1. Briefly elaborate on one of your extracurricular activities or work or family responsibilities. (50-150 words)

* I enjoy the sport badminton a lot. I used to go for coaching classes for three years (from 8th grade to 10th grade). As I was not confident enough, I never participated in any district-or higher-level matches, but I absolutely enjoyed myself when I used to play. Any sport, to that matter, gives me this joy which I do not feel when I do anything else.

1. What is the most significant challenge that society faces today? (50-word limit)

* For the longest of time, people have been confusing religion and politics. In the case of India, after independence, religion was the major reason for the divide as India and Pakistan, clearly showing how acting out on the wrong reasons can cause many irresolvable problems in the future.

1. How did you spend your last two summers? (50-word limit)

* During my last summer, in March, I attended classes to help me get ahead of my A-level portions before my classes started in school. In April, I joined a computer practical course about embedded systems.

In the summer before that, I went for two summer courses, Robotics and Android application building, both practical classes where I made my own robot and application.

1. What historical moment or event do you wish you could have witnessed? (50-word limit)

* I wish I was alive when the conventional current theory was proved wrong. This is because that historic moment was an example to all those people who blindly believe what they are told, and it is the right motivation for those who question everything they learn as “The important thing is to not stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.”-Albert Einstein

1. What five words best describe you?

* Athletic
* Restless
* Competitive
* Independent
* Affable

1. When the choice is yours, what do you read, listen to, or watch? (50-word limit)

* I like listening to music the most, but do not have a specific genre which is my favourite. It usually depends on my mood. I enjoy watching comedy movies the most but have a liking towards horror movies too. I do not read much, but if I do, a romance or mystery-thriller can keep me hooked.

1. Name one thing you are looking forward to experiencing at Stanford. (50-word limit)

* I have not been the most exposed to different cultural backgrounds so, I find it very exciting that I will be able to share a classroom, or even accommodation, with people who are very culturally diverse from me because it highlights everyone’s uniqueness and the beauty of the same.

1. Imagine you had an extra hour in the day — how would you spend that time? (50-word limit)

* I would love to play a sport, any sport from badminton to swimming to football. As of now, after schoolwork, homework and other minor responsibilities, I end up finding only enough time for basic needs like a meal or sleep.

1. The Stanford community is deeply curious and driven to learn in and out of the classroom. Reflect on an idea or experience that makes you genuinely excited about learning. (100 to 250 words)

* Applying what we learn in our classes to day-to-day life is what I find the most important and interesting. It really reminds us that we are not in a class, listening to a professor speak, so we can score well in our exams and get a job, but to understand how the world is working or how that small field of subject alters so many things about the world around us. The most fascinating is the fact that we cannot learn any subject without some basic knowledge in the other which means every subject in the world is interlinked. We cannot say that an MRI scan is something purely in biology. It uses physics for the mechanics of it, it uses chemistry for the fundamental particle knowledge, it uses mathematics for proportions and calculations, it uses computer science as without that there would be no result.   
  So, the thought of using the knowledge that I gain in the university, for many minor and major reasons in the future, is what drives me to learn.

1. Virtually all of Stanford's undergraduates live on campus. Write a note to your future roommate that reveals something about you or that will help your roommate – and us – get to know you better. (100-250 words)

* Hi. I am Meghana and I am 17 years old (turning 18 in May). I pretty much live to eat. My favourite colour is blue. I am quite indecisive when it comes to most things. In a nutshell one can say that I have an obsession to music, chocolate and sleep.

1. Tell us about something that is meaningful to you and why. (100 to 250 words)

* According to me, the most meaningful would be family. It might be the most common answer, but it is very true as nothing matters to me as much as my family does. No matter how miserably you fail at something or disappoint them, they will never give up on you and will always help you grow.