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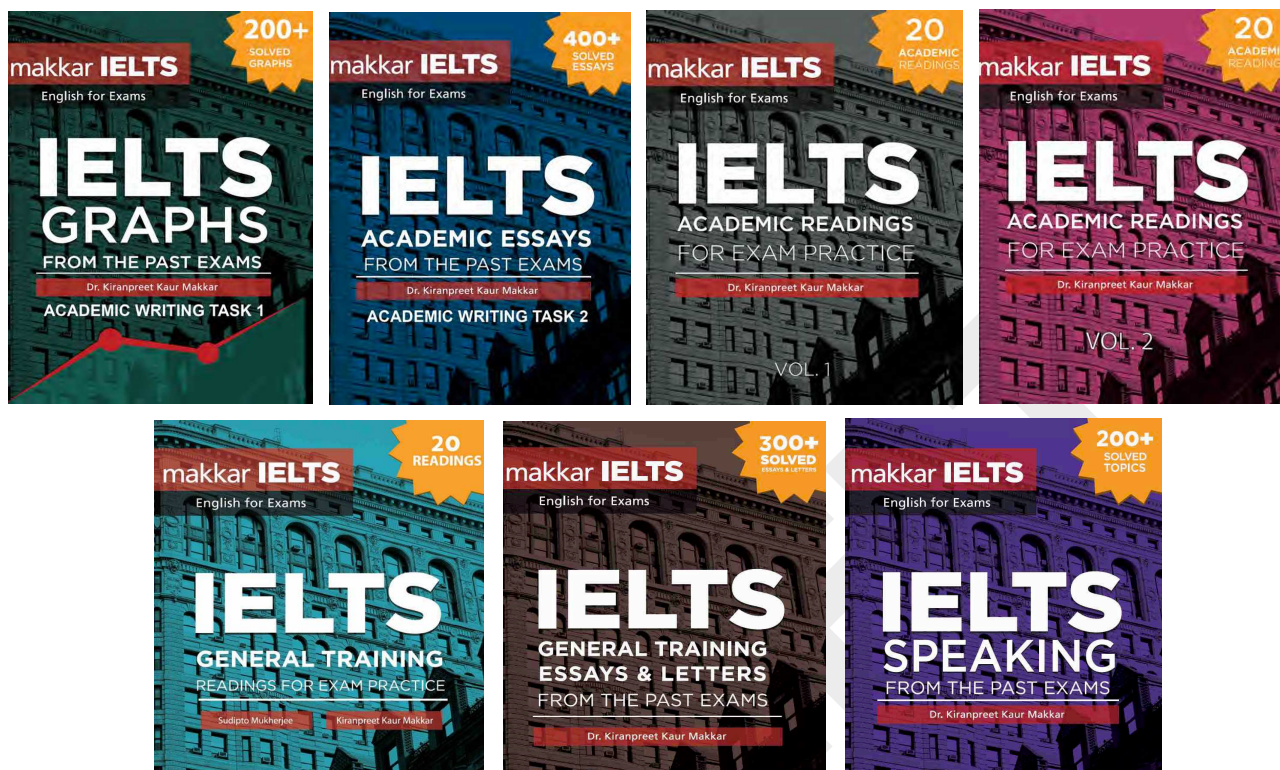
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## 1. Describe a street market in your city

- Where is it makkar@IELTS
- What can you buy there
- What is it famous for?
- How you feel about it

Or (It could also be asked in the past tense)

Describe a time when you visited a street market

- When it was
  - Where you were
  - What you bought
  - How you felt about it
- I believe shopping is a great pastime and people shop at different places like malls and roadside or street markets
  - Rich people nowadays prefer to shop in the malls whereas youngsters and economically weaker people shop from markets nearby their home or the street markets
  - Today, I would like to talk about a street market which is near my hometown and all kinds of things can be bought here.
  - This market is usually open on Sundays
  - It is located in our city centre
  - Most of the street hawkers and vendors come to sell their products here.
  - One can buy anything from clothes, books, utensils, mobile screen guards and everyday use items from this market.
  - There are also a lot of street vendors who sell toys for children like bubble maker etc.
  - Sometimes one can see few street artists as well who perform stunts in the market.
  - There are also a lot of food vendors in this market and one can eat a variety of snacks like burgers, sandwiches, etc
  - The street food available in this market is really delicious
  - Although sometimes the food may be unhygienic.
  - This market is very popular amongst youngsters as they get the latest in fashion at very nominal rates.
  - Most of the items available at this market are of inferior quality but due to their low price people prefer to buy them.
  - I recently bought a second-hand book from this market.
  - The name of the book is One Indian Girl.
  - It is written by the author Chetan Bhagat.
  - The original book is for 300 Rs but I got it for only 100 Rs.
  - So I was very happy with the purchase.
  - I like to go to this market with my friends
  - Next time I will buy some mobile accessories/ jewellery from this market.

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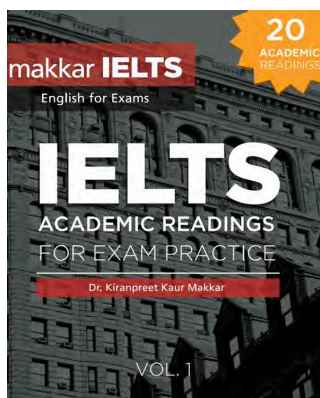
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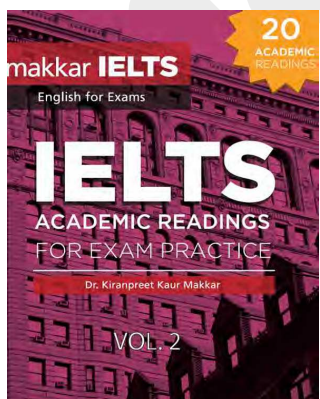


## Follow-ups

1. Do you like shopping online or going out for shopping?  
I do a mix of both. Sometimes I shop online if I get a good deal. Many sites such as Amazon, Flipkart and Snapdeal have good discounts.
2. What is the difference between shopping with friends and shopping alone?  
It's fun to go shopping with friends. You can discuss things and take each other's advice. When I go with my parents, they cannot guide me about the clothes, which are in trend.
3. What are the disadvantages of shopping in a big mall?  
In big malls, nobody guides you about any product. You have to use your own judgement. Secondly, you cannot get things on credit, which a small shopkeeper in your town would give you if he knows you. Another disadvantage is that mostly big malls are outside in the suburbs, and so it is only possible to go by your car.
4. Why do people like to buy branded products?  
Brands are popular because they provide quality, good after sale service, and also provide status.
5. In your opinion are big discounts real or just an advertisement?  
Big discounts are real in the case of branded products, but in most cases, they are just an eyewash. Sometimes, outdated or defective pieces are sold by giving big discounts.



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## 2. Describe an argument two of your friends had?

- When it happened
- What it was about
- How it was solved
- How you felt about it?

- Arguments are a very common part of life.
- But I think most arguments can still be avoided.
- Recently, India faced the second coronavirus wave.
- As the numbers were rising, my friends and I were discussing whether a lockdown should be imposed.
- One of my friends, Ravi believed that a stringent lockdown was the only solution to bring down the cases.
- He was very adamant that lockdown should be imposed without any delay.
- However, one of my other friends, Vishal believed that lockdowns don't help.
- He said that lockdowns lead to huge loss to the economy and under no circumstances governments should go for a lockdown or a curfew.
- At first, it started out in a very calm manner.
- We were all discussing the issue, but eventually only they were the ones talking and we just sat there listening.
- They both started with facts and counters.
- As the argument continued, both of their voices went up.
- We told them to calm down, but at this point, they were so engrossed that they didn't listen.
- Eventually, they came down to personal attacks rather than talking about the need for a lockdown.
- Actually later we came to know that Ravi had lost his uncle due to coronavirus and he sincerely believed that he could have been saved if the government had announced a lockdown.
- Vishal was adamant because his family had suffered huge losses in the last lockdown.
- They had been both affected by the issue personally and that's why they were so emotional about it.
- In the end, we told them that their discussion would not have any impact on the matter so it was a moot point arguing about it.
- But, on that day, I also thought that it would be a very difficult decision for the government to take.
- The real end to the argument when the cases rose sharply and eventually the government was forced to impose a lockdown.

## Follow-ups

1. Do you think arguments are important?

Yes, arguments are definitely important because they make us know about the other side of the issues. Arguments happen when we are adamant about something but at the same time, we fail to understand the other side. When we argue we learn about what others think.

2. What do family members generally argue about?

I think arguments happened over small issues like what should be made for dinner or what movie should be watched to big issues like how children should be raised, how should money be spent, marriage decisions, and so on. In case, there is a family business there may also be arguments on how the business should be run. In the end, family members can argue over anything and everything.

3. Is it easier for you to have arguments with your friends or your family members?

I think it's easier for me to have arguments with friends because after having the argument I get the time and space to think about the issue. So, after thinking about it I generally apologise if I think I am wrong or I just apologise for arguing even if I feel I am right. This ends the issue. On the other hand, with family, I don't get the space. So, sometimes the arguments continue for days.

4. Do you think people should change the way they think when they have arguments?

I think arguments happen because of two main reasons. Firstly, people are unable to control their emotions and they say things they wouldn't normally. Secondly, they happen because people have very strong opinions about something. So, I think instead of proving oneself right, people should definitely try to listen to other's point of view in arguments.

5. If two people argue, do you think a third person should be involved in the settlement?

Yes, I think a third person can bring in the much needed objectivity because the people involved in the argument become emotional about the issue. Sometimes a third person's involvement can bring a quick resolution, otherwise arguments can go on for days.

6. Why do you think people are stubborn and unwilling to change?

I think people are egoistic and they feel that they will lose if they listen to the other person. Moreover, they come to believe or practice something because of their past experiences and that's why they are emotionally involved with the issue.

7. Do you think you are stubborn?

Yes, I think it's one of my big drawbacks. I have very strong opinions about certain things and that's why I am stubborn. However, I am trying to change this part about me and listen more to others.

8. Will you be willing to change?

Yes, as I said before I am trying to change but it is harder done than said. It would take time but it is definitely possible.

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### 3. Describe a natural talent you want to improve like sports music

- What it is?
  - When you discovered itmakkar@IELTS
  - How you want to improve it
  - And how you feel about it?
- 
- I think every person in this world has got a talent or two and few are born with many talents.
  - If I talk about myself, I am not a person of many talents but one talent that I may have a little is dancing.
  - There are many different dancing styles like breakdance, folk, hip-hop, contemporary but I like to do freestyle dancing.
  - Since my childhood, I have loved to dance at home, parties, or marriage functions but I have never learnt or performed professionally.
  - Until recently, it was my cousin's wedding and we thought of doing a surprise dance performance for him and his fiancé.
  - All my other cousins gave me the responsibility to choreograph the performance and also selected me as the lead dancer.
  - We selected popular songs with catchy beats for our performance and it turned out to be really amazing.
  - Everyone really liked us and appreciated our sweet gesture for the event.
  - One of cousin's friend who runs a dancing academy was really happy to see my moves and asked me from where I learnt them. When I told her that I have never learnt dancing, she suggested to me that I am really good at it and can even make a career out of it.
  - This is actually when I gave serious thought to her advice and had the realization that maybe it is a talent that I have.
  - I am now thinking of joining her dance academy to learn different forms of dancing and who knows maybe I would like to participate in a dancing competition one day.
  - I think dancing makes me feel really happy and relaxed.
  - It is also a stress buster for me and a great form of exercise.
  - I forget about all the worries while dancing.
  - It is an amazing experience.



## Follow-ups

1. Do you think artists with talents should focus on their talents?

I honestly think that artists with talents should focus on it only if they are passionate about it because if we are not passionate about something then we are not able to sustain our interest in the particular activity for long. For example, the son or daughter of a famous musician might have innate talent towards music but if they do not have any interest in music they will never become successful musicians.

2. Is it possible for us to know the children who are 3 or 4 years old will become musicians or painters when they grow up?

I do not think it is possible to predict what a child will grow up to be in the future at such a young age. Children at the age of 3 or 4 are very curious and show their interest in almost everything as they are discovering the world around them. It would be very difficult to identify that they will become an artist in the future or not, even if the child has some innate talent, as most of the parents do not pay much serious attention to what their child is doing.

3. Do you think parents feel guilty for putting too much pressure on their children?

Well, I believe parents do not feel much guilty for putting their children under pressure because they think that they are preparing their children for the challenges that the real world would bring in the future. Parents have the idea that putting their children under pressure will motivate them to push themselves harder and achieve the impossible in life.

4. Why people like to watch talent shows?

Honestly, I am not a big fan of talent shows but I think the primary reason why people love watching them is entertainment. The talent shows are full of entertainment which is based on reality as compared to the fictional dramas. People are able to relate a lot with these reality based shows and also they derive a lot of inspiration from such shows. The talent shows sometimes also show the struggling stories of the artists which a lot of people love to watch.

5. Do you think it is more interesting to watch famous people's or ordinary people's show?

Well, I have a mixed opinion for this question as both the categories teach us different things. From famous people, we get to know the story behind their struggles, hard work, and how they became successful, which is very motivating but then sometimes I feel that famous people are pretentious and one never gets to know how they are in real life. On the other hand, ordinary people offer us the real side of humanity to which everyone is able to relate in many different ways, be it emotionally or how people actually live. Since many people are able to relate with this so they find ordinary people more interesting. m a k k a r I E L T S

## 4. Describe a law on environmental protection

- What it is
- How you first learned about it mAkKaR\_IELTS
- Who benefits from it
- And explain how you feel about this law

- Laws are made by the government for the smooth running of society .
- Without these laws, we would be living in utter chaos and anarchy.
- There are many laws worth mentioning, such as - ban on smoking in public places, wearing a helmet while riding a two wheeler, law against female foeticide, and against cutting trees
- But here I am going to talk about a law on banning the use of plastic carry bags
- I came to know about this law from TV news.
- This law affects each and every person on Earth.
- In 2016, India banned the use of carry bags below 50 microns thickness, but it was not enforced well, because of a lack of alternatives.
- However, in June 2018, on World Environment Day, the theme was “Beat Plastic Pollution”, and so the government planned to be strict in the implementation of this law.
- Actually, this year, India was the global host of the World Environment Day.
- So, our PM Mr. Narendra Modi asked every state and Union Territory to launch a massive campaign against the use of plastics.
- Plastic in all forms, such as carry bags, drinking straws, and plastic bottles has been banned and strict fines are imposed on the violators of this law.
- Plastic is non-biodegradable and fills up our landfill sites.
- If burnt, it emits harmful fumes into the air.
- So, I think this is a good law and we all need to cooperate with the government by abiding by this law.
- We should make it a habit to carry our tote bags with us when we go shopping and refuse to accept plastic bags.

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## Follow-ups

1. Do you think this law is acceptable to the people?  
Yes, I think this law has been accepted well by the people of India. There is growing awareness about the environmental issues and Indians too are making their efforts to save and preserve the environment.
2. Is there any situation wherein people may disobey the law?  
Yes, there are situations when people disobey the/this law. The main reasons for such laws not being followed by the people are personal profits/benefits and the convenience that they may have to give up.
3. Do people like being a police officer in your country?  
Yes, many people in my country like being a police officer. Every year there are several people who take the tests to become a police officer. The competition that exists for such exams is a clear indicator that many people strive to become police officers and serve their country. m a k k a r I E L T S
4. What qualities should a police officer possess?  
A police officer should possess many qualities. He/she should be physically fit and active and should have a passion to serve the people and the Nation. Some other qualities are honesty, eagerness to search for the truth and bring justice to people, some skills like martial arts or other such combat skills to fight the criminals, courage, fearlessness, determination, and many more such qualities.
5. Why some people prefer to be a lawyer?  
Some people prefer to be a lawyer because they want to ensure that everyone receives justice and is treated fairly by the law. They may have a desire to fight for others' rights and ensure that everyone gets a fair chance to justify their actions. Some people choose this profession because of the prospects of earning money and fame.
6. Should people be penalized when they use mobile phones while driving?  
These days vehicles are well equipped with a system wherein you can connect via bluetooth to your mobile and you can be handsfree and still use your mobile but if a driver is talking or texting on the phone while driving he should be heavily penalized.
7. Is kindness the most important quality of a police officer?  
No, kindness is certainly not the best quality of a Police Officer. A Police officer has to be honest, straightforward, and very curious while performing his duty. Unfortunately, we cannot afford to be very kind as the criminals may take advantage of the situation
8. Do you think both men and women can be police officers?  
These days we are living in an egalitarian society so gender bias doesn't hold ground in any profession. Every man and every woman is worthy of any profession. So both men and women are equally capable of serving in the police department
9. Do you think the police officers are paid too much?  
I think in the Western world police officers are paid well in accordance to their duties but in the developing countries their salaries do not match the work they do, they deserve better salaries. But I

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do not agree that they are paid too much because they face too many dangers of life and limb while performing their services.

10. Do all Indian people obey the law?

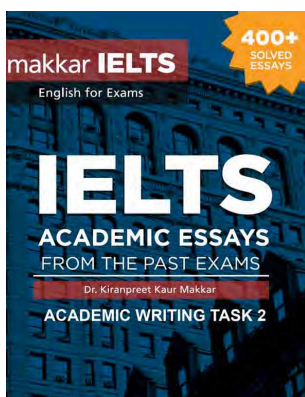
Human psychology is the same everywhere in the world when the citizens know that they are going to be caught, penalized, put behind the bars, they will obey the law. A law well implemented is well obeyed. I think Indian people know they can find loopholes to save themselves, so they do not obey the law. I have come across very honest Indians and very dishonest people from other nations so the system that has to get strict.

11. Are there laws about education in India?

12. What kind of rules do schools in India have?

13. What can teachers do to make students obey rules?

14. What should parents do to educate children about laws?



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## 5. Describe a town or city where you would like to live in the future

- Where is it? makkarIELTS
  - How you know about this city?
  - What it is famous for?
  - Why you would like to live there
- 
- My hometown is Phagwara and I have been living there since my birth.
  - I love many things about Phagwara but there are certain reasons why I would like to move out in the future.
  - The city that I dream about living in the future is Chandigarh.
  - It is the combined capital of Punjab and Haryana.
  - Many of my relatives live there and so I know a lot about it.
  - In fact, I used to visit Chandigarh a lot in my childhood to spend time with my cousins.
  - Chandigarh is a modern city. It was built after independence by a French architect Le Corbusier.
  - It is famous for many reasons.
  - First, like I said before it is the capital of Punjab.
  - Secondly, it is known for its well-planned layout.
  - It's one of the few cities in India, where residential and commercial areas are completely segregated.
  - That's also one of the main reasons why I want to live there.
  - The separation offers a lot of benefits, but mainly it offers respite from the loud noise, which people suffer from in other big cities.
  - Chandigarh also doesn't have many industries, so there is comparatively less pollution than other major cities in India.
  - Another thing I like about Chandigarh is the entertainment facilities.
  - There are a lot of big malls, cinema theatres, and discos in Chandigarh.
  - There is a lot to do and people can never get bored in Chandigarh.
  - Finally, the last reason why I want to settle there is that it is very close to hill stations like Shimla and Solan.
  - I love the mountains and doing activities like trekking, rock climbing and ice-skating.
  - So, on the weekends, I would be able to go on short trips and enjoy the mountains as well.

## Follow-ups

1. Why do more and more people live in the city?

I think more and more people live in the city because of the comforts offered by city life. There are good education, health, and entertainment facilities available in cities. More city jobs offer a better pay.

2. What are some factors that attract people to settle down in certain places?

I think the main factors are presence of family members and friends, financial reasons like availability of well paid jobs, facilities like presence of malls, cinema theatres, good schools for children and so on. Nowadays people also consider factors like level of pollution and traffic.

3. What are the differences between the young and old when choosing where to live?

I think the young mostly care about the availability of jobs and entertainment facilities. They prefer places where they can get well paid jobs and where there are bars, restaurants, and shopping malls so that they can enjoy life. On the other hand, old people care about presence of family members so that they don't feel lonely. Also, for the old, it is about good health care facilities so that they can get timely help in case of emergencies and health issues.

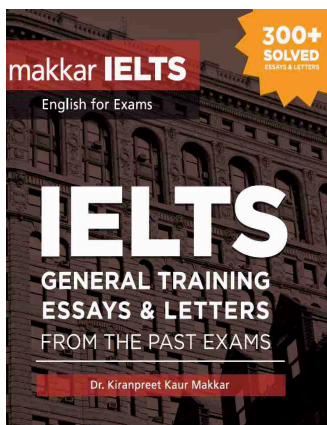
## 6. Describe a puzzle (jigsaw, crossword, etc) you have played

- What it is like
- How easy or difficult it is
- How long it takes you to solve it
- And how you feel about it

- I think puzzles are a good way to challenge our brains.
- Ever since I was a kid, I have enjoyed solving puzzles.
- I was always very curious and even used to disassemble and reassemble my toys just to see how they worked.
- My whole family used to do the Sunday newspaper crossword puzzle together.
- I have also done many jigsaw puzzles and here I would like to talk about one that I did a few years ago.
- On my 18th birthday, my friends gifted me a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle.
- Before that, I had never solved a puzzle with so many pieces.
- 100 pieces was the maximum I had done before.
- The jigsaw design on the box had a beautiful landscape with mountains in the background and a lake in front of it.
- It looked easy but when I started doing it, I realized it had a lot of tricky repeating patterns and similar shapes and colors.
- It was very challenging and after spending 2 hours on it I was not even halfway done.
- I was glad I was doing it on a weekend and didn't have to go to school that day.
- I started getting frustrated and at one point I wanted to give it up
- I took a 30-minute break and decided to get back on it.
- The break helped, and I could concentrate better and do it faster.
- I finally managed to finish it and in total, it took me about 5 hours to solve it.
- I felt a great sense of achievement.
- I was so happy and showed the finished puzzle to my family.
- I didn't want to break it apart and kept it on my desk for a few days.
- I redid this puzzle after a few months and finished it a little faster.
- I have bought many 500 and more piece's puzzles after that but instead of completing them in one day, I like to keep them on my desk and work 20-30 minutes on them every day.

## Follow-ups

1. Why do parents let their children play puzzles?  
Parents let their children play puzzles because they are very good learning tools and beneficial for their brain development. Puzzles keep their minds active and working. They help improve their concentration, their problem-solving skills, and finishing a puzzle brings them a sense of accomplishment. makkarIELTS
2. What kind of puzzles improve people's intelligence?  
Solving puzzles is good a way to exercise our brain and keep it active and sharp. Puzzles like Sudoku, Crossword, Jigsaw, Rubik's cube, etc. can improve our cognitive abilities and boosts our intelligence.
3. Why are detective stories attractive to people?  
I think detective stories are so popular because it enables people to use their imagination and solve the mystery. Humans have the natural drive to solve problems and detective novels/movies let them do that.
4. Which do you think is better? A detective movie or its original novel?  
I think original novels are much better. Novels don't have any time limitations and have more depth. Movies need to capture the entire novel in a few hours and some important parts/details get left out. Also, novels are mentally stimulating and engage the imagination more than movies as your mind must picture what's going on.



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## 7. Describe a live sports match that you have watched

- What it was
- When you watched it
- What it was like
- And how you felt about it

- A Sports Centre has been recently inaugurated in MY city, and I had a chance to visit it last month. m@kkaar|ELtS
- I came to know about it through the local newspaper.
- The Sports Center was inaugurated by the famous hockey player Pargat Singh and is named after the hockey legend Dhyan Chand.
- Many different sports such as soccer and hockey are played at this stadium and it also has professional coaching staff.
- One can go and learn different kinds of sports activities or just simply go and hang out with your friends.
- Since it opened, the Sports Center was on my must-visit radar.
- So, when I found out that The Chandigarh Tigers were playing Football in a friendly match on 20th August, I made it a point to buy tickets so that I could have fun at the new Stadium.
- I must say that when I arrived at the 10-hectare Stadium, I was swept away by the thrill and flurry that filled the air.
- There were football fans getting ready to come into the Stadium to support the Home team.
- There were diners, shoppers, families, and the curious ones – like me all enthusiastic and impatient to visit our fresh sports icon.
- The stadium comprises an extensive variety of venues, specifically, a 35,000-capacity stadium, 4,000-capacity Aquatics Centre, 1,500-capacity Sports Arenas, a Water Sports Centre, a Library, and about 25,000 square meters of trading and dining hall.
- What I found the most incredible was the sight of the city skyline.
- It looked glorious and everyone felt stunned at that moment.
- The greatest part about the new Sports Centre is how close the Stadium is to the shopping area.
- It took me just five minutes to get from the shopping centre to my seat.
- I felt pleased that I had the chance to visit this remarkable stadium and be part of history, watching the first ever football game played in the new Stadium of the city.

## Follow-ups

1. Do you prefer to watch live sports or watch it on TV? m@kka|ELtS  
I prefer watching sports on the TV. I think the Televisions have improved so much over the recent times that the experience is the same as watching it live. Moreover, the luxury of sitting in the comfort of one's house cannot be matched.
2. Why do some people like to watch live sports?  
I think watching sports live is much more about spending quality time with friends and family. People go there to break the monotony of everyday life and do something different. For some, it is also about the possibility of meeting or getting an autograph from their favourite sportsperson.
3. What kind of sports do Indian people like to watch?  
Indians are crazy about many sports like hockey, football, but I think nothing can come close to the popularity of cricket. I think nearly everyone watches cricket and many play it also. In fact, many Indians in foreign countries also play cricket even though the game isn't popular there.
4. Do you think competition is good for students?  
Certainly, I think competition makes us students work harder. Life without competition would be very boring. Moreover, the growing population means that competition is only going to increase in the future, so it better for students to learn to handle competition from early childhood.

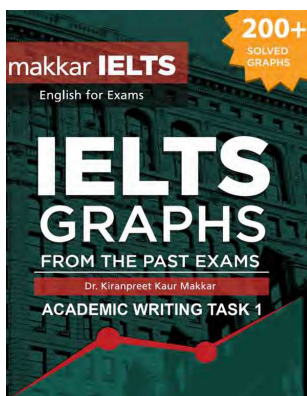
## 8. Describe an article on health you read in a magazine or on the internet

- What it was
- Where you read it
- Why you read it
- And how you felt about it

- I have read many articles in my life.
- Today I will talk about an article about healthy lifestyle that I read last year.
- I read this article from the website fitness.com.
- I was browsing through a website when I saw the link to this article.
- The name of the article was very eye-catching.
- It was "Look Younger, Live Longer".
- I clicked on the link and it opened this article.
- Nowadays, we all are living a sedentary lifestyle and facing many health related problems.
- This article opened my eyes that to become healthier, it was all about making small lifestyle changes.
- I came to know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day.
- We should have a healthy and wholesome breakfast and never skip it.
- This helps boost our immunity and also helps us go through the day with full energy.
- I have never skipped breakfast since I've read this article and I can concentrate on my work and studies better.
- I also read that we should have at least one seasonal fruit every day.
- It also said that walking for an hour a day is as good as one hour of gym.
- Since then, morning walk has become a part of my routine.
- I used to dislike broccoli before I read this article.
- However, after reading that Broccoli is a very good source of protein and is full of nutrients, I started having it regularly.
- I feel very fit and healthy and have rarely fallen sick since I made these small changes.
- I have bookmarked this article and read it often.
- I have also shared it with many of my friends and relatives.

## Follow-ups

1. Why do different people like to read different magazines?  
Different people like to read different magazines because their interests are different. Magazines cater to specific fields. Those who love sports read sports magazines, such as Sports Today; those who like fashion, read fashion magazines, such as Vogue; those interested in film celebrities, read magazines like Stardust and Film Fare.
2. What kind of magazines do teenagers like to read?  
Teenagers like to read sports and fashion magazines.
3. What's the difference between news on TV and news in magazines?  
The major difference is that news in magazines is the detailed news of the past week or the past fortnight or the past month depending on whether the magazine is weekly or fortnightly or monthly.
4. Do people like to read news from the Internet?  
Young people like to read news from the Internet. They are tech-savvy. They can read any newspaper from any corner of the world. E-paper is also environmentally friendly.
5. Do people still buy magazines in your country?  
Yes, they do. Magazines cater to special fields. Those interested in sports buy sports magazines, those interested in home-making buy magazines like Women's Era and Sarita.
6. Do you think people today are healthier than those in the past?  
Yes, I do think people today are healthier than in the past. It is obvious from the increase in life expectancy. People are living much longer than in the past. Moreover, people have become more conscious about their health.



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## 9. Describe a plan in your life that is not related to work or study

- What it is about
  - Why you made this plan
  - What you need to do first
  - And explain how you would feel if it is successful
- 
- I plan to do many things besides my work and study
  - But the one plan I would like to mention here is of immigrating to Canada.
  - For my plan to come true I have to work very hard.
  - Canada is inviting immigrants to settle there.
  - But they have some pre-requisites.
  - First I have to clear IELTS.
  - Then I shall consult some immigration agency to study my case and prepare my application.
  - I want to do so because Canada is a developed country and I have relatives there.
  - When they come to India on holidays, they spend money as if it grows on trees.
  - I also want to be able to spend so much without giving it a second thought.
  - They tell me that they work very hard over there.
  - I am also prepared to work hard.
  - I am prepared to do any work to make a living.
  - I have seen people work very hard here but still they don't have enough money.
  - So I would like to be a part of the developed world.
  - My family would have a better life if I am able to immigrate to Canada.
  - I love my country and would definitely like to do something for the needy over here.
  - That would only be possible if I earn a lot over there
  - I would feel very happy once I have achieved my goal.

Note – You can also talk about a place you would like to visit  
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## Follow-ups

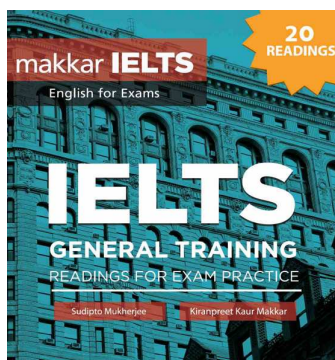
1. Do you think it is important for a person to have a career plan?  
Yes, it is very important for a person to have a career plan. A career plan gives a person something to look forward to. He can then plan his education according to that career plan. Without a plan, any work seems meaningless. So, it is very important to have a plan. Sometimes, a person may change his plan midway, but all the same without a plan taking any step ahead is impossible.
2. How do most people plan their future education and their future career?  
Most people plan their future education and career by talking to their parents, teachers, career counsellors and by consulting some people who are already in the same career.
3. Do you think it's important to include the factor of one's salary in a career plan?  
Yes, salary is a very important factor in a career plan. It is generally seen that in the early stages of one's life, money is needed for everything. One cannot go for a career, which doesn't pay well in the early stages. Later on in life, one can go for a career, which one loves even if it doesn't pay well.
4. Do you think planning is important or is it a waste of time?  
Planning is very important. It is definitely not a waste of time. If things are done without planning, then it wastes a lot of time because most of the effort may go in the wrong direction and prove futile.
5. What kinds of personal plans should people make for themselves?  
People should make plans about their studies, about their careers, their finances, about their married life, about places they want to visit, and about their retirement.
6. In general, how do people make plans?  
People make plans according to their situation, by consulting their elders and also by realizing their own interests and hobbies.
7. For a person with children, what influence does this have on their personal plans for the future?  
When a person has children, all his personal plans take a backseat, and the upbringing of the child comes first. All the personal plans become flexible and revolve around the needs of the family and children. I think this flexibility has a charm of its own.
8. Should parents set goals for children?  
Parents are the best people to set goals for the children. They can help their children in setting goals. They know the temperament of their child and so it is all right if they set goals for them, but at the same time, they should keep in mind the aptitude of the child and set realistic goals for him/her.
9. When do young children start to set goals for themselves?  
Children start to set goals for themselves after completing senior secondary when they have to decide which college to join. But these goals are mainly in consultation with their parents. Once they start earning they start setting goals independently.

## 10. Describe an occasion when you were not allowed to use your mobile phone

- When it was
  - Where it was
  - Why you were not allowed to use your mobile phone
  - How you felt about it
- 
- Cell phones have become an indispensable part of our lives
  - Today, we cannot think of a life without the cell phone.
  - There are many places, where the use of a cell phone is very disturbing.
  - For example, in religious places like temples, restaurants, and hospitals.
  - Here, I would like to talk about a situation when I was not allowed to use the cell phone
  - Last month, my aunt had come from the UK to spend a few days with us and do some shopping for her daughter's wedding.
  - We decided to go to the Golden Temple in Amritsar on the weekend.
  - I remember vividly, there was a long queue to enter the main building.
  - Our turn came after one hour's wait.
  - Just as we entered the main prayer hall, my phone started ringing.
  - Everybody turned to look at me as if I had committed a crime.
  - I had forgotten to turn my cell phone off.
  - There were notices all around that cell phones had to be turned to the silent mode before entering the hall.
  - I cut the call and immediately turned off my cell phone.
  - I felt very embarrassed.
  - There were so many people there but nobody's cell phone was ringing.
  - After doing the circumambulation of the holy book, we came out.
  - Then we went to the community kitchen, where food is served round the clock.
  - After another one hour, we came out of the main building of the temple, and then I switched my cell phone back on.
  - There were four missed calls from my cousin.
  - I called her and told her why we didn't answer her calls
  - She understood.
  - So this was the situation when I was not allowed to use my cell phone.

## Follow-ups

1. What is the impact of the cell phone?  
I believe cell phones have both positive and negative impact on our lives. Due to cell phones we have instant access to information and also because of them we can connect with our loved ones anywhere, anytime. But at the same time if you think about the negative impacts cell phones have also become a great cause of stress in our lives. The need to always stay connected is taking a toll on our personal lives.
2. What is the smartphone used the most for?  
I think, nowadays the smartphones are primarily used for accessing social networking applications such as Whatsapp, Facebook, and Twitter, etc. People also use them for official and entertainment purposes like checking office email or watching movies and playing games.
3. What is your opinion about selfies?  
I believe selfies are one of the biggest trends of our era. People are not camera shy anymore and with the advent of front facing cameras on smartphones they are taking selfies for every occasion and at every place they visit.



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