

Communication Skills

Grade 8

Students will be evaluated on the following qualities and skills.

- Public Speaking
- Active Listening
- Technology
- Writing
- Charisma

Sample Questions

Read this interview with Yashoda and answer the questions (1 to 3)

Q: A membership card, an address and a phone number are all you need to join this library. Yes, you heard right — there's no deposit and no reading charge. This is Yashoda's Library. Hello, Yashoda. Tell us about your journey.

A: My brother, Achuthan is an avid reader like me. Then, one day, he failed to return a library book on time. He was fined for this. I saw my father paying the fine and this set me thinking. I realised that for many, having to pay a heavy fine may be a problem, keeping them away from their reading. I decided that no one must be denied the joy of reading simply because there may be a fine.

Q: And the solution was to set up your own library. How ambitious for a 12-year-old girl!

A: Exactly. I told my father about the idea, posted my efforts on social media and ever since books, donations and members have been growing. The library is on the first floor of my house, sharing space with my father's art gallery. Family and well-wishers donated racks and books to make my dream come true. The library is open to all age groups.

Q: This is inspiring. Tell us more about your library.

A: My library is run professionally. I sit in the library between 4:00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. and my parents play librarians in the morning when I go to school. We have a library card where the members' details along with the book details are stored. We work on trust and I'm happy that people have not taken advantage of the fact that the books are free.

Q: How old are the members of your library? Is the library meant only for children?

A: My youngest member is a two-and-a-half-year-old, who comes in every week to borrow books. I have managed to get books for her with thicker pages, that don't tear. I also have older people coming in to borrow autobiographies and non-fiction books. When I started the library, I knew I wanted to help people who cannot buy books. I wanted to make sure that money would not play a part in anyone's reading interest.

1. Choose an appropriate title for the interview.

- A. How to Develop Reading in Children.
- B. The Importance of Libraries.
- C. Yashoda's Book Paradise for Readers.
- D. Yashoda's Bookshop for Children.

2. Where is Yashoda's library located?

- A. In her school
- B. Above her father's art gallery
- C. On the top floor of her house
- D. On the first floor of her house

3. Which of the given statements is an opinion?

- A. Yashoda takes care of the library every afternoon.
- B. Yashoda's dream came true because of the books that people donated.
- C. To borrow books from Yashoda's library, all you need is a membership card.
- D. Yashoda's brother had to pay a fine for not returning a book on time.

4. An archipelago is a group of islands closely scattered in a body of water.

Choose the word that means the same as 'scattered' in the given sentence. (You may choose more than one answer option.)

- A. Assembled
- B. Dispersed
- C. Concentrated
- D. Spread out

5. Choose the most appropriate response to:

I prefer human waiters to robots. What about you?

- A. Me too; they have a better sense of judgment.

- B. Do you have robots at home to serve you?
- C. Shall we call the waiter, then?
- D. Let's go and see the robot.

[Answers: 1-C, 2-D, 3-B, 4-B,D, 5-A]