. The shopping center will eventually exist as a main competitor to the other grocery stores and sundry shops in town. Therefore, every store will try to win their customers by lowering the price and at the same time offering better services. And the customer will certainly be the winner in this ‘pricing war’.

In a conclusion, I fully advocate the idea of building a big shopping center in my neighborhood, which will be beneficial to this small town.

(b) Some people claim that a large shopping mall would bring many problems to neighborhood, since they prefer to live in a peace environment. While others, like me, fully agree to build a large shopping center in their neighborhood because of various reasons.

A large shopping mall benefits neighborhood in many areas. The most obvious benefit is convenience. Of course, people need not to commute far away from their home for buying things. They can save not only time but also money. And since a large shopping mall needs human resources in its operation therefore people who live nearby would be hired. As a result, the rate of employment would be diminished. Not only that, when people’s income have increased in turn automatically their lives are better. Undoubtedly, an investment in infrastructure such as road and utilities is necessary, Neighborhood would get mutual benefits from such an improvement. Wherever department stores are located, the price of land would be naturally increased. For instance, my parents’ house initially cost only 2,00,000 bath, as soon as the shopping mall were built the cost is gradually high.

Furthermore, other business operations might be attracted by a large shopping mall, which create a great variety of alternations such as hair shop, restaurants, and entertainment places. Neighbors receive advantage in term of choice abundance because a large shopping mall provides a wide variety of quality products. Nearby businesses would be positively affected. More than that, a large shopping mall could be attractive by people from other areas. Consequently, it would generate cash inflow into our neighborhood. For example,

one of my friends, she always goes shopping around my home since there are not any shopping malls around her home. Thereby, petrol station is demanded for people from distant location. Finally, it could be a tourist attraction.

In conclusion, a large shopping mall is valuable either direct or indirect effects for neighborhood. Many capital cities worldwide could not be prospered without the addition of shopping mall. As we can see, New York City is surrounded by many large shopping malls and attracts a large number of tourists around the world.

***27) It has recently been announced that a new movie theater may be built in your neighborhood. Do you support or oppose this plan? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.***

(a) Going to the movies is a pleasure for a lot of people and I'm one of those who are really fond of movies. When I heard that a new theater might be built in my neighborhood, I was first very excited about this idea. But after having had a good think about it, I wondered if it was really a good thing. First of all, I will focus on the reasons why I support this idea and secondly, I will move on to analyzing why I oppose this idea.

Over the past 10 years, it's abundantly clear that the seventh art has much changed. Indeed, from special effects to THX sound, we all could have seen the very progresses of the cinema. In spite of that, theaters remain the same and are getting older. As a matter of fact, it begins sometimes difficult for the audience to appreciate a movie at its real value. I mean, not only does the screen is most of the time to small, but the sound is also bad in a lot of theaters. In the case in point, it is bad in the old theater in my neighborhood. Therefore, I would say that it is a pity to see a "modern" movie in such conditions.

However, we should not forget that a theater is a place full of remembrances. For instance, a place where year after year, a lot of people have laughed, or shrilled, or cried in front of hundreds of movie, all different. Sometimes, you can see fathers who take their children in the same theater where they used to go twenty years earlier! We should bear all this in mind. So, I am in disagreement with those who think that a theater is just a place made of a screen, walls, and chairs, because it is much more than that. I strongly believe that it is made of remembrances and magic moments too.

All in all, as far as I am concerned, I agree to say that it would be a good idea to build a new theater in order to benefit from more comfort and better conditions. In the meantime, I can't help thinking that what matter most is, above all, all the remembrances kept into old theaters. To put it in a nutshell, I would say that I favor building a new theater, but I will keep on going to the older one.

**28) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People should sometimes do things that they do not enjoy doing. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) I do agree with the statement that people should sometimes do things that they don't enjoy doing. And I would rather go as far as saying that they should try to enjoy things they are forced to do.

To exemplify, consider the following situations. Not all children love to study. Instead, being curious and enthusiastic, they love to explore the world around them, paying less attention to studies and more to other things. Should they be allowed to give up their studies? Certainly not. Or consider a very talented person, say a person with great academic record and excellent analytical skills trying for a job. Suppose the person is introvert but the company's recruitment process demands that he should go in through a group discussion. Should he give up because of this? I would strongly oppose his decision, if he does. Or consider a sportsperson being forced to go in for a drug test, because rules demand him to do so. The person being from a conservative background feels uncomfortable with this. Should he give up the sport just because he is being forced to do something he doesn't like? Well, I would say no.

So, the point is that there are situations in life, when one has to do something he/she doesn't like. And not doing the thing may have a large impact on his life. So, it's sometimes wise to go against one's wishes. I don't advocate that one should always go against one's wishes when he/she is forced to take such decisions. It depends upon the importance and the urgency of a situation. For instance, one might want to quit up a job that one doesn't like. He may, in fact he should do so, for perpetually doing something one doesn't like makes one's life miserable. But what if there's a recession in the economy and it's hard to find jobs? He, of course should be careful in his decision, and it won't be unwise if he continues with his same, probably boring job.

To conclude, I would say that one should judge a situation according to its merits and make a wise decision whether or not he/she wants to do something, which he/she doesn't like. Compromising once in a while is sometimes a better choice.

**29) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Television, newspapers, magazines, and other media pay too much attention to the personal lives of famous people such as public figures and celebrities. Use specific reasons and details to explain your opinion.**

**30) Some people believe that the Earth is being harmed (damaged) by human activity. Others feel that human activity makes the Earth a better place to live. What is your opinion? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

**31) It has recently been announced that a new high school may be built in your community. Do you support or oppose this plan? Why? Use specific reasons and details in your answer.**

**32) Some people spend their entire lives in one place. Others move a number of times throughout their lives, looking for a better job, house, community, or even climate. Which do you prefer: staying in one place or moving in search of another place? Use reasons and specific examples to support your opinion.**

**33) Is it better to enjoy your money when you earn it or is it better to save your money for some time in the future? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

**34) You have received a gift of money. The money is enough to buy either a piece of jewelry you like or tickets to a concert you want to attend. Which would you buy? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

**35) Businesses should hire employees for their entire lives. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) There are many advantages and disadvantages to offering employees job security for life. In Japan, for example, prospective employees know that their employers will provide them with job security for their entire working days and they are better able to plan for their future and family. However, many businesses are now realizing that their employees have less motivation to work and this leads to less profit for the company. I will describe the advantages and disadvantages of this system in this essay and I will show that ultimately “jobs for life” is not good for a society.

Job security is very important for both the employee and the employer. For the employee, job security is important because she can depend on her source of income and better plan her future accordingly. For the employer, the employee represents an investment because of the number of hours of training required and the company will continue to have a return on this investment. As we all know, feeling secure about where our future income will come from is very important for our well-being—anybody who has lost a job and has had trouble finding a new one knows that this transition period can cause a lot of anxiety.

However, job security tends to lead to decreased productivity. In general, employees who are certain that they can never lose their jobs tend to work less efficiently, thereby contributing to an overall reduction of productivity in the company. A common example all over the world is that of civil servants. In Thailand, for example, many government workers are so indolent that it can take days or months for something to be finished that should only take a few days. It is not uncommon to walk into a government office and see

employees filing their nails, making personal calls on the telephone, taking three-hour lunches, or surfing the Internet for fun.

Finally, the model of capitalism is proving to be the most efficient model that we have right now. This model of job security completely contradicts the foundations of capitalism. We can see in the United States now that people are starting to change jobs, even careers more and more often. Some career consultants even recommend that employees find new jobs every three to five years. Even in countries that still offer job security for life, this model is showing signs of dying out. For example, in Japan, once famous for its lifelong jobs, both employees and employers are starting to expect that these jobs will not last a lifetime. Many of my Japanese friends travel back and forth between the United States and Japan and have been able to find temporary professional jobs while they are in Japan.

In short, I disagree that companies should offer their employees jobs for life. We can see this example in some parts of the world and in other areas in the United States, but these examples are generally regarded as outmoded ways of conducting business. Finally, the models of capitalism, even though it may seem cruel, the so-called “law of the jungle,” are proving to be the most effective way to raise the standard of living of a country.

(b) I think that businesses should not hire people for entire lives. The business may decline if it hires people for entire lives. An average life of a person nowadays is about sixty to seventy years. There is a general tendency that people's mental as well as physical capabilities decline with increase in age. This results in decrease in efficiency of employees. Thus if a business hires employees for entire lives, there is a danger of decrease in productivity and functioning of the business. To avoid this, a business must hire new employees after the current employees term is over.

Besides, one must give opportunities to fresh talents and youngsters. Business is an activity, which is dynamic. It changes with time. Business can thrive and be successful only if it understands the present trend and supply what the customer wants. So the people who know the present trend and can use it to the business firm's advantage must be hired. The young generation is normally accustomed to the present trend and they emanate new ideas that can be useful to the business firm. If a business hires employees for entire lives then it cannot hire fresh talents, as there will be no vacancies. Even if the employer who hires people for entire lives also hire new talents there will be excess employees. This results in excess cost to hire and maintain them.

I agree that the person who is currently in a firm and served it for many years has experience and experience counts a lot. But I don't insist in removing all the experienced employees at once and hire fresh people who will be novice to the business. The new employees learn from the existing experienced employees and gradually develop skill and

experience in that field. They will also serve as guides for the future generations who will be employed.

Change is a must and business field is no exception. The employees must also be changed after a certain period. Ofcourse one must keep into account that the employees who will leave the job after a period must be provided with some amount of money that will support them afterwards. So I insist that the businesses should not hire employees for entire lives.

**36) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Attending a live performance (for example, a play, concert, or sporting event) is more enjoyable than watching the same event on television. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

(a) Attending a live performance is really more enjoyable than watching the same event on television. As I am very interested in football matches, I have experienced that watching a football match at a stadium is not comparable with watching the same thing on TV. I never forget the first time that I went the stadium and the match is inscribed in my mind. It was an unforgettable event.

At a live performance, you can see everything that is not possible on TV. Cameras zoom on special scenes and you cannot see what is going on the rest of the stage. For example, at a football match, the cameraman always tries to see the ball and its related events. When you are watching a football match on TV you cannot see that a player kicks another one because it is out of stage. But when you are present at the stadium you can easily see it.

On the other hand, you can cheer and boo and even cry in a live performance. A crowd like you has attended the match. All cheer and shout together and it encourage you to take part in their happiness. This is really enjoyable. Imagine you were attending Michael Jackson show then you could dance, whistle and cheer. This was not the case when you were at home. You might be alone because others did not like that specific show or they wanted to study. So you could neither dance nor cheer. You had to sit before T.V and turn down its voice. It is not enjoyable at all.

Another advantage that you achieve by virtue of attending a live performance is that you can have the feeling of participating in the performance. Every thing is live. If it is a football match for instance, then it is as if you were playing yourself. You were part of the match and could sense the kicks of the players on the ball.

Above all advantages, there is only one disadvantage. It is that you must pay money to buy the ticket and spend time to reach the location of the performance. But it does not matter for me. By considering that I can achieve many things like seeing any event,

cheering and shouting and feeling that I am participating in the performance are with no doubt unforgettable and highly enjoyable. I myself attend a football match even if it was in another country and it would cost me money and time.

(b) Some people enjoy a live concert, but I am disagree with attending the live performance and there are lot of reasons from both, which we are going to discuss in detail today.

I enjoyed on TV because when we are watching on TV it's very easy to understand which player or performer is doing what and you can also have a chance to see in replay if you miss for some reason. When you seeing on TV it's easy to understand the game and performance because of close circuit camera. You can also see closely the face of the performer or the player, score of the game and other events. You do not have to face the hassle of going anywhere, driving, money and time.

In home or with your friends when you are watching on TV your whole group can watch with out spending any money, you can enjoy a lot on TV when you are watching with group in your own place instead of sitting uncomfortably in stadium. In stadium around you, you have a lot of peoples, noises, can not even see if some body is standing ahead you and you can understand the voice of the person who is just sitting next beside to you. And if you are sitting on rear seats then you cannot even see the game or live performance properly you just see the small human beings who are just moving.

You cannot understand the game/ performance properly because of all above hazards. And there is no replay opportunity if you miss first time; especially in games the goals and the response of players are very fast.

When you are going to watching the live games / performance then you have to spend the money for buying the tickets and other eating stuff costly as compare to open market, because in stadiums every thing is costly as compare to market. If you are watching with your family then you have to careful about he safety of your kids & family due to large crowd

As per all above discussion I think it is better that you can see the game and other functions in home on TV instead of going out for live telecast.

**37) Choose one of the following transportation vehicles and explain why you think it has changed people's lives.**

- **Automobiles**
- **Bicycles**
- **Airplanes**

(a) The world always moves and develops all the time. Transportation vehicles also have been changed by time. So far, there have been many transportations vehicles such as: automobile, bicycles, and airplanes... When these transportations vehicles were invented, they all make people's lives change. In these essay, I would like to talk about the way airplanes change people's lives because among three transportations vehicles: automobiles, bicycles, airplanes, I think airplanes have changed people's lives the most powerfully.

Firstly, airplanes change the way people move. Before airplanes were invented, people could go on land, on water and dreamed to fly like birds on the sky. The dream came true when the first airplane was produced. Since then, people have been able to fly on the sky, see everything from height. That's wonderful feelings. Therefore, airplanes are great invention. They have given people new feelings. On the basic of airplanes, people can continue their dream more and more such as: coming to another plane.... Producing airplanes is the first step to approach to long step after that.

Secondly, advantages of airplane make people more comfortable in the life. The speed of airplane is very fast, so people can save time, which is one of the most precious things of each person. It takes a little time to go from one place to another than other transportation vehicles like automobiles, bicycles, and train... In Vietnam, it takes forty-eight hours to come from Hanoi to Ho Chi Mink city by automobile; meanwhile it takes two hours by airplane. Moreover, services of airplane firm are very good. Thus, it is convenient for passenger to choose airplane to go anywhere. Perhaps, airplanes aren't the safest transportation means, but with long distance, it is better to choose airplane.

Finally, with airplanes, the relationship between people is more and more closer. It is easier to meet cousins in family, friends because going by airplane is very convenient. The special days like New Year, Noel... are gladder because every member in family can attend. The world seems to be smaller. Airplanes connect every part in the world. The distance wasn't a big problem when airplanes were born.

In conclusion, airplanes really change people's lives. It is evident fact that all the affect of airplanes on people's lives are good. Airplanes make life better.

(b) There is no doubt that Automobile is one of the greatest inventions of the Twentieth Century. Of course there were different means of transportation before the automobile was first designed, but we can say that after automobile, transportation became a public matter. The impact of the automobile on people's live could be analyzed in three different ways: as a technical transformation, as an economical revolution and as a social change.

In a technical perspective, the automobile introduced a new skill to human beings. Although driving a car is not a big deal, it was one of the first attempts to make people work with machines in a very close way. People who want to drive a car, have to learn a

procedure, have some practice and memorize a mechanical technique so they could do it without thinking about it.

In a social perspective, the automobile created a new way of communication among people. Cities were not the same since the number of cars began to grow up. All regulatory systems that were developed in order to "live" with cars have created new social interactions that never existed before.

Additionally, the revolution of the automobile is also considered a new stage in economy. As the railroad created different supporting industries during the nineteenth century, the automobile did the same in the twentieth century. Many markets became obsolete, and new markets and opportunities appeared. Therefore, all these movements created new economic structures and actors.

As it was said before, other transportation vehicles, like airplanes, have generated big changes in the world in the last century. However, the automobile could be considered one of the few that went far beyond a technical progress. It has changed social life; in other words, people don't live in the same way as they did before the automobile's invention.

(c) Because of the advanced technology, people can now travel from one place to another quickly and less costly with the efficient transports. However, among the transports, I think airplanes have caused great changes to people's lives.

Firstly, in the past, if someone wanted to have a cross border travel, he or she needed to spend months on a ship "floating" on the sea. But now, it only takes him about several hours or days to travel from one place to another. Time saving is very important especially for those businessmen, the invention of airplanes is definitely useful and meaningful to the human world.

Secondly, it has long been our dream that we can fly like a bird does. Only when the airplanes appeared, people can fulfill their dream and try to "fly", although sitting on a "flying" machine.

Thirdly, airplanes contribute a lot in the development of globalization as people can now commute from one place to another more efficiently in a short period of time. This can bring people from different countries close together and hence increase the communication among different nations.

Airplanes can also help to develop an efficient trading market because they can transport goods quickly and safely. For an instance, people all over the world can now consume the milk products from Australia although they usually have short storage time. Another example is the substantial export of flowers from Holland to the other countries. That's

why almost every big city has their own airport, which is vital in the development of logistics.

Airplanes can also enable us to have a comfortable journey. So, tourists often take air flight when traveling rather than other kind of transports.

For the above reasons, we can conclude that airplanes are surely the most influential transports that bring people a lot of convenience.

**39) Do you agree or disagree that progress is always good? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) The important difference of mankind from other animals or living things is the ongoing progress it enjoys. The progress in science and art enables humankind to harness natural forces to the benefit of its life and build civilizations. In the past, when the progress led to an invention that will posed any threat on the humanity, the humans was aware of the harm and evaded it and tried to use the invention to the benefit of the humanity. I believe that the progress is inevitable for the humankind and that even the slowing of this progress may lead to the vanishing of the human being voracious to consume more.

In the absence of progress in fields of science, and art, and philosophy we would live like animals without growing crops, feeding animals and establishing cities. In the past, a lot of species once began to exist then vanished as they could not accommodate themselves to the changing living conditions or could not control the environment that they lived in. I believe that the human being is able to change his or herself to changing conditions and control the environment. The progress enjoyed in almost all fields contributed to this ability.

I admit that the progress in certain field may harm the humanity. The progress in atom physics brought about the atom bomb. Having acknowledged the harm of atom bomb in the second-world war, the humankind has never resorted to it since then. But the progress in atom physics also brought about the nuclear energy and a lot inventions in medicine which a lot cancer patients used them to defeat the cancer. These treatments are still used and the progress in this field is still serving to the humankind.

Some people may put the blame on the progress for the pollution and the denigration of forests. But I think it is more about insatiable demand of the human being. I rather believe that the progress in technology and science will prevent the world from being polluted and will bring about a more green world.

To sum up, the progress is inevitable process that makes the humankind different from other beings. Without progress, that makes up for ever increasing human needs, the

competition for limited resources will turn to a clash involving all humankind which will lead to a collapse for the humanity and world will become a hell for all of us.

(b) In our world of developing technology, high-tech industry, fast food, fast transportation etc., one would come up with the inevitable question whether the progress we are all experiencing is always good for us. In my opinion, progress is good - but not always.

There is no doubt as to the efficiency of progress. It has brought us the Internet, so we can buy movie tickets, order food, do our shopping, plan our yearly vacation - all from the comfort of our home. Despite the comfortable way of doing things via the Internet, it seems that people have become less sociable, making less contact with the outside world. It seems that western society is going more and more towards the comfort of their home, than for the actual interaction with people, with the surrounding and with the daily challenges that the outside world has to offer. In this aspect, progress has definitely damaged our ability to communicate, as well as experience and enjoy the simple things in life.

Another aspect in which progress has proven not to be good is in the need for human labor. The use of advanced computers has created a technological world, where manual labor is not needed as much. The computer as a precise machine without a need for social benefits or salary demands has replaced the need for working hands, leaving many without a job. There is no doubt as to the efficiency of using computers, as I mentioned in the paragraph above. But, looking at it from a social perspective, a lot of people around the world have lost not only their job but also their pride in what they do.

In a nutshell - progress is good. It allows us more leisure time; it makes everything handy for us, as far as a push of a button. But, as I stated above, it is not always good. It has created a lazier and less communicative society, and many people without a job. The catch in this case, would be to know how to use technology to our benefit in order to overcome these two setbacks.

***40) Learning about the past has no value for those of us living in the present. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

(a) Can knowledge of the past be beneficial for those of us living in the present? Some people think this information is useless, others believe it's significant. The former consider it obsolete. Although significant portion of the past knowledge can't be directly applied to the present day, learning about the past creates opportunities for scientific discoveries, prevents from repeating mistakes of the past, and contributes to the understanding of the purpose of our existence.

Technological progress is induced by new scientific discoveries that would never occur without knowledge of prior achievements in the certain scientific field. Major innovations occurring in the industry are based on new scientific theories put into practice. Discovery of micro particles - electrons, protons and neutrons- in Physics revealed the possibility of creating the flow of electrons under the influence of the magnetic field. Every production process today is based on this latter discovery of electric current, which wouldn't be made without past knowledge of electrons existence.

Besides providing knowledge of fundamental discoveries, past experience helps prevent reoccurrence of negative events in the history of our civilization. School children learn about world wars cited in the history textbooks so that when they grow up they don't repeat mistakes of their predecessors. One of the brightest examples is atomic bomb dropped on Japan during World War the Second. Knowledge of such negative experiences is necessary for humanity to continue its existence.

Moreover, learning about the past helps satisfy people's desire to understand who they are and why they exist. History and Religion are necessary for a discussion of these main philosophical questions. If people haven't been learning about the past, Bible texts, which give answers to these questions, would never be preserved till the present day. In the same time Bible is the main guide for majority of the world population today.

Consequently, it's imperative to learn about the past, because this knowledge is valuable for the development of our civilization. Technological progress, avoidance of past mistakes, and contribution to understanding of the purpose of existence can only be achieved through understanding of our predecessors' lives and deeds.

(b) Students in every part of the world pass some courses in history when they are in high school. Some of the students like such courses and some don't. The people who don't like to study history always argue that it is the story of the past and doesn't add any value for their present and future life. On the contrary, I think they are wrong. I believe that studying and learning about past will help us in future decisions in our life.

First of all, consider the example of different wars in the history, which has happened between different countries. What were the main reasons for first and second world war? How did it end? Now if we compare the advantage and disadvantage of such wars we will see that some thing was very common. Some one who had been in power becomes so proud of his power that suddenly acts like a blind and doesn't see other facts around him. This has resulted several disasters in our history. People can learn to be open and negotiable when they know that 90% of the wars ended in loss for either side of the countries fighting.

The next benefit, which we can gain through studying the past, is about the life of successful people. It doesn't matter how you define success, whether you define it with money or knowledge, they both converge on some unique characteristics which we can learn only by studying the past wealthy or scientists lives. We can find out about the factors, which most influenced their success and find some common factors between them. This is good resource for us in deciding for future actions in our life.

In conclusion, I believe there is lots of value in studying the past. It helps us better align our strategies toward success. It also helps us to learn about the mistakes of other people and teaches us not to repeat them. People who think there is no value in learning about history and the past are blind to the above-mentioned facts.

***41) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? With the help of technology, students nowadays can learn more information and learn it more quickly. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

(a) With the help of technology, students can learn more information and that too more quickly. This is absolutely correct. I would like to support my answer with some reasons.

First, technological learning is more interactive in its learning process than just sitting and reading a book or just listening to a lecture. For example the learning by the means of Computer technology is very interactive, today, and hence the growth is simultaneous.

Second, using such kind of techniques, mind actually grows more and the person becomes an intellectual person with the passage of time.

Third, the traditional methods of learning like lectures given by teachers or notes given in books

Do not let the student become independent rather the student becomes more dependent due to the spoon-feeding being done to it.

Fourth, the technological advances in different fields definitely give a lot of exposure to those who were earlier naive in this field of Technology.

Lastly, human mind is such that it has the capacity to absorb more data if things are taught to him practically. Like if there is a model of an Electric Iron shown in the Book, which is explained by the teacher and the students are made to understand the working. The other way could be this that the children are shown a real Electric Iron as a model and then the working of its different parts is being explained. Definitely the grasping power will be more in the latter case.

Therefore, in the end I would like to conclude my essay by saying that with the passage of time the demands and the necessities of the Time are changing too. So are the changes in the student's mental level and the methods of teaching. Technological methods undoubtedly score higher than the traditional ones.

(b) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? With the help of technology, students nowadays can learn more information and learn it more quickly. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

I am in total agreement of the statement. I will put some of the facts in the support of this statement in the following statements.

It is the technology that has made life simpler and easier. This has been observed in almost all aspects of life. First of all I would like to define technology. What is it? I feel that technology is an achievable sophistication of human imagination. Man is the sole creator of technology. Man used to think on a particular question or problem, very critically and thoroughly, and comes out with a brilliant solution. This solution is called as Technology. Now we will see how it helps the students to learn more information and learn more quickly. Internet, email, interactive computer based tutors are some of the forms of the new technology, which help students learn quickly. In my school days I used to sit in the classrooms for hours. Teachers used to be age old and highly boring just like subjects. But I couldn't complain about that in those days. I used to get nervous at some point of time. But now a student can sit or even lie down in his or her bedroom and attend the class on Television or even as videoconference. I feel that most of the children used to perceive a very good morale at home. They are fresh and enthusiastic at home. In this state of mind they can learn more in less time.

With the advent of computer-based tutors, the time constraint for learning has also been vanished. Student can take his or her class as and only when he or she wants. It is not likely with every body that one will be fresh and ready to grasp for 8 hours daily. Sometime somebody may feel little drowsy or sick. CBT have the best answer to this question.

With the advent of Internet, it is not at all necessary that you should attend the classes of the same age old and boring teachers only. One can discuss with the best professors in the world on any subject of one's liking. The new electronic storage devices like tapes; CDs and floppies have made the students able to store whole lot of information in their pockets. Big bulky books are being replaced by Adobe Acrobat Documents. Only having whole lot of information is also not enough. Because then you will have to search for the information back and forth. There are certain software packages, which help students in managing his knowledge bank also. This has made learning faster and easier.

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One thing is sure, if thing is simple, smoother and easier anybody will take interest in it. The new technology is very attractive. Students have started taking interest in the core subjects it self which are being taught with the help of new technology. I have one example to support this.

One my friend was highly unwilling to come to school. He used to feel very sad in the school time. Then his father made a very intelligent move. He bought a set of new shoes, new school uniform and a new water bag. He asked his car driver to drop him to school daily. And to my surprise, after that day, he became the most regular student in the class. The new uniform and new shoes gave him the new look. The new water bag gave him the eleventh hour help and coming by car gave him the pleasure of traveling.

In conclusion I would say that, same is the case with technology also. Technology gives the new look to your studies. It provides help at the eleventh hour and it provides the pleasure of learning also. What else one needs to learn more information with more paces?

***42) The expression "Never, never give up" means to keep trying and never stop working for your goals. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

(a) Some people think "never give up" is a good attitude to life; others consider it is impossible never to give up because of the matters that surround us. I personally consider that "never give up" is not only good but is also appropriate attitude to life in order to succeed in this cruel world. In my opinion everybody must never give up himself when follows his aims. Even he has not achieved them he has to try again. Maybe next time he will succeed. I have always believed that this is the best way to survive. I will give you arguments to support my opinion.

First of all I think you have to trust yourself, realize your targets one by one, and never to give up in every difficult moment. People always have to put aims to their selves and follow them. When they achieve one aim they are satisfied of this success and put another aim to be reached. This is the man's nature. If you give up at the first problem you will lose belief in yourself and will reach nothing.

On the second place I would like to say that even if you fail you achieve much. Everybody knows that sometimes you cannot complete or even realize your goals because of the environment. I believe that you do not have to give up at first bad shot; you have to try again and again until you succeed. From the failures you learn how to proceed next time and revise your actions in order to thrive. I bet finally you will.

Last but not least "never give up" is the best way to survive in these days. If you do not have aims to achieve you are nothing. Your life will pass unnoticeably and you will be

insignificant person that nobody sees. Many people around us always give us examples of never to give up. Ballet-dancers who were fractured their legs and with a lot of efforts manage to dance again because this is their main purpose. Deaf-and-dumb people learn to communicate with gestures with the others. Thus give meaning of their lives. Undoubtedly reaching these targets is very hard but they never give up and they survive.

From the argument I have stated above it can be seen that no matter how difficult it is to realize your aims you have to never give up and this is the best attitude to life.

(b) Some people are ready to quit easily when they cannot endure the difficulties of some work or cannot find a way to finish the required task. Those kind of people usually become upset and disappointed of failure and lose their self-confidence that they can really do the work done. On the other hand, there are people who become more confident, organized and hard working when they experience some difficulties. In my view, the second type of people are more willing to succeed in life, have a better job, and enjoy many friends. The motto "never, never give up" is very important in people's lives because those people who follow it can survive almost everything and take the opportunities of the next step in their lives.

First of all, a positive attitude can help a person to survive and live with some disease or when he suffers an inconvenient situation or disaster. In fact, many people endure a disease or obstacles that put them in a desperate situation. However, only ones with a positive view and unbelievable hope make the difference and find a way to overcome their disabilities and continue to live and enjoy the life. On the other hand, people who lose hope and give up end in awful situations and are more inclined to addiction of alcohol and drugs or committing suicide.

Second, a strong positive attitude can help a person to make bigger career. From my observation, people who do not quit because of some obstacles but keep working make inevitable progress in their job and studies. For example, students with positive attitude who fail a quiz or do not do well on an important test are more willing to try again and do well on the next time. This is true for the working people too. Indeed, many executive managers save their almost bankrupt company and success primarily because they do not quit.

In conclusion, believing in second chance is very important for an individual because we live in constant changeable society that force us to endure many difficulties in our studies, complicated situations in our jobs, unexpected events like car accidents or a disease or nature disasters. There is not insurance that can save us of from happening of these things. However, the attitude of never give up can help us to endure and overcome the difficulties and make a progress and achieve our goals.

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**43) Some people think that human needs for farmland, housing, and industry are more important than saving land for endangered animals. Do you agree or disagree with this point of view? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) Some people think that human needs for farmland, housing, and industry are more important than saving land for endangered animals. I disagree with this point of view for several reasons, which I will detail in this essay.

There are two reasons that support this view. The first reason is that all the creatures on the face of the earth have the same right to exist, be it a four-legged animal or a human, both have the same right--just because humans have more so-called intelligence than do animals doesn't necessarily mean that they are naturally entitled to use any land as they wish.

The second reason is that for the existence of humans on earth, the existence of other creatures is essential. I say this because the presence of all the animals is essential to maintain natural order. We have seen the consequences of upsetting this balance in many environmental problems such as global warming.

Furthermore, animals are a necessary part of our lives on Earth. For example consider the food chain of the rat, snake, and eagle. We know that certain types of eagles are endangered species. If the eagle is hunted to the point where it becomes non-existent, then the food chain will be broken. As a result of this, the number of snakes will increase. This will result in greater environmental problems and could harm the lives of humans.

If the endangered animals are not protected the existence of humans will be in danger. Our history has shown that if we continue to exploit our resources, particularly by destroying the land and therefore the natural habitat of plants and animals, we will ultimately harm ourselves. Therefore, I believe it is vital for people to preserve land in its natural state.

**44) What is a very important skill a person should learn in order to be successful in the world today? Choose one skill and use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.**

(a) In my opinion an important skill that a person should learn in order to be successful in today's world is to keep him updated in every field.

It is said that knowledge is power. Keeping oneself updated in this high speed, changing world is very important. Knowledge is like a small drop in this vast ocean and there is no end for it. The more knowledge you gain, the more you need.

One of the advantages of keeping oneself aware is that nobody can mislead you in anyway. For example if you know the price of a car, you want to buy, would help you negotiate more rather than just agree to the dealers price. Keeping ourselves updated also boosts our confidence and also keeps us ahead in this competitive world.

We should develop this skill by listening to news, reading articles, learning new technologies. In short we should always keep on increasing our knowledge. If we do this then rest of the thing like wealth, fame, comforts will automatically come to us. Hence keeping yourself updated is very important skill everybody should acquire in today's world.

(b) Most people want to be a successful person and try to find out what make them achieve their goal. In my point of view, people who want to be successful in today's fast-paced world has to have "Interpersonal skill" because this skill will make us having a various kind of friends and societies that can help us to be successful by this following reasons:

To know many people, we can get helpful information that we want easily and quickly. For example, students who want to study abroad but do not have any information about this topic can easily receive much useful information from someone who used to study abroad more quickly than they try to find information themselves. If those students do not have interpersonal and be shy, scare to talk with experience person, they will have to find information from many places and waste too much time before getting the need information.

And also, when we want some help from others, people with interpersonal skill can beg and gain assistance from others. For instance, a manager who has interpersonal skill would have more close relationship with their staff. Therefore, when he want to beg for assist from their staff, their staff would do at one's best heartily. On the other hand, a manager who does not have close relationship with their staff would be assisted, but their staff would work on duty only, not work because they want to help their boss; so, the result of both of work is totally different.

Another reason is people who have good interpersonal skill and have a lot of friends will gain a diversity of thought from many various kinds of people. This advantage will give them to broaden their perspective and knowledge.

In conclusion, in my view, to have interpersonal skill is the best short cut to become a successful person because that person would receive useful information easily, have some necessary assistance and improve their attitude when they contact with many people

**45) Why do you think some people are attracted to dangerous sports or other dangerous activities? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) There are various sports and activities that people can get involved in. Some people are attracted to dangerous sports or other dangerous activities such as mountain climbing, car racing and high speed skiing to mention but a few, for a variety of reasons

For some, it is a challenge to be overcome or won. An example is a lady driver joining the rally. For example in Kenya, we have an annual Safari rally, which involves cars racing with an aim of finishing with best points. The terrain is usually very varied and rough and men dominate the sport. Recently, there have been entries by women, and some may participate to prove that women can also undertake the challenge and it should not be seen as a man's race.

Other sportsmen and women may find these dangerous activities to be actually fun. For some mountain climbers for example, the goal is not only to reach the peak but also to enjoy the varying scenario, plants and animals as they ascend the mountain.

To others still, the attraction could be the prize to be won in participating in such a dangerous sport. An example is in bullfights where the player dangles a red cloth in front of a bull, not only irritating it but also inciting the animal to charge. If the player wins defeats the bull, he is allowed to kill and probably earn some money.

In conclusion therefore, there are varying reasons that attract some people to dangerous sports, ranging from the personal to monetary satisfaction.

(b) Nowadays, people are attracted to dangerous sports or activities more and more. Stress plays a big role in people's daily life, which is also a factor that causes people to play dangerous games. Movie influences us a lot. Further more, people have nothing to worry about, and then they start to go to challenge themselves.

Money, money, money, is the only thing can make everyone put stress on him or herself. They do everything to make money, and never stop. Besides that, simple sports or activities cannot satisfy them and release the stress form their life. Dangerous activities are occurred and enjoyed by more and more people. They start to put themselves into the activities to forget their pain that gained from life.

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Movie, as we all know, is now influence people a lot. Especially the young. When dangerous activities started to be shown in movies, it was also then getting popular in real life. Movie always shows the ideal world. When they show the dangerous sports, only positive sides are been showed. The trend is formed follows the movie.

A peaceful life makes people to discover new, interesting and challenging activities. People nowadays don't need to worry about food, clothes and so on. They start to have spare time with nothing to do. To make life more interesting, or more meaningful, people challenge themselves by playing dangerous sports or activities. Like myself, my parents provide me everything I need and enough pocket money. It seems there has nothing attractive for me until I started to play snowboard. If I don't know there will be food for me tomorrow, I will ought not to go for other activities.

Above all, people's desire to release the stress while the influence from movies and their spare time and money has nowhere to spend. These lead dangerous activities into people's life and become more and more popular.

***46) Some people like to travel with a companion. Other people prefer to travel alone. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.***

(a) To travel... What a wonderful thing! Know the world, other culture, other people, others minds. Travel is one of more interesting things that you can do, it's a manner to learn without go to the class, and anyone can learn traveling.

The travels are so exciting that have or haven't a companion is not an important thing. Of course, many times a companion looking up the travel, especially when the companion is a loved friend or generous parents. One of the most important things in my life is have friends and to be in your companion. So, travel with my friends, parents and any other important person is excellent.

But sometimes, we need be alone. We like to be alone when we need thinking about problems or on the next step in a live project. Maybe was better divide these problems and projects with other persons, to have a partner, but is hard to say something's and we prefer keep these things for ourselves. In this situation is a pretty good idea to travel alone. The contact with a different place, different language, be in a place which you never was before do the ideas flow and, many times, we resolve our problems or decide what way will be follow.

I thing the really magic of the travels is in the possibility of changing all your life with a simple step. It's magic thing the life can re-beginning in a different place, with a different history. Don't matter if you go alone or with companion, the important is all that you learn and fun in your travels around the world.

(b) Traveling around the world is one of the most exciting things to do, because I can explore the variety of culture from all around the world especially the food and the people. That is why I don't want to spend that wonderful time alone. In other words I prefer traveling with a companion.

By traveling with a companion, I feel safe and comfortable because when ever I get lost in the middle of nowhere with no guide, then there is a chance that my companion and me will find some way to get back. We can always talk together and have a discussion to find the way. Many person's ideas are always better than only a person's idea.

I won't be lonely and bored if I travel with a companion. If the journey turns out to be a boring one, then I can always do something else with my companion, for example playing cards or maybe just talking if she/he is new friend. It would be a great time to getting to know each other.

After traveling to many places, I have noticed that help is always needed in a journey. And that is what a companions are for. Some of them probably would like to help me with some little things, for example taking a picture of me. If I just ask someone stranger from the street, then I might lost my camera cause that person might took it and just runaway.

Above all points that I have mentioned, traveling with a companion will always be my perfect choice.

***47) Some people prefer to get up early in the morning and start the day's work. Others prefer to get up later in the day and work until late at night. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.***

(a) I prefer to get up early in the morning and start the day's work. First of all, my parents have helped me to develop the habit of getting up early in the morning since I was a kid. And I see this is a good habit because by getting up early, I have more hours in a day to finish the day's work. For example, when I get up early in the morning, I would reach the office earlier. Normally, I would either have more time to finish the work or finish the work earlier and leave home earlier.

Another reason that I prefer to get up early is because I can enjoy the beauty of the nature. When I get up early, I can really feel the cool weather and fresh air in the morning. And I would say it is best time of the day to plan for the day's work.

I also choice to get up early because I can beat the traffic jam at my residential area. In most cases, I can avoid the hectic traffics and reach my office on time by getting up early in the morning. By being in the office early, I show my commitment in my work and become more productive.

In short, I prefer to get up early and start the day's work early because it allows me to have more hours to work per day. Also, I can plan well in the cool and fresh environment. Last but not least, getting up early also means I can beat the traffic jam and be more productive in my work.

(b) Some people prefer to get up early in the morning and start the day's work. Others prefer to get up later in the day and work until late at night. And I prefer to start early in the morning, as only the early bird, gets the worm.

Starting early in the morning is a good habit, for all ages. It keeps you vibrant and energetic, and motivated to start your work. After a good night sleep, you really feel relaxed and charged up with the energy to start the next day's work. Yoga stresses the importance of waking up early, worshiping the early sunrise. Because a yogi believes that the early sunrays is a great food for the biological system of a person, improving the circulatory and respiratory systems

Nevertheless, the old proverb "Early to bed and early to rise" is still in practice. And also the early morning time proves to be a quality time according to researchers. Hats because, the mind is clear and very receptive in the early mornings. There is less distraction, and more concentration, and hence quality work is done over a short period of time

So, I prefer to start my work early in the morning, to make use of the precious morning time, which I consider is the most valuable in life.

***48) What are the important qualities of a good son or daughter? Have these qualities changed or remained the same over time in your culture? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

(a) The qualities of a good son or daughter, through the ages, have a great deal of differences from those ones, which were approbated once. However, a few qualities are the same as the ones in the past years.

Firstly, I will give some changes in the following statements. In the past time of China, parents hope their son is so strong and brave that they would be supported and protected in their ages because man is easily able to earn living supply, such as food, clothes, house and so on, or make money to buy them. The daughter is expected being of tender and gentle so that she would get married a good man that means she would have a good fortune and her parents would not be worried because she does not make a living herself. As a good son or daughter, one of the most important qualities is he or she has to be obedient and submissive everything for their parent. For example, he or she would marry with a person who would be satisfied by their parents rather than loved by themselves.

However, in modern society, no matter son or daughter, the best quality is that they are positive, motivating, and responsible facing their life. Parents hope their son or daughter capable of do everything independently and wisely referring to their suggestion.

Secondly, several good qualities are remained and are developed. With the development of society, more and more girls are educated and are able to support she, even others. Hence, the qualities of a good boy basically are the same as those of a good girl. In general, almost parents adore their children; in turn they need to be loved by them, especially the olds. Therefore, no matter modern or past time, to care for their parents is regard as one of the necessary qualities. Additional, their excellent behave and their parents, such as he, also appreciate amazing performance or she is diligent and concentrated in their study and do they're best in doing everything.

Of course, every parent has different viewpoints of the qualities of a child. I think the most primary qualities are he or she is of love, enterprise and responsibility around them.

(b) The qualities that a good son or daughter should depend largely upon the nature of their parents. But one thing that's command expectation from all parents is to respect them.

A child should always listen to his parents and should always keep in mind that whatever they say is always going to be for his own benefit only. He should never be disobedient or rude to them. Parents always dream that their children should do what they could not fulfill in their life times. So a child should always keep their aspirations in mind and the expectations they have from him. And when their parents become old, he should make it sure that they are able to lead a relaxed and peaceful life, free from worries and tensions.

Personally, I don't think that there have been any substantial changes over time in my culture regarding the qualities of good child. Even today a parent would demand love, affection and respect from his child, as was say, years ago. Earlier an ordinary Brahmin Hindu wanted his child to become a pundit, now a clerk would like his child to become a doctor or an engineer. In short, a parent always wishes his children should rise beyond what they could be in their lives. Generation gap is always going to be there. Be it yesterday, today or even tomorrow.

So I feel that parents over generations have always given something or the other to their children, the most important being they're bringing us into this world. The only thing they expect in return is simply love and respect. And they rightly deserve that form every child be it a daughter or a son.

**49) Some people prefer to work for a large company. Others prefer to work for a small company. Which would you prefer? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.**

(a) Working is a pleasure for me. It gives me satisfaction as and a feeling of achievement and fulfillment. Some people prefer to work for a large company. Others prefer to work for a small company. I prefer to work for a large company as it gives me opportunities to learn and grow. Working in a large organization also results in monetary benefits.

I am currently working in a multinational company, a world leader in education and training. While working here for last five years, I have been bestowed upon by innumerable opportunities to learn while working. I have attended several on the job training that have helped me grow into a tech savvy. These training are essential for each one of us in this organization. Actually, I am paid for learning. Isn't it a wonderful concept of earning while learning?

A large organization focuses on new ventures to expand the business. Hence, in large organizations, one can grab many opportunities to grow. The more you learn and prove your knowledge by application, the more opportunities you get to grow. A large organization consists of different divisions, such as Sales, Marketing, Development, Media, Research & Development. According to the personal interests and expertise in an area, one can pursue his/her career while learning and growing.

Another major reason for opting for a large organization to work is job stability. A large organization is well established in its field of business. The employees in such organizations do not have to worry about the shut down of the organization. Job security is one of the keywords in the fast changing business world.

To sum up, a large organization with focus on expansion, one can get many opportunities to learn and grow. As learning new things is my area of interest, I prefer to work in a well-established, large organization. In addition, such a job gives me a feeling of accomplishment, growth, and security.

(b) I prefer to work for a small company at the beginning of my career because I will learn a more general perspective of that organization, I will have more opportunities to be promoted, and I can use that kind of experience to any job in the future.

Working in a small company help you to understand how all the company works, how all the departments relate to each other. For example, I had the opportunity to work for a small newspaper in the Production Department as a Production Manager Assistant and I deal with different departments such as Advertising, Technical Writing, Distribution, Accounting. I had the opportunity to visit all the departments and learn the functions of each of them and how all of them contribute to main company goal.

Smaller companies have fewer employees and fewer policies and provide you more freedom to make changes and try new ideas and improvements. Managers can notice your

work and recognize you more often. When I worked in small newspaper, I participated in business meetings with all the Departments Managers and with the General Manager and the Owner of the company. We did not only talk about business but also about other personal topics and we have the opportunity to know each other more.

The learning experience in a small company is more general and provides you with an overall knowledge of an organization and builds you a helpful background that can be applied in other departments and also in other companies. When I worked in other companies such as a Textile Factory, Cement Corporation or a Customer Service Company, I was able to identify the different relationships among the different departments and I was able to identify the main goal of the company and work for it.

Working in a small company gives a you a better perspective of the organization as whole company working towards a goal, provide you more opportunities to be recognized and deal with the decision makers of a company and provide with a better background and valuable experience to be use in other departments and also in other companies. In short, for all the reasons I have stated above, I would much prefer to work for a small company. In short, for all the reasons I have stated above, I would much prefer to work for a small company.

***50) People work because they need money to live. What are some other reasons that people work? Discuss one or more of these reasons. Use specific examples and details to support your answer.***

(a) "People will work because they need money to live." Though I do believe that there are a lot of other reasons for people to work. I will enumerate each of these reasons in the following paragraphs.

According to me, all of us have an inbuilt burning desire to SUCCEED. Success is a combination of professional achievements and then earning money as a result of these. Even if one of these components is missing, one will not derive true pleasure of having succeeded. Thus it is a big chain of events, one enjoys one's work, the moment one's work is not to complete a job but an enjoyment, and one works even harder. More hard work over the long run inevitably leads to professional excellence, which in turn translates in monetary benefits.

Secondly, when a person works hard, he contributes directly or indirectly to society. This feeling that "I have some worth and am contributing to betterment of society" is very important for mental happiness. Being an orthopedic surgeon myself, I have experienced this numerous times. If a patient comes to me with a fracture and then goes home walking, the pleasure I derive is phenomenal even if I do not derive substantial monetary benefit from this.

I also want to add that work gives money and in this day and age, even for social work one might want to do, one needs funds. Money thus earned can be given for various charitable causes thus giving a tremendous sense of satisfaction and well-being.

I therefore strongly believe that one of the important reasons that people work is for money for them and for their family, there are many, significantly more important reasons for working and these are the ones, which actually keeps life going.

(b) There are many reasons for people to work. For one reason, people work to make money to live. For another reason, people work to make self-realization. Lastly, people work to promote the progress of our society. In this essay, I will use specific examples and details to discuss the last two reasons for people to work.

People work not only for money but also for self-realization. By working people can feel satisfaction about themselves? This is because by working, people can apply what they have learned before into reality. They can feel they are good and useful to their society. Those satisfactions about themselves will generate happiness and motivations to better develop themselves. For example, I have a friend, who always wondered whether the knowledge he had learned in the school was useful or not. After he worked, he applied what he had learned into reality and got satisfactions about himself. He has confidences now and also feel he should go on with his study in the future. So we can see by working, one can make self-realization.

Another reason for people to work is because of the requirement of the development of our society. The progress of the society depends on each member in it. The societies, which are made up of hard-working people usually, make more progress than those made up of people who do not work. The wealth of the society is made by people's work. Moreover, if one society gets wealthier and stronger, it can do more goods to the members of it. The influences are intercountered.

In short, people work not only because of money. They work also because they want to make self-realization and make contributions to the development of their society. Since the societies are made of many hard-working people, they can grow and make more progress.

***51) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Face-to-face communication is better than other types of communication, such as letters, email, or telephone calls. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.***

(a) In today's fast-paced environment, we are faced with a myriad of communication options. Be it letters, e-mails, or telephonic conversations, I think that no means is more effective than face-to-face dialogue.

Firstly, face-to-face dialogue affords the speaker the opportunity to convey his message in a more detailed and complete way. Emotions, moods and expressions come forth to the surface in a face-to-face interaction, unlike written words or those spoken on the telephone. By using tone, facial gestures and body language, the speaker gives a thorough idea of the listener of his point of view. For example, by leaning forward on his chair, opening his arms and moving his hands in a forceful manner, the speaker can convey interest and leadership.

Another benefit that face-to-face communication provides is immediate feedback. The speaker can clarify any confusion right away. Unlike written statements, no idea or thought is lost in grammatical errors or misuse of vocabulary. Since all people involved in the conversation can easily see each other, approval, interest, or disregard, can easily be deduced and dealt with.

Often we see messages getting confused, and warped up in a maze of paperwork or unanswered e-mail and telephone calls. Such accumulation of data can create lot of stress and undue mess-ups in an office environment. Renowned CEOs, like Bill Gates are famous for making a point to show up at all business meetings, and if not possible, designate another person instead of using written words, or the telephone.

They say, "Nothing can replace the human touch." When people say that, what they mean is that the openness, camaraderie, and opportunity for feedback obtained through face-to-face dialogue is totally irreplaceable and invaluable.

(B) In all times people was in an alliance with the other people that have the same color of the body, ideas, feelings, religion, community, etc. With time, they made first voice commands that were helpful in some situations, and then those were transformed in their own language. They understood the importance of their experience; knowledge and skills so they tried to make an other type of communication that give us an idea how were their live -the writing language. In our days, our society provides us to know all kind of types of communication. For me, face-to-face communication is better then other types of communication because we can see and we can feel what our partner try to say us. Plus, it is not formal and bore. There are not many people that can write interesting to keep our attention. If we speak about telephone calls I'd like to say that is more expensive then letters or email.

First, face-to-face communication gives us a possibility to see each other. It may be helpful in some situations. Sometimes we need only to see his/her eyes and we can tell what does he/she mean. We cannot do it by letter or email or phone. For example, when people are in love they cannot speak much because they understand each other without words.

Second, we can understand what the partner means because his/her intonation helps us to make our interpretation of this problem or question. In other words, to feel in the same way, we need to see and to hear each other. We can make an accent on a word that is more expressive or important, we can play our words such in a theatre.

Third, it is not so expensive then letters, email or phone call. It is free! Not each of us has enough money to afford a computer connected to the Internet for a communication by the email or to pay a lot of money for the phone calls. Other thing is a time that we spend to write a letter. In our society where time is money, each of us find the solution how to do more think in a minimal time.

In conclusion, I think in the future people will speak without words, mail, email or phone call. They will communicate with their imagination. It is fantastic but it is not a secret-people have many possibilities that they do not know in this moment. For me, in all times the life was a play, and in this play we always need to communicate for make our own opinion.

***52) Some people like to do only what they already do well. Other people prefer to try new things and take risks. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.***

(a) There are many people around who prefer to do the same things all the time. In my opinion they keep on doing the same things just because they don't want to take any risks. But there are also people who would like to do different things and take risks. I think I belong to the second category would to explain in this essay why I'd like to do new, different things.

First of all I think that all people should improve themselves and don't give up even if they fail sometimes. The world is changing, and because of the advanced technology we should always read and learn new things. We can't go on with the things we already know, that are why most of the companies arrange courses for their employees, for example courses for computer using or foreign language speaking.

It is easy to do the same ordinary things all the time because you don't have to take any risks and so you can do your work quickly and perfectly. But this changes our lives into a monotone form. In a government building, most of us see workers chatting with each other and making long telephone calls on the phone. I think the reason why they act this way is because they do the same thing all the time and so they finish their work quickly and spend the rest of their time doing unnecessary things.

One should always improve him by doing new thing and shouldn't forget that it is never late. People can always make new starts in his life at all ages. A few days ago, I read an article and it was about the new starts of life. One story was about an old sailor who had offered 1,008 different men to start a restaurant business together and all the time the answer had been 'no'. But this man hadn't given up and finally he had gotten the answer 'yes'. If this old sailor, Colonel Sanders, hadn't been so willing to start a new business, we wouldn't be eating Kentucky Fried Chicken today.

Finally I want to tell you about an exam I took last year in my economy course. The Professor had asked only one question and wanted us to write a four-page essay .The question was 'what's risk'. The student who got the highest mark in the exam hadn't written an essay. She had just left the 3 pages empty and written 'this is risk!!!' at the bottom of the 4th page. When I think about it, it really was a risk not answering the question. But no one can deny that world is full of risks and I think life is worth taking risks.

(b) People have varying habits and preferences. Some like to apply what they have learned and continue doing the same while others like to try new paths and take risks. Both kinds of people have reasons for what they do. I prefer to explore and take conservative risks.

By doing what they do well, people can plan how they want to do it and for how long. This adds security to their life. They don't have to worry much about failing in whatever they do. The downside to this approach is making life routine or boring. But that is good for people who don't like surprises. People, who have a family to take care of, especially small kids, would take this approach.

On the other hand people who chose to do new things, will find a lot of surprises coming their way. They will be constantly challenged to do their best. This is good for people who like living on the edge. But this adds a lot of insecurity to their life. People who don't have lot of responsibilities and have enough resources to weather out occasional failures are most likely to try out new things.

Someone like me, who is at their early stages of life, have lot of enthusiasm and energy to pursue different things and explore new horizons. This allows them to be independent and make a mark of their own and there is potential for big rewards. Since I don't have the resources to make through really bad setbacks, I would take a conservative approach to taking risks. Before venturing into trying new things, I will assess the possible risk and make sure that is something I can afford.

At different stages of life people make different choices. While doing things they know well can bring security to peoples lives, I prefer to try out new things and take risks, because of the potential for big rewards and I like being challenged.

**53) Some people believe that success in life comes from taking risks or chances. Others believe that success results from careful planning. In your opinion, what does success come from? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) Success is the sweetest fruit a person desires in life. But the path to success is often so very confusing. In fact every successful person have his or her own recipe for this dish.

Careful planning is no doubt the most rational way to achieve success in life. Unless and until we plan our steps ahead of time our work doesn't remain well organized and until our effort is organized properly we may not achieve success. However, human beings being mortal and their powers being limited, no one can predict the future with a very high degree of accuracy. Thus arises the necessity of making predictions and taking risks. There may be times when we are faced with multiple alternatives none of which are perfectly favorable - we have to make a guess and perhaps hope for the best.

In our country, we are required to qualify in a competitive examination in order to get admitted into an Engineering College. The first time I sat for this examination, I failed miserably. I had to get admitted into a General college with Physics as my major. I then decided to go for the technical colleges a second time. I did it and did it well. In my Physics course, however, I barely managed to pass through into the second year. It was a great risk. I could have failed in the competitive examination the second time too. I could have fell sick on the day of the examination. I could have got into a big trouble. In fact, some of my friends who took the same examination with me failed the second time too and are now passing through hard times.

So, there cannot be any golden rule to success. It's a recipe with a bowl of planning and perhaps one or two spoonful of risks. The exact proportions depend largely on the individual concerned and the situation. Those who can identify the correct proportions come out with flying colors; others fade into the millions. God has not given us the power to predict the future, but he has surely equipped all of us to be able to measure the pros and cons. We are all capable of taking calculated risks and that's what is required. How much calculation and how much risk. Well, no golden rule!

(b) Some people believe that success comes from taking risks or chances. Others believe that success results from careful planning. In my opinion success comes from careful planning because it organizes, prepares and provides guidelines to finally accomplish he purpose.

In my view, a person learns well if he plans ahead of time before venturing any task. This not only makes him more organized and thoughtful of how to approach a given task but also allows him to keep pace with time. This would ultimately result in the proper

finishing at correct time. The very example is when we appear for exams, it should be planned well before rather than sitting at the end moment and at last leaving it unfinished.

Careful planning allows the learner to know his weakness and strength in a particular work. This would enable him to work well on areas of weakness and thus would help him to improve his final performance. This kind is seen among many sports people who practice well before the final match, to improve where they seem to lack. It gives them more confidence to finally approach the test with the positive attitude.

Last but not least careful planning further grooms the personality of an individual, as planning ahead gives him the sense of responsibility and creativity to organize his work and finally the competitiveness to reach the goal.

Thus overall careful planning makes a person more organized, responsible, competitive, and punctual. All these qualities finally help him to achieve his purpose.

***54) What change would make your hometown more appealing to people your age? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.***

***55) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important aspect of a job is the money a person earns. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

(a) Some people may think that money is the most important aspect of a job. Of course, this factor cannot be ignored. But in my opinion, I disapprove this kind of idea. As I see it, there are many other important aspects a job, rather than money.

One of them is the satisfaction of the worker. No matter what other people say, if the person is satisfied with his/her work, that's it. For example, my father was a good student in high school. His parents and teachers told him to go to law school because it was the best career a person could have at that time and was an honor for the family. But my father disagreed and went to the army because he wanted to. And until now, he is very satisfied with his job. He didn't choose a job that was conspicuous to other people, but a job he liked.

Another factor is how well the job suits the person. We can't get a clumsy person to be a doctor that requires great awareness on the work, such as surgery. A single mistake, even the slightest failure can kill a person. So people should also consider on how well he/she can do the job, and if it's suiting the person.

In closing, I disagree with the idea of money being the most important aspect of a job. Of course, we can't totally ignore money. Usually many people just work, whether they like it

or not, just to earn money. But we must keep in mind that money should be considered as a second, after we decide things such as the satisfaction or how well the job suits the person. Money isn't everything in life, remember that.

(b) I disagree with the statement that 'The most important aspect of a job is the money a person earns' because money is one of the important aspects of a job, but it is not the most one. All of aspects of a job such as money, achievement, and new experience are equally important by following reasons.

First of all, nowadays, the world is developed. Everyone have to work hard to survive in this busy world. Who works hard has more chance to get high rate of salary. Everything in this world has higher price. Who has no money cannot be in this big world. Generally, the clever man who have more chance to get better job has to choose to work in the company that give more money to him because money is one of the important aspect of a job.

Secondly, not only do worker want money, but also success. Promotion, and good result of a job are the example of successful. Promotion is another thing that worker want. Everyone works hard because they want to be promoted to the higher position. Commonly, most people want to be boss and work without ordering. By the way, if people work well, the result of a job will be good, so their boss or client will give the compliment to them.

Last but not least, the more time people work, the more experience people have, so another important aspect of a job is experience. No one can get new experience, if he does not work. It is notice that people who have worked for a long time have more experience than people who just start working. People who have many experiences can solve the problem that suddenly face them because they used to face with that problem and try to solve it. Therefore experience is the important aspect so a job.

In conclusion, I cannot point out that which aspect among money, accomplishment, and experience is the most important because all of these have it own beneficial. Thus, I disagree that the money a person earns is the most important aspect of a job.

***56) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? One should never judge a person by external appearances. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.***

(a) I strongly believe that people should never judge a person by external appearances. The way we look not always reflects the way we are. We can make huge mistakes if we let the external appearances tell us everything about someone.

I consider that outward qualities are related in some ways to the manner we are and the way we feel inside. Sometimes the clothes we chose express our mood, how we are feeling

at that moment. Also, the hairstyle, make up and many other aspects of our look sometimes give an idea of our attitude towards life.

Even though, not all aspects or, for some people, any aspect of the personality is shown in external appearances. The look is not evident enough to communicate deep feelings, beliefs, thoughts and behaviors. There is so much more inside of a person that can only be noticed after knowing him very well.

I have met people who give an erroneous first impression. At first sight one could describe them in a completely different way from what they turn to be when you get to know them well. Before making premature conclusions we should pay attention at many other features, such as the way the person talks, the words he uses, the look in his eyes that help us to recognize how is that person like. People's values, educational background, skills and virtues lie in the inside, not in the outside.

There is a great risk of missing good friends if we allow us to judge by appearances. We always should give a second chance to people to show us how they really are, without masquerades. We have to be smart to not mistake what we see on the surface, because the main part of almost everything is hidden and not easily seen.

(b) One should never judge a person by external experience. I agree with the above statement because in my opinion external appearances are deceptive and how a person seems from outward appearance may not actually reveal his real identity.

It is true that outward appearance do give a faint understanding of a person- the taste and manner of dressing reveals his neatness or probably the country he belongs to and sometimes even his status, as high class tends to show off much compared to mediocres. But by all this we can only assume his nature and in my opinion it should not be taken as criteria for judging the person's personality, character or strength.

The person who may look ugly might be a person with a golden heart whereas the one looking gorgeous may be the one with a stubborn heart. We should form conclusion only after mingling with the person, this provides an opportunity to analyze the person's thought, study his character and behavior in the most proper manner. One instance in my life made this more evident- my hostel roommate was very good looking and everyone seemed to admire looking at her outward attraction. But only later when we started living together I did come to know that she was a drug addict, flirt and often bunked her classes to go out with boys. After knowing her real identity all my friends started disliking her.

External appearance can give false identity of one's position or rank. I say this taking Gandhi, a famous Indian freedom fighter as example. He was a renowned person well known among ministers and common people, but if we were to see his external appearance

he looked very weak and lowly person. He used to travel to foreign countries in the same appearance, thus unless you know him, none could make out that he was a great person in Indian history.

Last but not least external appearance cannot indicate the strength of an individual, a person looking fat may actually have less strength than a person looking thin and weak from outside. For example, boxing competition in television reveals such examples where a weak looking competitor will finally win the game beating his over fat opponent.

Thus with external appearance we cannot deduce the real identity of a person - his character or position or his strength and in my opinion unless we know the person we should not judge the person.

**57) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A person should never make an important decision alone. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) Someone says that a person should make an important decision alone, but in my opinion, I think that it is not true because everything can be looked in various aspects, and everyone has different skill and experiences. Consequently, consulting other persons is the best way for making a decision.

In my point of view, anyone in this world thinks differently from any other persons because there are many aspects for thinking about something. The more the number of people who help think, the more idea, so a person should not make an important decision alone. For example, in prominent company, it is very famous to work with team because the more the number of co-workers, the more a number of good ideas. Everyone has a chance to propose his opinion, and all of these opinions will be merged to be the conclusion decision.

In addition, making a decision alone can make people waste many things such as money, friends, or life because no one have a good skill in every fields. For example, in the business, if owner want to increase budget to develop a company, but he decides to do so by himself without consulting with accountancies that are good at calculating budget, the business may be turn down. So, the owner has to waste a lot of money because he makes an importance decision alone.

Moreover, it is sure that everyone cannot used to face with the same situation in his whole life, so no one has the same experiences, as do any other persons. Doing something that we used to do is easy and has less chance to do wrong, so If a person has to decide to do something that he used not to do so, but he consult with someone who used to do so, he can do so too. For example, last 6 years ago, I had to decide in which faculty that I should study. In that time, I had not many experiences, so I asked about the characteristic of any

faculties from my parents, my teachers, and my parent's friends who work in various careers. Those advices that everyone gave me were very useful for me to make a decision, and right now I am sure that I do not make a wrong decision that I choose to learn in the faculty of Electrical Engineering. If that time I decided to choose it by myself, I might be a doctor who was not happy at all.

To conclude, making an important decision is the important thing in people's life because it can point out our life such as being the rich or the poor, working as an engineer or a doctor, or being happy or sad. The best way for making a decision is consulting with other person. Therefore I agree that a person should never make an important decision alone.

(b) In our life there are a lot of important decisions that we have to make. For example: a choice of a profession, marriage, the place where to live. These are only a fewest part of them. I think that in such problems we need to consult other people, parents or relatives, because they may think in different way that we do.

It is important to know many possible advantages and disadvantages of your selection. You ask friends to know their thought, and than you make your own decision. Friends can understand your opinion and agree with you. That is why people have friends.

Secondly, if you make an important decision alone, you are going to forget that the others could not accept this decision. They can also make their decisions alone, without you, and you will be in a complicated situation. Another fact in favor of my opinion is that there are people more experienced than you. For example your parents, I'm sure that they had in their lives many problems that may be close to your problem. I think That to ask them for an advice is the right way to be sure for your decision.

In conclusion, the important decisions are also a good experience for us. We try to decide how to behave in these decisions. I'm sure that each of us will make a right decision after a consultation with close friends because that is why people have friends.

**58) A company is going to give some money either to support the arts or to protect the environment. Which do you think the company should choose? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) There are many ways that a company can help the society as a whole. For example, it can support the arts or it can take some action to protect the environment. I believe that the protection of the environment should be a priority to all businesses.

First of all nowadays we live in several times more polluted environment than our ancestors. And life conditions are getting worse every day. I think that companies can do a lot of things about that. They can even raise their profits helping the society. Recently, I

read in a newspaper about a complaint of McDonalds to plant trees in order to prevent further destruction of the ozone layer. They received approval from the society and increased their profits. So that companies can follow them and help to save our environment.

Secondly, I think that protecting the environment, the company helps every single member of the society. I have in mind all the deceases that have occurred during the last century. These, so called "new era" deceases, like all allergies, are due to the polluted air. Many companies can make an effort and use special equipment in their product ional process in order to restrict the air pollution.

In conclusion, I think that the company is better to give some money to protect the environment, because in this way it will benefit the whole society. It will contribute to people's health and less polluted environment.

(b) If a company is going to give some money either to support the arts or to protect the environment, I will argue in favor of the second option. Of course, money should be given for both art and environment, but I believe that in our fast going world, with all the pollution, to protect the nature is more important than to support arts.

First, the air will be fresher than it is today. Nowadays we have a lot of cars, factories and plants, which make the air almost impossible to breathe. If a company gives enough money so that we could clean the air, the life especially in the big cities will not be so unhealthy. Many people are dying from respiratory diseases. Is it not a good idea to change that situation?

Second, the water will be cleaner. Water is the most important recourse of the Earth. While the human body is about sixty percents water, it is essential for people lives. No one can live without water, so it must be protected and if it is possible it must be cleaned, so that the humans and animals could continue their existence on the Earth.

Third and equally important, there will be more green places such as forests and parks. In that way, there will be places where people will enjoy being hand in hand with the Mother Nature. Trees, bushes and grass make a person to feel better, full of energy and ready to take the challenges of life.

To summarize, I believe that arts are a great tool for expressing oneself and for showing the beauty of nature, but they worth nothing if mankind dies and this is exactly what will happen if people stop protecting the environment.

***59) Some movies are serious, designed to make the audience think. Other movies are***

***designed primarily to amuse and entertain. Which type of movie do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

(a) One of the ways of entertainment for the people in this time that we live in is going to the theatre and watching a movie. Some movies are serious, designed to make audience think the others are designed primarily to entertain and amuse. I 'm fan of the movies and watch both types of movies but to tell you the truth I enjoy more those with that entertain. Why? I explain it.

Our lives are very dynamic; we compete with others about our jobs and other stuff we are always in the run. That's why, when I sit down to enjoy a movie, I want to be relaxed. Especially, for me are good the comedies in which I can laugh until I get tears in my eyes. Laughter is good for us and we all need that. And that can get it in a good movie [comedy0) like "Liar, Liar".

On the other hand, movies that are more serious and make us think, we have to be very concentrated to follow the happenings, and sometimes can make us sad or have bad influence on us. When I was watching the movie "a shot through the heart " which theme was the war in Bosnia, it make me sad and I felt anger in the same time against enemy.

All in all, I conclude that I prefer more the movies, which are destined to entertain, because all I need is to relax and have fun that we all need.

***60) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Businesses should do anything they can to make a profit. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.***

(a) Some people think that businesses should do anything they can to make a profit. In my opinion, these people are thinking a little bit selfish, because there are other things that a business should do, for example considering the workers, costumers. Beside all these a business should serve the community.

The most important thing to realize is that, a person who is serving the costumers and the community should always be honest. In my opinion honesty is the most important quality a business should have in order to deserve the profit it makes. Earning money by playing trick on consumers or getting more money than it deserves is so bad that I don't think a business which makes profit out of dishonesty can carry on with success. In a business all the workers must consider the other workers, the costumers and the community they live in. Colleagues are also very important; they should respect each other and should never forget that business is teamwork. If a business is making large profits, it should share it with the people who made that profit possible.

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If a worker cannot get what he deserves either economically or mentally he may not be able to work effectively in the future.

The other important thing is that some of the profits one's business earns from the community should be returned to the community. For example if big company is earning a lot of money, it should never forget that the money comes from community so it should return some of the profit back to community. There are various ways to do it. For example a company can built a park for the children or crèche just like public nursery for the children of the workers, get the trust of the workers.

The last very important point is to get customers' trust. A small company may grow into a large company after sometime but if it wants to be long lasting, it should always try to produce high-quality products, and give good service to its costumers.

Generally, it can be said that the most important thing for a business is to make a profit; a business should never do anything to make a large profit. There are more important things such as serving the costumers, workers and community .A business must make profits, but we all - workers, customers, community- must profit from a successful business.

***61) Some people are always in a hurry to go places and get things done. Other people prefer to take their time and live life at a slower pace. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

(a) I think I would prefer to hurry to get things done than to take my time and live life at a slower pace because it allows me to do things over a short period of time, make my self available for opportunities and it makes one to be efficient in life.

Firstly, life on earth is short and I would advise anyone who cares to listen that it is advisable to do things on time knowing fully well that you cannot live forever and that people around you should feel your impact. Imagine if everyone takes their time to do every thing that they should do, things wouldn't be done on time, there would be chaos, anarchy and total disorder. For example, the police would fight crime when they feel like or the president of a country would address urgent humanitarian needs at his own time or children would go to school when they feel like. Such a situation would lead to the total breakdown of a society.

If I have to do things at my time, then I would miss a lot of opportunities in life. For example, if an unemployed graduate like myself spends the whole day doing chores in the house, when I could do the house chores quickly and attend seminars related to my field that could keep me updated on recent developments in my field and in the long run enhance my job prospects.

Imagine if workers in a company take their time to do things at a slower pace, then such an organization is bound to fail because things wouldn't be done on time and such a company would lag behind its competitors.

No matter what some people feel I think is better for people to do things in a hurry to prevent disaster, promote efficiency and make one available for opportunities?

**62) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Games are as important for adults as they are for children. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) Playing games has always been thought to be important to the development of well-balanced and creative children; however, what part, if any, they should play in the lives of adults has never been researched that deeply. I believe that playing games is every bit as important for adults as for children. Not only is taking time out to play games with our children and other adults valuable to building interpersonal relationships but is also a wonderful way to release built up tension.

There's nothing my husband enjoys more after a hard day of work than to come home and play a game of Chess with someone. This enables him to unwind from the day's activities and to discuss the highs and lows of the day in a non-threatening, kick back environment. A close friend received one of my most memorable wedding gifts, a Backgammon set. I asked him why in the world he had given us such a gift. He replied that he felt that an important aspect of marriage was for a couple to never quit playing games together. Over the years, as I have come to purchase and play, with other couples & coworkers, many games like: Monopoly, Chutes & Ladders, Mastermind, Dweebs, Geeks, & Weirdoes, etc. I can reflect on the integral part they have played in our weekends and our "shut-off the T.V. and do something more stimulating" weeks. They have enriched my life and made it more interesting. Sadly, many adults forget that games even exist and have put them away in the cupboards, forgotten until the grandchildren come over.

All too often, adults get so caught up in working to pay the bills and keeping up with the "Joneses" that they neglect to harness the fun in life; the fun that can be the reward of enjoying a relaxing game with another person. It has been said that "man is that he might have joy" but all too often we skate through life without much of it. Playing games allows us to: relax, learn something new and stimulating, interact with people on a different more comfortable level, and to enjoy non-threatening competition. For these reasons, adults should place a higher priority on playing games in their lives.

(b) Some people assert that playing games is important for adults. In my opinion the importance of playing games depends on the types of games considered. While some

games may benefit to health, mental abilities, working capacity, or help to relax, others may harm the person playing in different ways.

I think the games that are important for adults to play include those requiring action, intensive thinking and teamwork. It has been medically proven that physical training is extremely important for adults. It helps not only to maintain fitness, but also enhances the capacity of thinking and working. Therefore participating in sports games, such as basketball, football, tennis and other action games is essential. Games that require intensive thinking develop logic, attention and unconventional approach. Among this type of games are puzzles, crosswords, and strategy games. And last, but not least, games that involve team work are important to develop further communicability, ability to make correct decisions with consideration of opinions of different people and other skills, because these skills are often used in everyday situations.

Still there are other types of games that may be harmful. These are major computer games, which cause severe eyestrain and exposure to radiation. Moreover, computer games not only harm health, but also have a negative impact on the working capacity. Many companies have stringent rules against their employees playing games during work-hours.

There is also one category of games, which I believe can be both harmful and beneficial. These are games played for money. On one hand, winning such a game the player feels positive emotions, which have an overall positive influence on the player's health and financial situation. On the other hand, losing the game can drive the person playing into disappointment and even into depression, thus harming his health, not to mention the loss of money.

Thus, in my opinion, the importance of adults playing games can be evaluated depending on the level of positive or negative influences that those game may have on the person involved.

***63) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents or other adult relatives should make important decisions for their older (15 to 18 year-old) teenage children. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.***

(a) Parents and adult relatives play a significant role in shaping a child's life. They teach them how to live, and struggle for the right things. However when children grow up, often they fail to realize the contributions of their parents and adult relatives in their lives. Teenage children think that being a teenager they are able to make all the decisions of their lives. In my opinion, parents and adult relatives should make important decisions for their teenage children because teenagers are inexperienced, overconfident and many times they do not realize the consequences that the important decisions can have on their lives.

Teenagers, being new in the adult world and having their first experiences of their adult lives, think themselves as grownups and perfectly able to make their own decisions. However, most of the times, their friends influence their decisions. For example a student may get into a top university, but just because his/her friend is going to college, he/she wishes to go to college too. In this case the decision is obviously influential, and can have great negative effects on his/ her life. At such a point the parents or the adult relatives should make decisions for their children.

Another reason why parents or the adult relatives decisions are very important is that the teenagers are over confident. The teenagers haven't still been into practical life, and they don't have an idea of how the practical world works. Especially before the university, teenagers are living in kind of a fantasy world, where they think everything is cool and perfect. For example they might think that playing basketball in the school gym is definitely going to get them selected on the national team. This may be true in some cases, but usually it doesn't work out this way. So if the teenager just neglects his/her studies, he/she is going to be definitely in loss. At such points, like choosing the subjects in high school, parents and/or adult relatives should make decisions for their teenage children.

In conclusion, although teenagers might think the decisions being imposed on them as a stone in their paths, it is infect a blessing for them. Teenagers, being irresponsible, and inexperienced are not always able to make decisions for themselves. Hence parents and/or adult relatives should make the decisions for them.

**64) What do you want most in a friend — someone who is intelligent, or someone who has a sense of humor, or someone who is reliable? Which one of these characteristics is most important to you? Use reasons and specific examples to explain your choice.**

(a) As a friendly and open-minded person, I enjoy making friends. As a result, I have many friends. However, regardless of their background, gender and characteristics, I notice that all of my close friends have one characteristic in common - they all have a sense of humor.

First of all, I always wanted to feel happy and have a good time when I go out with friends. By going out with friends who are humorous often make me laugh and cheer me up whenever I feeling down.

In addition, I believe people who have a sense of humor, are normally the one who has positive thinking. I like to mix with people with positive thinking because I always believe that it is better think positive rather than negative when dealing with problem. For example, when I face a problem, I like to talk to friends who humorous and positive because they can always give me new ideas and help me to solve problem by guiding me to look at problem from the different perspective.

In short, what I want the most in a friend is a sense of humor. Friend who has a sense of humor can influence me positively.

**65) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Most experiences in our lives that seemed difficult at the time become valuable lessons for the future. Use reasons and specific examples to support our answer.**

(a) One time when I was in Europe I saw this message in a gift store “Today problems will be the best experiences in the future”. I do agree with this idea. Although most experiences in our lives seem difficult, after overcome problems that these experiences involved, they become valuable lessons for the future.

Difficult experiences demand people to be strong. In my own experience, for instance, I lived one of the most difficult situation that a human being can live, which is to lose the most valuable person: the mother. Because I lost my mother when I was seven years old, I learned how to be responsible and take care of myself, and now I am an independent and strong person who can face any difficulty for severe that seemed.

On the other hand, sometimes, difficult situations offer challenges that can change one’s life. For example, five years ago I won a scholarship to study a Master degree, and in compensation for this grant I was asked to do some work for the University where I was studying. They proposed me to be a teacher. Although I felt fearful and unconfident at the beginning, I accepted that challenge and I became to be an excellent teacher.

Finally, after overcome difficult situations people are able to handle any problem in a better way because they are already familiar dealing with unpleasant experiences. My own case illustrates it. After loosing my mother and being a teacher without previous experience, I have developed skills like control of stress and work under pressure that has allowed me to face any problem o challenge.

In conclusion, people complain about having difficult experiences, but after all, they understand how living these situations in one of the better way to learn valuable lessons that will help them all their lives.

**66) Some people prefer to work for themselves or own a business. Others prefer to work for an employer. Would you rather be self-employed, work for someone else, or own a business? Use specific reasons to explain your choice.**

(a) If given a choice of working for someone else or being self-employed I would choose the latter without any hesitation. This doesn't mean that working for someone else is in any

way inferior to being one's own boss. I believe your personality type and the way you want to live your life are the key factors in making this choice.

To me a life without thrills and adventures looks unattractive. The myriad challenges and problems one has to face as a self-employed or businessperson attracts me more than the relatively secure life of an employee.

I am well aware of the darker sides of my choice. Being your own boss gives you immense freedom. You are free from undertaking any venture in which you cannot put your heart, nor will you be troubled by the stumbling blocks of employer disapproval in the course you believe in. But hand in hand with this great freedom comes great responsibility too. The success of the entire venture or business lies solely upon you, the decision you make the methods you use to implement them etc. The risk factor is very high and you have to be prepared to fight against all the destructive, malicious, sudden rising storms. But the joy you will get from leading a life in your own terms, is worth all the strife. For success tastes sweetest after the toughest battle.

To conclude I choose the adventurous life of a self-employed or businessperson to the smug secure life of an employee, I choose to live a life in my own terms, to shine in use and not to rust.

(b) Although one is not always lucky enough to have a choice between working for an employer or for oneself. But it would be great if one has the opportunity to decide so. I would rather work for an employer than owning a business of my own.

When we own our business, there is a lot of risk involved in monetary terms. At times due to market conditions (not really due to a fault of our own), the business might not do as well. It would even become difficult to survive or cover the basic costs. The financial loss could really wear you out. This is too much of a hassle and tension.

Another reason is in one's own business, there is certainly unlimited number of hours of work that one has to put specially during the initial setup days. A lot of effort is required to sustain in a competitive environment.

As contrast to this if one is working for an employer, you have sort of fixed number of working hours. Sometimes if the work is more, they might vary but usually they remain the same. One has to keep doing hard work even if the company is not doing well. But if the company goes broke altogether, there is a chance that one would find a job elsewhere without bothering much about the financial loss.

Hence, I think for me I would rather play safe and work for somebody than bear the tensions and headaches of my own business.

**67) Should a city try to preserve its old, historic buildings or destroy them and replace them with modern buildings? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

(a) It is very important for a city to have old and historical buildings because these kinds of place are an efficient way to welcome tourist from all over the world. Additionally, these buildings offer a good way for people to learn about that city's history and culture. It is obvious that for to have old and historical buildings provide a city many opportunities. Because of these advantages a city try to preserve its old and historical buildings.

First of all, since tourists generally like to visit historical place, a city in which there are a lot of historical buildings have more chance to be visited compare to others. These visiting increase city's poverty, wealth and reputation. Moreover these developments lead a city more attractive and clean. These kinds of benefits not only make richer that city municipality but also make richer people living in that city. Obviously, because historical places are favorites for tourist trips, a city should keep its historical buildings in good repair and well cared for its own future and interest.

Secondly, to visit old and historical building is a good and easy way to learn that place's history and culture and keep that city lively. Particularly these kinds of places are very important to teach a city's tradition, culture and history to young generation. Nowadays-new generations came across culture shock. To destroy its historical building cause serious society problems especially in terms of youth. People can have much information about that city by visiting these kinds of places. A city should try to preserve its historical buildings to establish a bridge between past and future.

To sum up, if a city wants to have many advantages such as to attract to tourist attentions and to keep its culture and tradition lively, it should preserve its old and historical building.

**68) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Classmates are a more important influence than parents on a child's success in school. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) When children attend school, they spend most of their time with their classmates. Because of this reason many people think that classmates are a more important influence than parents on a child's success in school. I totally agree with this statement in the light of my experiences and my other friends' experiences. In this essay, I will try to figure out how classmates are an important influence on a child's success in school.

First of all, at the very beginning of the school years, children meet new friends and they get close with some of them either because they get along with them well or they are in the same neighborhood. It is very normal for a child to have new friends that she likes and have enjoyable time but sometimes these classmates become a very important influence on a child's behavior. This behavior can affect her positively or negatively.

For example my cousin had had some friends at school. She liked them a lot but I felt something wrong as soon as I met them. I talked to my cousin about it but she didn't listen to my advices. Later on she realized that her friends were using drugs and cut her relations with them. My cousin and her family had to move to another city because this event affected my cousin very much and she suffered some psychological problems. My cousin had to give up her school for a year and took her 2 years return to her normal life.

On the other hand, classmates can influence a child's success in school in a good way. Because, to my way of thinking, meeting new people, getting to know them, is an important experience in one's life. Studying together, helping each other with some problems is very useful. For example, I study with my friends for the exams and I think it is very helpful. One of my friends can solve a mathematics problem that the others cannot solve, so we complete each other. I sometimes don't feel like studying but my friends force me to study and I thank them for that. Because sometimes one needs motivation and friends are there at this times.

Finally, we can say that classmates are an important influence on a child's success in school. The important point is that how they influence a child's success. And as long as we have good friends, they play an important role in our success.

(b) One of the most important things in our lives is a learning process - school, college, and university. There are many problems that appear, and only you must make a right decision. But in this process it is important to have friends that can help you. In this essay I will argue that classmates are a more important influence than parents on a child's success in school.

First of all, to have more influence means to know every detail in one's problem. For example, when you have such problem as the relationship between you and another student or teacher, only a well-informed person can advise you. In my view, in this situation your classmates are more close to you than your parents. Your classmates can understand you because they are in your age, also.

In the other hand, classmate's influence means a contest between the students. It is known that our life is a competition in which each of us is a competitor. In my opinion, when I see that my classmate is better than I in one subject, it means that I need to work on my knowledge in it. It depends on me.

Another reason in favor of my opinion is that my classmate's thoughts are very important for me, even if I feel that they are not good. The adolescence is a time when you begin your own life. It is a time when you may don't want to hear your parents' advice. However, it is naturally. That is why classmates are a more important influence than parents on a child.

In conclusion, everyone himself must decide how to behave in this life. But in our society, where democracy and independence are value, we always will have to make our own decisions.

**69) If you were an employer, which kind of worker would you prefer to hire: an inexperienced worker at a lower salary or an experienced worker at a higher salary? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

(a) If I were an employer, I would hire a worker depending upon the type of the work my organization deals with. There are many types of organizations that deal with different works like industry, restaurants, consultancy, banks, forum etc. And depending upon these types of organizations, the working personal also varies. If I belong to the organization that works for building and construction, and I require workers for the same purpose, then I would surely hire inexperienced workers at a lower salary. By doing this I will make my organization more cost effective, as for building and construction purpose, more numbers of workers are required, and this helps cutting down expenses. Also, when the work is related to the physical work, then more than experience, the desire to work counts. If the person is inexperienced, then he can learn how to work, until he has desired to work. But, if the organization is related to the professional levels, then in such case, experienced workers are highly required. So, the type of the work is directly related to requirement of the experienced or inexperienced worker with respect to the amount of the salary. As I am related with the international organization, I would prefer an experienced worker even at a higher salary.

Experience is the most important criteria for getting professional job. Experience makes the person perfect. And perfect ones can only work effectively and efficiently by the time they join the organization. Even for the experienced person, it takes some time to understand the way the organization works and the management over there. So, for the inexperienced person, it takes almost months to years to know the working atmosphere of the organization depending upon the type of work. The total amount of the salary the worker gets by the completion of work is almost same whether the worker is experienced or inexperienced. Training is required for an inexperienced worker and the training expenses can be more. But for the experienced worker, training is not required, one can just understand by observing, and managing oneself. The experienced one can get the job done soon while, the inexperienced worker takes double the time. Double the time means double the salary one gets. So, whether one is experienced or not, total amount of the

salary, the employer has to pay is somewhat equivalent. Organization values its overall human resources, no matter whomever; all are integral part for its existence. For the long-term development and for the Excellency, experienced worker needs to be hired.

I work in the international organization that deals with the e-consultation. If the inexperienced person was hired for the same job, then he would almost take 6 months to understand what's going on. But if the person is experienced one, he needs not more than one month to get involved. For such an organization, Excellency is of prior than the amount of salary that is to be paid. Also, it's not sure that even after training, the inexperienced person can work effectively. In the medical shop, if I have to hire the sales man than, I would go for the experienced one even at the higher salary. Experience is the most important criteria for employing as the work is relates to the health of many people.

So in my point of view, experienced workers are more effective than inexperienced ones regardless of the amount.

(b) Organization of the company or doing the responsibility of hiring workers for the company is a tough job. And as an employer it's a very hard decision to hire an inexperienced worker at a lower salary or a knowledgeable worker at a higher salary. Saving money and making money both are the foremost issues for an employer. I would definitely go for the later. And in order to make lot of money I would go for a skilled worker although it will cost me to pay more salary but still I be getting the sufficient satisfactory results from my worker's experience.

Today technology and information are two basic key foundations of any kind of business. And to run the business successfully one has to be aware of these changes. And to my belief only experienced person can deal with those kinds of changes. Experienced person not only opens gates of success for himself but also for the company he is working for. Nevertheless he will contribute his share to the company's success by his expertise. Every employer wants progress and success in his field, therefore to get his goals by hiring experienced workers are an excellent idea. This will eventually help the company to compete in this challenging competitive world.

Only experienced workers can bring advancement to their company. As an employer I would expect my employees to cope with this rapidly changing, demanding world. Advancement and changes marks the day today and only and an experienced worker can help his other colleagues with his awareness and knowledge to help them familiar with these changes. Although hiring qualified worker could cost me more money but at the end it would be more benefited for the company.

Just to save some money by hiring an inexperienced, raw, unproven worker at low wages would eventually going to cost me more in terms of compromising myself with delay in

completion of work. I would definitely not going to compromise on the terms of success and progress of the company to save some money.

In conclusion, I see long-term benefit by hiring an experienced worker at higher salary. It will bring success and prosperity to the company and that will definitely lead to making money too.

**70) Many teachers assign homework to students every day. Do you think that daily homework is necessary for students? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

(a) This question of whether or not to give the students daily homework is a much-debated problem in that it affects everybody as a student like us. Of course, doing homework will scare our leisure time in some extent, but it can help students understand the texts more deeply, force students to review the texts and make students have a lasting impression about the texts. So personally, I would prefer to do homework everyday.

There are numerous reasons why I think that daily homework is necessary for students, and I would here explain some of the most important ones. The main reason is daily homework can help students understand the texts more deeply. It can be given an example; you must make yourself understand the texts firstly in order to do your homework. Whatever in mathematics, in chemistry or other courses, if you don't understand the texts, you cannot finish the homework of that day.

The other reason is that daily homework can force the students to review the texts. Just imagine when you have the problems in your homework you will understand it more. When you have the problems, what can make you work out is reading your texts and your notes carefully or discussing with other students.

One very strong argument is that doing homework can make the students have a lasting impression about the texts. In order to see it clearly, let us see an example. When students do their homework, they have to review the texts, understand the texts; even more discuss the problems about the texts. They gradually have a lasting impression about the texts.

From what has been discussed above, doing homework has more advantages, so we finally draw the conclusion that daily homework is necessary for students.

**71) If you could study a subject that you have never had the opportunity to study, what would you choose? Explain your choice, using specific reasons and details.**

(a) Almost everyone of us come at some point of our lives comes to the realization that we might have missed something on the way and we want to go back for a moment and take

that thing before we continue. Many times this is expressed via the unexpected desire to study something we might have had the chance, but we before we never took it. For me such thing is astronomy. It appeals to me in so many ways, the mystery that accompanies the science of the universe has always attracted me in some magic way but I never took my chance. Now, if I am given such, I will not hesitate much before I take and below are some of my reasons for doing so.

Astronomy is the science that tries to give us a more profound knowledge about the Universe - the unimaginably big world that we are just a tiny part of. It give us a better look at worlds that we've never imagined exist and within the whole picture it tries to explain our own existence the way it is. Everyone of us has looked at the starry sky at night and at least a brief thought has come through out head of what's there, what are all this flickering lights and is somebody waiting for us millions of lights years away. Thoughts like this have always made us feel a little bit better in our existence, a little bit less lonely in our universe and science like Astronomy is that one that prove our hopes true, to make the dreams reality.

On the other hand, Astronomy helps us understand better who we are, where do we come from, what is our place in the big picture and how do we function as an entity within it. Let's take for example the studies on the structure of the matter in the universe. Astronomers have proven the existence of substances that we considered unthinkable before and the knowledge they get from this inventions helps is go beyond the visible part in our own world, find the secrets of the matter that are hidden deeply in its existence on earth. We shouldn't also forget the recent discoveries regarding the Big Bang, considered the creation point of the Universe the way we know it today, and the help they provide us on understanding our origin as living beings. It helps us understand where are we heading for.

Taking all of the above mentioned, I can easily conclude that Astronomy for me is a way to broaden my mind, a way to look beyond the visible part of the world I live in, a feeling of belonging somewhere in the whole picture of the universe and, most of all, astronomy the knowledge that provides me with the confidence and hope that living beings on Earth are not alone in their existence.

***72) Some people think that the automobile has improved modern life. Others think that the automobile has caused serious problems. What is your opinion? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

(a) Twentieth century has witnessed many astonishing and methodological improvements. Innovation of automobile is one of them. Advent of automobile definitely made the life easier and faster. To my opinion, although this invention has few drawbacks but still it has improved modern life. I would support my analysis by stating few reasons below.

There is no doubt about great benefits of automobiles. The impact of the automobile on average peoples' lives could be analyzed in three ways: technical, economical and social concepts.

Firstly in technical impact, the automobile formed a new proficiency in humans, which includes operating mechanical device by practicing and of course, memorizing new skills. For an example driving a car is not so sturdy, but it was one of the foremost attempts to make people work with machines. Driving a car includes learning, practice, and memorizing mechanical techniques in mind. After learning to drive, one can do it anytime without even giving stiff thoughts about it.

The revolution of the automobile uplifted the economic level. Many businesses, markets are totally dependable on automobiles. Additionally, this invention has opened new gates to many new opportunities. Delivering commodities in nippy and secure way, automobiles play a key role. Today almost every business and market is totally dependent on different kinds of automobiles. All modes of automobiles are assets to our economic status. World has become a global village, thanks to the invention of airplanes which is the one of mode of automobile. Automobiles have transformed the way of communication among people. New social interactions are formed, which were never existed before, again thanks to this significant invention.

In conclusion I would say, in spite of increasing air pollution, noise, traffic jams, still automobiles are foundation of modern life. This noteworthy invention of twentieth century made individual's life easier and faster.

**73) Which would you choose: a high-paying job with long hours that would give you little time with family and friends or a lower-paying job with shorter hours that would give you more time with family and friends? Explain your choice, using specific reasons and details.**

(a) In order to earn a living many people are engaged in jobs. Some jobs are high paying with long hours of work while others are low in salary but the working period is also less. Now if I were given a choice to choose between these options then I would certainly choose the latter one.

Man is born free but he is in chains. He has various duties to perform. He must earn bread for his family. But in doing so he must not be devoted to his work so much that he has little time stored for his family and friends. Because there are times when he should give some time for his family. To strengthen the family ties, it is essential.

Now a day the society has gone to astray because there is no family value. Parents are busy with their work. Children do not find their parents most of the time. So they are with their

friends most of the time and if they choose wrong friends then they are likely to go down the drain. But if parents are beside them at their time of need, then they won't feel lonely. Parent-children relation will grow.

Money is essential but it is not the only thing we should run after. If a friend is in need, we should be by his side. If a relative is ill, we should manage some time to see him. And most of all if our family needs us, we should put aside all jobs and be there. We cannot escape from our duties by just saying that we are too busy in our work. We should keep our priorities in order.

Finally, it can be said that we earn money for our happiness and for the comfort of our family. In doing so we should not forget our ultimate goal. If we do, then our families will be in a disaster. In our difficult times we will have no friends to share our problems with. So we should get jobs considering the consequences it may bring. If a lower-paying job with shorter hours makes me happy in the long run, then it is the one I certainly will choose.

**74) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Grades (marks) encourage students to learn. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

(a) I personally agree that grades encourage students to learn. Grades enable a person to enhance his\her ability.

Grades enable a person to assess his capacities and disabilities. By looking at one's grade one can roughly tell how well one knows his subject. And this enables a person to overcome his flaws and improve his knowledge on the subject he is weak in.

Grades increase a sense of competitiveness. We usually work hard to get more marks than our friends and classmates. Grades provide a base and reason for this sense of competitiveness. If there were no grades people wouldn't bother much about enhancing their knowledge and would take their studies easy.

Grades tend to develop an interest towards studies. In today's world where most of the students consider studying a burden, a bad grade in their subjects would initiate them to do better. This would enhance their knowledge.

Grades either good or bad are beneficial to students. If one gets a bad grade, he would be embarrassed and would thrive to work hard thereby improving his scores and knowledge. And if a person gets good grades he would be careful not to reduce his grades. Thus either way grades play an important role in a student's life.

Thus grades are beneficial and are necessary to encourage students to learn.

**75) Some people say that computers have made life easier and more convenient. Other people say that computers have made life more complex and stressful. What is your opinion? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) In my opinion computers have made life easier and more convenient thanks to the variety of utilities they offer to us. Organizations automates their activities using them, saving time and money to themselves and also to customers. Computers help to handle information and data, considered between the most important resources of organizations.

Since computers revolution in the 80's, personal computers have expanded so greatly and fast that today almost every organization bases their activities on computers. They are everywhere we go, in banks, supermarkets, offices, public organisms, etc, automating repeatable operations. Information systems based on computers make it much easier to enter, manage and retrieve information. For example, banks can run transactions very fast giving a better service to their customers. Today we can buy a plane ticket on the Internet, and get it delivered at home. People communicate with friends and relatives using the e-mail, saving money and time, because is cheaper than using the phone, and faster than sending a letter by mail. Never has it been easier to keep in touch with people anywhere.

The software industry has developed products that simplifies the work in all kinds of areas, such as manufacturing, servicing, financial services, aerospace, biotechnology, and so on. Software can process big amounts of information and make complex calculations that could only be performed by an expert in the subject after long time of work, if computers did not exist, therefore organizations can employ less qualified personnel to execute some operations, because computers do the hard work.

To conclude, I say I have no doubt that computers have introduced an enormous progress into our daily life and the benefits of their use are countless. It is remarkable the fact that they execute tasks more efficiently than if done manually, doing the work easier for people, fast and well organized.

**76) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The best way to travel is in a group led by a tour guide. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) Traveling is one of the best ways to enjoy ourselves. Many people like to travel and see different places. Some people travel alone and discover new places. Other people prefer to travel in a group led by a tour guide. Because I like meeting new people and like to learn as much as possible about the places I visit, I would prefer to travel with a group of people led by a tour guide. In this essay, I will explain my reasons.

First of all, by traveling in a group, we can benefit from the travel knowledge of our tour guide and our traveling companions and from the language skills of our tour guide. Without knowledge of the language, we might have great difficulty in communication. Also we should search for the places that we are going to visit in order to not to waste time. Because most of us are not professional tour guides, we cannot know all the important places that have to be visited. Tour guides can help us in different situations. So, traveling in a group led by a tour guide is better than traveling alone. Many tour guides know at least two foreign languages, so they help us to communicate when we have trouble. Tour guides also give us information about the places that we visit, so the trip becomes even more informative.

Secondly, meeting new people can be very interesting when we travel in a group. We can build friendships that last forever. For example, two years ago, with my cousin, I went to Paris with on a tour with a group. There were almost thirty people in our group. We got along with each other very well. We went to restaurants all together, and it was really fun. If the number of people in a tour increases then, the transportation and hostelling costs decrease, and people can visit more places with less money.

In conclusion, I can say that traveling in a group of people is the best way to travel. Traveling in a group allows us to save money, make good friends, have companionship, and learn important information about the place that we are visiting.

**77) Some universities require students to take classes in many subjects. Other universities require students to specialize in one subject. Which is better? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) It is true that some universities require student to take classes in many subjects and other universities require students to specialize in one subject. In my opinion both of this approaches have advantages and disadvantages. In the present essay I will argue in favor of requirement student to take classes in many subjects.

It is great for one to know what exactly want to do in his life. If one can answer the question "What vocation is appropriate for me" than he can attend university that require students to specialize in one subject. This is the right way to improve knowledge and to make the most of courses.

But unfortunately there are a few people knowing well what exactly they are born to do. I am one of them. That is why I think taking classes in many subject would help student to make his mind in order to realize his vocational opportunities. Moreover, taking classes in many subjects helps one to increase his knowledge and to achieve new levels of it.

Of course it is a free choice to attend many classes or to specialize in one subject. But I rather attend university that requires students to take classes in many subjects. Because I am still incapable of making my mind which particular subject to choose, and because it is really important for one to know a lot of things, not only in the realm of his interests, but out of their borders.

**78) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children should begin learning a foreign language as soon as they start school. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.**

(a) Language is the best mean of communication. In globalization era, one language is definitely not enough for one to be able to communicate well with foreigner. I strongly support the idea that children should begin learning a foreign language as soon as they start school. They will get themselves familiar with new language, improve hearing ability as the time goes by, and learn to speak new word early.

In my country, Thailand, it is compulsory for all children to start learning English at the age of three or four. However, they learn only a few word like one, two, three and simple animal names. It is more fun to know other languages especially when children begin to learn with very easy vocabulary. The learning process is more fun for them. Most language books for kids are colorful and fun to read. It gets children familiar with new languages without feeling afraid or bore to learn.

No doubt, early start means more time for practice. Children can improve their hearing ability from foreign movie, songs, or from tourists. They might not be able to understand the whole conversation but they will hear the word they have learned and know how to pronounce them correctly. I have read the book about bringing up a child where parents speak two languages; there is no problem for a child to learn two languages at the same time. Psychologist said a child will not get confuse but he will be able to speak two languages which will surely be one asset for the future.

In addition, children would start to say a word or sentence early and do not worry so much about mistake as most adults do. You cannot refuse the fact that adults always concern more about grammar and pronunciation of the new languages. This is one of the big barriers for learning. Adults are afraid and not say at all afterward. Language is a matter of practicing not avoiding. Children will start to say what they learn regardless of rule or grammatical part. And that is the best way to learn language.

To me, children can receive new things fast and their development is always progressing. Time and practice will make them master in new language, which will benefit them when they grow up. All in all, language is an art, which one should learn as early as possible. If one wants to see outcome soon, one must start sooner.

**79) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Boys and girls should attend separate schools. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) Whether boys and girls should attend separate schools or not is a complex and controversial issue. Some people think attending separate schools is benefit for boys and girls to put their heart into studies. On the other hand, other people argue that boys and girls would be benefit from not only studies but also social skills if they were put together in the same schools. In the final analysis, I prefer the latter one to the former one. In the following discussion, I would like to have evidence to support my view.

First of all, the disadvantage of attending separate schools is that the mutual sex will be suffering in the future because of lacking the knowledge about the opposite sex. One of my friends, for example, who was in separate high schools, lost the regular psychological mind after breaking up with her first boy friend. Because she didn't know boys very well, she hoped they could get along well as the relationship between she and her girlfriends. However, her boyfriend didn't do as what her girlfriends did such as going shopping for a whole day. She was disappointed by him and had an extremely terrible fight with him. They broke up in the end. She was hurt so deeply that couldn't control her behavior any more.

Second of the place, the advantage of attending mixture schools is that boys and girls can help each other more efficient than those in separate schools. Because of different physical minds, they have different ways to think about questions. When they communicate together, they exactly can get some new ideas from others. I still remember after discussing with my partner who was a smart guy, I learned to consider the same thing with different ways. In this case, I really benefit from those experiences to work out every possibility in my work.

However, it may be true that in the mixed schools students will be affected by falling love so early. But the thing is when girls from separate schools meet strangers they are much easier be attracted by opposite sex than those from mixed schools. So this alone can't constitute sufficient support to the view that boys and girls should attend separate schools.

Given the reasons discussed above, the conclusion, which may intertwine at the beginning of discussion and thus become more persuasive, may be safely reached that it's not necessary for boys and girls to attend separate schools.

**80) Is it more important to be able to work with a group of people on a team or to work independently? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.**

(a) Human beings are social animal. They need society to live. Living in society means living in peace and harmony, cooperating and learning from each other. So it is very important to be able to work with a group of people. As it is well said that ‘if you are good to others then you are best to yourself’, so accordingly if a person can cope in a group and work, that means he is also capable of working independently.

It is very important to be socialized. All the organizations and even homes will have a good environment if all members can cooperate. Working in a group means gaining leadership spirit, knowing each other, respect for each other, perfection, sharing ideas and knowledge, time consuming, easy decision making and over all accurate result. In fact, working in a group means the sustainable development of the organization as well as the individual. If the person works independently for his own personal matter, it the different thing. But even then knowing how to response and how to tackle the situation in the personal life can also be improved by learning form others’ real life experience. For this sharing of information, experience and knowledge is very important. And all these activities directly link with group activities. To be able to work in a group means more than working individually. The one who can work in a group well means he is a friendly, responsible, punctual, listen to other members, respected by members and cooperative. These are very important virtues that each individual should have. Working individually may provide self-satisfaction and make the person independent. But as ‘being respected is more important being liked’, the person shall not have the respected and social life. If a person can work in a group, he can adopt and work in every type of environment. Even he will develop a capacity to adjust himself in every prevailing condition that he may come across. Actually we find people not as they are, but as we are, but while working in a group we get to know about each other, the values, the cultural diversity and over all life style. Thus, the capacity to work in a group means to respect each other for what ever they are, develop positive attitude and good behavior. In overall working in a group means to develop interpersonal skills, which is very important for developing ourselves and or organization. If the person works independently, the there will not be the second opinion, not remarks, and even it would be difficult to organize the work in large scale.

All the organizations in the world are implementing their goals successfully in groups, without which globalization would not have been possible. All the institutions, organizations and homes can only be good place to work and live if all members can work coordinately. Everyone can work independently according to the necessity and until and unless there is will. But everyone will not have the capacity to work in-group, which is in fact the important for the long-term relationship, and vision. Thus, to empower oneself and to empower our home, community, nation and world, every one of us must be able to work in-group.

**81) Your city has decided to build a statue or monument to honor a famous person in your country. Who would you choose? Use reasons and specific examples to support**

*your choice.*

If it is decided to build a statue or monument to honor a famous person in my country, I would choose Mahatma Gandhi- the father of our nation. Though there are many other personalities who have contributed to the country and will be a part of the unforgettable glorious past of our country, but Mahatma Gandhi's contribution to his country and fellowmen is irreplaceable.

Mahatma Gandhi was a person who made it possible to achieve independence from British rule. He believed in the principle of non-violence, which he followed throughout his life till he breathed his last. Due to his realistic approach, our country was able to free itself from the shackles of injustice and slavery.

Mahatma Gandhi was an advocate by profession but he spent his entire life for his country and lived a most simple and disciplined life. He invented the spinning wheel, which was meant to teach the people of the country a means of producing their own cloth for wearing instead of relying upon the foreign goods. The superior example of his simplicity and determination to achieve anything in life is an inspiration for the generations to come.

In conclusion, Mahatma Gandhi in my opinion truly deserves the respect of people and also the title given to him as the father of the Nation. Any monument/statue in his memory can prove to be a mark of respect for the great personality.

**82) Describe a custom from your country that you would like people from other countries to adopt. Explain your choice, using specific reasons and examples.**

**(a)** In our world there are many different customs that differ from one country to another. My country has one that, in my opinion, can be adopted by many other countries. My country inhabitants called it "Martisor". In spring, people give each other a gift of a white and red piece of string, which means revival of the environment.

One of my reasons is that this custom is symbol of life and health. In our competitive world, when we often forget to enjoy the simplest things in our life such as flowers, trees, fresh air, walking with friends and family, or in other words have a good time, "Martisor" is not a simple gift. Our life is very complicated and stressful. Therefore, in my opinion, this custom will benefit to all people all over the world.

Another important reason is that one can make a lot of friends by giving them his inexpensive gift. Also, he can make it by himself because it is very easy to make and you do not need special acknowledge how to make it. For example, I feel very happy when somebody gives me such a gift. This is not because I like surprises. When somebody give

you a gift, this means he is proud of you, he love you, or even he want to make you happy, to see your smile or a look in your eyes.

In conclusion, I can say that if I had an opportunity to choose one custom, I would select "Martisor" because everybody can make a lot of friends enjoying life and having a good time by giving them this symbol of life and health.

(b) Every country in this world has some specific customs or practices, which differentiates it from other countries. Basically these customs and practices of countries have been established long before by ancestors and are passed from generation to generation through ages. It is because of these customs that make a country unique, for instance the carnival of Brazil is one of the most unique experiences in the world and an inseparable part of my country.

I live in Rio de janiro, Brazil. The carnival is one such custom, which has been followed for decades. It is what which brings us Brazilians together as one. It is this one time of the year where all the people, rich and poor, of my country come together to celebrate this festival of fun, joy and brotherhood.

Since, mine is a developing country and still 40 % of my country's population lives on or under the poverty line, this carnival is the only place where they can all get together and have fun. Besides it also generates a lot of business and revenue for my country. This is also the main source of tourist attraction of our country, which attracts millions of tourists throughout the world. All this results in a major source of employment for people from various backgrounds is it artistic or technical. The carnival itself has resulted in many specialized businesses like costume making, lightings and event and stage show companies.

So in my opinion every country should have some sort of major event like the carnival, which will bring together the entire country as one. The benefits of this are many, some of which like revenue from tourism, creation of new businesses and jobs and a means of getting together for fun being some of them. So it is this is one custom from my country, which every other country in the world should try and adopt. It may not be similar in size and scale, but governments can make an effort to replicate it to some extent as it involves all the people of the country and encourages a feeling of happiness and brotherhood.

**83) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Technology has made the world a better place to live. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

Technology as we all know has changed the way we live our lives in this new millennium. It has affected each and every faucet of people from all countries irrespective of cultural and physical boundaries. Now many people may argue with the fact that, not all change

brought due to the technological revolution has resulted in progress for the human kind. But I strongly support the argument that technology has made the world a better place to live. I will explain my point of view with examples and reasoning in the following paragraphs.

First of all, technology has improved the quality of our lives. For example, in our working lives where we use computers, which help us plan and execute our work faster. And also for instance the communication technology, which has revolutionized the way people around the world, talk and share information. Previously, pigeons were used to transmit information, now due to efforts of many scientists and organizations we have mediums such as e-mail, telephone, fax which allow people to share information, in ways which was never thought possible before. All this results in people meeting and sharing thoughts and exchanging knowledge, which eventually leads to betterment of mankind.

Secondly, It has made it possible to do things unimagined before. For instance, it was never thought possible to cure people of some diseases and disabilities. But path breaking applications of radioactive isotopes in cancer treatment and artificial limb implants in disabled persons are some instances where technology has given people a new ray of hope.

It has also resulted in increasing the efficiency of humans. A good example of this are the machines used in factories which are 1000 times more efficient in doing some repetitive tasks compared to humans. This results in industry being able to supply the increasing demands of the ever-increasing population. Good examples of this are cars and packaged food products.

Technology has also given us a second chance in case of unexpected events like diseases and natural calamities. Because of technology we can better respond to these problems. For example, vaccines are used extensively throughout the world when any particular pandemic or epidemic breaks out and now less life are lost due to natural disasters than before, thanks to the state of the art search and rescue equipment.

Lastly, it has given us a purpose of our life. For example space technology has strived to explain our origins in the universe. Meanwhile also finding the roots of our own evolution. All this results in a better understanding of the forces of nature controlling our existence and better utilizing them for our own good.

In conclusion, I fully support the statement that technology has made our world a better place to live and also gives us a means by which we can preserve the best of our world for future generations to come.

***84) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Advertising can tell you a lot about a country. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

Advertising is an all-powerful tool in today's world where communication means are varied and accessible by all, and reaching the target audience with the right message makes all the difference. Advertising is a medium through which, people can be educated about a particular issue at hand. Advertising can be about a new product, a new business opportunity or in this case about a country. I strongly agree with the statement that advertising can inform, educate and can tell a lot about the country. I will support my argument through examples and reasoning given below.

Advertising can be of many forms: Printed and published information, through broadcast media (radio and television) and now the most important emerging means of all; that of the Internet. All these forms of advertising have their own advantages and disadvantages. Advertising is generally responsible for the first impressions of a country in people's minds. In this case, what they hear about a particular country for the first time through any means of advertising, will result in it being a true picture of a country for that person / country.

So that's the reasons why governments of some developed countries have taken this issue of projecting the right image of their country through advertising very seriously. This is proven by the fact that their tourism numbers and advantages of living and working in their country are most highlighted than other countries. This is nonetheless important in today's competitive global environment where countries are competing against each other to attract new investments and business in their country. All this directly affects the economic and development scene of the country as good or bad advertising can directly result in the country's growth.

For instance, in my country India, the Information technology ministry has spent substantial finances and efforts to highlight India's advantage as a global source for information technology workers. This in fact has resulted in growth in the Gross Domestic Product of our country there by raising the standard of people living in this country and giving ancient industry a chance to grow in a free capital environment. This couldn't have been achieved without concentrated advertising of our advantages and economic benefits of developing software in India.

So I conclude to say that Advertising cannot only tell a lot about a country but can also result in bring growth to the economy and prosperity to its people. Adding to that, I would like every government of the world taking efforts to promote the best their county has to give to the world, here by promoting peace and prosperity among all nations.

**85) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Modern technology is creating a single world culture. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

**(a)** I agree that modern technology is creating a single world culture because it disseminates knowledge beyond the geographic borders of a location. When people communicate they exchange ideas and feelings. In the ancient era, culture was passed from parents to children by spoken language. Knowledge, traditions and beliefs were transferred to the youngest through speaking and in some cases writing or drawing. Thus, at that time, culture was very restricted to the tribe, village or the community where they lived.

The modern means of transportation, in my opinion, was the first invention that contributed strongly to the spread of cultures throughout the planet. The advance of automobiles, airplanes and ships made it incredibly easier to be in other parts of the planet. People started to know more about other cultures and many times introducing to their own culture things learned in other places and countries. The exchange of knowledge and goods started to play an important role in people's life. The café from Brazil, the scotch from Scotland, the cigars from Cuba, the wine from France, the American music, are good examples of how other countries products are rooted in our day-by-day life and our culture.

Furthermore, in the past few years we have experienced a new wave of technology. Internet, mobile phones, email, e-commerce, are some words that resume what is present in our quotidian. As never before was so easy to communicate to one another. Consequently the world is creating a whole new definition of culture. It is the culture of mass that transcends the geographical borders, permitting that you feel at home anywhere in the planet. The people's behavior and architecture has been standardized either. Picture yourself, for instance, in a hotel room in Japan, Rio de Janeiro or New York. In most cases you will receive the same treatment in all those places and the interior designs all look the same, as the services provided. The reason they do this is to make everyone feel as he was in his own hometown, not mattering where you are from.

In conclusion, modern technology has facilitated our lives enormously. But the price paid for the advancement of technology is that some countries, if they do not stand hard at their beliefs and traditions, they will lose their identity to absorb the globalized culture.

**(b)** Modern Technology is rapidly changing the world living standards, resulting in a single world culture. New technologies including Internet, electronic media, means of transportation and finally Information technology has a great impact on creating a similar culture across the globe.

First of all, Internet and email has changed the way in which people communicate with one another. Internet is commonly used everywhere to acquire the latest information, news and technologies. Now you can chat with anybody sitting anywhere in the world and know about his/her culture over there. This type of communication and also email affects the lifestyle of the people using these facilities.

Secondly, electronic media has done a lot in creating a single culture across the world. News, fashion and entertainment are some of the things which have changed and now you are able to adopt and develop them same everywhere. For example, people living in a third world country are greatly impressed by the life styles of modern countries. This results in the adaptation of their culture and ways of living by them.

Developments in the fields of medicine and information technology are spread in the entire world within a few days due to vast usage of Internet and modern technologies. Similarly, standards are developed in every field. For example, to achieve a standard in quality we have ISO certifications. In this way, same standards and same culture is achieved in every sphere of life.

To conclude, modern developments and technologies have a great impact on the way people live their lives. Technologies like Internet, electronic media, developments in the fields of medicine and information have developed a single world culture in the modern world.

**86) Some people say that the Internet provides people with a lot of valuable information. Others think access to so much information creates problems. Which view do you agree with? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

**(a)** Internet as we all know is changing the way we live our lives in the new millennium. Never before in the history of mankind, was so much information available to people. So with this abundance of information, also come the clashes of views. Some people believe that this medium provides people with lot of information, while others stand by the view that this excess of information creates problems. In my opinion, the information provided by the Internet is valuable to people and can help us solve a lot of problems which is faced by the world today. It can also serve as people voice against corrupt governments and make them aware of their rights to freedom and expression of free speech.

Internet because of its distributed nature is very free in nature. By free, I mean that anyone and everyone with a view can express it on the Internet. This is best described by the journalists and other social workers that can break the news of war, conflict or any epidemic almost immediately as it occurs. Previously, governments used to control the flow of information. But now due to the advent of the Internet, every piece of news and developments in news stories can be broadcasted live over the Internet. This valuable information is transmitted over the Internet over a medium, which knows no limits or boundaries. This helps in bringing people closer and promises that the message will be delivered to the world in an uncensored form. This principle very much supports the view that this is a free world, which is made possible due to the medium of Internet.

Another nature of the Internet is that, it is non-proprietary and no one can claim ownership or copyright over it. This establishes an ideal medium for people to exhibit their work. Best examples of these are the students at university, music artists, scientists researching on a new product or path-breaking discovery. With so much information freely available, people can be well informed of their alternatives available to them. Like for example, I read in a news article that a woman in Africa was suffering from a rare form of cancer. The doctors in Africa had given up hope. Then one of the doctors had read over the Internet about a new revolutionary treatment for this cancer being developed by some Canadian doctors. So after some more research and communication over the Internet with the Canadian team of doctors, the woman was flown to Canada, where she was treated for the cancer. Thus, a life was saved because information was available in time.

So I believe that Internet provides people with a lot of valuable information, which in most cases is life saving or sometimes is educating to people. But I would also like to add that with this access of information comes responsibility. So individuals and governments should respect the value of information and use it in ethical ways so as not to cause damage.

**(b)** Certainly, in the future the Internet will be noticed as one of the most important revolutions of 20th century that effected people's life. It will be seen that how peoples life had changed with this revolution. Internet serves huge valuable information to the societies that know how to benefit from it. However access to so much information creates problems. In this essay I will give some examples of both advantages and disadvantages of Internet that effects peoples life, and I will argue in favor of Internet.

Internet provides people so much information. Not always, information accessed from the Internet is beneficial. For example children can access sites that can be harmful to their physiological growing as porn and satanically contented sited. This will harm the values of society. But this and some few reasons are not enough to judge Internet as a harmful device.

First of all, Internet serves to people as an enormous library that can be easily accessed. One can get any information that one needs at any time even from home. For examples, sometimes I bet with my friends in any subject. Before the Internet, we were struggling to find the truth for long times with much efforts. But now, the truth is ready after we log in to my computer from home. So the argument doesn't go on so long.

Secondly, Internet can be used as a practical communication device. People can communicate each other via e-mail technology which is much more practical to custom mailing system.

In addition to these, people can do their works easily by the Internet. For example shopping, transferring money between bank accounts is possible by using the Internet even from there home.

In summary, Internet is a valuable revolution of 20th century that people must benefit from. According to me, I must argue in favor Internet, because I use it almost every day in my daily purposes like finance, or shopping etc. Also Internet is my favorite tool when I need information. I am now used to a life with Internet. I cannot think a life without it after all.

**87) A foreign visitor has only one day to spend in your country. Where should this visitor go on that day? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.**

**(a)** A country is represented by her people. She will be revered or belittled by the way her people behave. If I had a chance to suggest a place to a foreign visitor to visit in my country, I am glad and proud to suggest "The Banyan", a non-profit organization in Chennai, India.

The very first reason to suggest a place like this instead of stunning, scenic beautiful natural places is that everywhere in this world, we can relax ourselves by visiting a naturally beautiful, peaceful place. But "The Banyan" is a place where mentally ill disputed, forsaken women get shelter.

The reason why I was very much impressed by "The Banyan" is, It is the perfect rehabilitation center, found by two college girls Vandhana and Vaishnavi without any strong political as well as economical background but with their strong fire for helping people. After facing number of problems, they established this organization. Now this organization has hundreds of members.

When I first visited "The Banyan" I was really melted. I saw women who were not even aware of their name. I saw small kids affected by AIDS, but still playing cheerfully with out knowing about the danger they are facing. When I was speaking with one of the women, she said, " I feel very comfortable here. With the help of The Banyan I have the confidant that, in the near future, rejoin with my near and dear ones from whom I was separated for the reason that I have forgotten already. "

If the visitor sees this organization, he can realize that our country has such a bold and helping minded people like these girls. These girls are the best persons to represent my country. I am really very proud to suggest this place to a new visitor.

**(b)** To think of one place, which a foreigner should visit if he gets a chance to spend one day in my country, is not an easy job. I belong to India, which is known throughout the

world for its rich cultural heritage. India has a myriad of monuments and sites displaying the astonishingly beautiful designs and architecture, which will definitely attract any foreigner. Still if choosing one out of them is inevitable I would go for the TajMahal in Agra city.

TajMahal is the only historical monument of India, which was ever included in the wonders of the world. Truly enough it's apt to be called a wonder. The grand structure fully constructed in white marble presents such a beautiful sight, which cannot leave any heart untouched with its splendor. It's known for its architecture and beauty. Even people possessing least of artistic taste are left awestruck after seeing it. TajMahal symbolizes love. Emperor Shahjahan had constructed this tomb in the loving memory of his dearest wife Mumtaz Mahal. Nowhere in the world can anybody find another example of such an exquisite memento of love.

When a person visits a new country he is generally interested in knowing the history of that country. TajMahal is apt in satisfying this inquisitiveness of the visitors. It carries with itself the history of the Mughal Empire, which ruled India for around a decade. Foreigners will find ample opportunity to know more about Indian history during the medieval period.

Besides, a person visiting TajMahal can also pay a visit to the grand Red fort in the same city. Fort will help in augmenting the visitor's historical knowledge.

Taj Mahal is situated in Agra, which is a traditional city of India. Till now it has not experienced enough modernization to be called a metropolitan. This fact is an advantage because it provides a chance to the visitors to observe Indian culture and traditional life style from close quarters.

Though there are numerous tourists' spots in India, TajMahal in Agra is the one, which can attract people from all spheres of life. For some other places like the temples of South India special interest in history and architecture is needed. The growing number of foreigners visiting the monument proves the fact. Hence in my opinion, if a foreigner is visiting India just for a day, there cannot be a better place to visit than the TajMahal at Agra.

**88) If you could go back to some time and place in the past, when and where would you go? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.**

If time travel were possible, I would certainly want to go back to the year that I graduated high school. This time was filled with excitement, carelessness, and hope for the future.

The prospect of graduating high school and becoming one of the elite was definitely a magical period of time. Most of my high school classes were complete and preparations

were being made for the prom. My friends and I thought we could conquer the world. All of the responsibilities of adulthood certainly lay in our future.

After graduation, that carefree summer was filled with amusement. Daily trips to the beach and hanging out with friends at different bars at night, made me wish this time would never end. My buddies and I often talked about our plans for college and how easy life would be once we graduated with a degree. There would be time enough to deal with life's problems later on.

Looking towards the future probably wasn't the best thing to do at the time. Stepping back and enjoying the present would have made more sense. If only I knew then what I know now, with age comes wisdom and with memories comes nostalgia.

Finally, that marvelous age of transition from youth to adulthood would be the period I would most like to return to. Show me the way to the time machine!

**89) What discovery in the last 100 years has been most beneficial for people in your country? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.**

There are various discoveries in our countries into the last 100 years. I am sure that the exploitation of natural gas layer in the continental shelf of our country was the important one of them. There are several reasons, which are listed as follows.

First of all, the natural gas can enhance the ability of competition in price. There is a little resource to produce in our country, so we must import it. Discovery of natural gas provided power plant and company energy to produce goods to export. Thus, we could save the money to spend to run plants. Therefore the price of production was lowered.

Second, the exploitation of natural gas supplied us with diverse another natural resources. The natural gas layer implies the possibility of oil buried beneath it. Of course, our country is investigating in the continental of shelf in our sea.

Finally, we are independent of the change of the energy resources in price. Most people had to be careful the rise of oil in the past. It was essential for Government to comprehend the supply of energy. Furthermore, company took pains to compensate for the rise of cost during production.

In conclusion, the discovery of natural gas gave rise to a lot of changes. It is needless to worry about the rising cost. And we can improve the competitive power in world markets. Through the exploiting of oil, we will need not to export energy resource any more.

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**90) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Telephones and email have made communication between people less personal. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

Today almost everybody has a telephone and a computer, which is connected to the Internet. These inventions has some positive sides-especially when we should talk to a person who is a long distance away from us; nevertheless they have one negative side - they make communications between people less personal.

When I was a child neither we have a telephone, nor a computer connected to the Internet. Now we have both. However, I do not use them very much in order to communicate. I am not used to making a telephone call or sending e-mail yet. I would rather speak directly with the person I want to. In this way, I could see his or her reaction to what I say and thus it is easier to talk. Actually, this is the reason why people prefer to talk in person rather than using a telephone.

The other popular way to communicate is via sending e-mails. This, according to me, is the least personal way for communicating and the hardest way, as well. When we send an e-mail we sometimes either have not seen this person, or we do not know anything about him. Therefore, we cannot easily choose what to write him. Another thing that makes this kind of communication so impersonal is the e-mails, which are sent when we became members to an Internet site. These e-mails are sent to every member and text is the same.

All at all, e-mails and telephones make communications impersonal. Thus, for some people it is very difficult to communicate in this way. I hope that when further advancements of these technologies are made this problem will be solved.

**91) If you could travel back in time to meet a famous person from history, what person would you like to meet? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.**

If I had the chance to travel back in time to meet a famous person from history, I would like to meet German scientist Albert Einstein, because I consider him being the best physicist of all times and an extraordinary intellectual. He made a valuable contribution to humanity.

Born in German in 1870's, Einstein became the most famous scientist of the twentieth century. His studies revolutionized and reshaped scientific thinking. I find interesting the complexity of his mind and spirit. He was in conflict with his deep religious feelings, he said that the Bible could not be literally true, and these thoughts also allowed Einstein to discard scientific prejudices. He stated that problems couldn't be solved at the same level

of awareness that created them. His creativity amazes me, after Einstein's work, space and time would never again be the same.

Not only his scientific work is fascinating to me, but also his sense of humor, just to give an example of that I will tell that he once said that gravitation cannot be held responsible for people falling in love. He was an undoubted revolutionary, an innovator and also a philosopher and a pacifist. He believed that he owed his success to imagination, that fantasy had meant more to him than the talent for absorbing knowledge. I totally agree with him about that. Since I am interested in science I admire him very much for his great contribution to humanity, I would have been pleased to meet him and work with the genius and emblematic Master of Science that he was.

To conclude I say that I would choose to meet Einstein who is acknowledged as the greatest physicist that ever lived because I have always found fascinating his reasoning and the significant contribution to science he had made.

***92) If you could meet a famous entertainer or athlete, who would that be, and why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.***

**(a)** If I could meet a famous entertainer, it would be Mr. Steve Harvey. He is a good comedian and a sober actor. He speaks very good English and he always gives lessons to the audience.

Mr. Steve Harvey is a comedian. He makes the people laugh. Watching his shows makes the audience tension-free. This would have a soothing effect on our hearts and brains. For instance, if somebody has a heart disease, he can feel good by laughing which watching his shows can do. Also some angry people can reduce their anger by watching his shows.

He is a very sober actor. It means that he never appreciates vulgarity. We can watch his shows with our family and enjoy them. Now days, children are getting spoiled by watching TV. This is because TV encourages vulgarity.

Secondly, he speaks very good English. A foreigner can learn American accent by watching his shows. We can improve our vocabulary simply by enjoying simultaneously. And it's very good for language learning children.

Lastly he gives lessons in his shows, which are inspiring both for adults as well as children. Instead of watching some talk shows, parents can make their kids watch Steve Harvey show.

So it would be very inspiring to meet such a person who is a versatile actor.

**(b)** I have always wanted to meet the 2002 Winter Olympics Gold Medal Champion Jamie Sale. Jamie is a figure skater; she skates with her partner David Pelletier, whom she is living with. There are many reasons why I would like to meet her.

The first time I saw Jamie's performance was on television. She and David skated to their breath-taking program, "Love Story". Jamie's passion and sportsmanship caught my attention immediately. She was an enjoyment to watch, not only because of her technique, she also had a shining smile during her performance. It was because of Jamie that I recognized that beauty of figure skating.

Secondly, Jamie has won countless titles in figure skating; it would be interesting to meet with a successful woman like her. I understand that as a professional athlete, Jamie devotes most of her time practicing on ice. It would be nice to meet with someone with such devotion and determination to a sport.

Lastly, but not least, there are many things that I would like to know about Jamie. Such as when did she start skating, who is her favorite skater, what other sports does she like, how long does she practices everyday etc.

Jamie Sale is truly an amazing skater. She is a wonder on ice. I would be eternally grateful if I could meet with this talented woman.

**93) If you could ask a famous person one question, what would you ask? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

If I could ask a famous person one question, it would definitely be regarding the meaning of life to him/her. The meaning of life has long puzzled even the greatest of minds. In my opinion, knowing the meaning of life and what one wants out of life can actually help a person to live out a fairly productive life.

Life represents different things to various people. Some people view life as mesmerizing and worth living, while others just take it for granted and don't really give it much thought. Knowing what life is really about is of great importance to me. I have always been amazed at the multitude of living beings that presently inhabit the earth. What is the meaning of life? How did it come about in the first place? What can be done to make living here on earth worthwhile? Someone who is famous might actually have some interesting thoughts to share on this subject.

It surprises me that no one ever asks such questions from famous people. People like to interview a famous person and ask all sorts of personal questions. I think that asking this single question and carefully observing the speaker can actually reveal a lot about the speaker's personality and outlook than asking personal questions. This is because famous

people might become somewhat defensive and not entirely honest when asked to describe their personality traits or likes/dislikes. But asking them about their outlook about life gives them space to talk about a lot more than just answering some to-the-point questions.

Asking a famous person about his/her view about life might also help us out in how we can view the world around us. Often people who become famous or successful have positive outlook towards present and future. They don't worry about the hardships of the past. This might motivate others to adopt a similar positive view of life.

In short, I would really like to ask a famous person about his/her outlook on life, which in effect, will let me know something about the famous person as well.

***94) Some people prefer to live in places that have the same weather or climate all year long. Others like to live in areas where the weather changes several times a year. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.***

Some people prefer to live in places that have the same weather or climate all year long. Others like to live in areas where the weather changes several times a year. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.

I was born in a part of the world where the climate has four seasons and I learnt how much beauty each of these periods can bring to the environments and our lives. I prefer to live in an area where the weather changes several times a year.

Although sometimes I experience difficulties in the cold winters because of my bad tolerance to low temperatures, I cannot imagine the Christmas without the white snow making the whole world to look like the pictures from a fairy tale book.

There is so much beauty that each season comes with that I do not think I can live in a place where the climate is the same all year long. I might like going in those places for some weeks in winter but not for a longer time. If I were to live in such a place for a lifetime, I would miss the spring when the whole nature wakes up. I would miss all the wonderful spring colors, the new buds, the first grass that comes after the gray winter, the trees blooming, and the birds that are coming back from warmer places where they lived during winter.

The spring is my favorite season, but I love and know to cherish the others as well. Talking about colors, the fall is the next on my list, with all those reddish, yellowish and brownish hues that cover both the leaves and the earth. The ripe harvests, the crops waiting to be gathered are things that bring joy and satisfaction in fall.

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The summer has its own beauty and in that period of the year the holiday flavor is in the air. In places with temperate climate the vegetation is abundant. The days are sunny and bright.

Living in a place with the same climate all year around would be very difficult, as I could not enjoy and cherish the wonderful things that occur every time a new season arrive.

**95) Many students have to live with roommates while going to school or university. What are some of the important qualities of a good roommate? Use specific reasons and examples to explain why these qualities are important.**

Most of the students might have lived with roommates while studying in school or university. In most of the cases, it is true when the students went to the universities. I would prefer to have the characteristics of the roommates are co-operative, competitive and generous.

The one important quality of the good roommate is the generous, as the student stay most of the time with the roommate; he should be kind enough to share our sorrows and happiness. For instance, during my study in university once I felt sick before annual examinations. My roommate was taken me to the doctor and paid lot of attention till it gets cured. With out his kind, generous nature I would hasn't recovered before the exams and I would have got low grade.

Also roommate should be competitive. This is because this will increase our studies growth a little bit faster and always try for the highest grade in the exams. At the same time we should not depress by looking at the roommate's progress in the exams. Infect, we should take that progress as a challenge and keep trying for the good grade. For example, I always used to take inspiration from my roommate percentage and used to get the more or less equal percentage with him. This resulted in increasing my position in class from top10 to top5 ranks.

Co-operation also one of the important quality of the good roommate. This would eventually helpful in sharing the knowledge of the subject and also resources like reference books and writing material. In my study days, once I couldn't attend the classes for one week due to ill. But as I have got my roommate such a cooperative person, I got to know the course details went on during that week and that was helped me a lot in follow up with the next courses.

As a whole from my point of view important qualities of good roommate are generous, competitive and co-operative

**96) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Dancing plays an important**

***role in a culture. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

Dance, patterned and rhythmic bodily movements, serves as a form of communication and expression. People of different cultures dance differently and for varying purposes, it can express emotions, tell a story, religious or political needs, their varied forms of dance can reveal much about their life. Therefore dancing plays an important role in a culture.

The first characteristic of dance that can tell us about a certain culture is the body movement. By varying physical actions and using different dynamics, human being can fashion an infinite number of body movements. Out of the range of movements that the body is capable of performing, every culture emphasizes certain features in its dance styles. For example, rotating and leg lifting movements in ballet and European folk or pantomime and symbolic gestures may be used in Asian dance forms.

Another basic motive of dance is the expression and communication of emotion. People often dance as a way of releasing powerful feelings, such as sudden accesses of high spirits, joy, impatience or anger. This emotional expression way can be seen not only in individual dances but also in the more formalized and collective dances such as tribal war dances or festive folk dances. This motive also plays an important role in any culture.

Every society has its own dance. Dancing may mark birth, initiation, graduation, marriage, succession to political office, and death. In some societies dances may be the only events at which young people of different sexes can meet. In contemporary society, dances also provide important occasions for young people to socialize. All these forms of dance profoundly reflect the peculiarity of each culture.

In short, through its various forms; dance is an indispensable art form in a culture.

***97) Some people think governments should spend as much money as possible exploring outer space (for example, traveling to the Moon and to other planets). Other people disagree and think governments should spend this money for our basic needs on Earth. Which of these two opinions do you agree with? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.***

In the one point of view, it is one of the man's characters to be curious. He wants to break the limits and learn more. No one can oppose to this quality of human. This curiosity caused many inventions and profits for the people around the world. In the other hand, we live together and we should think about others, have compassion for them and give their due. It is not fair that governments notice on their points and don't think that it may harm other people. In my opinion, governments should spend money for our basic needs on earth and stop spending money for outer space researches.

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If one person deprived himself and his family from eating to buy and run a car, we may consider him mad. It is not acceptable to spend millions of money's funds and expenditures for space researches while there are many people around the world who have a severe lack of food, water, and hygiene and many other primary necessities. When we see that there is many violent thugs, suicides, robberies and divorces occur in our society and most of these problems are because of lack of money or poverty, It is not conventional to squander this huge amount of money for traveling to space while many essential requirements have not answered yet.

Many times, we see from our television or read from news that our earth is in a very bad condition. Deforesting caused many jungles destroyed; air pollution is going to be a very dangerous problem and so on. It is utterly absurd that governments waste this amount of money while our earth, the only place for us to live; situation deteriorates every day so fast.

At last but not the least, there are still many troubles in our society and earth in that many people die because of lack of food and water supply in the 20th century what is not a negligible problem. Furthermore, our earth is going to be an intolerable place to live providing we don't find out a solution for it. It's better to government focus their money on the people and earth problems first and then let space look after itself.

**98) People have different ways of escaping the stress and difficulties of modern life. Some read; some exercise; others work in their gardens. What do you think are the best ways of reducing stress? Use specific details and examples in your answer.**

Modern life has become so demanding nowadays that everyone is facing the problem of stress. In order to escape the stress due to work pressure people try out different ways to become stress free. These include reading, gardening, cycling, playing and many more things as per their choice. For me the best ways to escape stress are listening to music of your choice, going on a short trip and spending time with family. The reasons for the above choices are mentioned below.

Firstly, listening to good music is the best way to escape from stress as because it takes us into a different world. While listening to the sweetly composed tunes it makes us forget all the worldly worries. Also we can listen to music anywhere using portable systems. This helps us in avoiding stress whenever we feel so. Therefore I think listening music is an excellent way to avoid stress.

Secondly, going on a short trip refreshes us and helps us to escape stress. Whenever we go for such trips we just leave aside our daily routine and just try to relax. We enjoy doing things out of the daily schedule. So this change simply lifts our spirits and helps us to escape stress.

Also whenever we spent time with our family, we talk our heart out to our loved ones, listen to their sweet thoughts and play like a child with the young ones. All these helps us releasing all our thoughts, which create, stress and make us young and fresh at heart.

In conclusion, I would like to say again that listening to music, going for a trip and spending time with family certainly releases stress as supported by the above-mentioned points.

**99) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teachers should be paid according to how much their students learn. Give specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

We are going to school to get our knowledge. Our parents are paying money for our education and they expect us to get the best one. And how disappointed they are if we are getting bad grades. They are paying money and don't see any result. Their kids do not learn too much. May be its teacher's fault. May be parents should pay less money? A lot of parents think like this. But I disagree with the statement that teachers should be paid according to how much their students learn.

I think that everything depends on a student and his willingness to study. So why should teachers be paid according to students desire? Teachers help us to understand a lot of things from the books if we cannot afford them. And if students do not want to study, why should teachers suffer?

Teachers have been studying for many years. They became teachers through so many difficulties and efforts. As far as I know if you want to be a teacher you have to study a lot. You have to get very good education, because you will take responsibility for the rest of your life-to teach others since you have finished the education. That means that the teachers spent a lot of time, energy to get their degree. And I think that they have already deserved to be well paid.

People were always paid for their knowledge. As much as you know, as much as you are awarded. I think that teachers know a lot, in such a way they should be paid well for their knowledge. And it does not depend on how much their students learnt. I think that there is no bad teachers- there are only bad students. And if the student explains lack of his knowledge because of a teacher that means that he never tried. He never tried to study; he never tried to ask his teacher for help, he never wanted to get more than his laziness.

That's why I think that teachers should not be paid according to how much their students learn. I believe that every teacher wants his student to get the best knowledge. And it is not his fault that the student didn't want the same thing.

**100) If you were asked to send one thing representing your country to an international exhibition, what would you choose? Why? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice.**

If I was asked to send one thing that represents my country, I will choose an object that holds a great amount of importance. The product that I select should be native to my own nation so that I can inform my nation's excellence to the people of the world. In this essay, I will describe the attire that I will offer in great detail.

In my native country, there is a traditional garment called "Hanbok". Its vivid color and intricate, ingenious design will evoke people's applause.

The reason that I would choose "Hanbok" is that its pattern is unique and innovative. The main difference between "Hanbok" and regular western dress is that the former is extremely practical, while the latter is not. It is suitable for any kinds of meetings, so you don't have to squander your money in purchasing luxurious dresses.

Due to its extraordinary design, "Hanbok" can adapt to any kind of circumstances. In the summer, "Hanbok" will lower your body temperature, because it is full of minute holes. In the winter, "Hanbok" will maintain your body temperature, so that you wouldn't have to worry about getting cold.

"Hanbok" consists of several picturesque (charming) colors; green, red, yellow, and blue. The colors symbolize my nation's patience and creativity. Hence, presenting "Hanbok" in an international fair will result in my country's success.

I have explained my opinion through the ensamples that I have enumerated above. "Hanbok" is the perfect product to display in an international expo, because it represents our national traits.

(b) If I were asked to send one thing representing my country to an international exhibition, I would choose a model of the Great Wall.

The first reason it is the symbol and cultural of China. It has been well known in the world since it was built. Many people fascinated of it, love it and wonder of it. If it were displayed in the exhibition, it would attract many people. Once people see it, every one can tell where it is from. We will be proud of it.

The second reason it represent the brave, hardworking and clever Chinese people. Everyone can see it took how much work and time to build. Especially in hundred years ago, the transportation was limited. There were no lorries, airplanes, trains etc. Even the

working tools were inadequate. The worse it there were not concerts and segments. However the people at that time smash a remarkable record in the history. They used their wisdom and ability building an incredible architect to protect themselves. It is unique in the world.

The third reason it would be a superior chance to promote the China tourism. Every year there are hundreds of thousands of tourists from all over the world travel to Beijing to visit this unique architect with their own eyes. To experience the feeling when they reach the top of the Great Wall. It will give more people with more ideas and concepts about the Great Wall. Meanwhile, it will be a good opportunity to exchange our traditional culture to the other countries.

I believe the sample of the Great Wall will be the best choice to represent China to an exhibition.

***101) You have been told that dormitory rooms at your university must be shared by two students. Would you rather have the university assign a student to share a room with you, or would you rather choose your own roommate? Use specific reasons and details to explain your answer.***

For the last five years of my life, I have been living with roommates - a long enough time for me to know the kinds of people I prefer to live with, and the kinds that don't want to be around. Which is why, when I was told that I needed to share a room with another girl, I decided to do the choosing myself.

This would not be such an easy choice to make, but at least I had a few points on my side. First of all, I had lived in this one town all my life, and I had so many friends going to university at the same time as myself, so it would be no problem finding someone willing to share with me. Also, I figured that if I let the authorities chose someone for me to live with, then they probably would chose someone that I had never known before, and because it is so hard for me to make friends, I would take a very long time to get used to this new person.

With this in mind I decided that letting the school chose someone for me is not a good idea.

Also, it would be so much better if I chose someone for myself because I have a lot of rules that govern my life and I expect whoever I live with to follow them. I sleep very early at night, something that many young people I know don't do. There is no guarantee that the person the school chooses for me is going to sleep as early as I do, therefore the most logical option is for me to find someone that can fit my needs. Also I am a vegetarian, and the slightest smell of meat anywhere around the house can make me get very sick, so I need to be sure that the person I live with either is a vegetarian like myself or is going to remember never to bring meat around me.

The most important factor in me wanting to choose a roommate of my own is the fact that I love animals. Wherever I have lived, I have always had at least three cats living with me. I love animals so much and I possibly cannot live without them. Not everyone however shares this same passion that I do, in fact, many young people do not have time to care for pets, and don't especially like them, or worst, are allergic to them. For this reason I need to find someone that shares this passion with me, or at least doesn't mind having pets around the house. If the school was to choose someone with whom I was so live, then for all I know, it could be someone who cannot stand the sight of pets.

One last reason I would want to choose a roommate for myself is the fact that I have a best friend with whom I have been sharing flats for five years. Now, both of us are accepted into this university, and I would love to continue being with her. We both get along very well, and I don't need to put in extra effort to start a good relationship all over again.

For these reasons, it is clear to me that I would never want the school authorities to find a flat mate for me when I can find one for myself - especially one that will completely suit me.

***102) Some people think that governments should spend as much money as possible on developing or buying computer technology. Other people disagree and think that this money should be spent on more basic needs. Which one of these opinions do you agree with? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.***

Computers are one of the most prominent and exceptional inventions of the last century. With the enhancement of human knowledge on electronics and machine based processing, computing and storage systems, human lives have been radically changed. Not only has the spheres of education and science and technology advanced as a result of its own offspring, the computer era, but also the whole world and its myriad problems have been solved by the computers, which man, its creator was unable to.

That computers have had an enormously positive impact on the lives of people, from the poorest of the poor to the richie-richs is a fact beyond contestation. While on one hand, when the computer revolution, especially the mainframes has given a new Life to the space age and mankind has thus been able to explore space to such an extent that space is no longer a mystery to us. On the other hand, the need based and intelligible use of computers has solved the greatest problems in the industry and agriculture as well. The tremendously useful and efficient control system instrumentation in industry has made productivity of plants rise in leaps and bounds. It has aided us to even such a great extent that the world economy has a new frontier called the IT or Knowledge sector based on the Computer system and its handling by humans.

A government of any sovereign represents the people. Quoting Abraham Lincoln's famous

Words for a democratic government "is for the people, by the people and of the people". Thus the primary job of any government, whether elected or not is to look after its people and hope for the collective betterment of its masses. The development of an economy is only a medium of fulfilling its basic duty of empowering and satisfying people's basic needs. Hence the reigns of economy in the hands of government are to be so directed as to suit and benefit its people the most. Addressing and fulfilling the basic needs, wants and desires of the people to as much level as possible are thus the foremost responsibility and a mandatory requirement for any government.

The immense aid to mankind that the computers have done so far has been a real good pointer as to whether it can be integrated to anything and everything of our lives. And, thus several scientists worldwide have been working on myriad platforms for developing several things to benefit mankind.

But, still, computers cannot feed the poor, can't cover his/her body or provide him a space to live in. This being the most basic needs which any government has to fulfill. Though in all these processes computer technology can well be implemented to best uses as a medium of improving the time and cost requirements at least. Thus it can be definitely seen that the computer technology at the current stage of development by itself can never achieve these basic goals. A strong infrastructure is what facilitates to solve such basic problems.

So in my view, for the countries of developed world and some of the world's developing economies it is but natural to invest hugely in computer technology for providing its people with a better and more prosperous future. But for the others, i.e. the underdeveloped countries and the one's in which most people still live below the poverty line it is important to think and allocate resources in such a fashion that the basic infrastructure for the people is developed and also the needs to march with times is served.

***103) Some people like doing work by hand. Others prefer using machines. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

Some people prefer using machines to do work while others choose to work with their own hands. Personally, I prefer the latter because I find that working with one's hands will reap a greater sense of satisfaction when the task has been completed. Consider a case. Your friend's birthday is coming up. It would be absolutely fabulous if you could send her a gift personally, right up her doorstep instead of sending her an electronic greeting card with the computer in your bedroom. Doing things with your own hands brings allows us to appreciate the fruits of labor and hard work.

The virtual world is far too distant and unrealistic. Human touch is still the most sincere way to make friends and communicate with your loved ones. Moreover, an over reliance on machines will tend to make us less capable in completing simple task. Taking a short ten minute walk to the shop opposite your house to buy some daily necessities will benefit our health because it allows us to exercise our limbs after lying on a couch in front of the television for over two hours but majority of the people nowadays will choose to drive there instead, claiming that it saves time and strength. Human's natural ability to move and do work has depleted over the years with the invention of machines which enable us not to even move ourselves to get things done. It would benefit and foster family relationships by doing things together such as cleaning the house or clearing the garden with your siblings instead of ordering the maid-"a human machine" around or following a schedule to take turns to clean up the mess using a vacuum cleaner in less than half an hour.

Nevertheless, machines does indeed provide us with a much more efficient and faster way to complete a task in hand like typing a resume or an essay instead of writing it out. It does allow us to survive better in a fast-paced society.

***104) Schools should ask students to evaluate their teachers. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

Teachers often get a chance to evaluate the knowledge of their students. Some people think that schools should allow students to evaluate the work of their teachers. In my opinion, this is a very good idea, because it will improve the quality of teaching. Also, students would be more interested in attending classes. Finally, the school would improve its reputation in the community.

Firstly, students would have great benefit from such a survey. If students were not satisfied with a teacher, they would be offered a chance to express their opinion. This way they would have their say about their own education. Their opinion should not be accepted as an absolute truth, but should always be heard and taken into consideration. Indeed, bad evaluation by the student population doesn't necessarily mean that the teacher is bad. For example, if students claim that certain teacher is not good, it may mean that the teacher isn't competent, but it may also mean that students don't pay enough attention to what he is saying, or that they should spend more time studying. By expressing their opinion, students can make teachers prepare better for their lectures or explain the content more clearly and with more enthusiasm. Therefore, students would be able to understand the lectures better and consequently to get higher grades. Furthermore, the students would be motivated to pay more attention during classes and to listen to lectures more regularly, since they will be asked to give their own opinion about what they've heard.

Secondly, this kind of survey would also be useful for teachers. Good teachers should be rewarded financially or otherwise. On the other hand, the teacher who receives low grade

from his students should be sanctioned, for example by lowering his salary. In extreme cases, he should be fired. This way he would be forced to improve his teaching skills in order to keep his job or raise his salary. Therefore, he would become a more competent teacher and better educator. This would improve the overall quality of education in the school.

Finally, this survey would be useful for the school and its reputation. If a school asks students to evaluate teachers, it means that students have their freedom of expression and that the authority of the teachers does not intimidate them. The school would be more popular among prospective students, who would be more interested in enrolling that particular school. Also, its sponsors more appreciated by the community would better fund the school.

In conclusion, if the students were asked by the school to evaluate their teachers, it would benefit everyone. Teachers would be obligated to constantly improve quality of their lectures to avoid bad evaluation. Students would enjoy better education, and they would pay more attention in classes, since they would be able to influence the quality of the classes. This would improve the reputation of the school, which will be better respected by the community.

***105) In your opinion, what is the most important characteristic (for example, honesty, intelligence, a sense of humor) that a person can have to be successful in life? Use specific reasons and examples from your experience to explain your answer. When you write your answer, you are not limited to the examples listed in the question.***

Many people believe that one can be successful if he /she is committed, honest, faithful or intelligence. But, the foundation of each of these qualities lies in believing the power the person has, and working accordingly to achieve the goal. There are many people, who are honest, beautiful, good and soft spoken, intelligent and even faithful, but only some are successful in achieving their goal. While all of these characteristics are equally important and act as the medium for success, the most important is the power to cope with circumstances and keep our spirit goes on in the most difficult situations.

As it is well said that we cannot direct the wind but we can adjust the sail, similarly, in the way to our destination, we will come across lot of obstacles, but we need to find the way to come across that situation. This is where the success lies. No matter how low we fall, but what matters is how high we bounce back Success can be measured by what we have and how much of the power we are using to achieve our goal. For, example while in playing games, it is sure that one team will win and other will lose, but the spirit is not just in winning but also in learning new techniques and improving the team spirit and cooperation. Winner team cannot always be successful, but the successful team is the one, which has improved a lot with respect to its earlier performance.

Though the person is honest, intelligent, faithful and committed, it is not sure that he will be successful. The most important rather than these are to know the environment and the need, and implementing best of the best ideas and actions. No matter how smaller step it can be, but it can bring great changes. As Shiva Khera has said, “Winners don’t do different things but they do things differently”, better explains the meaning of being successful. Success is not just winning, but also more than that is how much we are satisfied with whatever we are doing. So, all qualities like honesty, intelligence, and faithfulness are directly proportional to the success.

The definition of success for each of us may vary. Some may think root cause for success is honesty while others may think it is the commitment. But, in my opinion, where there is will there is power, so each of us should know our strength, and work accordingly to be successful. And we should measure our success not with others but with what we have and what we have achieved.

***106) It is generally agreed that society benefits from the work of its members. Compare the contributions of artists to society with the contributions of scientists to society. Which type of contribution do you think is valued more by your society? Give specific reasons to support your answer.***

It is a commonly accepted fact that society benefits from the work of its members. Some of them are more inclined to artistic forms of creation, while others prefer working in a scientific framework. Both scientists and artists contribute to the society in their own way. Works of artists affect people's state of mind, and works of scientists affect their everyday life. In my opinion, scientific work is more valued by the modern society.

Artists make art, and art makes people feel better. Artistic creations may be more or less valuable, from the connoisseur's point of view, but nevertheless, some people find them enjoyable and pleasing. For instance, looking at a beautiful picture or listening to Beethoven's symphony seems very relaxing after a hard day spent in the office. Furthermore, museums and galleries all over the world are made possible by the work of the generations of artists, from the ancient times until today. Without the museums and galleries, men of modern age would not be able to improve their knowledge about past times. Therefore, education is also the important role of artists. The art enriches people's spirits and makes them more imaginative; while at the same time teaches them about historical events.

Scientists contribute to the society in a different way. Their influence is of more material, and less spiritual nature. For example, physicists try to determine the laws of nature and engineers then use that knowledge in order to make various devices and systems. Those products of joint efforts of physics and engineering make ordinary people's lives easier.

Just think about the difference that was made by the invention of microwave ovens for example.

It is my opinion that science is more appreciated than art by the modern society. There are several reasons that lead to this conclusion. People find it easier to accept information in material, than in spiritual form. For example, using typical products of science, such as computers or TVs, doesn't require much mental effort, while art can sometimes be obscure and hard to grasp. Furthermore, in many countries, science receives generous financial support from the government, while art seldom does. This is because a country's military and economic power is dominantly affected by its science, not art. Therefore, scientists are played much better than artists. In fact, having art as a sole profession is very unlikely to provide enough money to support a family, for instance. Even though some people become fascinated with art classes while in school, later in life they are usually forced to move towards more scientific fields of work, such as economics or engineering.

In conclusion, scientists and artists both have their ways of contributing to the society. Artists affect people's lives in the spiritual sense, by forming their life views, educating them, or simply by relaxing them when they are tired and exhausted. On the other hand, science affects material side of life, by creating inventions that relieve people of hard work, thus making them have more free time. Science is more appreciated than art in modern society, because science is more precise and easier to understand, while art can be abstruse. Also, science is more important for the country's economy and army, which makes it more interesting for the government.

***107) Students at universities often have a choice of places to live. They may choose to live in university dormitories, or they may choose to live in apartments in the community. Compare the advantages of living in university housing with the advantages of living in an apartment in the community. Where would you prefer to live? Give reasons for your preference.***

Students are often able to choose whether they want to live in a dormitory, on a university campus, or in a separate apartment in the community. Each of these environments has its advantages. In this essay I will present some of the facts that support both solutions, and I will argue in favor of living in an apartment.

Living in dorm offers a chance to improve communication skills, to learn to live with other people. For example, roommates must adjust their eating and sleeping habits according to each other's needs. Each one must arrange his free time in such way that he doesn't bother others while they are studying. Moreover, the social structure of the dorm community is in many aspects similar to that of a typical office, or workplace in general. Both environments require finding solutions to various problems and cooperation of the people in order to achieve that. Thus, by adapting to conditions of living in the dormitory,

students actually prepare themselves for their future jobs. The environment in the dorm is friendlier and understanding, because it is consisted of other students, who often have similar problems and interests. The social life is more interesting, too. For example, if students failed to understand a lecture as it was presented in class, he can ask his friends from the dorm for an explanation. Also, it's much easier to find a common topic to chat about, or an interesting activity to practice in free time.

On the other hand, living in separate apartment usually means having less neighbors and roommates. In fact, it is not a rare case that a student has whole apartment for himself. In this situation, there is less distraction, so students can concentrate better on their schoolwork. As a consequence, their grades are better. Another advantage is that living alone means having more privacy. This aspect is very important, because everyone has personal secrets, which he wants to hide from all other people, even the closest friends. Finally, students who live in the apartments can maintain contacts with their neighbors, ordinary people, and are not confined to academic community. This way, students are offered a wider variety of experiences from everyday life, which they may find useful in their future lives.

If I were in a situation to choose whether I would live in the dormitory or have a separate apartment, I would choose to live in separate apartment. It could be argued that living separately narrows one's circle of close friends, precluding him from having regular contacts with other people. This argument goes on to assert that such students are deprived of social experiences, and therefore remain aloof and introvert. However, it is a fact that students can make enough friends even if they live outside of the university campus, especially if the apartment is shared between several students. Furthermore, friends can visit each other as often as they need to. They can maintain friendly contact in a way, which doesn't affect their school performance. Careful planning and wise distribution of time can achieve this. If a student assigns enough time for studying, his grades won't suffer, and he will still be able to spend the remaining time with his friends. Alternatively, students who live in a school dormitory are constantly surrounded with familiar people. They can't avoid excessive socializing, even if they want to. Therefore, they spend too little time studying and they get low grades.

In conclusion, living in the dormitory may be more interesting and socially challenging, but it's rather unsuitable for serious studying. Living in an apartment, however, allows a student to socialize, but only to the extent that doesn't affect his schoolwork negatively. This way, positive effects of living both in dormitory and in an apartment are obtained.

***108) You need to travel from your home to a place 40 miles (64 kilometers) away. Compare the different kinds of transportation you could use. Tell which method of travel you would choose. Give specific reasons for your choice.***

If I had to travel to a place 40 miles away, I would consider several ways of transportation, such as car, bicycle, or train. Each of these options has its advantages and disadvantages. In this essay I will present advantages of each way of traveling, and I will argue in favor of traveling by train.

It would be possible to travel by car. Cars are reasonably fast and comfortable. They can accommodate more than one passenger, which is important when several people travel together. Most cars are spacious, so every passenger has enough space to fully enjoy the trip. Moreover, passengers can travel as fast as it suits them. If they are in hurry or some kind of emergency situation, they can travel very quickly. On the other hand, if the purpose of their trip is casual, such as visit to a friend or having a picnic in the nature, they can make occasional stops, in order to rest or enjoy the pleasant surroundings. The driver requires some mental effort, because he has to pay attention to the traffic in front of him.

Another option is traveling by bicycle, since 40 miles is not a very large distance. One important advantage of a bicycle is that it doesn't burn fuel in order to move, so it doesn't produce toxic output, which would pollute the environment. Moreover, bicycles are healthier than cars. Riding a bicycle requires physical effort and strengthens muscles. In fact, some scientist asserts that riding a bicycle is one of the most effective forms of exercise. Bicycles find their way through heavy traffic more quickly and easily than cars. Also, they use less space and are easier to park, which makes them useful for travels through heavily urbanized and crowded areas. Finally, bicycles are the cheapest conveyances, since they don't require expenses for fuel, and only minute amounts of money are needed for maintenance.

For my part, I must argue in favor of traveling by train, because it comprises some of the main positive properties of both previously discussed approaches. Trains are very comfortable, and they don't require any effort from the passenger, neither physical, nor mental. They are also very fast, sometimes even faster than cars. Finally, trains are environmentally clean means of transportation, since they use electric power, not fossil fuels, like cars do. The superiority of traveling by train is further confirmed by the corresponding price, which is significantly higher than those of car or a bicycle travels.

***109) Some people believe that a college or university education should be available to all students. Others believe that higher education should be available only to good students. Discuss these views. Which view do you agree with? Explain why.***

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Some people believe that a college or a university should be available to all students. Others think that higher education should be available only to good students. In my opinion, higher education should be available to all students. Why do I think so?

Firstly, to get higher education is a right of any person. If higher education is available only to good student, it will be infringement of human rights. We cannot say to man that she or he is not entitled to get higher education because it will be anti-constitutional. On the other hand, a college or university can have own rules for students who don't have a good GPA. For example, students can graduate from college if they have only "A" or "B". Another example, students can take several times the same exam while they won't receive a good grade. It is very important to give a right to get higher education to all students, because it will be their chance to change something in their life, get better job in the future or built their career.

Secondly, who gives us right to share people in good and bad students. Maybe they have good abilities for studying, yet, these students chose the wrong way ignoring learning when they were high school students. We have a lot of examples when people didn't have a good grade when they were a high school students, however, they could graduate from college and became to work successfully. We know many examples about great people, Pushkin, Mendeleev, who weren't good students in all subjects, but they were very talented persons and whole world knows their names. To be a good or bad students are not the same to have abilities for learning. We should understand and remember it.

Some people can say that government and parents just waste money for education bad students. Nonetheless, the government also can change rules for those students. For example, not support financially if the student has a grade "C" or worse. However, our government sustains any students. I think that it is the right way, because we live in a free country and any man has the same right to get higher education.

In summary, in spite of colleges and universities are mostly interested in good students, I strongly believe that any students, good or bad, should have the same right to earn high education.

***110) Some people believe that the best way of learning about life is by listening to the advice of family and friends. Other people believe that the best way of learning about life is through personal experience. Compare the advantages of these two different ways of learning about life. Which do you think is preferable? Use specific examples to support your preference.***

My personal belief is that the best way to learn about life is through personal experience. But this does not mean that I totally disregard the alternative way of learning by listening to family or friends' advice. The truth is that now, at my age, I clearly see that the best way of learning about life would be a combination of the two (ways noted above).

The main reason I embrace the first way is because I find it more natural, it is our instinctive way to act and react. When we are young we are prone to experience than to listen to other persons advice and less to the advice coming from our family. This may not be a general case but I believe the exceptions are rare. I remember when I got engaged with my future husband both my parents and friends were very much against my decision. And in a way they were right. But I wanted to follow my heart and to have my own judgment even if people with more experience and even good intention were advising me to do the contrary. My reaction/action it was also influence by the wrong approach my family adopted. And my case is not an isolated one.

From my above story can be inferred that I DO agree that learning by listening to the advice of well-intended people is a wise way. It would probably save us some grief and disappointment in life. But I strongly believe that even painful the experience we choose to have is helping us grow and builds our personality. I never regretted my decision to get marry at a pretty early age even if eventually we (me and my husband) ended up divorcing. It was one of the best experience I ever had, though the most painful in my life.

I conclude by encouraging youngsters to try to listen both to their heart and to other persons advice and judge which way would be the best for them. Although I sound like my mother some years ago, when she tried to convince me that at my age the marriage is not the best choice in life, I strongly recommend to everybody to accept listening to any advice before making a decisive step in life and afterwards to filter all these information. I think it is wise trying to combine these two ways of learning about life.

***111) When people move to another country, some of them decide to follow the customs of the new country. Others prefer to keep their own customs. Compare these two choices. Which one do you prefer? Support your answer with specific details.***

I think that, if people move to another country, they had better follow custom of the new country and feel them as part of society where they study, work and live.

First of all, people following custom of the new country show respects to people in that country and the way they live. From other side, people of new country also will respect newcomers and help them, what is very important to whom, who are beginning a new life in the new country. If newcomers will feel themselves foreigners and keep distance between them and people from new country, they never will have either success in career or comfort in life. Our nation has one wise folklore, what means "If you going to drink water in new country you should follow their custom and tradition". I found it very useful from my own experience of being the Russian, the Chinese and the American, while remaining just Mongolian, where I had lived. Everywhere I meet very nice people who are ready to help and make my life in their country as happy as in my motherland.

Secondly, following their custom, they can learn new things, gain more knowledge and make their lives more interesting. I know 19 years old American volunteer teacher who came in my country to teach English. After living two years in new country he fully adapted and became a member of new family. Everybody respected him and loved. He learned a new language, a new style of life and achieved useful experiences of which the most important is the belief in himself that other people need him and he can make good things. I believe that he will make good career, find god friend live happy life, wherever he is.

Finally people moving to another country must follow new custom because it is not only respect to peoples in new country but also respect to themselves in living happy life in new country, while keeping their own custom within family, country mates and friends

***112) Some people prefer to spend most of their time alone. Others like to be with friends most of the time. Do you prefer to spend your time alone or with friends? Use specific reasons to support your answer.***

Due to our society's rapid progress, a human being has been able to survive without communicating with other people. In the last few decades, various machines have been invented and spreader throughout the world. This sudden technological advance is the main perpetrator that made human beings extremely egoistic. Personally, I prefer to spend most of my time with my amicable, warm-hearted companions. In this essay, I will explain my opinion by offering several reasons.

My mom has always told me that intimate relationships with people are really important in one's life. A human being, in order to live a life without any regrets, needs another person to depend upon. It is a well-known maxim that every man has shortcomings. Through close friendships, a mortal experiences a variety of activities, and realizes one's shortcomings. At the same time, the person can make one's friend be aware of his/her faults. This mutual relationship will eventually result in mental development of two human beings.

An amiable relationship is not only beneficial for the realization of each other's shortcomings but also for their happiness. My friends and I often play soccer or basketball when we meet. These activities that we do together will be cherished as good lifetime's memory. Thus, a pleasant comradeship can be the main producer of pure joy.

Therefore, a companionship is wholesome in a lot of ways. First, we can become more advanced human beings through our mutual relationship. Second, we can receive mirth through the things that we collaborate on. I encourage all people to continue good relationships with their friends, because you will benefit from it in the long run.

**113) Some people prefer to spend time with one or two close friends. Others choose to spend time with a large number of friends. Compare the advantages of each choice. Which of these two ways of spending time do you prefer? Use specific reasons to support your answer.**

There are some people who have a large group of friends while others prefer spending time only with a couple of their close friends. Both these attitudes have their advantages and disadvantages. I will analyze both cases and present my views in favor of having a few close friends.

When a person spends time with several people it helps him share his ideas with and collect information from various different sources. It broadens his horizons and makes him aware of different points of view on any subject. It also makes him socially more active and as is commonly said, "Man is supposed to be a social animal".

On the other hand being with a couple of close friends helps a people achieve a level of intimacy not possible in a large group. They develop a bond between them that is hard to break. Such people share an understanding, which leads to high levels of loyalty. It leads to a kind of friendship that can be depended on in any kind of situation. Such friends are truly loyal and would never shrink back from supporting each other.

I personally prefer spending time with my close friends, who happen to be just one or two. They are the friends I am absolutely comfortable with. In school I had just two good friends who I am very close to. I can share any thought of mine with them. Very often they understand my feelings without me having to state them explicitly. In college I have a large number of friends, and though I can discuss a variety of subjects with them, I do not share the level of intimacy with them that I share with my school friends.

Due to these reasons, I prefer having a couple of close friends. They are the friends I can always trust, those I can turn to whenever a situation becomes unmanageable. I am absolutely sure, that even if my college friends refuse to help me, my school friends will never turn me down.

**114) Some people think that children should begin their formal education at a very early age and should spend most of their time on school studies. Others believe that young children should spend most of their time playing. Compare these two views. Which view do you agree with? Why?**

Some people think that children should begin their education as early in their lives as possible, while others think that children should spend most of their time playing. Each

opinion could be supported by a number of arguments. However, it is my opinion that playing is more important activity than learning for children during their early years.

It could be argued that it's important that some basic logical and verbal skills be learnt as early as possible. The argument goes on to assert that the children much more easily accept skills like basic calculus and foreign languages when they are very young. Moreover, if children start their education early, they can have more time to perfect their knowledge later during their lives. This way they can become better professionals. Finally, when children are at school, they parents don't have to look after them. Instead, they can work and earn more money for themselves, as well as their children.

In contrast to these opinions, there are others who claim that children should at least have their childhood, since their whole life will be most probably filled with work and study. Furthermore, physical skills, which are developed by playing, are just as important as intellectual ones. When children are not forced to go to school at an early age, they can spend more time with their parents. In fact, it is often claimed that don't need teachers other than parents, since parents know them best and are most committed to teaching them.

My opinion is that young children should spend most of their time playing. It seems to me that it's not natural for children to start formal education earlier than age 6, for instance. All the teaching they need can be provided informally, by parents. On the other hand, early physical development can't be compensated later, and it would suffer greatly if children were not allowed to spend enough time playing.

As we can see, young than by older children more easily process certain types of information, which is why some people claim that this advantage should be exploited by making children study while they are still very young. However, I disagree with this approach, since I think that children should be above all allowed to spend their early childhood the way they like best, and that is playing and having fun with their friends.

***115) The government has announced that it plans to build a new university. Some people think that your community would be a good place to locate the university. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a new university in your community. Use specific details in your discussion.***

The people in our community welcomed the announcement of the government's plan to build a university. In fact, majority proposed that our community is a good place to locate the university. I whole-heartedly support their proposal.

Building a new university can offer a lot of opportunities to everybody. First, it will provide an excellent alternative to the existing university, which, unfortunately, cannot accommodate the growing numbers of students each year. Secondly, this will stop

monopoly of education resulting to stagnation of the quality of education by creating a healthy competition to other institution to maintain and improve their standards of education.

Moreover, students can now have the options to choose which university they prefer and take courses, which they really like.

A new university also means more job opportunities especially for teachers, administrative staff and others who are in need of employment.

However, a new university can also create problems to the community, more universities in the community do not immediately mean better education. Sometimes, the quality of education suffers from quantity because school administrators tend to commercialize education to attract more students. The policies may become lax; the rules may bend to accommodate the whims of students in order to keep them.

A new university would also lead to an increase of migration of people who would like to avail higher education. This can lead to increased pollution and even crimes. The once peaceful community may become noisy and chaotic because of the increased number of people with different personalities.

In the end, all things in this world have advantages and disadvantages. In this case, even if building a new university can increase pollution, or even crimes, bring noise and possible chaos to the community, the benefits that it will give the people, especially the youth in providing them the means to finish their education and prepare them for their future life can outweigh all disadvantages.

***116) Some people think that the family is the most important influence on young adults. Other people think that friends are the most important influence on young adults. Which view do you agree with? Use examples to support your position.***

In everyone's life, there is some influence of other person, either they are parents or friends. In my opinion, friends are the most important influence on young adults. I will explain this by giving some examples as below.

In the early age of person, there is more influence by family. But as soon as becoming the younger, they come more contact to friends rather than family. Younger people like the company of their age with whom they can share their ideas, thoughts, life etc. With some good friends, one can develop itself taking examples from the good friends. Friends can exchange their good thoughts, developing careers, and some good and bad things with friends also. Some talks are like that one cannot share it with family but can share with friends.

Secondly, friends play an important role in our lives. They are the most important people who can change one's path by giving them right decision or right advice or may spoil the life by giving the wrong advice. Its all depends on type and nature of friends. If we have good friends, who can understand and knowledgeable person, they are always helpful to us. In the contrary, if friends are not good, then in their friendship, one can spoil his/her life also. I would like to give example here, how friends can more influence on young adults. When I was studying in the collage, there is one group, in which some boys are good and some are not good. Some boys are on the wrong track. I mean to say that they have habit of smoking, drinking etc. In that group, some boys are really nice, but after some time they also started smoking and drinking. Which is not good for the health. This makes impact on young adults.

In sum up, I would like to say that friends are the most important influence on young adults, rather then family because of above reasons

***117) Some people prefer to plan activities for their free time very carefully. Others choose not to make any plans at all for their free time. Compare the benefits of planning free-time activities with the benefits of not making plans. Which do you prefer — planning or not planning for your leisure time? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your choice.***

Everyday, as soon as we wake up, we are already busy planning all our activities for the day. As we go to bed, we continue to think and plan our activities for the following day. This routine continues day in and day out. That is why; some people prefer to plan their activities for their free time carefully out of habit or as an extension of what they used to do. However, for some people, free time means a time to relax and not make any pans at all, which I also prefer.

Nowadays, time seems to fly and no matter how fast we do things, we can't seem to have enough. Having free time becomes a luxury, and people intend to enjoy every second of it. Planning their activities carefully assures them they would not miss anything and no time will be wasted on unnecessary or trivial matters.

One good example is going for a long drive to another place. Planning which place to go through either on the Internet or through brochure gives them a foresight of what to expect and do. Placing reservation on their intended hotel or resort assures them of immediate accommodation regardless of what time they arrive. Checking the condition of the car results to uninterrupted traveling and breakdown-free. Preparing a checklist and packing things the night before prevents situation of leaving out important things. In short, being prepared, leaves for very little possibility of problems and assures them of a worry-free leisure time.

However, as we wake up and go to bed, we always worry on things that we are supposed to do and accomplish. We hardly have time for ourselves. That is why, during free time, some people prefer not to make any plans. They would like to spend it to relax, forget about everything and enjoy the beauty of letting life and time pass them. Letting their mind relax and getting rid of all their worries, it allows them to appreciate things they do not normally see or value: spending time with their loved ones, doing nothing, seeing their children play with themselves, watching TV, appreciating the beauty of flowers blooming, watching the birds soar high, exchanging pleasantries with their neighbors, playing with their dogs, and being thankful for all their blessings. These things do not need planning at all, but these simple activities are the ones that give most people their greatest pleasure.

In summary, some people prefer to plan their activities carefully for their free time because they want to make the most out of it. Others prefer not to plan anything at all because free time is the time to reflect and enjoy life as it is, I could not agree more.

***118) People learn in different ways. Some people learn by doing things; other people learn by reading about things; others learn by listening to people talk about things. Which of these methods of learning is best for you? Use specific examples to support your choice.***

It may sound strange but my personal approach to learning things is a combination of learning by doing, by reading about things and listening to people talking about them. I consider that using all three ways (when given the opportunity) is the best way to gather as much information as possible about the respective thing.

Sometimes I do not have at hand all three ways of learning so I use whatever is best applicable for that specific case. If, for example, I have to learn about a theoretical subject that I need to use at my work, first I read all available bibliography on that theme, then I try to listen to other people's opinion on that matter. Combining the two methods, I compare my understanding and possible questions regarding that theme with others comments and approach.

Another case would be when I have to learn a practical thing like playing squash. In this situation the most preferred way to learn is by doing. I would probably ask a trainer to show me how to play. After getting acquainted with the movements I may listen to others talking about their way of playing, in this way trying to use their tips and tricks of becoming a better player.

A case, in which I would combine all three ways mentioned above, is if I have to learn how to use software. Firstly I read instructions and documentation that comes with the software, and then I try to apply what I read. If I have difficulties getting the program to work properly, I ask people with more experience in the matter to show me how to do it,

which means I learn by doing. This would also be the case when I learn by listening how others have used the software, what problems they encountered and what solutions they found.

As described above, I consider the best way to learn things is to combine all the methods available for a certain situation and use all information at hand to make the most out the learning process.

***119) Some people choose friends who are different from themselves. Others choose friends who are similar to themselves. Compare the advantages of having friends who are different from you with the advantages of having friends who are similar to you. Which kind of friend do you prefer for yourself? Why?***

Almost everyone in the world has friends. Friends were found anywhere at anytime. Some of our friends can be similar to us, and some of them can differ in many ways. Regardless of their similarities or differences, there are a few advantages of having such friends.

Having friends who are similar to us would be beneficial in which we can enjoy things together and share the same opinion. With friends who are alike, we can always enjoy going to mutual enjoyable places together such as going to clubs or watching movies. For example, Gee and I have no problems on finding a place to eat every time we go out because we both enjoy eating and spend time at the local hawkers downtown. In addition, having friends of mutual interest would provide us with companion to share our opinion. I have a few friends who are similar to myself and I found that I could share my opinion with them on almost everything. We have a good time tossing view with each other either in fashion, movies or even life. I believe that having friends who are similar to us would provide us with a smooth plan on almost anything.

However, having friends who are different from us would have a few advantage of its own. People always say that, "Opposite, attracts". Friends who are different from us would be able to criticize and introduce us to something new and different. I realize that friends who are different from us would be able to criticize on our opinion. Of course, not all of our opinions are good. Hence, having a friend with an opposite thought would provide us with a different view on a certain matter. I have been a friend with Nina for almost 5 years now. Despite of our differences in characteristic, Nina and I have never fight during our friendship. In fact, it was Nina who introduce me to things that I have never done before such as jungle tracking and eating sushi. Even though, neither jungle tracking nor sushi would be in my favorite list, it is fun and enjoyable to be able to experience such new things. Therefore, I believe that having friends who are different from us can provide us with unexpected experience in life.

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Nevertheless, I would have preferred to choose a friend who are similar to me rather than friends who are different from me. I feel that friendship would be smoother and enjoyable by having friends who are similar to us. However, I never refuse a friendship offered by a friend who is different from myself.

***120) Some people enjoy change, and they look forward to new experiences. Others like their lives to stay the same, and they do not change their usual habits. Compare these two approaches to life. Which approach do you prefer? Explain why.***

I believe that life is a river, every destination with a unique purpose. Change is but a minor part of life and whatever the change, mine would be for the better.

People vary and that is why you often find various approaches to life. For those who are content with the direction their life is heading, the idea of change would probably send shivers through them. This is due to the fact that they are at a point where they are satisfied with the way they have maximized their God given potential that is a positive reason for dreading change.

Others dread change due to the fact that they are too scared to try or adapt to new experiences. Taking into consideration that we are all human, fear to try is a normal feeling. The only disadvantage is the fact that unless you try, you never know what you could have accomplished or how well and capable you are to move on. No chances to discover the courage you have within to accept defeat but never stop trying. This is a negative reason for dreading change.

Habits can be addictive and so the main question here is whether they are positive beneficial habits or negative ones. By that I mean that the choice is all up to the individual. If the change is from the negative to the positive, then there is no reason whatsoever that should make one dread change Doing right is never wrong.

In conclusion, change can either mould you or break you. I would rather try and change for the better than life my life knowing that I never tried. Within every human being, there is a hidden potential that only change can help maximize. The question however is, whether we will give change a chance. It is all up to you, the individual!

***121) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People behave differently when they wear different clothes. Do you agree that different clothes influence the way people behave? Use specific examples to support your answer.***

***People behave differently when they wear different clothes. Clothes certainly do have an influence on the behavior of the people. I strongly agree with this idea because I myself have seen practical examples from daily life.***

Everyday we see people wearing all sorts of clothes. Many people wear different kind of clothes for different occasions. For example, formal clothes are generally worn for interviews, seminars, official meetings, and most of the places its a dress code for the employees. People are supposed to behave formally in formal dress. It implies that the man or woman in the formal dress has proper manners, behaves gently and carries high standards. Anybody wearing the formals acts to represent the glory of the dress. It is expected out of him/her to behave decently and carry high standards. No matter if that person is not capable of representing the code of dress, but when he/she is wearing the dress, the feeling comes alive to him/her and the result is what we see as the their behavior being different in that particular dress.

Same is true for informal or casuals as it is popularly known as. People like to be casual and carefree when they are inside an informal dress. The casual dress brings a feeling of fun and enjoyment with it. It let people to enjoy, play around and to be free from all the mundane

Activities. No one can notice the artificial act of a person when he/she is in casuals. People also know that they are not supposed to be what they are not inside a casual.

Let us take another example of occasions where the dress code commands people. Talk of marriages and festivals and the whole picture becomes clear in mind. One can see the bride carrying that beautiful smile mixed with shyness, not only because of occasion, but also because of the dress. She knows that she is wearing the dress, which every girl aspires for, and she knows how she has to act when she wears it. It is applicable for the groom. He carries the dignity and charm with him because he knows that when he is wearing the wedding clothes, he has to act accordingly. He cannot act in the same way as he does when he is wearing casuals or formals.

People get ready for festivals not only with great enthusiasm and anxiety, but also with their special dresses. In many countries there is a dress code for different festivals. People are supposed to wear it and when they are inside that special dress, they have to be out of them and act as a person who best represents the dress. One can easily see the joy and charm on a person's face when he/she wears those special dresses. After all that is what is expected out of them when they wear it.

Different dress codes have been designed with the idea of making people act differently. The dress controls the person inside it. Hence I certainly feel that dress dictates the behavior of a person wearing it.

***122) Decisions can be made quickly, or they can be made after careful thought. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The decisions that people make quickly are always wrong. Use reasons and specific examples to support your opinion.***

I totally disagree with the statement that decisions that people make immediately are always wrong. Some decisions need to be made after careful thought, while some decisions have to be made immediately due to the limit of time.

In the real life, people don't always have enough time to think about what kind of decisions they need to make and how many options they have in order to reach the optimum result. Time does restrain people from making decision after careful of thought. The first case happens in the stock exchange market. The price of stock changes every minute, even every second. The brokers need to make immediate decision to buy or sell. If they spend a long time on making decision, they will lose chance to make a lot of money, the stocks will never be available when they make final decisions. Even though quick decisions might make brokers to lose some money, but there are still 50% chance to make much money. If they don't make a quick decision and miss the chance, they will never make money. So from this case, we can conclude that immediate decisions are not always wrong.

Another case comes from sports. During the soccer game, the team members usually have been assigned duties and given strategies before the game by the coaches. But during the last 5 minutes, two teams have the same score, one of team must win this game so that they are eligible to attend the semi-final, at the same time the coach of this team has no more chance to give his team member more suggestions. Therefore, the team members need to change their old strategies on their own so that they will have chance to win. But if members take more time than 5 minutes to make decision, they might make a best decision, but this best decision won't work at all since time is up. They will absolutely lose the chance to win. However, if they make a quick decision, it is very possible for them to win this game and get into the semi-final.

From the above two cases, we can conclude that the statement that decisions that people make immediately are always wrong is not right. Sometimes people need to take the chance to make decision immediately so that they can gain something instead of completely losing.

***123) Some people trust their first impressions about a person's character because they believe these judgments are generally correct. Other people do not judge a person's character quickly because they believe first impressions are often wrong. Compare these two attitudes. Which attitude do you agree with? Support your choice with specific examples.***

We meet strangers on a daily basis. We meet them when waiting for the bus, queuing up at the bank or even when having lunch at a restaurant. For most people, they often form an opinion on the people they meet the minute they meet. Their basis for this act is that

'first impression is always right'. Nonetheless, how true is this statement? Humans are complex creatures, thus, it is impossible to dissect them in just one minute. Therefore, though occasionally first impression may be right, most of the time they are not as knowing a person inside out is never an easy process.

Shrek in 'Shrek' quoted "Just like onions, I have layers". So true is that remark that each layer is different from the other. Humans are like that too. We have feelings and emotions, which not all of them are displayed in a single day. This in turn making the process of friendship a lengthy one. Therefore, to trust first impressions is obviously a silly act, as human characters are only fully understood only after a certain period of time.

In addition to that, moods also play an important role when we judge a person. Humans, as we all know, have their ups and downs and this often affect their judgment if they are not able to control it. The same goes when judging another person. When the mood is right, we might see everybody around us as saints and angels who really make our day. However, imagine when we had a bad day at work, even the nice considerate waiter might seem pushy.

Nevertheless, there could be another group of people who trust their instincts, and stand by it. These groups might argue that first impressions are based on instincts, and as instincts are subconsciously based on past experience, hence, first impressions are reliable. Their point is arguably true, but can anybody actually determine the amount of experience needed to ensure that the instinct is correct? Surely, nobody can.

In conclusion, humans are the most complex animals on the face of the earth. Just as much as we like to believe that we all feel happy for the same joyous moments, feel pain for same suffering, the truth is, it is not so. This is because we have different characteristics that differ us from one another. Therefore, as the saying "never judge a book by its cover", we should not fully trust in first impressions as it is not only cruel, but also unfair to the person we judge.

***124) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People are never satisfied with what they have; they always want something more or something different. Use specific reasons to support your answer.***

"People are never satisfied with what they have; they always want something more or something different." I would have to agree with that statement entirely. No matter how many goals we have or how many things we own, as human beings we always want more, need more. Our lives would not be full if we weren't that way. The statement above applies to many angles in our lives such as material wants and needs, emotions, the need of achievements and etc'. In this essay I will give different reasons as to why I agree to the above statement, using some of the angles to which it applies.

The dissatisfaction and the permanent need, and want starts in a very young age. Even while we are babies we want this toy, and that doll and no matter how many of them we have we always ask for more. Scientists say that when a baby is given a familiar toy, he will play with it, but after awhile he will get used to it and become less enthusiastic. While on the other hand when a baby is given a new toy, he will have to play with it for a couple of days, he will be very interested until again he will get accustomed to it and a new toy will take its place. Things that we don't own or didn't see before look more attractive to us than the ones that we have.

Once we grow older our goals become a little less material. A daughter or a son might want to get their mother's approval and their father's pride. They may achieve that with high marks and good behavior. Though some children will be in need for attention and do just the opposite. As children or teenagers we all know the feeling of a proud parent, the satisfaction that we feel after we saw a parent's proud smile. That makes us feel happy and right away we want to feel that again. We crave to be successful and happy first and for most for ourselves, and second is to make people, which we love, proud. And through the years that craving becomes stronger and with every goal we accomplish, we reach towards a higher target for the simple reason of feeling needed, taken pride in, and respected. And no matter how many goals we achieve, we will always persist on finding new ones just to accomplish them all over again.

Some people say that a rich person has everything. That is entirely untrue. A rich person might have a very large amount of money, but that only means he has a bigger chance of getting what he wants for money. That doesn't mean that, that person doesn't have any needs or wants beyond objects, which he can buy for money. That person may want to loose wait but never succeeds, or he may want to get that beautiful girl, but she goes only for looks and not for money. For that person the amount of time to be happy may be much longer then yours. The bigger amount of things we have the more amounts of them we want.

In my opinion life will not be worth living without goals. It would be unexciting and that is why we always want something more and something different from what we wanted before. Otherwise all of our goals will be accomplished; imagine your life without any wants or needs, imagine your life when you have everything you ever wanted... I think such life would be very boring and dull. If you have no goals you have nothing to do, you have nothing to want, you have everything. Why would you do something while your life is "perfect"? The fulfillment will fade away and you will start looking for something different which will bring you to a new goal. Humans cannot live without any ambitions. And that should be a fact.

**125) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People should read only**

***those books that are about real events, real people, and established facts. Use specific reasons and details to support your opinion.***

Books are an important part of many people's lives in the world today. With such a wide variety of topics that books are written on; they can be broadly classified into fiction and non-fiction. These two types each have their own merits and it would not be fair to only read about 'real events, real people' when there can be so much to learn from imaginary events and people.

Non-fiction has greater practical value in the 'real' world and the information gleaned can be applied intensely at home, at work or in school. Various topics of interest can be researched easily and a greater knowledge level can be obtained. Yet the disadvantage of non-fiction lies in the fact that nothing happens to excite the mind and spirit. In short, many people find these books 'boring' since only facts are provided. However well written the book may be, in the end it leaves little room for the imagination. Consequently this is an area where fiction excels.

With various stories on different characters, places, fantastical storylines and evil villains, the journey through fictional books can be one filled with adventure and excitement. The reader may be left with ideas that will serve in many areas. Fiction provides great scope for the mind to think creatively. In fact, many of books written to portray 'imaginary' events or characters can educate and send a subtle message through the book. This effective technique has been used successfully by a large number of writers. Yet it is true that many people cease to enjoy fiction, as they grow older failing to see its importance in the world. This perspective is not entirely untrue because dragons, castles or evil aliens will not help an engineer in any way as it might help him spend the same time by reading about how a particular bridge was constructed in Germany.

Therefore, both non-fiction and fiction provide an equal number of opportunities for people to cultivate their mind. The best solution, it would seem is to read both fiction and non-fiction and have the best of both worlds.

***126) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important for students to study history and literature than it is for them to study science and mathematics. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.***

(a) Some people assert that playing games is important for adults. In my opinion the importance of playing games depends on the types of games considered. While some games may benefit to health, mental abilities, working capacity, or help to relax, others may harm the person playing in different ways.

I think the games that are important for adults to play include those requiring action, intensive thinking and teamwork. It has been medically proven that physical training is extremely important for adults. It helps not only to maintain fitness, but also enhances the capacity of thinking and working. Therefore participating in sports games, such as basketball, football, tennis and other action games is essential. Games that require intensive thinking develop logic, attention and unconventional approach. Among this type of games are puzzles, crosswords, and strategy games. And last, but not least, games that involve team work are important to develop further communicability, ability to make correct decisions with consideration of opinions of different people and other skills, because these skills are often used in everyday situations.

Still there are other types of games that may be harmful. These are lots of computer games, which cause severe eyestrain and exposure to radiation. Moreover, computer games not only harm health, but also have a negative impact on the working capacity. Many companies have stringent rules against their employees playing games during work-hours.

There is also one category of games, which I believe can be both harmful and beneficial. These are games played for money. On one hand, winning such a game the player feels positive emotions, which have an overall positive influence on the players' health and financial situation. On the other hand, losing the game can drive the person playing into disappointment and even into depression, thus harming his health, not to mention the loss of money.

Thus, in my opinion, the importance of adults playing games can be evaluated depending on the level of positive or negative influences that those game may have on the person involved.

***127) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? All students should be required to study art and music in secondary school. Use specific reasons to support your answer.***

What is the worth of education if cannot cultivate us into well-rounded adults. I do not consider education with only the core courses -- math, science, history and English true education. All students should be given the opportunity to learn the wonders of art and music.

Art and music are considered liberal education. They are the foundation for everything. You can't say directly what good art and music what is the point of education if it does not cultivate us into well-rounded adults? I don't consider education bring. But without the appreciation for art and music nothing accumulates.

Music tames the mind, it prepares the soul for the daunting tasks we face each day. Music brings inner peace and keeps our anxiety down. Students must learn in order to appreciate the wonders in music.

Art works in the same way too. Kids ought to be given the opportunity to express themselves other than through speech. Art is the formation of the mind. They draw their minds out. They may find freedom and relieve in it.

It is important that secondary school kids be taught art and music. Art and music are the basis for learning. Other knowledge builds upon it. Moreover, parents sent their children to school with the hope that they excel in the future. Obviously, what our world need are no longer plain bookworms. It needs artistic well-rounded adults!

***128) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? There is nothing that young people can teach older people. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.***

The older generation today always complains that the youth are unmotivated and directionless, they lack focus and the future is going down because of these behaviors. Nonetheless, youth are the product of its upbringing and the representation of its time. Thus, what they are and what they know will certainly be different from those of the older generation. Therefore, to say that the youngsters are useless is not only wrong as they can also contribute in their own way and teach the older generation a lesson or two.

As we all know, today's technology moves very fast. With our daily responsibility, it is almost impossible for us to keep up with every little new gadget that comes out everyday. With young people, its different, new things interest them. Furthermore, being young they absorb new knowledge like a sponge. Thus, they can help us in getting in tune with new technologies. Young kids, for example, can probably teach their grandparents to use the computers, which in turn, will also be good for their relationships.

In addition to that, by looking at the young, we can learn about the society better. As I've mentioned earlier, youngsters represent their time, hence, by understanding them, we can understand the needs of the society, as this group of age is the most outspoken. A good example would be the hippie movement in the 60s. The movement displayed their dissatisfaction with the system and the need for more freedom of expression.

As someone once said, "Life is a learning experience", thus, from that, we can deduce that there is no full stop to the process of learning. Therefore, instead of being critical and cynical, maybe we can try to understand the youth better by learning from each other. After all, they are the future.

**129) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Reading fiction (such as novels and short stories) is more enjoyable than watching movies. Use specific reasons and examples to explain your position.**

I disagree that reading fiction is more enjoyable than watching movies. Of course I know the advantage of reading fictions. For example, I can bring my favorite book in the train to read during commuting or traveling. Also, it is a good idea to read novels to kill my time when taking a boring lecture. I can soon go into the world in the book and enjoy seeking what happens next with a lot of imagination alone. People often say that reading books develop children's creativity and I agree that. However, I enjoy watching movies more than reading something for the following reasons.

First of all, it is easy to have a fun with movies. Even if we don't watch a movie from the start, we will know soon what is going on in the story. Screens where characters act through a camera make audience pay attention easily because of the visual scenes and sound. The mixture of clear, beautiful or horrible pictures and its matched sounds have great effect on audience so that they will not forget the scenes.

Second, if you like a character in a movie, you can be excited in not only the flow of the story but also keeping watching the person. Moreover, I would like to get items characters in films use and imitate their fashions; we can get a lot of hints and ideas, which make our daily lives more comfortable and enjoyable.

Watching one movie with friends is also a happy time. After watching it, we will chat about the stories, characters and what each of us felt. We talk and listen to them and give our own judgment. We can do such a thing because we can watch movies with more than two people at the same time, on the other hand, reading books tend to enjoy alone.

Thus, I prefer watching movies to reading fictions. Through movies, especially which we can see at movie theaters now, we can have a lively conversation and get to know today's popularity.

**129) Some people say that physical exercise should be a required part of every school day. Other people believe that students should spend the whole school day on academic studies. Which opinion do you agree with? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer**

***In my opinion, physical exercise or physical education is an essential part of children's education, for so many reasons. First of all, to maintain physical fitness of students, secondly, to promote sportsmanship and camaraderie among students and lastly to create a more disciplined behavior of the students.***

Exercise helps the body become healthy and fit. The movement coming from physical exertion due to exercise promotes circulation of blood to all parts of the body, thus, enhances the distribution of nutrients from different parts of the body and also it promotes oxygenation of the cells and burning of unwanted fats resulting to vigor and stamina. Also, exercise help prevent diseases and sickness like, heart attack, lung diseases and obesity.

Furthermore, exercise develops camaraderie and sportsmanship among student. This is specially when they play as a team. Students are able to identify their worth in a team and are able to develop their ability to work with a team to be able to reach their common goal that is to defeat their opponent and come out victorious. They develop friendship with various people because they get to play with other people most of the time, thus, improving the social aspect of their personality. Students become extrovert and active as I observed if they continuously join sports and other form of exercises.

Lastly, This is a good investment in their personality, as they grow up because exercise and sports teach them to become disciplined, patient and friendly. Most of all they become result oriented with their work as they see to it that they persevere in every field that they get into. When they grow up to be come matured individuals, it will not be hard for them to deal with other people and they will always see to it that they put their hearts and minds in everything that they do, as what they have learned in sports while they were still young.

While it is true that academic subjects should be put into priority, I still believe that physical exercise in school should be given the same importance, because it helps develop the emotional, social and physical aspect of a student, preparing him to become a great individual in the future.

***130) A university plans to develop a new research center in your country. Some people want a center for business research. Other people want a center for research in agriculture (farming). Which of these two kinds of research centers do you recommend for your country? Use specific reasons in your recommendation.***

It is difficult to decide whether to build a business research center or an agriculture research center. As for me, I personally prefer to construct the agriculture research center in my country, China. There are two reasons for my position; the agriculture is very important to my country and the less young people like to work in the agriculture.

First of all, the agriculture is very important for my country. The large population cause my country to have the problem that there are still lots of people cannot eat enough food. If we do not improve our country's agriculture technology, it will be hard to resolve the food problem. So building the agriculture research center can offer us more information about the development technology and help us to produce more food. We can learn lots of other

developed country's advantages through researching and use this information to advance our country's agriculture. Thus, the agriculture research center can give us many benefits.

Another reason is that the young people begin to ignore the agriculture in my country. They do not like to study agriculture, because they think they cannot earn a lot of money by learning agriculture. The flourishing business attracts them. Especially in villages, everybody wants to work in the city, and nobody care the corps. It causes only the old experts continue to study the agriculture, no new persons can help them to think the problems. The old experts have limited knowledge. They are hard to get the new things. If more young persons can be volunteers to work for agriculture, more problems will be resolved quickly. There, the young people need to realize the importance of agriculture, because they can make more profits in agriculture.

In short, people have different perspectives on building a business center or an agriculture center. However, I am convinced that we need to build the agriculture center. Following my country's situation, the question that whether the people can eat enough or not is the most important things. Therefore, the ignorance of agriculture will make our country go to the famine country.

***131) Some young children spend a great amount of their time practicing sports. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

Sports have always been an unseperatable part of a schoolchild's life. But does it really do so much good after all? This is the topic we are going to talk about today.

First of all advantages, the most obvious one is probably the effect a moderate amount of exercise has on the child. Experience shows that children who exercise regularly are more attentive in class than children who never exercise. I remember that I felt a lot more concentrated in class when I was in fourth grade, when I was in a soccer team, than in fifth grade, when I dropped out and stopped exercising entirely. Exercise also has effects on a child's confidence, both in the means of shaping the child's body and giving the child a competition-conscious mind. For example, one of my best friends spent a lot of time on track when she was in primary school, ending up being among the tallest girls in school and having a somewhat superior feeling being able to run faster than anyone else.

But too much sport or improper guidance can be harmful. Being too involved usually ends up in the child feeling tired all the time or taking up too much time that was originally meant for study or play. Children can easily get too worked up in competitions and if this goes without steering, the child may develop wrong views towards winning and losing and life in general. It may also be harmful towards a child's body. Gymnastics, for instance, is

known to be harsh towards the gymnasts, usually ending them up small and short. Many sports are dangerous, and children may be crippled when injured in the course of game.

So what attitude should we take up when we are facing such a question? As I see it, children's sports, despite the dangers, should be supported. After all, a moderate amount of sport is essential for a healthy child, and really getting involved in a sport can help build a child's reflexes, skills in sports in general, not to say the understanding of teamwork. So, spending lots of time on sports should be a good sign for young children. It means that these children are learning young what they will need to know all their lives.

***132) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Only people who earn a lot of money are successful. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

Many people believe that a large income equals success. I believe, however, that success is more than how much money you make. Some of those measures of success include fame, respect, and knowledge.

Most people assume that famous people are rich people, but that isn't always true. For example, someday I would like to be a famous researcher. Few scientists are rich by today's standards. Still, I will feel myself to be successful if I am well known. Additionally, there are many famous humanitarians who are not so rich. Mother Theresa was one. Certainly, no one would say she was not successful.

I also believe that being respected by co-workers indicates success. Without that, respect, money means little. For example, I once did some work for a top attorney in a law firm. He made a very good salary, but he was not a nice man. No one ever did work for him willingly. He ordered everyone around, and we didn't respect him. In contrast, however, I had a wonderful band director in high school. He had to take extra jobs just to make enough money to support his family. However, his students had great respect for him and always listened to what he said. As a result, we were a very good band. In my opinion, my band director was more successful than the attorney was.

Finally, I think one of the most important indicators of success is knowledge. Wealthy people don't know all the answers. For example, in the movie Good Will Hunting, the only person who could solve some complex problems was the janitor. He knew a lot, and decided what he wanted to do with that knowledge rather than just think about money. In my opinion, he was extremely successful.

When we think of history, there few people that we remember simply because they were rich. Overall, we remember people who did something with their lives-they were influential in politics, or contributed to science or art or religion. If history is the ultimate judge of success, then money surely isn't everything.

**133) If you could invent something new, what product would you develop? Use specific details to explain why this invention is needed. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A person's childhood years (the time from birth to twelve years of age) are the most important years of a person's life. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

**134) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children should be required to help with household tasks as soon as they are able to do so. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

The issue that children should help with household tasks is one that is open to debate. On the one hand, some people think that children should not be required to help if there is not need for them to do part of the household tasks. Some people also say that is preferable for children to devote more time to playing, reading and watching interest things on TV. On the other hand other people support the idea of teaching children household tasks and make them help at home. I adhere to the latter point of view. I base my opinion on the following points.

First, helping in our houses when we are children teaches us of the ways of doing household tasks. This might be very useful in our future, even if we can hire someone to do those things for us. I have three sisters and my mom always explained to us how to cook, clean or iron our clothes. We also had a maid to help us with most of the chores, but anyway my mom wanted us to learn. It is well known that is very difficult to correct the job of someone else if you don't know the job yourself. Thanks to this learning, I can now handle many of my houses tasks, and when my maid cannot come to my house I anyway manage to go to work with my clothes clean or ironed. Moreover, it helped me grow by learning that all of us have responsibilities at home, even if it is a minor one such as preparing toasts for breakfast.

Second, doing the household tasks helps you be more tolerant with others, put yourself in their situation and understand them more. Before I practiced this kind of tasks at home, I usually thought that keeping a house clean and tidy was a very simple and minor issue. Now, I don't. I've learnt to appreciate how energy consuming doing the household can be and how many things need to be done before we arrive at home and see everything in perfect conditions. This has helped me grow as a more considerate person. I value the job of those who work for me. I've felt how boring and exhausting cleaning a house can be, and I try to recognize through a fair pay this job.

Third, I believe that you can learn household activities and help at home without resigning to other activities. When I was a child I helped my mom with part of the chores, but

however had plenty of time to read and play with my friends. Doing part of the household did not affect either my academic performance or my social activities. Hence, as my sisters and I helped at home, my mom could also have a personal life and spend more time playing with us.

To sum up, I believe that is a good idea to make children help with some of the household tasks even if there is no need to do so because someone else can handle it. In my opinion, doing part of the household promotes children to grow and mature as responsible and considerate people, and does not affect their academic or personal life.

***135) Some high schools require all students to wear school uniforms. Other high schools permit students to decide what to wear to school. Which of these two school policies do you think is better? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.***

***136) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Playing a game is fun only when you win. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

***137) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? High schools should allow students to study the courses that students want to study. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.***

***138) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is better to be a member of a group than to be the leader of a group. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

***139) What do you consider to be the most important room in a house? Why is this room more important to you than any other room? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.***

Rooms are one of the many important factors in a house. Architects, when drawing the plan of a house consider these room-factors seriously. When we are buying a house, new or old, we place emphasis on the different types and number of rooms in the house, their conditions, sizes, general orientation and other factors of the very rooms like the windows, the height of the ceilings and so on. However, among the different types of rooms that can be found in today's modern houses, I consider the most important to be the sitting room.

There is an adage or a saying that the sitting room is the marrow of the house. This is very right. For example if the sitting room is always dirty, one can always expect the whole house to be dirty too. So the living room shows the hygienic condition of the house.

Furthermore, the sitting room is very important because when we have visitors, we rarely invite them to our bedrooms or to the toilet or to the bathroom. No. We invite them to sit in the sitting room where we welcome them or discuss some issues. For sure, they look around to see how tidy is the room, how is it arranged and what we have in the house. That impression of the sitting room will always be with them about the whole house, about how we live and how tidy we are. In these regards, the sitting room serves as the face of the house, a sort of the public relations manager.

Apart from the above-mentioned reasons, the sitting room is much more important than the other rooms for the very purpose it is supposed to be: for sitting. Having a place to sit in the house is very important. For example, imagine coming from a very hard days job, very tired. Sure the first thing one does on getting to the house is to head for the sitting room, most probable get a cold drink from the refrigerator and relax by sitting down in the sitting room, put on the television and for a moment forget about the hard days job.

In conclusion, the sitting room is very important in the house for the purposes it serves, mainly, it portrays and gives impressions to others about how we live, how tidy we are, that is, it is the mirror and the public relation 'manager' of the house, and it is one of the best place where we can relax in the house.

***140) Some items (such as clothes or furniture) can be made by hand or by machine. Which do you prefer — items made by hand or items made by machine? Use reasons and specific examples to explain your choice.***

***141) If you could make one important change in a school that you attended, what change would you make? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.***

***142) A gift (such as a camera, a soccer ball, or an animal) can contribute to a child's development. What gift would you give to help a child develop? Why? Use reasons and specific examples to support your choice.***

***143) Some people believe that students should be given one long vacation each year. Others believe that students should have several short vacations throughout the year. Which viewpoint do you agree with? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.***

***144) Would you prefer to live in a traditional house or in a modern apartment building? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.***

***145) Some people say that advertising encourages us to buy things we really do not need. Others say that advertisements tell us about new products that may improve our lives. Which viewpoint do you agree with? Use specific reasons and examples to support your***

*answer.*

***146) Some people prefer to spend their free time outdoors. Other people prefer to spend their leisure time indoors. Would you prefer to be outside or would you prefer to be inside for your leisure activities? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your choice.***

***147) Your school has received a gift of money. What do you think is the best way for your school to spend this money? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.***

***148) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Playing games teaches us about life. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

***149) Imagine that you have received some land to use as you wish. How would you use this land? Use specific details to explain your answer.***

(a) The world is becoming increasingly smaller and smaller. The world's population is now at six billion. The world's cities are getting larger and larger. At least two cities, Mexico City and Sao Paulo have almost 30 million inhabitants. In this context, one could say that a gift of land is the greatest gift of all. Land is perhaps the most permanent thing in the world. Unlike diamonds, which really have little value in and of themselves, land actually has great value. Unlike televisions and cars, land cannot be destroyed—if you remove land, there is still more land under it. In this context, I will discuss what I would do were I given some land as a gift. It will be necessary, however, to discuss four things first: First, it is necessary to establish the size of the land. Second, we need to know where the land is. Third, the topography of the land is important. Finally, the weather in the location is fundamental.

For the purposes of this essay, I will assume that I have received a rather large parcel of land (it is a gift, right?) in a temperate climate with four seasons. I will assume that the land is fairly flat. Most importantly, I will assume that this land is mine and that I have control over the land, i.e., that no other government controls the land.

Having grown up in a rather poor family, I think I would be quite excited about receiving some land. I have never owned anything of any great value and to own some land would be a wonderful thing for me. For a long time, it has been a dream of mine to be able to build a beautiful house for my mother. My mother is still living in poverty and it saddens me to think of her living in that situation. She often does not have enough money to use the heat in the wintertime and cannot afford to buy new clothes. I would love to be able to give her the gift of a house and a happy place to live for the rest of her life. Since we lived

in a country with very cold winters, my family often felt very cold. I would love to bring my mother to a warm place to spend the rest of her days.

However, I would not devote all of the land to houses for my family. I would use most of the land to develop a business. In my case, doing this would be very important since I grew up poor. I would need to ensure that I would have a source of income and a way to sustain the activities on the land. An efficient way to do this would be to develop the land in some way suitable to the land. In this case, I would use the land to develop a language and confidence training camp. It has long been my dream to build a perfect language-learning center—a place where people could go to learn a language, to immerse them in the language, to meet other people and to have fun while doing so. In conclusion, I would like to make one more point. I must admit that I feel somewhat guilty about the idea of accepting such a gift of land. There is a part of me that is somewhat idealistic and would like to think that the world is a beautiful place and that all humans should live together peacefully. From this viewpoint, I would say that no one could own land. As an American Indian once said, “Own the land? You might as well own the air or the sky!” However, this idea is inconsistent with the world today. Being more realistic, I would do what I detailed above.

**150) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

***Watching television is bad for children. Use specific details and examples to support your answer.***

**151) What is the most important animal in your country? Why is the animal important? Use reasons and specific details to explain your answer.**

According to me an animal could be considered important based on what it contributes to mankind. In India the most important animal is the Cow. It is important as it provides a source of food to people, it is an animal, which can be used for labor, and also the Indian people religiously worship the cow.

Majority of the people in India are Hindus. According to Hindu beliefs and customs, the cow is religiously worshiped. Temples are built in respect of the animal, and the animal itself is considered holy. These animals are allowed to wander freely anywhere they please, whether it be on the farmlands and fields, or the city streets. In Mumbai and other metropolitan cities of India one would find many cows roaming on the streets. People will very often buy grass and hay, to feed the animals. Although they do cause hindrance to vehicular traffic, but people would never harm them. Car drivers would patiently wait for a cow to move off the center of the road, without honking

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Their horns or doing anything to scare the animal. This is because of the fact that they worship the animal, and they feel that the animal is important. According to the Hindu religion the god Shri Krishan happened to also be a cow herder, and hence the cow is also worshiped.

In India the main source of milk, happens to be the cow. Every day, dairies all over India supply several million liters of milk. They happen to be the cheapest supply of milk for the people, without which tens of thousands of babies would go un-nourished. Thousands of varieties of dairy products and sweets are made from fresh cows milk. Without the cow this would not be possible. Hence the animal is of prime importance to the nation. Also apart from milk, the cow also happens to be the main source of meat in the country. Beef is widely consumed throughout the country. The Muslim community, which happens to be the second largest community in India, are forbidden by religion to consume pork or any other form of pig meat. For them and for other communities also, the cow happens to be the only source of meat, as goats and sheep are not reared in as large numbers and are not found as abundantly as the cow is.

Apart from being a source of meat, the cow is also used on farms for plowing the fields, and for pulling the bullock carts. In India the farmlands are not consolidated, and hence are very often divided among family members. This makes the size of the farm plots very small. Also most farmers are not very wealthy. Due to these reasons automation is not feasible. Hence for plowing the fields, for carrying the grains etc cows are employed on the farms. Cows are also considered as very docile and tamed, and loving animals, which can easily be used as animals of burden.

For the Indian people, the cow is not just as an animal of worship, but also a source of food and milk. It is also a very useful animal of burden and can be tamed easily. Hence it has gained the most importance in India.

***152) Many parts of the world are losing important natural resources, such as forests, animals, or clean water. Choose one resource that is disappearing and explain why it needs to be saved. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.***

(a) Plants are vital to the survival of all life on Earth--plants transform the light of the sun into energy that is usable to other life on Earth. Without plants, animals would not be able to use the energy of the Sun that reaches the Earth. The removal of one plant from the ecosystem can cause many unforeseen changes, sometimes irreversibly damaging an ecosystem. However, some plants are more important than others, either for biological or cultural reasons. In my country, Korea, I would say that the grass that produces rice has come to be the most important plant, not just because rice is a staple food, but also for other cultural reasons.

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Virtually every Korean eats rice at least twice a day. I, for example, had rice at breakfast, lunch, and dinner yesterday. For most Koreans, rice is an integral part of a meal, as expected in a meal as ink is to a pen or wheels are to a car--a meal without rice is not a meal. In fact, if I have dinner with my American friends and do not eat rice, I actually feel hungry even if I have filled myself with potatoes or other food while eating with them. Many of my friends have made similar comments to me. So, I believe that rice is as much a part of our daily lives as work or talking on the telephone is.

However, rice is much more than just a staple food to most Koreans--it represents the very sustenance of much of our culture. Our history teachers tell us that the development of rice as an agricultural product was largely responsible for the advancement of Korean culture--since rice was portable and had a long storage time, people had more freedom to move and were less susceptible to changes in the weather. In many ways, rice has come to be considered the perfect food, so ingrained is it in the minds of many Koreans, and many Asians for that matter, as food that we often say, "have you had your rice" instead of saying "have you had your meal." In fact, I have made this translation error many times while I have been in the United States. I have wanted to ask my American friends whether they have eaten, and I ask, "Have you eaten your rice?" Naturally, they often respond "no," leading to much miscommunication. For me, then, rice is more than just food--it is the very sustenance of most Koreans.

In short, rice is by far the most important plant in Korea. Were it removed from Korean society, Korea would change drastically; perhaps even have a famine much like the Irish Potato Famine of the 1800's. Rice is the very lifeblood of Korea.

***153) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A zoo has no useful purpose. Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.***

***154) In some countries, people are no longer allowed to smoke in many public places and office buildings. Do you think this is a good rule or a bad rule? Use specific reasons and details to support your position.***

***155) Plants can provide food, shelter, clothing, or medicine. What is one kind of plant that is important to you or the people in your country? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice.***

***156) You have the opportunity to visit a foreign country for two weeks. Which country would you like to visit? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice.***

***157) In the future, students may have the choice of studying at home by using technology such as computers or television or of studying at traditional schools. Which would you prefer? Use reasons and specific details to explain your choice.***

**158) When famous people such as actors, athletes and rock stars give their opinions, many people listen. Do you think we should pay attention to these opinions? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

**159) The twentieth century saw great change. In your opinion, what is one change that should be remembered about the twentieth century? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice.**

**160) When people need to complain about a product or poor service, some prefer to complain in writing and others prefer to complain in person. Which way do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

**161) People remember special gifts or presents that they have received. Why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

**162) Some famous athletes and entertainers earn millions of dollars every year. Do you think these people deserve such high salaries? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

**163) Is the ability to read and write more important today than in the past? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

(a) It is a very dangerous thing to say that basic literacy skills are more important now than they have ever been in the past. While a strong argument can be made in favor of this idea, making such an argument would imply that reading and writing were somehow less important in the past. While there is a grain of truth to the argument that literacy was not fundamental to the daily existence of most people in the pre-Industrial Revolution period, rationalizing such a lack of need for education in such a way is the first step to withholding education from certain groups, a great social crime that has led to the disempowerment of disadvantage groups all over the world throughout history. However, if we can keep in mind that education is a basic human right, then we can discuss the strengths of the proposition that literacy is more important now than it has ever been before.

It is true that in the past the majority of people all over the world made their livelihood from agricultural activities and that the vast majority of these activities required little or no literacy skills. In some senses, we could argue that literacy skills were less important in the agricultural age than they are now, but to do so would be to forget that literacy also reflects an active mind and that people have always needed to engage in activities of the mind. For example, even though a farmer might have labored all day in her cornfield, she may enjoy reading the latest Jane Austen novel when arrived at home. We can see in this example

that while literacy was not directly related to this laborer's livelihood, literacy was important to her quality of life.

However, we could make a good argument that literacy is more important now than it was in the past. As we all know, the world is experiencing a revolution that may turn out to be more important than the Industrial Revolution. We are now entering the Information Age, an age in which information and knowledge have more value than the ability to build machines, create "stuff," grow crops, or even mine precious metals and produce gemstones. Nowadays, accurate information may be worth more than the most expensive Rolls Royce or the biggest diamond. The perfect example of this increasing dominance is the explosive rise in the popularity of the Internet--the Internet offers the world countless bytes of information twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Companies all over the world, but principally in the United States, are rushing to stake their claim in cyberspace and stiff competition among companies has resulted. In order to gain dominance, these companies must have the best-skilled workers, an advanced understanding of computer systems, and good intuition about what will happen in the future. All of these abilities to compete in the global marketplace stem directly from literacy skills and those without these skills will be stuck in the service, agricultural, and heavy industry fields.

In short, we can see that people in the past who were lacking in literacy skills essentially had more company than those lacking these skills have today and could still earn their livelihood. Further, we could argue that because of the nature of the global marketplace and because of the emergence of the Information Age, we could make the argument that literacy is fundamental to professional success nowadays. However, literacy should be considered a basic human right in a literate society--all people throughout history should have learned to read and write.

(b) While some countries have strong programs against illiteracy, others still do not care that much. But, illiteracy has become a big obstacle during the last century and is still a problematic question now with quick development of technology and automation. From my everyday experience and observation I can state several factors, which defend the statement, that reading and writing now is more important than ever before.

First of all, it is essential for a person to have at least basic knowledge of reading and writing to survive in our society. While in the past, some people could live in wilderness or even in cities without any knowledge of written language, now it is almost impossible. The way of living has changed so much that it is impossible to be a part of a nation, especially in developed countries, without the ability to read and write your bills, to understand your mortgage documents or job applications. Moreover, you can go nowhere by yourself but in your own small town without reading the maps and signs on the roads and in cities.

Second, nowadays, most of jobs require reading and writing as necessary skills and tendency that these skills will be more and more important for future jobs increases. In fact, because of sharp development of technology, more of jobs on the labor market are for literate people and less of them are for people without any or slight reading or writing knowledge. For example, there are not needed so much people who can work on lands or select parts in auto-factories because the machines do that kinds of jobs now. On the other hand, factories and corporations need people who can read the instructions and control the machines. It is barely true that without jobs that need only physical abilities, illiterate people are forced to be constantly on unemployment lists.

In conclusion, the most scare part of living illiterate in our society is maybe living dependable of someone. An illiterate person will have difficulties not only to do simple tasks such as writing bills, withdrawing money from cash machines, or reading menu in a restaurant, but also to be a productive and useful individual of our society with job and normal life.

***164) People do many different things to stay healthy. What do you do for good health? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.***

***165) You have decided to give several hours of your time each month to improve the community where you live. What is one thing you will do to improve your community? Why? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice.***

***166) People recognize a difference between children and adults. What events (experiences or ceremonies) make a person an adult? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.***

***167) Your school has enough money to purchase either computer for students or books for the library. Which should your school choose to buy — computers or books? Use specific reasons and examples to support your recommendation.***

***168) Many students choose to attend schools or universities outside their home countries. Why do some students study abroad? Use specific reasons and details to explain your answer.***

***169) People listen to music for different reasons and at different times. Why is music important to many people? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.***

***170) Groups or organizations are an important part of some people's lives. Why are groups or organizations important to people? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.***

**171) Imagine that you are preparing for a trip. You plan to be away from your home for a year. In addition to clothing and personal care items, you can take one additional thing. What would you take and why? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.**

**172) When students move to a new school, they sometimes face problems. How can schools help these students with their problems? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.**

**173) It is sometimes said that borrowing money from a friend can harm or damage the friendship. Do you agree? Why or why not? Use reasons and specific examples to explain your answer.**

**174) Every generation of people is different in important ways. How is your generation different from your parents' generation? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.**

**175) Some students like classes where teachers lecture (do all of the talking) in class. Other students prefer classes where the students do some of the talking. Which type of class do you prefer? Give specific reasons and details to support your choice.**

**176) Holidays honor people or events. If you could create a new holiday, what person or event would it honor and how would you want people to celebrate it? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

(a) Most countries already have many holidays. In my country, Taiwan, we have nineteen official holidays. However, I believe that my new holiday, "Walking Day" would be very beneficial and should be added to the nineteen holidays Taiwan already has. In this essay, I will outline the three main reasons why "Walking Day" would be a very good holiday.

First, walking is good exercise. As we all know, people all over the world are becoming busier and busier. They are studying more and more so that they can have better jobs. When they work, they are working more and more. As a result, people have less time for other important things in their lives, including exercise. We can read reports in the newspapers everyday about people who have worse health and complain about poor health condition. Exercising more could reduce many of these problems and walking is one of the best and simplest exercises for people.

Second, by walking, we can reduce pollution and thereby protect the environment. As technology improves all over the world and people have more and more money, they are starting to use this money to buy automobiles. As a result, people are using public transportation less and less. Driving one's own car every day has had a very large impact

on the environment as a result of the pollution created by gas burning automobiles. Walking is the perfect way to reduce pollution since there are so many other benefits as well.

Finally, by walking, people can slow down the pace of their lives. Perhaps this is one of the greatest benefits of walking more. Life at the beginning of the new millennium is stressful--people are competing with each other for better jobs, countries and companies are competing with each other for business. Many people start to forget about the importance of slowing down in their lives, of simply enjoying the moment. People need to contemplate life more. Walking is a perfect opportunity to slow down, think about life, and simply enjoy the big, beautiful world that we live in.

Finally, we could celebrate this holiday by encouraging people to walk instead of driving or taking the bus for at least one trip during the day. I believe that people could find at least one trip during the day that they could make on foot instead of some other form of transportation. For example, if people usually drive to a large supermarket to buy food, perhaps they could walk to a closer, smaller market to buy only a few things. I believe that while people were walking, they would be able to enjoy the exercise and the fresh air and would be able to think calmly and clearly.

In short, if I had to create a new holiday, I would create "Walking Day" because of the many simple benefits it could provide us.

***177) A friend of yours has received some money and plans to use all of it either***

- *to go on vacation*
- *to buy a car*

***178) Your friend has asked you for advice. Compare your friend's two choices and explain which one you think your friend should choose. Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.***

***179) The 21st century has begun. What changes do you think this new century will bring? Use examples and details in your answer. What are some of the qualities of a good parent? Use specific details and examples to explain your answer.***

***180) Movies are popular all over the world. Explain why movies are so popular. Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.***

***181) In your country, is there more need for land to be left in its natural condition or is there more need for land to be developed for housing and industry? Use specific reasons***

*and examples to support your answer.*

*182) Many people have a close relationship with their pets. These people treat their birds, cats, or other animals as members of their family. In your opinion, are such relationships good? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.*

*183) Films can tell us a lot about the country where they were made. What have you learned about a country from watching its movies? Use specific examples and details to support your response.*

*184) Some students prefer to study alone. Others prefer to study with a group of students. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.*

*185) You have enough money to purchase either a house or a business. Which would you choose to buy? Give specific reasons to explain your choice.*

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