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For All Levels

Part I: PERSONAL

Lesson 1: Tell me about your dreams

Key words:

Professions, globalization, calculus, enterprise

Sample Response:

My dream is to become a Mechanical Railway engineer. I'm good at mental calculus, geometry, and mathematical stuff. I can learn new languages very fast which is very important nowadays to communicate with other people since we are living in a time of globalization. I like to build things from ground zero, repairing, and playing with electro-mechanical cars and trains! These are the things that I would really love to do. I can also associate technology with trains and I can make improvements that can start a revolution in the railway world.

Sentence Structure

Professions

- I want to become a newscaster.
- Becoming a mechanical railway engineer is my dream job.
- I want to be a pilot since I was young.

Abilities

- I'm a fast learner when it comes to learning different languages.
- I'm multilingual.
- Since I was young, I have already enjoyed playing trains and buildings.
- I would like to work in multimedia, video, and audio productions.

Globalization

- I'm looking forward to work in Deutsch Bahn (German railways) because this is the enterprise that runs the railway business in Germany.
- I'm planning to work abroad like in Germany because of the German railways.
- I want to see myself working in Bahn (German railways) 3 to 5 years from now.

Make-up answer

- **Professions**
- **Abilities**
- **Globalization**

Lesson 2: Tell me about one of your remarkable childhood memories.

Key words:

Childhood, remarkable, venture

Sample Response:

When I was a young child, I loved to hear my parents tell me that we were going on a trip. I would be very excited and that's one of my remarkable childhood memories. I knew that we would be going to a place that I had never seen before. My parents, my brother, and I would pack our luggage and venture out in our small gray minivan. Three of my most cherished memories in our minivan were going to Disney World, the beach, and the mountains.

When I heard my parents talked about going to Disney World I got so excited. It was a long trip down to Florida and I could not sit still because of my excitement.

We finally arrived that evening and decided to stay in a hotel near the theme park. When it was time for bed, I could not go to sleep for a long time. At last, I saw the big mirror ball from the entrance and I was really amazed. Disney world has a wide variety of rides and some of them even shocked me. They made me feel like I was riding in a jet because of the fast speed. There was even a roller coaster ride in the huge mirror ball. It was a slow ride, but I still liked it because there was air conditioning inside the ball. We spent all day at the park until we finished every ride. That night, Disney World had a firework show. The fireworks seemed like they lasted forever with the amazing colors bursting in the air one right after another. I will not really forget that experience.

Sentence Structure

Childhood

- I have a precious memory when I was a child of traveling to Disney land.
- I had a memorable experience in Disney Land with my family.
- The memories of visiting Disney Land is forever etched in my mind.

Remarkable experience

- I knew it would be exciting because I haven't been there before.
- There were different kinds of extreme rides.
- My family and I enjoyed the fireworks display

Travel

- My parents, together with my brother, pack our luggage and venture out in our small gray minivan.
- While in the plane, I took many pictures of the scenery outside.
- We had a long trip from Florida.

Make-up Answer

- Childhood
- Remarkable experience
- Travel

Lesson 3: There's a big family celebration but you found out that you have to work on that day. Call your family and explain the problem and offer some suggestions how you can still help with the preparations of the party.

Key words:

Phoned , appointment, celebration

Sample Response:

Hi! How's everyone doing ? I phoned to tell you about our family celebration this coming Saturday. I'm really sorry to say that I have an important appointment on that day. I can't move that appointment to a different day. So, if I may suggest, how about we move our family celebration on Sunday? I think all of the family members can attend on that day because most of us do not work on that day. If Sunday is amenable to everyone, I will be in-charge of making the restaurant reservation with the help of my wife. I hope this will be fine to everyone. Keep in touch.

Sentence Construction

Apologize

- I apologize for this matter.
- I'm really sorry that I can't make it.
- I'm afraid to say but I can't make it .

Time / Schedules

- Can we re-schedule it on Sunday?
- I propose to re-schedule the family gathering this coming Sunday.
- Can we change the day and time to Sunday at 10:00 a.m.?

Taking Charge

- I will be in-charge of making a reservation in a restaurant.

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- My siblings will be in-charge of the restaurant reservation.
 - My sister will help me arrange everything for this coming family gathering.

Make up Answer

- **Apologize**
- **Time / Schedules**
- **Taking Charge**

Part II: WORK AND COMPANY

Lesson 1: Tell me about a typical day at work

Keywords

To-do list , project, vendors, negotiate

Sample Response

I usually get up at 6:30 in the morning. At 8 o'clock, I catch the train. I arrive at work at 9:30 a.m., drink my coffee, and check my email all at the same time. After that, I review my "To-do" list and calendar of activities. Next, I check the news and I start working on my first project while I eat breakfast. When I finish the first project, I do the next one if I still have time. I eat lunch at 2 p.m. After lunch, I go back to work and complete the next project. I talk to vendors, place orders and sometimes negotiate contracts. I leave between five thirty and six o'clock, in time to pick up my daughter.

Sentence Structure

Starting up

- I get up at 6:30 in the morning.
- I wake up at 5 a.m. and drink coffee.
- I wake up at 7:00 a.m. just long enough to turn all 4 alarms off.

Transportation

- I catch the train.
- I take the subway.
- I drive going to work.

Work Time

- I arrive at work at 9:30 am.
- I get to work between 7:15 and 7:45 and prepare for the day.

Early tasks

- I drink my coffee and check my e-mail at the same time.
- When I finish the first project, I do the next one.
- I make work plans while having coffee.
- I meet the inspector and make phone calls.

Lunch time

- I eat lunch at 2 p.m.
- Lunch time at 12 while catching up calls.
- Having sandwich for lunch and set appointments.

Late tasks

- After lunch, I go back to work and complete the next project. I leave between five thirty and six o'clock and pick up my daughter.
- I go back to work, supervise my staff, and go home at 3 p.m.
- I stop at the job sites and go home.

Make up answer

- Starting up
- Transportation
- Work time
- Early tasks
- Lunch time
- Late tasks

Lesson 2: Describe your boss or manager to me

Keywords

emulate, spiritual, wry, keeps on your toes, cruising, approachable, get down

Sample Response

My boss is in his early 30's and he's from the UK. He's married to an adorable woman and they have a couple of kids. He says he loves her Southern accent, and he often tries to emulate it, but he's terrible at it. He's very spiritual, but has that great dry, wry British sense of humor. He's also good-looking, charming, and just hilarious.

He is smart and keeps you on your toes by asking good questions.

He is open to ideas - like switching someone from one team to another. There are so many bosses out there who just don't want to hear your ideas.

He has a great attitude. It's hard to get down when you're with someone who is positive, very easy to work for, and just plain cool! And he never says negative things about others. I think that this makes him a role model for others.

Sentence Structure

Profile

- My boss is in his early 30's and he's from the UK.
- My boss is in her mid-50s and has never been married.
- My boss is a few years older than I am.

Characteristics

- He's also good-looking, charming and just hilarious.
- My boss is the nicest man in the world (no kidding) - everyone loves working for him.
- He is easy to work for. He lets me do my own thing as long as my work gets done.

Make up answer

- Profile
- Characteristics

Lesson 3: Describe one of the interesting projects that you have worked on

Keywords

scratch, feature, manipulating, dev, parsing, revamp, outdated, impromptu, interface

Sample Response

So far, the most interesting project I've ever done is totally rebuilding our company's website from scratch, with a lot of specific features, and having a working, developed site in one month and a half time.

Obviously this was no easy task and it was very time consuming. The most challenging part was parsing an RSS Feed and displaying it, stylized, on a page. I had to totally revamp the theme, write my own code, and solve a ton of issues, including those with outdated browsers.

It did however allow me to learn more about web development and manipulating JavaScript and other dev languages to work the way it suits my fancy. I also learned how to use sites like Blogger to make an impromptu web interface for updating company announcements.

Sentence Structure

Introduction

- So far, the most interesting project I've ever done is totally rebuilding our company's website from scratch.
- I think the biggest thing I have worked on alone is a social media site similar to Facebook.

- The biggest task I've worked on was a team effort to patch some security holes in some of our machines.

Difficulty

- I had to totally revamp the theme, write my own code, and solve a ton of issues, including those with outdated browsers.
- Took us 3 months to finish it, 10-12 hours for 6 weeks.
- A lot of blood, sweat, and tears went into that project.

Learning/ Outcome

- It did however allow me to learn more about web development and manipulating JavaScript.
- I'm proud to say the two systems work great together, and am somewhat glad I had to work on each piece myself.

- It had all functional systems, but the site never really got released as the company I did it for never got around it.

Make up answer

- Introduction
- Difficulty
- Learning/Outcome

Lesson 4: Your boss asked you to go to the client's office. Unfortunately, you don't know the direction well. Ask your boss three questions how to get to the client's office.

Keywords

Client, Directions, Landmark, Street signs

Sample Response

Excuse me, sir. I would like to ask something regarding the directions on how to get to our client's office. Can you tell me, where Manhattan Designs is? Do you happen to know how to get there? Should I take the subway or the public bus? Which one is the fastest way to get there? Are there any landmarks or street signs which are near the office? Thank you.

Sentence Structure

Courteous Interruption

- Excuse me....
- Pardon me....

Location

- Can you tell me where the (name of place) is?
- Where is the (name of place)?
- Do you know where is (name of place)?

Transportation

- Do you know how to get to (name of place)?
- Should I take the (type of transportation) going to (name of place)?

Makeup Answer:

- **Courteous Interruption**
- **Location**
- **Transportation**
- **Landmark/Street signs**

Part III: EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

Lesson 1: Tell me about one of your professors.

Keywords

**Professor, University, Intelligent, Diligently,
Master Degree**

Sample Response

One of my favorite professors is Professor Sae Myung Park. He is intelligent, approachable, and he understands the needs of every student in his class. He is a well-known, top-notch professor who teaches computer programming diligently. He enjoys his work extremely because it suits his outgoing personality. I am so glad that he is my professor in my major classes for my Master's Degree. I currently have classes with him on Tuesdays. He can be strict in the class but he willingly lends a hand to those who need his help and advice.

I consider him as the best professor because of his unique teaching style. He gives us challenging questions that motivate us to study harder.

Sentence Construction:

- One of my favorite professors is Professor Sae Myung Park.
- He is a well-known, top-notch professor who teaches computer programming diligently.
- He enjoys his work extremely because it suits his outgoing personality.
- I currently have classes with him on Tuesdays.
- He can be strict in the class but he willingly lends a hand to those who need his help and advice.

Make-up Answer

- **Well-known**
- **Top-notch**
- **Approachable**

Lesson 2: Tell me about a memorable experience that you had in school.

Keywords

Subject, course, certification, decision, disqualified.

Sample Response

I was disqualified in the honor system when I took a subject that is not really required for my course-I was barely passing then. I took the subject just to be with my friends. Unknowingly, the subject was too tough for me. I did a terrible decision and I fully regretted what happened. For a very long time, I did not appreciate taking the subject because of what I had to go through. However, I now have a different perspective on this experience. When I applied for certification in the field of Biology, the subject that I hated plugged me in. I got qualified for taking the course that I used to hate. Sometimes, challenges are our greatest blessing!

Sentence Construction:

- I was disqualified in the honor system when I took a subject that is not really required for my course-I was barely passing then.
- I took the subject just to be with my friends.
- When I applied for certification in the field of Biology, the subject that I hated plugged me in.
- Sometimes, challenges are our greatest blessing!

Make-up Answer

- **Plug me in**
- **Tough subject**
- **Honor system**

Lesson 3: Tell me some difficulties that you overcame in school.

Keywords

Veterinarian, Veterinary Course, Business Management

Sample Response

Right after high school, I was faced with a great dilemma. Figuring out in what field I would specialize was a difficulty in which, gladly, I was able to overcome. It was hard for me to decide because my parents wanted me to take business management. However, even then, I had always loved to take up a veterinary course. I got along with my friends and asked their opinions. Their advice helped me to decide for myself. In the end, my parents have made up their mind to give their best support. Now, I'm glad to say that I am going to be a veterinarian in the near future.

Sentence Construction:

- Figuring out in what field I would specialize was a difficulty in which, gladly, I was able to overcome.
- However, even then, I had always loved to take up a veterinary course.
- I got along with my friends and asked their opinions.
- In the end my parents have made up their mind to give their best support.

Make-up Answer

- **Right after**
- **Figuring out**
- **Get/got along with**
- **I had always loved to**
- **Take up**
- **Have made up one's mind**

Lesson 4: Your professor asked you to work on a project using a specific method. However, you don't know well what to do. Ask your professor three questions on how you're going to deal with it.

Keywords

Data, Respondents, Hypotheses

Sample Response

Excuse me, (name of professor). I would like to ask regarding the project that you have assigned me to do. First, where should I start to gather the data? Second, how many respondents do I need to have? Third, how many hypotheses should I draw from the gathered data?

Sentence Construction:

Courteous Interruptions

- Excuse me....
- Pardon me...
- May I have your attention....

Make-up Answer

- **Courteous Interruptions**

Part IV: NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES

Lesson 1: Describe to me a church that you go to.

Keywords

Catholic, devotees, novena, pews, pilgrimage, sermon

Sample Response

As a Catholic, I go to a church named **Redemptorist Church**. This church is also known as the **National Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help** or simply as the Baclaran Church. It houses one of the most venerated Marian images in the country which has been known to have miraculous powers. An estimated number of around 100,000 devotees flock to the sanctuary every Wednesday in what has become known as "Baclaran Day." The devotees participate in a novena offered for the Virgin's intercession. The church facility is spacious and

the modern Romanesque styled building is a seven-story structure with a vaulted ceiling and hundreds of pews. It is situated along Roxas Boulevard and is easily accessible to neighboring cities. I usually attend the 9 a.m. mass on Sundays or whenever my schedule permits. I also try to join the Novena and Benediction at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The church also has a crisis intervention center and programs for the street children, pilgrimage, and various vocations. And so, I love going to this church. The sermons from the parish priest are always interesting and help to strengthen my faith.

Sentence Construction:

Church Background

- As a Catholic, I go to a church named Redemptorist Church.
- This church is also known as the National Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help or simply as the Baclaran Church.
- It houses one of the most venerated Marian images in the country which has been known to have miraculous powers.

Facility

- The church facility is spacious and the modern-Romanesque styled building is a seven-story structure with a vaulted ceiling and hundreds of pews.
- It is situated along Roxas Boulevard and is easily accessible to neighboring cities.

Time and Frequency

- I usually attend the 9 a.m. mass on Sundays or whenever my schedule permits.

- I also try to join the Novena and Benediction at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Programs

- The church also has a crisis intervention center and programs for the street children, pilgrimage, and various vocations.

Reason for going to church

- The sermons from the parish priest are always interesting and help to strengthen my faith.

Make-up Answer

- Church background
- Facility
- Time and Frequency
- Programs
- Reason for going to church

Lesson 2: Describe to me a park that you always visit.

Keywords

Lagoon, trail, reservoir, grub

Sample Response

My favorite park is the La Mesa EcoPark. When my American friend came to visit me, I took her to that park for sightseeing and several activities such as hiking and boating at the lagoon. We arrived at 9 a.m. which was good since the best time to go there is early in the morning. First, we took the challenge of going on a full-body workout under the shade of trees at the fitness trail. The trail has 17 exercise stations that connects to a forested 1.2km mountain bike trail. Then, we went to see the two hectares of flower terraces which is actually the dam wall of the reservoir. For lunch, we ordered some grub from a vegetarian restaurant inside the park.

After that, we even managed to take a nap while lying on the thick grass. Then, we went to the Butterfly Garden and paddled on a boat ride at the lagoon. Finally, we took a dip at the swimming pool before wrapping up our Eco-park adventure.

Sentence Construction:

Name of Place

My favorite park is the La Mesa Eco-Park.

Purpose of Visit

- When my American friend came to visit me, I took her to that park for sightseeing and several activities such as hiking and boating at the lagoon.

Activities

- First, we took the challenge of going on a full-body workout under the shade of trees at the fitness trail.

- Then, we went to see the two hectares of flower terraces which is actually the dam wall of the reservoir.
- For lunch, we ordered some grub from a vegetarian restaurant inside the park.
- After that, we even managed to take a nap while lying on the thick grass.
- Then, we went to the Butterfly Garden and paddled on a boat ride at the lagoon.
- Finally, we took a dip at the swimming pool before wrapping up our Eco-park adventure.

Make-up Answer

- Name of Place
- Purpose of Visit
- Activities

Lesson 3: Tell me about a beauty salon or barber shop that you often go to.

Keywords

Mane, pamper, an arm and a leg, splurge, posh

Sample Response

I entrust my long black hair to the hairstylists at Salon de Manila. It is one of the country's most respected beauty salon shops. The branch that I frequent is just a stone's throw away from my company. So, after a stressful day at work, I can go there and have myself pampered by their friendly staff. Although some of the services they offer do cost an arm and a leg, I don't hesitate to splurge my hard-earned money. I am sure that I get my money's worth from the precision haircutting to hairstyling to nail and body spa treatments and other beauty-related services that they offer. A plus factor is that they provide free Wi-Fi connection so I can still check on my Facebook account and tweet while waiting for

my turn. Finally, I just love the posh interior and the relaxing atmosphere of the place.

Sentence Construction:

Brand name

- I entrust my long black hair to the hairstylists at Salon de Manila.

Location

- The branch that I frequent is just a stone's throw away from my company.

Services and Pricing

- Some of the services they offer do cost an arm and a leg.

- I am sure that I get my money's worth from the precision haircutting to hairstyling to nail and body spa treatments and other beauty-related services that they offer.

Interior and Atmosphere

Finally, I just love the posh interior and the relaxing atmosphere of the place.

Make-up Answer

- **Brand name**
- **Location**
- **Services and Pricing**
- **Interior and Atmosphere**

Lesson 4: There is going to be a sale at one of your favorite shops. You want to know more about the sale. Call the shop and ask three questions to find out everything about the sale.

Keywords

Patron, up for grabs, discount, catalog, sell like hotcakes

Sample Response

Hello. Good afternoon. Is this Plain and Prints – Mall of Asia branch? I am Ms. Jessica Park, one of your regular patrons. I've seen the advertisement about the sale that you will hold on the 15th of November. I'd like to inquire regarding the items that will be up for grabs on the said event. Will the skirts and wrap-around dress be included on the sale? How many percent will be given as a discount? Is it also possible to reserve some items? If it's okay, I would like to reserve the dresses that I choose from the online catalog. I prefer paying through credit card. I'm afraid that the styles I like will sell like hotcakes and I won't be able to get myself one.

Sentence Construction:

Contact the branch

- Hello, is this Plain and Prints – Mall of Asia branch?

Make an Inquiry

- I'd like to inquire regarding the items that will be up for grabs on the said event.
- Will the skirts and wrap-around dress be included on the sale?
- How many percent will be given as a discount?
- Is it also possible to reserve some items?

Negotiate/ Make a request

- If it's okay, I would like to reserve the dresses that I choose from the online catalog.
- I'm afraid that the styles I like will sell like hotcakes and I won't be able to get myself one.



Make- up Answer

- Contact the branch
- Make an inquiry
- Negotiate or Make a Request

Part V: LIKES AND INTEREST

Lesson 1 : Tell me about your favorite place to hang out.

Keywords

Coffeehouse, Ambience, Comfy,
Contemporary, “With a twist”, Cozy, Wi-Fi,
Posers.

Sample Response

My favorite place to hang out is in a coffee shop. There are a lot of coffeehouses around the city where I live but there is one particular coffee shop that I always go to. Its unique ambience is the reason why it's my favorite place to hang out. It's just a five-minute drive from my house and it faces the city park. The place is a nice fusion of modern contemporary interior design with a twist of traditional furniture arranged elegantly. The chairs and couches are so comfortable which allows you to enjoy your coffee as if you are in your own living

room, but only cozier. And of course, the Wi-Fi is for free! You can do your school research, read a book, and do online stuffs. I absolutely love to meet my friends here while enjoying the aroma of freshly-brewed coffee. Needless to say, I feel hurt when people say that coffee shops are frequented by posers. On the contrary, a coffee shop is one of the best places to relax and get comfy.

Sentence Construction:

Place

- My favorite place to hang out is in a coffee shop.

Reasons

- It's unique ambience is the reason why it's my favorite place to hang out.

Details

- It's just a five-minute drive from my house and it faces the city park.
- The place is a nice fusion of modern contemporary interior design with a twist of traditional furniture arranged elegantly.
- The chairs and couches are so comfortable which allows you to enjoy your coffee as if you are in your own living room, but only cozier.
- And of course, the Wi-Fi is for free!

Good place for /to do

- You can do your school research, read a book, and do online stuffs.
- I absolutely love to meet my friends here while enjoying the aroma of freshly-brewed coffee.

Other Conflicts

- Needless to say, I feel hurt when people say that coffee shops are frequented by posers.
- On the contrary, a coffee shop is one of the best places to relax and get comfy.

Make up Answer

- **Place**
- **Reasons**
- **Details**
- **Good place for /to do**
- **Other conflicts**

Lesson 2: Tell me about the kinds of movie that you like to see.

Keywords

Chick-flicks, Genre, Appealing, Starring

Sample Response

I watch pretty much anything that can be considered as a good film regardless of its genre. But, I guess chick-flicks would be my favorite category. This kind of movie mainly deals with love and romance that are mostly appealing to young women like me. My favorite movies of this kind are *My Best Friend's Wedding* starring Julia Roberts and the classic *Breakfast at Tiffany's* starring Audrey Hepburn. This kind of movies contain themes that are relation-based stories. However, there is less portrayal of "heavy emotions" as is common in romantic and drama movies.

I just want to get away from serious films. Life, after all is already a serious drama. I want a film that lets me feel relaxed and refreshed when I go out of the cinema.

Sentence Construction

Kind of movie

- I watch pretty much anything that can be considered as a good film regardless of its genre.
- But, I guess chick-flicks would be my favorite category.

What is chick-flick movies

- This kind of movie mainly deals with love and romance that are mostly appealing to young women like me.

Favorite chick-flick movies

- My favorite movies of this kind are *My Best Friend's Wedding* starring Julia Roberts and the classic *Breakfast at Tiffany's* starring Audrey Hepburn.
- This kind of movies contain themes that are relation-based stories.
- However, there is less portrayal of “heavy emotions” as is common in romantic and drama movies.

Other Related Answer

Hated movies

- I just want to get away from serious films.

Why do you watch movies

- I want a film that lets me feel relaxed and refreshed when I go out of the cinema.

Make up Answer

- **Kind of movies**
- **What are chick-flick movies**
- **Favorite chick-flick movies**
- **Hated movies**
- **Why do you watch movies?**

Lesson 3: Tell me about your favorite restaurants where you often go to eat.

Keywords

Nutritious, Variety, Addictive, Drive Thru

Sample Response

Whenever I eat out, fast food restaurants are often my first option. In terms of service, a fast food restaurant lives up to its name. There is also a variety of food to be had which are convenient, cheap, and deliciously satisfying. There are walk-up counters or drive-thru windows where people can order and pick up their food. Fast food restaurants are scattered almost everywhere in my city. Although fast food restaurants are my favorite, I know that most of the food are not always nutritious. Still, I can not resist going there. If you haven't noticed, fast food is addictive too!

Sentence Construction:

Favorite restaurant

- Whenever I eat out, fast food restaurants are often my first option.

Reason

- In terms of service, a fast food restaurant lives up to its name.
- There is also a variety of food to be had which are convenient, cheap, and deliciously satisfying.

Negative part

- Although fast food restaurants are my favorite, I know that most of the food are not always nutritious.
- Still, I can not resist going there.
- If you haven't noticed, fast food is addictive too!

Where to find

- Fast food restaurants are scattered almost everywhere in my city.

Description of fast food restaurant

- There are walk-up counters or drive-thru windows where people can order and pick up their food.

Make up Answer

- Favorite restaurant
- Reason
- Negative part
- Where to find
- Description of fast food restaurant

Lesson 4: You bought some clothes online. You wanted to know the company's policy on defective or damaged products. Call the company and ask the things that you have to know about the policy.

Keywords

Refund, Terms and conditions , Customer service, Online purchased products/items

Sample Response

Hi! Good morning. Is this Ebay.com's customer service? I am Park Sun Min and I am calling regarding the product I purchased from your website. I called to know the policies, terms, and conditions regarding online purchased products. What are the possible reasons for your office to accept returns from clients? What do you do regarding damaged items? If you would not be able to replace the damaged item, will you refund the money paid for it? How many working days should I wait for the money? I hope to review and understand further the terms and conditions so please e-mail me as soon as possible.
Thank you! Bye.

Sentence Construction:

Reason for the call

- I am calling ...
- I called to ask...

Policies, terms and conditions

- What are the...?
- What do you...?

Return and Refund

- If you would not...
- Will you...?
- How many...?

Make-up Answer

- **Reason for the call**
- **Policies, terms, and conditions**
- **Return and Refund**

Part VI. SPORTS

Lesson 1: Tell me about your favorite sports team and player.

Key words:

Stadium, wealthiest, variety, exceptional, discipline

Sample Response

Everyone in this world has their own favorite games and so do I. My favorite game is football. I often play this with my friend in the evening. I like this game because it is exciting and challenging. Football is a team sport played between two teams of eleven players each. It is a ball game played on a rectangular grass field with a goal at each end. Football is played at a professional level all over the world and millions of people regularly go to football stadiums to follow their favorite team while millions of avid fans watch the game on television.

My favorite team is Manchester United which has a roster of great players from different countries. Manchester United has won the most trophies in English Football.

It is one of the wealthiest, most widely supported, and the most valuable football teams in the world.

The star I admired most in football is the Asian player Park Ji Sung. He always represents the Korean football team which competes in the World Cup every 4 years. He also plays in other football competitions. He is a South Korean footballer who plays as a mid-fielder for English club Manchester United. He was also the captain of the South Korean National team until his retirement from international football. He is the most decorated footballer in Asian history. For me, he is a versatile player who can play in a variety of positions such as central, right, left midfield, as well as wing-forward. I like him because he is able to play anywhere across the midfield and is noted for his exceptional fitness level, discipline, work ethic, and off-the-ball movement. I consider him as one of the best football players of all time.

Sentence Structure

Favorite Sport

- My favorite game is football.
- Basketball is my favorite sport.
- I love playing tennis.

Description of the Sport

- Football is a team sport played between two teams of eleven players each. It is a ball game played on a rectangular grass field with a goal at each end.
- Basketball is a team sport in which two teams of five players try to score points by throwing or "shooting" a ball through the top of a basketball hoop while following a set of rules.

Sport Fans

- Football is played at a professional level all over the world and millions of people regularly go to football stadiums to follow their favorite team while millions of avid fans watch the game on television.

Favorite Sports Team

- My favorite team is Manchester United which has a roster of great players from different countries.

Team's Achievement

- Manchester United has won the most trophies in English Football.
- It is one of the wealthiest, most widely supported, and the most valuable football teams in the world.

Favorite Team Player

- The star I admired most in football is the Asian player Park Ji Sung.

Description of Favorite Team Player

- He always represents the Korean football team which competes in the World Cup every 4 years.
- He also plays in other football competitions.

- He is a South Korean footballer who plays as a mid-fielder for English club Manchester United.
- He was also the captain of the South Korean National team until his retirement from international football.
- He is the most decorated footballer in Asian history.

Reasons why you like him

- For me, he is a versatile player because he can play in a variety of positions such as central, right, and left midfield, as well as wing-forward.
- I like him because he is able to play anywhere across the midfield and is noted for his exceptional fitness level, discipline, work ethic, and off-the-ball movement.
- I consider him as one of the best football players of all time.

Make up Answer

- **Favorite Sport**
- **Description of the Sport**
- **Sport Fans**
- **Favorite Sports Team**
- **Team's Achievement**
- **Favorite Team Player**
- **Description of Favorite Team Player**
- **Reasons why you like him**

Lesson 2: Describe the sport which is very popular in your country.

Keywords

Integral, culture, dominate, passionately, reputation, amateur, league, immense

Sample Response

Sports have been an integral part of the Philippine culture. One sport that stands out in the Philippines is basketball. It is the most celebrated sport in the country. Even though the Philippines is surrounded by water, it is interesting to know that basketball is the country's national game. It is one of the favorite and passionately watched games of the Filipinos. In fact, the country enjoys the reputation of being enlisted among the first basketball playing nations in the world. This sport is played on both the amateur and professional levels.

The country has two famous leagues: the **Philippine Basketball Association** (PBA), founded in April 1975, and the **Philippine**

Amateur Basketball League (PABL or PBL) founded in 1983. The **PBA** is composed of 10 company-branded franchised teams. These days, the numbers of teams are increasing. The PBA is the first and oldest professional basketball league in Asia and the second oldest in the world after the NBA. There are also other amateur basketball games which cater to university players of the Philippines. The most popular are the **University Athletics Association of the Philippines** (UAAP) and the **National Collegiate Athletics Association**(NCAA).

Basketball is a game comprised of two teams of five players each who try to score points by passing the ball through a loop hung at a certain height. The game is played according to a set of rules and involves a lot of techniques like shooting, passing, and dribbling. Often, the players make their own methods which become their own style and important point of reference

for amateur players. Interested players are encouraged and given chance to play through the various basketball organizations or clubs. Basketball is also included in the country's school curriculum.

Sentence Structure

Famous sports in the country

- It is the most celebrated sport in the country.
- Football is the most famous sports in America.
- Korean's favorite sport is Soccer.

Description of the Sports

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Basketball Leagues

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Rules of the game

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Ways to encourage playing basketball

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Make up Answer

- **Famous sports in the country**
- **Description of the Sports**
- **Basketball Leagues**
- **Rules of the game**
- **Ways to encourage playing basketball**

Lesson 3: Tell me about a sport that you can play well.

Keywords:

Objective , manifest, offense, athletic, communication

Sample response

Playing basketball is one of my favorite activities that I can say, I play well, too. When I was introduced to sports in high school, I played other sports but I really got into basketball.

There are three reasons why I like to play basketball. First, it is a very physical sport which involves a lot of running and moving. On the game, there are five players from each team, and another five on the bench. A player should know how to control the ball or his opponents could steal the ball. The objective of the game is to shoot the ball through the basket. In the end, the most important skill of the game is defense; no

team can win a game without a powerful defense. Also, the physical activities in basketball could help a good player become a better player. Blocking, shooting, and powerful jumping are skills required and should be manifested during a game. On the other hand, the offense in a basketball game includes dunks, free throws, and jump shots (which are my favorite basketball moves).

Secondly, basketball is also good for the health. It helps me lose weight and it also gives me athletic speed and strengths. I used to be overweight but now I am in a better shape through the physical exercises I have to do during the training.

Lastly, I was able to improve my communication and social development skills through basketball. Players should regularly interact with each other in order to win a game.

Sentence Structure

Sports that you can play

- Playing basketball is one of my favorite activities that I can say, I play well, too.
- When I was introduced to sports in high school, I played other sports but I really got into basketball.

Reasons why you like basketball

- First, it is a very physical sport which involves a lot of running and moving.
- In the end, the most important skill of the game is defense; no team can win a game without a powerful defense.
- Also, the physical activities in basketball could help a good player become a better player.
- Blocking, shooting, and powerful jumping are skills required and should be manifested during a game.
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Make up Answer

- **Sports that you can play**
- **Reasons why you like basketball**
- **Rules of the game**

Lesson 4: Sports Event- Boxing Game

Keywords:

ticket, available, bring

Sample response

Hello! I would like to buy a ticket for a boxing game on Sunday, November 13. Do you still have tickets available for three persons? How much would it cost me? By the way, I don't want to be late for the game. What time does it exactly start? Also, is it okay to bring our own food during the game?

Sentence Construction

Game

- I would like to buy a ticket for a boxing game.

Ticket Price

- Do you still have tickets available for three persons?
- How much would it cost me?

Date and time of the game

- What time does it exactly start?

Food

- Is it okay to bring our own food?

Make up my answer

- Game
- Price of the ticket
- Date and time of the game
- Food

Part VII. TRAVELING

Lesson 1: Describe a country that you had visited.

Keywords

Destinations, commemoration, pavilion, highly recommend,

Sample Response

I love to visit different countries but the last visit is the best it is in Kyoto, Japan. I visited different famous places in Kyoto. At first I need to ride the night bus from Tokyo to Kyoto. Unlike other Japanese buses Kyoto buses has an electronic announcement in English. I stayed in one of their famous Hotel. My first stop is at Golden pavilion a Temple constructed in 1397. Using The Tōkaidō Shinkansen Line their famous subway train helps us reaching my next stop. Ryoanji temple is always hard to pronounce but this Temple is very famous for its beautiful Rock Garden. The next day I went to Heian Jingu Shine which was constructed in

1885 to commemorate the 1100th anniversary of the founding of the city of Kyoto. After that I went to traditional shopping areas Gion were many people don't want to miss because you will really enjoy the shop, the homes and the restaurant. A very traditional flavor of Kyoto Finally I went to Nijojo castle which was the residence of the first Tokugawa Shogun. Over all I would highly recommend Kyoto Japan as the next tourist destination.

Sentence Structure

Memorable places

- Ryoanji Temple is one of the most memorable places I've visited.
- The most beautiful place I visited is Ryoanji Temple.
- Ryoanji temple is remarkable place I've visited.

Activities

- I visited different beautiful places in Kyoto, Japan.
- I enjoy shopping at Gino area.
- I ate delicious food at traditional restaurant.
- I stayed in one of their famous Hotels.

Accommodation

- I stayed at the Hotel in the nearby area.
- The tourist guide is always with us during our tour.
- Most people in Japan are accommodating.

○ Modes of transportation

- Night Bus
- Tokaido, Shinkansen lines.

Make Up Answer:

- **Memorable Places**
- **Activities**
- **Accommodations**
- **Modes of Transportation**

Lesson 2: Tell me about the things that you enjoy to do whenever you travel..

Keywords

Travel, food blog, varieties, fireworks

Sample Response

The things I usually enjoy whenever I travel is finding the best restaurant in town. I believe that you can only say that you went to that place when you taste different food from their place. I have a personal food blog on which I post the pictures and videos of different varieties of food. I remember when I visit Manila Philippines for the first time my Filipino friend ask me to go out that night to eat at the restaurant. We went to Mila's Lechon Restaurant. She ordered different kinds of Filipino foods like adobo or marinated pork and chicken, crabs, lobster, and lechon or roasted pork. I really can't forget the taste of lechon, my friend told me that Lechon is very popular in the Philippines in fact they celebrate a lechon Festival.

The next day we went Mall of Asia to watch fireworks display, and then we went to another restaurant named Barrio Fiesta. I was really amazed because there's a lot of food again and these times my friend wants me to taste saucy foods like pochero, caldereta, afritada, all of these are tomato based. I didn't know that tomato is delicious when you add it into meat. Of course I didn't miss the chance to take pictures of these foods to show it to my friends. Before I went back to my country my friend ask me to go out again to eat, to my surprise we went to Ortigas Street in Quezon City. There are many food bizarre. At this time she introduce exotic foods like Balut is a fertilized duck embryo that is boiled alive and eaten in the shell. one day old duck, grilled intestines, fried peanut, grilled innards and many more. All of them are delicious but balut is the best for me. I really enjoy a lot of foods and restaurant in the Philippines. I want to go back there very soon with my other friend so that they enjoy Filipino food too.

Sentence Structure

Restaurants Name

- We went to Milas Lechon Restaurant.
- Milas' Lechon Restaurant is very famous in the Philippines.
- Barrio Fiesta is one of the most popular restaurant in the Philippines.

Activities

- We ate at the restaurant.
- We watched fireworks display
- We went to Food Bizarre.

Different Cuisine

- Lechon – roasted pork
- Balut- a fertilized duck embryo that is boiled alive and eaten in the shell
- Grilled intestines-

- Tomato based food like pochero, caldereta, afritada.

Make up answer

- Restaurant's Name
- Activities
- Different Cuisine

Lesson 3: Tell me the things you have to do before going to a vacation or travel.

Keywords

Starters, compare, airfare

Sample Response

Before I go on vacation, I always plan my trip. For starters, I usually take a look at travel guide books or go online and review possible destinations. Then, I check the costs involved in traveling to that particular place. If I'm going by plane, then I have to compare prices on airfare for different airlines. If I'm traveling by train, then I have to look into train passes or tickets. I also need to locate hotel accommodations. Fortunately, I don't mind staying at cheap hotels or even a youth hostel. Finally, I try to budget money for meals and other sightseeing expenses. If I plan carefully, I usually have a good time

Sentence Structure

Preparations:

- I need to consult some travel guide to help me review the best place to travel.
- To check the cost of traveling in particular place.
- Need to find out some hotel accommodations.
- I try to budget the money for my meals and other sightseeing expenses.

Accommodations:

- I don't mind staying in cheap hotels or on youth hostel.
- It's nice to stay in a hotel or on youth hostel.
- Staying in a hotel or a youth hostel is a good experience when you travel.

Travel Log

- Destination is always the concern when you travel.
- Hotel accommodation is next to feel that you are successful on your travel.
- Beautiful sceneries are the main concern when you travel.
- Meeting new friends is a plus during your travel.

Make Up Answer:

- Preparation
- Accommodation
- Travel Log

Lesson 4: Booking for Airplane ticket

Keywords

Trip, slot, 2-way, offer, discount, promo

Sample Response

Hello. I would like to have a vacation trip to Paris, please. I wonder if you could give me a slot on December 20. How much would be the 2-way airfare available then? It would be better for me if your agency offers any discounts. Do you have any airfare-promos? What dates and time available that you have in your promos?

Sentence Structure

Place (destination)

I would like to have a vacation trip to Paris, please.

Date and time

• I wonder if you could give me a slot on December 20.

Airplane ticket's price

• How much would be the 2-way airfare?

Ticket promo

• Do you have any airfare-promos?

Make up Answer

- Place (destination)
- Airplane ticket's price
- Date and time
- Ticket promo

Part VIII. TECHNOLOGY

Lesson 1: Tell me about an electronic gadget/device that you own.

Keywords

Browse, built-in, organize, trend, in demand, costly, suitable

Sample Response

Three years ago I bought an MP3 player. It was an iPod . At that time, Apple products were very in demand because they were the latest trend in technology. Even though I had to think twice if I will buy the item or not because it's very costly; I finally decided to get one since I really love listening to music. The main reason why I bought an iPod is because I'm a music lover; to my amazement my iPod has a lot more functions than I thought. Aside from a built-in music system it also has a calendar to help me to be more organized with my schedules; I can also use it to save my documents at work and my

pictures if I'm on the go. I especially like the function that lets me store my favorite movies because then I can watch it when I'm traveling. My iPod is very suitable for me because it fits my active lifestyle.

Sentence Structure

Timeframe

- September of 2008 I bought an MP3 player.
- I bought an MP3 player three years ago.
- It was winter of 2008 when I bought my MP3 player.

Gadget/Device

- My MP3 player is an iPod nano.
- I have a fourth generation iPod nano.
- Fourth generation iPod nanos has better than later generation iPods.

Reason:

- I bought an MP3 player because I'm a music lover.
- iPod is the latest trend in technology that's why I bought it.
- Although iPods are costly I still prefer them because they're awesome.

Gadget Features:

- It lets me save my documents at work and my pictures.
- I can watch my favorite movies anytime because it has a function that lets me store movies.
- My iPod has a built-in music system.

Others:

- My iPod is very suitable for me because it fits my active lifestyle.
- I travel a lot and my iPod gives me company so that I won't get bored.
- My iPod keeps me updated on the latest in music.

Make up Answer

- **Timeframe**
- **Gadget/Device**
- **Reason**
- **Device Features**
- **Other**

Lesson 2: Describe to me how you learned about a certain skill or technology.

Keywords

Experience, slightest idea, utilize, hands-on, constant, frequently, organize, piece of cake

Sample Response

I would like to tell you about my experience of using iTunes as my media player. I learned how to make use of the application because of my iPod which I bought three years ago. Back then I didn't have the slightest idea on how to use iTunes but I had to find out in order for me to utilize and enjoy my iPod since I really love music. I learned through hands-on experience and constant use. I regularly update my iPod by downloading songs. I also organize my playlist frequently. This way I am able to familiarize myself more to iTunes. It took me weeks to

manipulate it with ease. I grew better and better as time went by. Now, using iTunes is a piece of cake for me.

Sentence Structure

Introduction

- I would like to tell you about my experience of using iTunes.
- I want to share my knowledge in using iTunes.
- I would love to acquaint you with iTunes.

Reason

- I learned about iTunes because of my iPod.
- I was introduced to iTunes because of my love for music.
- I became knowledgeable of iTunes through my iPod.

Getting Accustomed

- I learned through hands-on experience and constant use.
- Updating my iPod in a regular basis helped me be familiarized to iTunes.
- Organizing my playlist frequently aided me to be well acquainted to iTunes.

Timeframe

It took me weeks to manipulate iTunes with ease.

- For me, being comfortable with iTunes took awhile.
- Two weeks have passed before I can thoroughly utilize iTunes.

Result

- I grew better and better as time went by.
- Now, using iTunes is a piece of cake for me.
- As I became familiar to iTunes, I am able to enjoy my iPod more.

Make up Answer:

- Introduction
- Reason
- Getting Accustomed
- Timeframe
- Result

Lesson 3: Describe how you communicate with your family or friends using any technology.

Keywords

Imperative, in touch, trouble-free, homesickness, longing, distant, at ease

Sample Response

I work as an English Instructress for Koreans in an online company at the city away from my family. For me, communication is imperative. Unlike before when snail mails and telephones are the only ways to connect with loved ones. Through the use of cellular phones, getting in touch with my parents became simpler, easier and trouble-free, thanks to modern technology. I call my parents whenever I have time. I also constantly and send text messages to check on them, be updated on what's

happening or just to chat. It really helps lessen the homesickness and longing to be with them. It's as if they're not that distant from me. I can be more at ease being away from my parents because I have lots of ways to know their situation.

Sentence Structure

Introduction:

- I work at the city away from my family.
- I am an English Instructress in an online company at the city.
- I work for an online company at the city away from my family.

Essentials:

- Communication is imperative for me.

- It's important for me to get in touch with loved ones.
- For me, connecting with loved ones is very necessary.

Ways to Communicate

- I use cellular phones to get in touch with my family.
- Telephones are one of the earlier ways to communicate.
- Snail mails, although time-consuming are one of the more reliable ways of connecting with loved ones.

Getting In Touch

- I call my parents whenever I have free time.
- I send text messages to get updates on things.
- I constantly chat with my parents through my cellular phone.

Result:

- Constant communication lessens homesickness.
- I can be more at ease being away from home.
- Getting in touch with my parents often makes me feel that they're not that distant from me.

Make up Answer:

- Introduction
- Essential
- Ways to Communicate
- Getting In Touch
- Result

Lesson 4: Tell a friend that you need a ride and ask three things that you need to know about getting a ride from him.

Keywords

favor, wondering, ride, sight-seeing, drop off, effort, make-up, give a ring

Sample Response

Hi Sophia. This is Mazy. Can I ask you a favor? It's my first time in the city and just arrived here last night. I'm wondering if you could give me a ride on your way to the office tomorrow. I would like to go out early in the morning for some sight-seeing and since your office is located somewhere in the downtown. I thought that you could drop me off any where that near your office. Oh, by the way, would it be okay if you pick me up in my hotel at your convenient time? You can call me then any time by tomorrow. How much time will it take from here to the downtown? Are there a lot of restaurants

where I can choose from to have a meal? I would really appreciate your effort to give me ride, Sophia. Don't worry, I'll make it up with you when you visit my hometown. Just give me a ring.

Sentence Structure

Asking for a Ride

- Can I ask you a favor?
- I'm wondering if you could give me a ride.
- I would like to go out for some sight-seeing.
- I thought that you can drop me off any where near your office.

A place to visit

- Are there a lot of restaurants to choose from to have a meal?

Time and day

- I'll make it up to you when you visit my hometown.

Make Up Answer

- A ride
- A place to visit
- Time and day