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We're going to start off by talking about art and photography do you like art H that's interesting um depends on what I like Cinema for instance movies music but I don't know too much about um paintings or Modern Art I'm not too familiar with so it depends on what kind of art do you like to take photographs yes I wouldn't say the photographs are good but I do enjoy taking pictures yeah do you prefer to take photos of yourself or other things of other things it's kind of hard to take pictures of yourself unless it's a selfie and

that's limited so pictures of other things mostly now let's talk about animals do you like animals I love animals uh land animals friendly so to speak animals not insects and not anything from the ocean what is your favorite animal um probably a dog dogs for obvious reasons you can keep them as pets in terms of like non-domesticated animals probably Jaguars do you have any animals in your home as pets yes I have two dogs they're both from the shelter the animal shelter the rescues um yeah i've always had pets our family really likes

keeping animals around now let's talk about bags what type of bags do you like I prefer pures that are a little bit on the larger side just cuz I like to put every thing of my life in my purse um so it ends up weighing maybe 20 kilos yeah larger bags probably structured larger bags how often do you carry a bag when you go out every day I think that's the case for most women I think they carry a bag every even if you go down to the grocery or the supermarket you take your bag with you usually right what sort of bags do women

like to buy it depends um it depends on your outfit it depends on where you're going um for the day if you're going to the office you probably want something bigger that can fit your laptop your phone paperwork um everything that you might need during the day um if it's nighttime you'd want something smaller like a clutch something more Sleek elegant um so it depends if you're traveling you'd want a much bigger bag that's able to fit mhm not just you but all of your family's stuff as well so everything women like all

kinds of bags that's why we have so many of them now let's talk about birthdays mhm what did you usually do on your birthday when you were a child so when I was a kid when I was a child um in school we had a uniform everybody wore a uniform to school so when it was your birthday it was the one day of the year that you were allowed to wear whatever you wanted so it was a big deal I mean at least I would pick out my outfit like 2 months in advance it would be like a little dress like a princessy frock matching shoes

matching accessories for your hair and then you would take some kind of chocolate or candy to school and then you could take like a period off and go and give the candy out to other teachers and other kids in the school and we looked forward to it every year it was the highlight to get to not have to wear the uniform to wear whatever you wanted and to basically be able to skip class and go out and hand out chocolates cuz it's your birthday how do you normally celebrate your birthday now H very differently everyone's allowed

to wear whatever they want now so it's kind of not doesn't have the same charm um it depends I like to do a little dinner with um my friends something lowkey I'm not a very big party person so dinner is usually good um followed by probably like a games night or a movies movie night at home or at the cinema something low key do you think it's important to give someone a card on their birthday like a handwritten like a birthday card um I think so yes because I'm quite sentimental and emotional so I prefer more um emotional

sentimental gifts so I think if someone takes the time to write something by hand for you I think that I mean I hold hold on to stuff like that so I think it's a very nice thoughtful present to give someone on their birthday the first time I met a new friend so I'm going to go way back it was my first day of school kindergarten and I met a girl named Aman prit k um she we were about I think we just turned four years old uh we met obviously in kindergarten um first day of school uh what I liked about her when I first saw her I mean we were

sitting together with the teacher made us sit next to each other and um she had this long hair and it was like sectioned into two parts and it was just braided all the way down and she had the cutest face I've ever seen she had this little fluffy marshmallow like face I guess that's all it takes when you're a kid to want to be friends with somebody um and then I tried to so there's like this little thing that kids do where they put their thumb out to show other kids that I want to be your friend um and then if you don't want to be friends

with them you do this it's like a silly little thing so I did this to her I put my thumb out to say hey do you want to be friends and she was like this and I was heartbroken I was like how can she know want to be my friend um and then I saw her again the next day um and the day the next day after that and the day after that and then eventually we ended up becoming best friends she she did it back to me obviously at some point she was my first best friend that I ever had in life she was from Punjab which is a part of India um and her mom used to make

the most amazing it's called parata it's like this stuffed bread it's like they put a potato and spices into like um into a flatbread and my mom used to make something called CA which is sweet semolina situation that's the end of the two minutes okay we've been talking about a friend that you met and we're going to now talk about friends at school it depends I would say I would perhaps think that quality is more important than quantity so I wouldn't say that the objective should be to make as many friends as you can or to be

popular um as much as the objective should be to build meaningful friendships with people that could be one person that could be five people that could be 10 people situational I would say yeah so it's not so much how many friends you have as um it's it's not as important to have a lot of friends as if it might be to have people that you can trust that you can kind of take with you in life for a longer term do you think it is wrong for parents to choose which friends their children have H again that's a tricky one now when I answer

these questions I'm thinking back to real life situations and in some cases I have seen parents interfering and trying to make those decisions for their children where they were right to do so because the child was in bad company and they were too naive or too um I mean I guess they were just too naive to see that that situation was not right for them but their parent obviously was able to identify that my child's in Bad Company so in those cases I would say that your parents are able to read a dangerous situation better but but there's

also the flip side where everybody kind of does make bad decisions your parents made bad decisions you made bad decisions and the way that you learn from them is to have a negativist experience and then find your way out of it um so I would say that I can see certain situations whether it's bad relationships bad friendships um when you're younger not relationships when you're younger friendships when you're younger sometimes it's necessary to have that experience so that you know firsthand how to deal with

that situation and you may not be able to get that experience if your parents always Shield you from every single thing that can go wrong so I can kind of see depends on the situation I would say now let's talk about making new friends can you think of any disadvantages of making new friends online disadvantages of making new friends online I think the I think there's more disadvantages to making new friends I mean there was a Show recently that came out on Netflix called tender swindler the thing is with most of what we see online

isn't real whether it's social media or um even news for that matter uh everything is kind of edit edited and monitored to present a certain kind of image so if you meet somebody online and you know nothing about them they can really present any version of reality or a completely um curated sometimes dishonest form of their reality to you so it's a very dangerous uh game to play friendships or relationships both friendships friendships yeah it's somebody you know nothing about is a very everything can

go wrong there right would you say it is harder for people to make new friends as they get older yes I think it becomes harder for people to make um friends as they get older I think adults are perhaps a little bit more um more structured I mean the older that you get the more set you get in your ways your routine where you work your family your gym children for children it becomes it's very easy for children to interact with other children like if you put two kids in a room and 3 seconds they're talking to each other without any

restrictions they're talking about all of their family secrets and everything you know they they're comfortable but with adults obviously people tend to be more filtered when they interact with other adults um also I think if you've been friends from the time that you were a child with somebody you've lived through so many life events together that that kind of bond is hard to build with someone that you meet in your mid 30s because you've just lost so much time that you're learning something you're learning about them

from scratch where they went to school about their family about their relationships about their siblings so yeah I think it's a it's not impossible you can make a lot of incredible friendship ships later in life but it's probably harder to come by than if you were a kid in play school so what I'm going to do now is give you feedback on each part cuz each part is a little bit different give you some tips on on on how to perform as well or even better um next time and then there are four marking criteria uh fluency and coherence grammar

pronunciation and vocabulary and I will give you a band for each of those and tell you what band the top is band nine so part one it's just normal everyday questions and you answered those very very na natur again it was like talking to a friend or a colleague and the length of your answers was also quite good this is not a criticism um it's just kind of who you are as a person you're a very friendly chatty person who wants the other person to interact so you're often like girl like buying bags right that is fine in normal conversation if you

were to do the test for real The Examiner could be quite stone-faced cuz they're doing their job they're not being unfriendly they just have a job to do and they're trying to think about about your grammar and your vocabulary and your pronunciation and your fluency and there's a lot going on there and for them they cannot start to interact with you yeah and on test day you might not get a very friendly examiner like me I don't know whether I was friendly or not but they might be like you know don't do that or some of them could you

know be having a bad day and they just like don't ask questions now I have experienced with with not my myself but other students have said when they did that they thought the examiner was criticizing them or being rude they took that to heart and thought Oh my God I failed my test and they went from doing very very well to everything fell apart because if you feel nervous yeah you feel uncomfortable with someone then it really affects your fluency you can clam up you don't want to really show your language and who you

are you don't want to because one of the Great uh advantages or or great strength that you have is you you you're very open about about who you are as a person and that's great because it allows you to speak in a very fluent way if you go and do the test for real probably don't interact with the examiner as much part two you did a great job because you just picked a real event a real person from your life and it's much easier to talk about that some students try to pick something high level or impressive to impress The Examiner there's

no such thing uh the best thing to do is pick something from your real life cuz that's easy to talk about part three you did very very well because you really extended your answers again you use real situations from your own life you don't have to do that but it really did help you develop your answers terms of the scores pronunciation is pretty much Perfect The Examiner will be thinking about can I understand every word this person is saying 100% I can understand every syllable then the examiner will be thinking about

highlevel pronunciation features such as your intonation so our voices go up our voices go down you speak like a native English speaker in that respect sentence stress is when we emphasize certain words this is my phone not your phone so you emphasize certain words at times again you do that 100% naturally and then you use connected speech the way native English speakers talk we wouldn't say I want to talk about my friend he say I want to talk about my friend the flow of the language so absolutely perfect no problems there coherence

and fluency coherence is did you answer the questions did you develop them enough you did that 100% of the time and then fluency is did you speak without any um unnatural pausing you did pause at times but the reason why you paused is important so in the last I think it was the second last question you talking about adults and you were saying their lives are more structured so you weren't trying to think of the correct vocabulary because your English isn't good enough you were trying to just formulate your thoughts and come up

with the appropriate precise word which you did so that demonstrates to The Examiner that you have a very high level of vocabulary cuz if you were cuz you're trying to think of the what's the word what so when people don't really know the language then they would stop and also because you approach this not as a test but more as a conversation and you are very open and talk about your your life in a very open way that really helps with fluency so again top marks for for fluency and coherence grammar I didn't

hear a single grammar mistake The Examiner will be thinking about the accuracy of your grammar did you make any mistakes and the range of your grammar so if I talk to you about a birthday party in the past did you use the appropriate past tenses and then I asked you about what do you do today did you switch tenses did you use the appropriate grammatical structures and tenses to talk about each each situation and again you did that perfectly vocabulary very natural you use a nice mixture of just normal everyday words which

everybody uses and you also use idiomatic language very very well so as you can see you're using very natural English and overall you would get a perfect band kn oh wow which is very rare oh wow very very rare okay well done thank you.