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

* I enjoy playing the sport badminton and have learnt to play it at a professional level although I did not participate in any district-or higher-level matches. Playing badminton is a way for me to relax 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 primary reason for discontent that divided the nation into two , 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)

* I spent my last summer in completing my A-level portions and studying a computer practical course about embedded systems.

In the summer before that, I studied two summer courses, Robotics and Android application building, which included 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 to have witnessed when the conventional current theory was proved wrong. This historic moment proved not to believe blindly and 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 enjoy listening to music but do not have a favourite genre.. It usually depends on my mood. I also enjoy watching comedy and horror movies. I do not read much, but when 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 significantly exposed to different cultural backgrounds so, I find it quite exciting that I will be able to share a classroom, or even accommodation, with people from diverse cultural backgrounds. This way I will get to develop an understanding of various cultures and their uniqueness.

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 to only take care of my basic needs.

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 250words)

* Applying what we learn in our classes to our everyday 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, just so we can score well in our exams and get a job, but to understand how the world is working or how that specific study area 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 that all subjects in the world are interlinked. For example -we cannot say that an MRI scan falls only in the domain of biology. It uses physics for the mechanics of it, chemistry for the fundamental particle knowledge, mathematics for proportions and calculations and computer science to collect and analyse data.   
  So, the thought of using the knowledge that I will gain at 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). My favourite colour is blue. I have quite a large extended family but my immediate family would be my parents and sister. I have a Labrador retriever call Honey. She is 5 years old.

I enjoy cooking and baking and I believe doing it with company is much more fun. So, even if you do not know how to cook, it would be great if we experiment in the kitchen together. I love to eat just as much as I love to cook. I, generally, prefer to study in the evening or at late night because I tend to get distracted easily so I require complete silence to study properly. This tendency to get distracted is the reason I cannot study while listening to music but I often take breaks in between my studies for a snack or music as I realise that I am losing concentration. In a nutshell one can say that I have an obsession to music, chocolate and sleep.

I have OCD when it comes to arranging my things. I love symmetry and find some sort of relief when my things are organised. I have a routine minor clean-up before I take a shower every day.

Other than all this, I would say I am a bit restless and also I enjoy playing sports, no matter what sport it is.

I hope to get to know you soon as well.

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. It is because every member, loves, respects and cares for the other.

I would say respect is something I consider very important, irrelevant to the age, status, gender, nationality or even species. I think everyone deserves to be treated equally as even if one holds a higher position than them or is elder than them, one does not know the hardships or life they are leading and so must not judge them on the basis of anyone aspect of their life. I believe that if respect is given, it is returned as well. This is even in the case of animals, if humans stop considering themselves higher than every other species in the world, half the selfish, heartless decisions they make can be reduced.

In today’s world, every individual has begun to think of themselves as better than those around them, which makes people try to prove that they are better than the others causing them to make rash decisions to prove themselves right. If we all learn to put down our ego, and this belief of being right always, then there would not be any riots or wars. There would be arguments which would always end in compromises and conclusions instead of wars.