SPEAKING

Part1 – 8-10 questions about daily topics-

Part2- 1 topic+ some requirements – 1 min to prepare for it – speak for 2 mins

Part3- 4 questions based on part2 topic – general and complicated

**E-books and paper books [new]**  **electronic**

1. Which do you prefer, e-books or paper books?

**Advantages of e-books**

Convenient – portable/ easy to use (multi-functional )/ cost-saving – download with little cost, or even for free/ environment-friendly and resource-saving / up-to-date

**Advantages of paper books**

Less harmful to eyes/ easier to concentrate/ without restriction of device

**Prefer A to B= like A better than B= A suits me better than B= my preference goes to A instead of B = I lean towards A**

**For the reason that A+, by contrast, B-**

4) Do you think paper books will disappear in the future?

I suppose it depends on what kinds of books we are talking about

For books with basic value which is proving info, they will be replaced…. Higher awareness on environment protection

However, for books with additional value- collectible (rare editions, first editions, )/ historical, sentimental, cultural (religious)/ - they will still exist// need their tangible form to retain their value

**Jewelry [new]**

Material- precious stones (diamond, ruby, sapphire, emerald )-- semi-precious stones (crystal, agate, jade, jadeite, ) amber, pearl, / metal (platinum, gold, silver)

Design- necklace/ chain, pendant, earring, ear stud, bracelet, beads, bangle手镯,

1. Do you often wear jewelry?

Never do I wear any jewelry/ never have I ever worn any jewelry because I think they make me feel troublesome and uncomfortable // I also worry about losing them coz I am a careless person.

Yes, I have a xxx which … I like it so much that I wear it on a daily basis.

1. What type of jewelry do you like?

Gold- doesn’t depreciate (retain its value)=- can be universal currency- can be suitable for all occasions- easily recognizable / looks shiny and fashionable

Pearl- graceful, elegant, fashionable, tasteful, has rich historical and cultural value

3. Have you ever bought any jewelry?

Never have I ever bought any jewelry because I don’t have much knowledge in this area/ besides, as a student, I have very limited economic ability, so I cannot afford any **fancy** jewelry. But in the future when I have my income/ salary, I will consider buying xxx for my xxx to express my love/ appreciation.

4. Why do some people wear a piece of jewelry for many years?

For some religious/ super**sti**tious reasons-- it is believed that wearing some xxx can protect kids from evil / bring them good fortune

Some people are creatures of habit, they get used to wearing the jewelry

Have special meaning/ sentimental value to them—a gift from someone special// a family heirloom

A way to show off their wealth or financial status

Outer space and stars [new]

1. Have you ever learnt about outer space and stars?

**It was** in my junior high school science (geography, physics ) classes **that** I learned some knowledge in this area like planets (mercury, Venus, mars, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto )/ black hole/ galaxy/ meteor shower/ the milky way/ solar system, but unfortunately, I have forgotten the details as I rarely use this knowledge in my daily life

1. Do you like science fiction movies? Why?

**Yes, I am a big fan of this movie genre,** because… / mind-blowing special effects, stunning pictures, exciting plots – which can bring me much excitement and enjoyment. I have watched most of the famous sci-fi movies such as ironman, avatar, wandering earth, and so on/// whenever some sci-fi movies are screened, I will go to the cinema to watch the premiere.

To be honest, this movie genre isn’t **my cup of tea**, mainly because most of them involve violence, blood, war, invasion, horror and so on, which makes me feel bothered (uncomfortable)/ the plots are too complicated to understand// the special effects make me feel dizzy // it is over my head // far-fetched // personally, I am more into romantic (story/ comedy) movies

1. Do you want to know more about outer space?

To be honest, I don’t have much interest in it, besides, the research in this are requires cutting-edge technology and professional equipment which I cannot afford to have. Also, I may spend decades of efforts in this area without getting any substantial discovery or achievement

1. Do you want to go into outer space in the future?

Never have I ever considered that, because there are so many risks up there such as lack of oxygen, low temperature, space junk, cosmic radiation, technical error, all of which can be fatal/ deadly/ lethal. Not to mention that, this trip would cost a huge fortune, with that much money, I would rather…

Chocolate [new]

1. Do you like eating chocolate? Why or why not?

Yes, **I have a sweet tooth** and I am fond of all kinds of sweet foods including chocolate which tastes (smooth, melt in mouth, with unique fragrance and lingering aftertaste ) // according to some research, chocolate contains certain chemicals which can cheer people up // whenever I buy some dessert or drinks, chocolate flavor will always be my first choice= I always go for chocolate

To be honest, I am not a big fan of chocolate/ seldom do I eat chocolate, mostly because it contains too much sugar and fat which lead to o**be**sity (dental cavity ) and other health problems// be allergic to// only in some special occasions will I eat some chocolate-flavored foods

2) Did you often eat chocolate when you were a kid?—only in some special occasions would they allow me to eat some chocolate such as my birthday

3) Why do you think chocolate is popular around the world?

As I said before, it has wonderful taste,

Besides, the strong advertising of some food companies also contributes to this phenomenon, they successfully associate chocolate with happiness and romance, which makes chocolate ideal gifts

1. Do you think it is good to use chocolate as gifts to others?

I suppose it depends, chocolate can be wonderful gifts for younger generations because..

Tasty/ meaningful/ come with delicate package

However, the elder generations are less likely to welcome chocolate mostly because of their health problems and eating habit/ they prefer more traditional gifts like (healthcare products, tea)

Flowers

1. What kinds of flowers do you know?

To be honest, I don’t have much knowledge in this area, so I just know some common flowers like sunflowers, lily, daisy, lotus, jasmine, peony, carnation, orchid,

1. Are there any flowers that have special meanings in China?

Chry**san**themums symbolize condolence /

Sunflowers symbolize youth and optimism (positive life attitude) as they always faces up to the sun // lotus is a symbol of purity and elegance as it blooms out of the mud under the water, but it is still clean and fragrant // carnation- devotion/ motherly love

Lily- everlasting happiness lotus blossom/ cherry blossom / plum blossom

1. Have you planted any flowers?

Never have I ever planted any flowers because… busy with study, lack of time, or energy to take care of plants/ don’t have the planting skills/ however… when I have my own place in the future, I will consider planting some xx to decorate my home and enrich my life.

1. Have you sent flowers to others?

It is on xxx that I sent a bunch of flowers to my xxx. She was overjoyed with those flowers which she put on her desk / she posted many pictures of those flowers on her social media/ she was thankful to me and she spoke highly of my taste

Tomb-sweeping day – to my ancestors’ tomb- hoping them can bless me with good luck in my future study

Keys [new]

1. Do you always bring a lot of keys with you?

Some keys to my xxx- dorm door, locker, drawer, electric bike/

Digital lock or fingerprint lock- no need to bring keys with me

1. Have you ever lost your keys?

It was xxx ago that I accidentally lost my key to the xxx, as a result, I had to wait for a long time until my xxx came back and opened the door for me/ I was seriously scolded by my parents

4) Do you think it's a good idea to leave your keys with a neighbour?

If our neighbors are relatives, close friends, reliable, trust-worthy people, it is beneficial to do so because… can help us look after our pets and plants when we are away (be on business trip ), otherwise we shouldn’t do that because our neighbors might steal from us or even ransack our home

Science

1. Do you like science?

Yes, I am a big fan of science which can help us get better understanding of our living environment and even explain some unexplainable phenomena/ develop our logic thinking and critical thinking/ help us make more rational decisions/ have better regulation on our mood… / in my daily life, I like watching sci-fi movies, science documentaries (programs)- reading science papers and journals /

1. When did you start to learn about science?

It was in my junior high school science classes that I learned some common sense about science, I remember we also observed onion cells under the microscope, and produced oxygen with some chemicals/ carbon dioxide with limestone and acid /

1. Which science subject is interesting to you?

**Computer science**- unlike other science subjects, it is closely related to our daily life and has much practical value- for example, I can use some knowledge in this subject to write some programs to solve some problems in study and work / even earn some extra money

4) What kinds of interesting things have you done with science?

5) Do you like watching science TV programs?--- science sitcoms – the big bang theory

6) Do Chinese people often visit science museums?

I think science museums are most attractive to kids who can broaden their horizon, and satisfy their curiosity/ for adults however, they are less likely to visit those places because they are busy with work and study, also, they can get information about the latest science and technology from social media

Number [new]

1. What's your favorite number?

I am particularly fond of the number xxx which is xxx

It is also my lucky number.

1. Are you good at remembering phone numbers?

To be honest, I only remember my own and my parents’ phone numbers, because of the wide use of social media, there isn’t much need for me to make phone calls// besides, the phone number in our country is quite long /

1. Do you usually use numbers?

I usually use numbers in my math classes, for example, we need to do some calculation…

But in daily life, I rarely use them even in shopping, I just need to scan the code or swipe my phone

4) Are you good at math?

I suppose I am, like most Chinese students, I have been studying math for many years since young age, so I can quickly calculate/ also I have participated in many math competitions and won prizes// mathlete / I have a strong math head

Basic calculation (addition- subtraction- multiplication- division)-

Double 11th shopping festival- did some calculation to get the maximum discount