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Opportunities Abroad

Boy: Oh I have three ... we are three brothers. My eldest brother is in New York State ... no ... New York City, and he's working as an accountant for a respectable restaurant group. My second brother is studying at Bard College. He is studying Phil ... Psych ... sorry, Political Science and Economics. He's doing a microfinance-related internship (over the summer). What else can I say? I think that studying abroad gives me a lot more opportunities than I would have gotten had I studied here. You cannot get the same opportunities if you do higher studies in Bangladesh. If you study here ... I mean your degree from there [America] holds more value, I feel. From what I hear from friends, university-level education is not very good here. Teachers don't come; there are riots and all that; it might take seven years to finish a four-year degree. Yes, session jams. Education here is not dependable. The American lifestyle is also very good. Everything is done according to schedule. Most people have healthcare facilities. A majority of the people are more or less financially stable. They have insurance facilities and so on. Although America has all these benefits, my wish is to come back to Bangladesh eventually. I want to work there for a few years, earn some money and then come back. After all, Bangladesh is my own country, so I should come back. It seems weird to think about living in America all my life. So ... what else ... this is my life! See you!

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