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**Questions & Answers:**

NOTE: Q5 answer is more than three lines.

**Q1: What are some things that define a culture?**

Answer:

Some of the major things that define a culture are things like ideas, customs, traditions, language, religion, education and social organizations of a culture.

**Q2: What do you think is interesting about your culture?**

Answer:

One of the most interesting things about my culture is to always treat every human an equal no matter how low or higher up they may be. Thus it teaches us equality.

**Q3: Why do you think culture is important?**

Answer:

Culture is important in many ways but according to me it’s important for connecting us to our ancestors, the new generations follow the teachings of their forefathers.

**Q4: What culture besides your own do you admire? Why?**

Answer:

The culture that I like the most besides my own is that of the Baloch people because their culture is somewhat very similar to that of mine.

Q5: **Do you think "when in Rome, do as the Romans do" is always good advice? Why or why not? Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you had to "do as the Romans do"?**

Answer:

As far as I know I think “when in Rome, do what the Romans do” is always a pretty good and wise advice it is because we as humans must always adapt to our surroundings unlike the animal kingdom. We as humans must adapt in order to survive, thrive and learn. Being adaptable is a part of learning. You can’t learn new things if you only stick to one thing and force your culture or ideas on others. Thus when in Rome we must do what the Romans(any region) do just like our forefathers did when they conquered half the world and instead of being rigid and forcing their culture on others they decided to adapt to every region they went to.

Yes, I have been in such a situation many a times when I visit my village where I must dress in our cultural dress code and follow my culture in front of the elders. Thus I must do what the Romans (my villagers) do.

**Q6: If you could change one thing about your culture, what would it be?**

Answer:

If I could, I would have changed the perspective of men in our society regarding women as nothing more than just house wives. For us to be successful as a nation both our men and women must work shoulder to shoulder.

**Q7: What are the five most important values of your culture?**

Answer:

The five most important values of my Pashtun culture are also mentioned in the Pashtunwali which include bravery, doing well to others, fidelity, honor and comradeship.

**Q8: What is considered rude in your culture?**

Answer:

In my Pashtun culture it is considered extremely rude and disobedient if one speaks out of his/her turn in front of elders or/and disrespects the elders.

**Q9: Have you ever experienced culture shock?**

Answer:

Yes, I have experienced culture shock when I was very young. The first time I attended a village Hujra I felt a lot of anxiety and confusion as I was not aware about most of the customs.

**Q10: If you could choose three aspects of your culture to put in a "time box" for the future, what would you put in it?**

Answer:

The Three aspects of my culture that I would like to put in a time box for future generations to follow are our Pashtun dress code, our cultural language (Pashto) and Hujra gatherings.

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