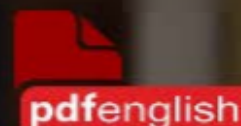


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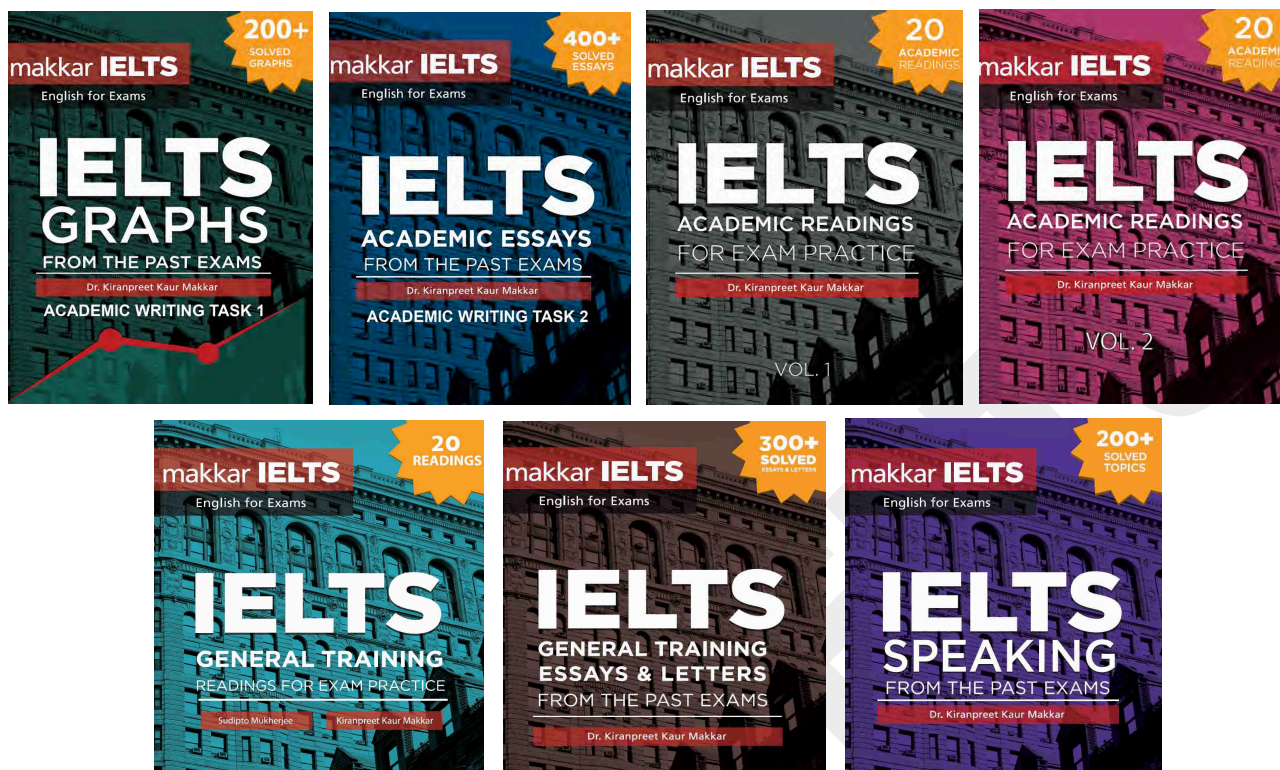
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## 1. Describe an activity that you do after school/work.

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- What it is
  - When and Where you do it
  - Who you do it with
  - And how you feel about it
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- Due to study pressure and long sitting, my life is very sedentary.
  - Therefore, to keep me physically fit, I do yoga after school.
  - I just started it two months ago, so right now I can only do the beginner level poses (asanas).
  - But I am getting better day by day and I believe that I will be able to move on to the advanced ones soon.
  - Actually, my mother used to do yoga when she was a child.
  - So, when I was thinking about improving my physical fitness, she suggested that I try yoga.
  - She also wanted to do it again and we thought because of each other's company, we would be more regular.
  - Another reason for picking yoga was that it doesn't require any special equipment.
  - We just had to order two yoga mats.
  - We have a huge veranda in our house.
  - We normally spread the mats there.
  - However, when it is raining, we do it inside the house, in our living room.
  - Typically, we do it for about 40 minutes, in the evening.
  - And we try to do it at least 5 days a week.
  - Yoga has changed my life considerably.
  - I not only feel physically fitter but also mentally more composed.
  - And it wasn't easy, in the beginning, I wanted to give up.
  - The first week was especially tough and I had severe body ache and soreness.
  - But by the second week, I felt a lot better.
  - I think if it wasn't for my mother pushing me, I would have given up.
  - Now, I am the one, pushing her.
  - I really look forward to doing it.
  - It has become a part of my routine and if I do miss it, I feel guilty somehow.
  - I think everyone should definitely try yoga once in their life.

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## Follow-ups

1. Why do some people enjoy extreme sports?

I think the thrill of extreme sports comes from the risk involved. People know that they may lose their lives. Moreover, I think it's also about doing something that not many other people will try and do.

2. Are men more likely to do adventure sports than women?

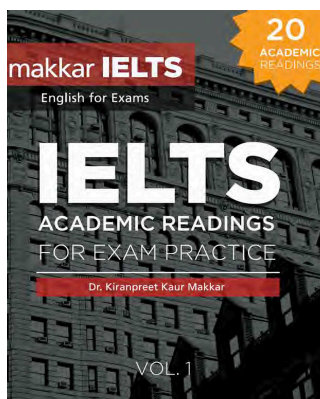
I don't think it depends upon gender. Some people are just more adventurous. I think it does depend upon a person's economic status though. Adventure sports are quite costly and thus I feel rich people are more likely to do them.

3. What are some popular outdoor activities in India?

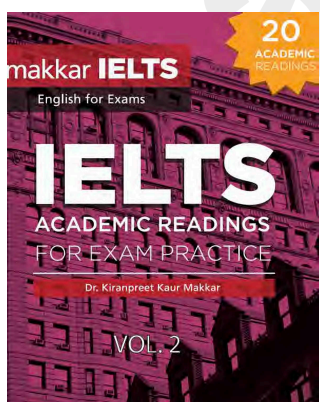
I think the most popular outdoor activities are sports and especially cricket. I think nearly all the youngsters in India play cricket. Besides sports, a lot of people also like to go for walk or jog. In fact, even in my neighborhood, most of the people go for a walk in the morning.

4. What do young people do in groups?

Young people do many things in groups, first, they go to shopping malls and cinema theatres. Also, many of the youth like to play outdoor activities and sports like cricket, hockey and so on. Another trend that is coming in big cities is going out and partying at clubs.



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## 2. Describe a time when you tried to do something but weren't very successful.

You should say

- When it was
  - What you tried
  - Why it was not very successful
  - And how you felt about it.
- 
- It was my sister's birthday on 26th May.
  - I am not very good at choosing presents, so I play it safe.
  - She loves chocolate cake and so I order it for her every year.
  - It is kind of a tradition in our house, that I will get a cake.
  - No one even thinks about it or even asks me.
  - However, this year due to the lockdown, all the bakery shops were closed.
  - There is a famous home baker in my city, who bakes on order.
  - So, next, I tried that, but unfortunately, she was swamped with orders.
  - She told me she could not deliver the cake by the birthday.
  - Now, I was in a real pickle.
  - The only option was to bake a cake myself.
  - And honestly, I am a horrible cook and I had never even done any sort of baking.
  - But desperate times call for desperate measures.
  - So, I opened YouTube and opened the beginner basics video for making a chocolate cake.
  - I checked the ingredients and we had all of them at home except cream.
  - I thought I could use milk instead.
  - And needless to say, that was my first mistake.
  - Nothing went right from that point on.
  - My cake dough was runny instead of semi-solid like the video suggested.
  - My icing tasted awful, probably because of the milk.
  - I didn't even dare put it on.
  - I spent nearly five hours in the kitchen, made a huge mess with flour, cocoa powder on all the shelves and the floor.
  - The end result was a hard dense awfully tasting something.
  - My mom told me that I should have asked her for help.
  - I felt bad that I couldn't deliver but my family members just couldn't stop laughing.
  - I think my embarrassment and the kitchen's condition made it even more amusing to them.
  - It is now a running joke in our house.
  - In the middle of any conversation, my parents or my sister randomly bring up the incident and start laughing.
  - I think they are going to tease me for the rest of my life.

## Follow-ups

1. What's your definition of success?

My definition is success is that, the outcome should make me and my family happy. I don't care what others feel or how others rate my performance, if I am happy with the results, I feel I have succeeded.

2. What things do children try to succeed in?

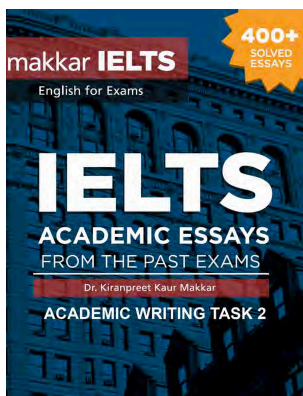
The main thing that children try to succeed in are sports competition and studies. Besides that, childhood is the time of learning skills, so children try to be successful in learning skills like riding a bicycle, learning to dance, and so on.

3. Which do you think is more important for people to become successful, handwork or opportunities?

I think both are equally important in some regards. There is no doubt in my head that rich people get better education and work opportunities, but the difficult and challenging circumstances during childhood make people from poor families more mentally strong. Ultimately, in the long run, it is about hard work, opportunities can open doors for people, but hard work converts these open doors into success stories.

4. Do you think people would be happier if they didn't have any goals to achieve?

I don't think a life without goals could ever bring happiness. In fact, it would lead to depression. People need goals in life not just for happiness but also to survive. Goals bring purpose to our lives and bring us something to look forward to.



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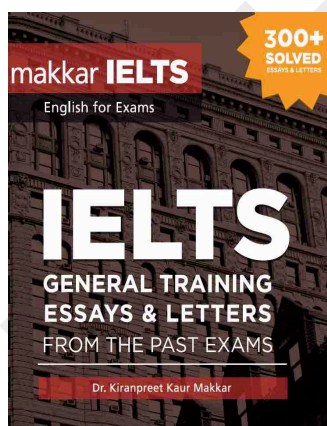
### 3. Describe a piece of equipment that is important in your home

- How you got it (or, who, bought it)?
  - What you use it for?
  - How often you use it?
  - And explain why you think this thing is useful?
- 
- There are many tools or equipment's in my house and I use them for different purposes.
  - The tool I would like to talk about today is the vacuum cleaner that I use to clean the furniture, carpet and other places in my house.
  - I clean my house 1-2 times a week and mostly on days off.
  - Cleaning the whole house and the furniture is very time consuming and difficult.
  - The vacuum cleaner that I use makes it easy specially cleaning the dust on carpet.
  - The machine or equipment is very handy and I find it important to keep our house neat & clean.
  - Our house is just beside the main road and that makes it more prone to dust.
  - Before purchasing the vacuum cleaner, it was very tiresome and tough to task for us to clean the house.
  - But this has become easier after we started using this tool.
  - The vacuum cleaner is electronic equipment that requires the AC current.
  - It is of Euroclean company and is blue in colour.
  - It was for approximately 5,000 rupees
  - It does dry as well as wet cleaning.
  - It has different attachments for different purposes.
  - It has a very nice attachment, which goes under the bed also.
  - It is very useful for removing spider webs from the walls and ceiling.
  - After plugging it in, I turn on the power switch and use the long handle that sucks all the dust.
  - I place the front of the machine towards the dust and it gulps the dust and the dust-filled bags are later emptied in a dustbin.
  - The vacuum cleaner is an important tool for me as it does an important task of our home.
  - I remember, before we had the vacuum cleaner, keeping the house spic and span was a herculean task.
  - My mother had the major brunt of cleaning work and she often suffered backache because of bending to mop the floor.
  - Because of the vacuum cleaner, everyone takes turns to clean the house and that too happily.



## Follow-ups

1. How do you think modern technology has changed the way we work (compared to the past)?  
Modern technology has revolutionised the world of work. Today, we can do in minutes, what earlier used to take days. Maintaining ledger books has become a piece of cake. Automated machines are doing repetitive monotonous work and humans are enjoying a much more convenient life.
2. Do you think that operating equipment at work can ever have some bad effect on the body?  
Yes. Operating equipment can have bad effect, if the persons are not trained to handle that equipment. Accidents can happen and people can lose their lives also if machines malfunction.
3. Do you think it's important for employees (in-industry) to be trained to use the equipment at work?  
Yes, definitely. Training employees is very essential. Otherwise it can be very hazardous.
4. Do you agree that older people have difficulties in using (advanced) modern equipment? How can we help elderly people to use these modern devices?  
Older people are not so techno savvy. They find it difficult to learn the functioning of modern gadgets.
5. Are there any disadvantages of using modern equipment too much in the home?  
Yes, there are. Young people are so engrossed in these that they forget that they should interact with other family members. People become so dependent on machines like dishwashers, washing machines and microwaves that all work comes to a standstill if these things do not work.



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#### 4. Describe someone older than you, whom you admire.

- Who this person is?
- How you know this person?
- What kind of things you like to do together
- Explain how you feel about this person/ why you admire him/her

- Everyone admires creativity and creative people.
- I know many people who are very creative.
- Some can do wonders with paint and brush, and some can do wonders with needle and thread.
- Here, I would like to talk about my elder cousin, Vineeta, who is very creative by nature.
- She is 25 years old and is not very tall, but looks very beautiful.
- She is fair complexioned, and generally likes to wear traditional Punjabi suits.
- She has done her Masters in Home Science, and is good at many forms of art.
- When she is in the kitchen, she can create new dishes.
- Her way of presentation is also very good.
- She is fond of embroidery and has embroidered many wall hangings and suits.
- Once she gifted me a suit embroidered by her.
- Whenever I wear it, I get many compliments.
- She can also stitch all types of fancy suits herself.
- Everyone in our family says that she has got magic in her hands.
- I admire her a lot and try to learn many things from her.
- Last Diwali, we made a Rangoli decoration, which was superb.
- She didn't even need to draw the designs.
- During college days, she participated in many youth fests and won many trophies for her college.
- One niche in her house is full of awards and medals won by her.
- She makes hand knitted sweaters, which look better than readymade ones.
- She has made many crochet doilies to decorate the home.

## Follow-ups

1. What can young and old people learn from each other?

I think young and old people can teach a lot to each other. Old people can use their life experience to teach young one's the important life values and lessons, whereas the youngsters can help the elderly by teaching them about the latest technological trends such as how to use computers and mobile phones.

2. Has old people's life quality improved when compared to the past?

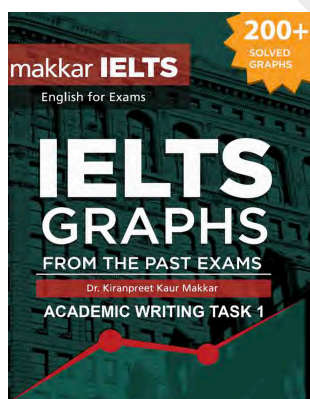
Definitely yes, I believe there has been a significant improvement in the quality of life of the old people. With the advancements in the field of medicine, there are treatments available for old-age related ailments such as osteoarthritis, thus making their life more comfortable. Also, social media has helped old people to stay in touch with their friends and family who live far away, instead of living an isolated life as compared to the past.

3. Why is there a generation gap between the young and the old?

I believe there are two main reasons behind the generation gap. First is due to the change in priorities, while the elderly believed in working hard and saving money, the younger generation wants to work smartly and party hard. So, the elderly often think that the younger generation is not serious about life. From the perspective of young people, they often see the elderly as boring and have a perception that the old people are not ready to adapt to the changing trends in society.

4. What do old people usually do in their life?

I think old people do many things in their life but mostly it depends on their economic and social status. Those who can afford, love to travel, play golf, spend time in clubs and enjoy their retired life. Others usually like to stay home, read books, spend time with their grandchildren, and sometimes do a pilgrimage to famous temples.



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## 5. 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

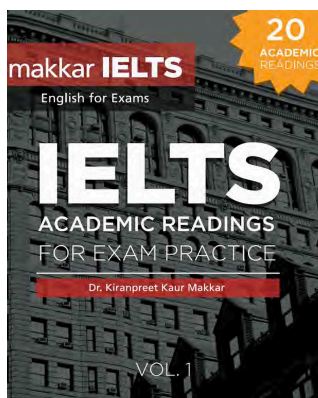
- I believe shopping is a great pastime and people shop at different places like malls and roadside or street markets
- Rich people nowadays prefer to shop in the malls whereas youngsters and economically weaker people shop from markets nearby their home or the street markets
- Today, I would like to 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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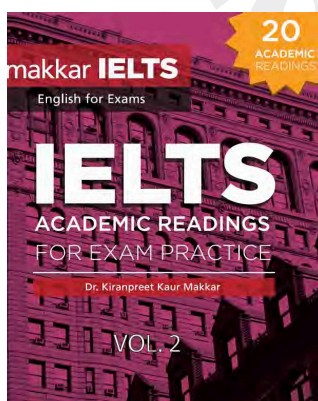


## Follow-ups

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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## 6. 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.

## 7. 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

## 8. 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

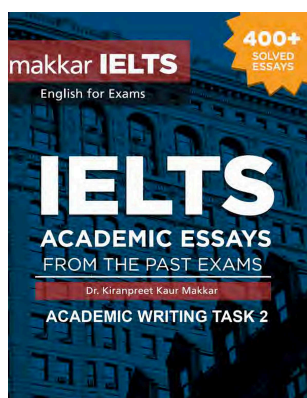
- Laws are made by the government for the smooth running of society .
- Without these laws, we would be living in utter chaos and anarchy.
- There are many laws worth mentioning, such as - ban on smoking in public places, wearing a helmet while riding a two wheeler, law against female foeticide, and 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 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.
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 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.



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## 9. 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
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- 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.

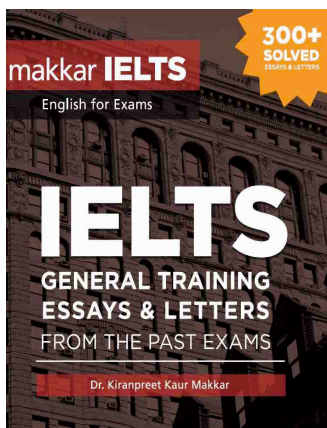
## 10. Describe a puzzle (jigsaw, crossword, etc) you have played

- 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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