

MULTI LEVEL PRACTICE TEST 20

PART 1

Where was the last place you visited on holiday?

I remember going to Kashmir with my father few months back. It was an amazing trip. The weather was great that day and we were on our bike, driving at a very slow speed, enjoying the journey and boating and eating corn and drinking tea. It was surely one of a great day.

Would you like to go back there again?

Yes, I would love to. During my last visit, we missed a few destinations because of bad weather conditions. I would love to go again so that I can cover all those missed tourist attractions.

What kind of tourist destinations do you usually prefer?

I usually prefer to go to cold climates and hilly areas. In general, these hilly areas are full of natural beauty with a lot of greenery, which I like the most.

What do you do while travelling?

Well, it all depends. If I am travelling alone, I tend to either read books or listen to music. I often also start writing about things here and there. But, when I am travelling with my friends or family members, we are mostly talking and playing games throughout the journey. It is like when I am alone, I am usually making notes and doing some serious travel blogging thing, but with friends it is more about making memories.

Has the way people travel change over the last few decades?

I think it surely has changed. There was a time when people preferred trains over flights. But with flight rates going down and so much offers being provided, also the economy of the country rising, I think people are now taking flights for longer distances. Even more, the economic

condition of middle class people has risen, so now you can see them travelling in a better condition, as compared to the one may be a decade back.

What are some of the problems of long distance travelling?

I think the only problem with long distance travelling is that one tends to get bored after some time. But, if you are with your friends and your family members, I think there is no issue then. Apart from this, the other issue at hand is that some people tend to have some sort of ailments and travelling long distance is quite tiring.

PART 2

Describe an occasion when you enjoyed

You should say:

- What was it about?
- Where was it held?
- What did people do at the occasion?
- Explain what you enjoyed at this occasion?

Life has given me a lot of happiness and moments to celebrate with my near and dear ones. I have celebrated many happy moments by hosting parties for someone and attending other people's parties as well.

I have attended many parties on different occasions in my life but the most enjoyable one was a party that I held to mark my elder sisters twenty-fifth birthday. It was a surprise party that I planned with the help of my mother. It was on the twenty-fifth of September last year, and I had started to plan it

two days before. After my sister left for work in the morning I started decorating our garden and installing the setup including the tables and chairs. My mother started baking her favourite chocolate cake while I called all her friends and our relatives to the party in the evening. I then proceeded to order snacks and appetizers along with the beverages for the evening. The celebrations finally commenced and all the guests had arrived before she came. We welcomed her with the birthday song and hugs from everyone.

We all had an amazing time at the party. Everybody socialized, we played party games, danced and had a lot of fun throughout the evening. The best part was the fact that everyone was happy with the celebration and there were smiles all around me. My sister got gifts from everyone and was all smiles when I gifted her a necklace. She was spellbound and thanked me profusely for organizing such an amazing party.

PART 3

How people celebrate public events?

I would say a gathering with food, alcohol, friends, and family is the most common way to celebrate an event across the world. More specifically, for events such as New Years, people like to crowd a central area, such as the main square, usually for a concert or some sort of speaker or count down. Furthermore, people tend to like using fireworks, bells, air horns or even just shouting when they feel excited about something.

Do you think it is important to celebrate events?

I have mixed feelings about this. On one hand, I think it's nice to celebrate events to have something to look forward to (feel excited for) throughout the year, but I

dislike the pressure aspect of special events. For example, people tend to get so stressed about buying gifts and decorating their homes during the Christmas season that they forget to simply enjoy their time with family and friends. However, when I think about it, I couldn't imagine life without celebrating special events.

Should the event be prepared in advance?

I would say so. When we procrastinate (wait to do something until the last minute), it tends to cause things to get pretty hectic (crazy) at the last minute. However, when we plan too far in advance, it may not go as planned, as things tend to change. For example, maybe an unexpected event arises which causes the plan to change. On the other hand, I don't think we should plan every detail in advance, as I've found that sometimes the spontaneous (unplanned) moments are the most enjoyable. So, all in all, it's about balance. I'd like to have a rough plan (an idea but not a strict plan) of the event in advance, but not overly detailed nor several months in advance.

How can you prepare an activity?

Well, firstly, I would like to know the approximate number of guests and their ages. Secondly, I would like to brainstorm (think of ideas) some different ideas of things that would be appealing to the audience. After this, I would find an appropriate place to hold the event, such as a home, a rented venue, outdoor area, etc and start to think about the type of food and refreshments would be appealing (tasteful) for this event. After this, I would start to officially send out invitations via mail or email and see how many RSVP (respond to event). Upon obtaining the official numbers, I would either make the food and buy the drinks or hire a catering company to take care of the party. As the event approaches, I would double-check with the guests to see how many are coming. I'd say this plan would lead to a

successful event.

Why do you think some people like parties but others hate them?

Most people like parties because they have a good time at them - eating a nice meal, chatting to friends, or having a dance. People who don't like them might find social situations difficult because they are shy, or maybe they don't enjoy having to make small talk with people they don't know.