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Topic:-1 Describe one of your childhood memories.

Sample Answer

Although I have numerous childhood memories, one is close to my heart. I vividly remember during my childhood, I won the first prize in a poem recitation contest. It was a routine day, and I reached [school](#) in time.

The school organised a poem recitation contest that day, but I was not the participant. I was keen to watch the competition as an audience. However, destiny had a different plan for me.

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After the assembly, my class teacher came to me and told me that due to an unforeseen contingency, the contestant from my class would not participate in the competition.

Furthermore, the teacher told me I would recite a poem as a contestant in my class. I was reluctant, but the whole class expressed solidarity with the teacher's idea. Although I didn't have any preparation, I decided to jump on the bandwagon with whatever poems I had in my mind, and I shortlisted one of them for the competition.

The competition started, and my turn was third, I was nervous. When the host announced my name, I left all stress behind and entered the stage with determination, dedication and discipline. I started reciting the poem with concentration. At that time, no other thought came to mind. The performance lasted for five minutes, and in the end, the audience applauded my effort.

After that, I watched the performances of other contestants with keen interest. The competition lasted for three hours, after that, the award ceremony took place. In my opinion, I gave a decent performance, but others were better than me. Therefore, I hadn't had any expectations of getting the award, but my classmates and teacher were hopeful. To their joy, I won 2nd position.

After the announcement of my name, there was a state of euphoria in my class. My teacher was on cloud nine and told me that she had cent per cent confidence in my ability, so she took my name for participation.

That day was remarkable and brought a [paradigm shift](#) in my life because my confidence grew double because earlier, I didn't have much confidence, and I was afraid of public speaking. That one performance gave me a confidence boost, and from that day onward, I participated in numerous competitions.

In a nutshell, that day would always remain etched in my memories.

Topic:-2 Describe a happy event in your life.

In our life span, we have had numerous happy events: however, some of them get etched in our memories. Today I will describe an event which brought a paradigm shift in my life. It was the arrival of my brother from Canada. I have an emotional bond with my brother.

When he left for Canada for higher studies, I was in a state of disarray. He planned to come back in 2020, but due to the Corona Pandemic, there was a lockdown worldwide. Due to that international flights were halted, and my brother could not come. Although we used to chat online, that cannot replace in-person conversations.

Therefore, when finally the effects of the Corona Pandemic nosedived, I had a sigh of relief. As my brother was keen on meeting us, he immediately chalked out a plan to meet us. To make his homecoming special, I made numerous arrangements.

Firstly, I invited all our near dear ones, including our neighbours and relatives. The idea was to make that night a remarkable one. To pamper guests' appetite, I booked the best caterer in our city, who made numerous mouth-watering delicacies to exercise our taste buds.

Moreover, I booked a Dj for a dance performance. My brother's friends gave a stunning performance. One of my friends mimicked all of my family members, and during his performance, we had guffaws of laughter.

The function was about to end at 10 am, but the guests were not willing to leave. So we continued with the Dj. The party finally ended at 2 am. But some of our guests stayed at our house.

Instead of sleeping, we all were busy chit-chat, as my brother was interacting with his friends after a long time. He shared his experience in Canada and told them that settling in another nation is a [daunting task](#). We have to consider many factors before making an [informed decision](#) of migrating to some other country.

As the culture differs from nation to nation, it takes a boatload of time to adjust to the new place. He further told us that by working with determination, dedication and discipline, we can lead our lives towards an impressive growth [trajectory](#).

The event ended on a positive note.

Topic:-3 Describe a historical place that you know

about.

Although I have visited numerous historical places, one of them is worth mentioning. It is in north India, and its name is Pinjore. It is a small town which is on the foothills of the Himalayas.

It has many worth seeing historical places. The oldest is Bheema Devi Temple dated between the 8th and 11th century AD. It is an ancient Hindu temple. Its uniqueness thrives primarily on the sculptures in the form of carved stones.

It was a hidden temple until 1974 that came into the limelight due to archaeological excavations. The local government has left no stone unturned to restore it, and slowly and steadily, it has become a cultural heritage. Tourists from worldwide visit this place to have a close look at the sculptures.

The next worth seeing place is a natural swimming pool called "Bauli". As per the locals, there were more than 300 baulis in the past; however, only a few exist nowadays. One of the remained ones is "Dhara Mandal". The water inside it changes every morning without default. Due to this unique feature, it is a worth seeing place.

Last but not least, the visit to Pinjore is incomplete without going to the historical Pinjore Gardens. Under the rule of Mughal King Aurangzeb, this garden came into existence. He instructed his cousin Fidai Khan to construct this site for relaxing in the summers.

Pinjore garden is a worth-seeing place that makes you feel close to nature.

Topic:-4 A speech that somebody delivered and you heard.

Last year, I attended a motivational seminar there, I heard a speech on the concept of minimisation, The keynote speaker was Dr Rimple Sharma.

The speech started with the current lifestyle. These days people thrive on mailing on social media for entertainment. They seek flashes of inspiration from those who exhibit a celebrity-style lifestyle on various platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat.

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To shine on social media, people do things beyond the conventional domain. They buy a boatload of things to showcase an [opulent lifestyle](#) in front of others. To keep their profile looking good on social platforms people go beyond their means and do [impulsive](#) purchasing.

After that, the speaker said that the concept of "more is better" is not [worthwhile](#). According to her, we should practice minimisation in our lives, which means buying only those things which we actually use and do not store our houses with those articles which we use once or twice.

In her opinion, buying things which we do not use leads to negativity in our lives. Because we waste a sizeable portion of our time deciding what to use and what not. It leads to unnecessary stress in our lives that could jeopardize our well-being.

On the contrary, we can reap the full benefits at our disposal when we do not have much stuff in our homes. We save time also because we need to search for fewer things. Hence, minimisation fosters productivity.

Moreover, minimisation leads to optimum space utilisation, because not having extra things at our place means more vacant space in our homes.

She finally concluded that we need to get out of the mindset that more is better. By having fewer items to focus on, we can bring a paradigm shift in our lives and lead ourselves towards an impressive growth trajectory.