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## Part1 必考题



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## 1. The area you live in

### 1. Do you like the area that you live in?

I love the area that I live in. I am so lucky that we have so much to do which are very close to us! Also, there is public transportation just one block from my building. Everything is so convenient!

### 2. What are some changes in the area recently?

Over the past few years, some new restaurants have opened nearby which make eating out more convenient for everyone in the area. Also, last year, improvements were made to the park near my house. Some older trees were trimmed and some new varieties of trees were planted.

### 3. Do you know any famous people in your area?

Well, I really don't think any famous people live near me. I have never heard of or met any famous person in my neighbourhood. I guess it's because the area I am living in is an area for middle income families, not for famous people who have much higher salaries.

### 4. Where do you like to go in that area?

Like I said earlier, there are some new restaurants in the area. They are family-style restaurants, so they are the great places to go with my family for relaxed meals. Also, the park has always been a pleasant place to go. Everything I need or want is within walking distance to my home.

## 2. Hometown

### 1. What's (the name of) your hometown?

I live in Guangzhou. It is located in the Guangdong Province. and is known as



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the City of Flowers.

## 2.Is that a big city or a small place?

It is the third largest city in China. It has a population of over 13 million people. It's a big place. It is the educational and cultural center of Southern China. It's also known as the City of Flowers because there are evergreens and flowers in bloom year round because of its climate. It's a pretty city.

## 3.How long have you lived there?

I have lived here all of my life, for eighteen years. My parents have lived here all of their lives too.

## 4.Do you like it?

I like it very much. Of course, this is all I have ever known, but whenever my family travels anywhere, I am always happiest when I return home.

## 5.Do you like living there?

I like living here because my family is here, my grandparents and aunt live here too. I like the climate because it never gets really cold. I don't really like all of the rain we get in the summer, but even then, the rain keeps the air cleaner.

## 6.What do you like (the most) about your hometown?

I really like the food. The Cantonese food is excellent and there are so many other kinds of international restaurants to try. I also really enjoy Thai food.

## 7.Is there anything you dislike about it?

The humidity gets things damp in the house, so we have to use air conditioning a lot of the time. I don't really like air conditioning, but we don't have a choice but to use it.

## 8. Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?

I want to go abroad to study after I graduate from high school. I want to see



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what other cities and countries have to offer and then I'll decide.

### 3. Home (Your accommodation)

#### 1.Can you describe the place where you live?

I live in a high rise apartment building on the 5th floor overlooking the street with apartment buildings on either side. We have a balcony where we keep many of our plants and sometimes we'll sit there in the evening.

#### 2.How long have you live there?

I have lived there for 18 years. I was born there.

#### 3.Who do you live with?

I live with my parents, my sister, and my dog. Sometimes my grandparents or aunt will visit us and they stay with us in our home.

#### 4.Do you plan to live there for a long time?

I'm hoping after I finish my education, I find a job and I can find my own home. Housing is expensive, so I may be home with my parents longer than I plan to be.

#### 5.What is the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?

I haven't lived anywhere else. I have always lived here. My parents lived in a smaller apartment in a building nearby before I was born, but they moved here because they needed more room.

#### 6.Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?

I prefer living in a flat because it is so much more convenient, and neighbors seem much more friendly. Perhaps I like it because this is what I am accustomed to.



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**7.In the future, what type of place would you like to live in?**

I would like to live in a flat on the very top floor of a building. I think it would be quieter and we wouldn't be able hear as much street noise and the view, especially at night, would be spectacular.

**8.What kind of neighborhood/environment/surroundings /home would you like to live in?**

I like living in the city where I am. I like the convenience of being very close to public transportation so I can go where ever I need to go. I like my neighborhood because we have a variety of young people and old people. It's our own community.

**9.What do you usually do in your house/flat/room?**

We eat, sleep, and basically live together there. When we are all at home, we sometimes do things together, like watching sports on TV, other times we will go to our room to study or listen to music.

**10.Which room does your family spend most of the time in?**

We spend most of our time in the living room. We will watch TV there or play games while lying on the floor. It's the sunniest room in the house, so it is very pleasant to be in.

**11.What part of your home do you like the most?**

I like my bedroom the most in my home. I have it decorated to my taste and feel safe and calm whenever I go into it.

**12.Are the transport facilities to your home very good?**

Absolutely, that's one of the reasons I like our neighborhood. It only takes a few minutes to walk to the bus stop and from there, I can get anywhere in the city.





## 4. Work or Study

### 1. Why did you choose that subject?

I am majoring in International Business. I chose my major subject of study based on my aptitude in studying economics, accounting, and languages, my interest in travel, and advice from my parents and teachers. I felt this major area of study would prepare me for a career that I would find interesting and that I could be successful in.

### 2. Is it interesting?

I truly enjoy my courses because they are so interesting. There are a few courses that are more difficult for me than others, but I find if I put more time and effort into studying, I am able to do well in them.

### 3. What subjects are you studying?

This year, I'm taking advanced classes in Finance, Macroeconomics, English, and Information Technology. I am also taking a class in Modern European History because I thought this would be interesting.

### 4. Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoon?

I prefer to study in the afternoon. I feel more alert in the afternoon than I do in the morning or the evening. I seem to be able to read, and comprehend more, in less time.

### 5. Are you looking forward to working?

I am definitely looking forward to using the things I have learned in school in my career. I'm also looking forward to making money to support myself.

### 6. Do you like your subject?

I love my subject because it is so interesting. I find the more I learn, the more I find interesting about it! I think everything I am learning will be useful in my career.



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### 7.What work do you do?

I recently started as a research assistant at a large international advertising firm. It's an entry level position where I find statistics about the likes and dislikes of different age groups in a specific country that our client is looking to do business in.

### 8.Why did you choose to do that type of work?

While this is not the final job that I was hoping for, it is a solid entry-level position in a firm that does the kind of work I am interested in. I enjoy gathering the statistics knowing that they will be used to make important decisions in marketing our client's product. I feel there is a lot of room for promotion here in this company as well.

### 9.Do you miss being a student?

I didn't think that I would, but I do. As much as I like my job and I am grateful to have it, it is a big change. I am meeting new people and learning new responsibilities; my daily schedule is very different, but I need to expect a period of adjustment.

### 10.Do you like your job?

I really enjoy my job. I think the work is interesting and look forward to learning more. I like all of the people I work with. There are two other research assistants who were hired the same time I was and I enjoy working with them.

## Part1 保留题

### 5.staying at home

#### 1.Are you a person who likes to stay at home?

Yes, I quite enjoy spending time at home. Being at home gives me the opportunity to relax and unwind in a familiar environment, which I find quite





comforting. However, I also recognize the importance of going out and engaging with the world. Staying home allows me to indulge in hobbies that I might not be able to focus on if I were out, like reading, cooking, or even learning new skills online. Yet, I do believe that balancing home time with outdoor activities is essential for a well-rounded lifestyle.

## **2.What do you do when you stay at home?**

When I'm at home, I like to keep busy with stuff that's fun and kind of useful too. I'm big on reading because it's not just entertaining. It actually teaches me new things and gives me different ways to think about stuff. Cooking is another thing I really enjoy. It's fun to try out new recipes and I end up with something tasty to eat, which is always a win. I also make sure to fit in some exercise. It keeps me feeling good and energetic. So, being at home is never boring for me. It's a great mix of chilling out and getting stuff done.

## **3.What is your favourite place at home?**

My favorite place at home is definitely my cozy corner in the living room. It's where I have my comfy armchair, a soft blanket, and a small table for my books and snacks. This spot is perfect for unwinding after a long day, reading a good book, or just relaxing with a cup of tea. I love how peaceful and comfortable it is, making it the ideal retreat for me to recharge and enjoy some quiet time alone.

## **5.What did you often do at home as a child?**

When I was a kid, I did all sorts of things at home. I played with toys, built forts out of blankets, and made up games with my friends. I loved watching cartoons and reading books, and I'd often get crafty with drawing or painting. Sometimes, I'd lend a hand to my parents with chores or cooking. Home was always buzzing with fun activities.

## **6.Would you like to stay at home a lot in the future?**

In the future, I don't envision myself staying at home all the time. While I appreciate the comfort and familiarity of home, I also value getting out and



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exploring the world. Traveling, socializing, and experiencing new things are important to me. However, I do cherish the idea of having a cozy home to return to after my adventures, where I can relax and recharge before embarking on new journeys.

## 6.asking for help

### 1.Do you ask for help when you have a problem?

Yeah, I don't hesitate to seek help when I'm stuck. I believe it's smart to tap into others' knowledge and experience. And tackling problems together often leads to better solutions. So, I'm all for asking for help when needed.

### 2.Why are teachers always willing to help students?

Teachers are always willing to help students because they truly care about their success. Their passion for education drives them to go the extra mile. Helping students succeed not only reflects positively on their abilities but also fosters a supportive learning environment. Building strong teacher-student relationships is key to promoting academic growth.

### 3.What kinds of help do you often ask for?

I usually ask for help with tricky stuff, like understanding tough topics, getting clear on instructions, or leveling up my skills. Whether it's for school, work, or just life advice, I'm always open to getting insights from others to tackle problems and improve. Getting assistance from others not only helps me overcome challenges but also allows me to learn and grow more effectively.

### 5. When was the last time you asked for help?

Just last week, I asked my teacher for help with a challenging problem. I reached out to my teacher after the lesson and asked for clarification on certain formulas and problem-solving techniques. This helped me gain a clearer understanding of the topic and boosted my confidence in tackling similar problems in the future.



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## 7. Childhood memory

### 1. What did you enjoy doing as a child?

I was obsessed with going to the playground near where I live when I was little, especially with my friends after coming back from the kindergarten.

### 2. Did you enjoy your childhood?

To be honest, I could not remember what it was like, because it was such a long time ago. I guess it was generally enjoyable, since I did not have a lot of pressure from school.

### 3. What are your best childhood memories?

I remembered playing with my friends at Friday nights was always such a hoot. Also, it was great to have my parents and relatives buy tons of toys for me. Now that I am a grown-up, I certainly cannot ask them to do it.

### 4. Do you think it is better for children to grow up in the city or in the countryside?

Personally, I feel children should grow up in the city because they can go to schools with better educational resources. Besides, in the city, there are also more opportunities for children to learn expansively about the world. For example, they can visit the museums, libraries and aquariums.

## 8. Exciting activities

### 1. Have you ever tried any exciting activities?

I once tried riding a motorcycle in the countryside. It was certainly exciting enough for me. The adrenaline rush I got from the fast speed was thrilling. My hands were even shaking when I pulled the speed up to 100 miles per hour.

### 2. What do you think were exciting activities when you were a child?

Playing with my friends at Friday nights on the playground near where I live is



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one of the most exciting activities I did when I was little. At that time, watching some of my friends jumping from the slide and pushing others higher up on the swing sets were like the greatest adventures in my life.

### **3.Has anything exciting happened to you recently?**

Not really. I have been rather busy with work/school lately. It feels like every day I am simply repeating my routines and I am getting quite bored.

### **4.Would you like to try scuba diving and bungee jumping?**

To be honest, I'd rather not. I understand some people might be interested, but I am not because they both sound very dangerous and even life-threatening to me. I am not ready to die so young.

### **5.Do you think sports are exciting?**

Of course yes! sports can be super exciting! Whether you're playing or watching, there's always that rush of competition and the thrill of seeing your team succeed. It's all about the adrenaline and the fun of being part of something bigger.

## **9.E-books and paper books**

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

I prefer paper books. There's something special about holding a physical book, flipping through the pages, and even smelling the paper. Plus, I find it easier to focus and take notes when reading from a paper book.

### **2.When do you usually read online?**

I usually read online during my free time or in the evenings after work/school. It's a convenient way to catch up on news, articles, or digital books when I have some downtime.

### **3.Will you read more online in the future?**





Sure. I think I'll be reading a lot more online in the future. It's just so easy and convenient to access all sorts of interesting stuff, like articles, news, and even books, right from my phone or computer. Plus, with everything becoming more digital, I'm sure I'll naturally lean towards reading online more often.

#### **4. Do you think paper books will disappear in the future?**

I don't think paper books will disappear completely. A lot of people still love the feel and smell of a real book, you know? It's like a cozy tradition for many readers. But yeah, digital books are getting more popular too, especially for the convenience. So, I think we'll see both hanging around for quite a while.

## **10. Science**

#### **1. Do you like science?**

Yes, I like science but I was never good at it at school. My science teacher was a very strict person. I never had a high score in science but I did enjoy reading science books with pictures and watching science documentaries.

#### **2. When did you start to learn about science?**

I started learning science in high school. We had chemistry and physics then. These are required subjects for high school students.

#### **3. Which science subject is interesting to you?**

I like chemistry a lot actually, especially the experiment part, even though I barely passed the exams back in school.

#### **4. What kinds of interesting things have you done with science?**

Nothing really interesting that I can recall. I was more of the observer when others were trying different ways to play with what we learned in class.

#### **5. Do you like watching science TV programs?**

Yes, I actually like watching some of the Youku experiment videos to show





what will happen if they try some new ways of doing things. It's very intriguing.

## 6. Do Chinese people often visit science museums?

Yes, especially families with kids. It's a really good way to educate children and stimulate their interest in science.

# 11. News

## 1. Are you interested in news?

Yeah, I listen to news every morning. Though some of the content is beyond my knowledge, I still enjoy the feeling of knowing what's happening in the world everyday.

## 2. How do you usually find news?

I usually listen to news on the podcast. I can find different news sources there. It's very convenient and also I can find news reports from different angles.

## 3. How do your friends get news?

They mostly get it from online social media platforms. They spend most of the time on it anyways so they'll just check out the news while they're on it.

## 4. Have you read the news this morning?

No, I didn't listen to the news this morning. I listened to some light morning music instead to wake myself up since I didn't sleep well last night. Music can always cheer me up.

## 5. Do you often talk with your friends about the news?

Yeah, since everyone knows some part of the story, we can put it together and form a whole picture of it. It's very much like gossiping so everyone enjoys it. Meanwhile, we can express our opinions.



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## 12. Internet

### 1. When did you start using the internet?

I started using the internet when I was in primary school. It was also the time when I had my first computer. I still remember that feeling. It's like opening up a brand new world.

### 2. How often do you go online?

Well, I think these days everybody's answer to that is the same, every day. It has become a necessity for people's life and work. For me, going online is also my main way of entertainment on my way to work and back home.

### 3. How does the internet influence people?

The good part of it is that it gives people access to unlimited information resources anytime anywhere. The bad part is that it can easily become a distraction when you need to focus.

### 4. Do you think you spend too much time online?

Yes, definitely. I could've used the time to read more books or work out more. At least I could go outdoors to enjoy the nature. Instead, I often find myself stay on the sofa for 3 hours without moving, surfing online.

### 5. What would you do without the internet?

I would read books, work out, go take a walk with my family in the park after dinner. I would get out of myself and get into the world more, be with people I love more.

## 13. classmate

### 1. Can students choose their deskmates in your country?

In China, picking your own deskmate really depends on the school and how old you are. Generally, in elementary and middle schools, teachers set up



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seating plans to mix things up and help everyone get along better. But in high schools, students often get a bit more freedom to choose where they sit, especially during less formal classes. This helps make sure they're comfy while still keeping an eye on their learning and social skills.

## 2. Is it good for children to play with their classmates?

Definitely. It's really good for kids to play with their classmates. When they play together, they learn super important stuff like how to share, work as a team, and even sort out little disagreements. It's not just all fun and games; they're picking up social skills that are keys for getting along with others. Plus, playing helps kids make friends and feel part of the group, which is awesome for their confidence. It makes school a happier place for them, too. So yeah, letting kids play together is a big thumbs up, it helps them grow into cool, friendly people.

## 14. Breakfast

### 1. What do you usually eat for breakfast?

I don't always have breakfast in the morning. But when I do, some whole-wheat bread will do because it is very convenient. On a weekday, I can just grab a slice and go, and don't have to cook it or anything.

### 2. Do you think breakfast is important?

I do. It is believed in China to be essential for providing the nutrition you need for the day. And personally, I have stomach issues. Having an empty stomach might make things worse with all the stomach acid but nothing to digest.

### 3. Are there any differences between the mornings of your childhood and now?

Yes. When I was in elementary school, I woke up at around 7 and my grandma would have breakfast ready, almost always noodle, after which I would walk to school feeling energetic. Now, every morning I get out of bed





15 minutes before I go to work, usually around 9, and I would grab whatever I have in the fridge.

#### 4. Would you like to change your morning routine?

I would if I could. But it really is easier said than done. Whenever I have the energy and time to do some cardio, like playing basketball, during the day, I will have a great sleep, which is key to kicking off the next day feeling refreshed. But it is really difficult now that work takes too much of my time.

### 15.Life stages

#### 1. What did you often do with your friends in your childhood?

We played games in the shared yard, especially hide and seek. And sometimes we would observe ants for a whole afternoon. We would also went to someone's home and watch some anime together. Anime was really popular in China when we were kids.

#### 2. What do you think is the most important at the moment?

Now I am at a stage where I have to think about a lot of things. Just like everyone else, finance comes first, but not to the point where I would do something I am not passionate about at all just for money's sake.

#### 3. Do you have any plans for the next five years?

I will a try a few side hustles and see if any of them works, but also simultaneously laser focus on a niche. I guess it won't hurt to diversify a little. But in case I have no luck on whatever I do on the side, I still have my bread and butter.

#### 4. How do people remember each stage of their lives?

I think people remember different stages to different degrees. Most memories fade as time goes on. But one thing I do notice is that people remember the suffering of their life most clearly, as well as how they cope with it. Some



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bounced back. Some gave up. But the suffering can be a really unforgettable turning point no matter.

## 16.Relax

### 1. What would you do to relax?

Whenever I feel like winding down a bit, having a hot shower is the easiest and most effective thing to do. It puts my mind at ease and help relax muscles. I find it very easy to fall asleep this way, which is the best therapy.

### 2. Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?

Definitely. I think it has something to do with the hormones released when you do sports. And the fact that you have to focus during physical activity may also contribute to feeling relaxed.

### 3. Do you think vacation is a good time to relax?

Of course. Although it is equally important to relax during the work day, you have more time on vacation, which means you can go somewhere with your families and friends, somewhere beautiful, serene, maybe away from the hustle-bustle of urban life.

### 4. Do you think students need more relaxing time?

They do like everybody else. But for many parents and students themselves, education is no less of a rat race than trying to make a living in a brutally competitive market. Some people have enough options to afford relaxing, while some fear getting left behind.

## 17.number

### 1. What's your favorite number?

Well, I don't really have a favorite number, but I suppose seven could be



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considered my lucky number. After all, my birthday is on the seventh of July, so the number seven holds special meaning for me.

## 2. Are you good at remembering phone numbers?

I don't think so. Besides my own phone number, I can only remember the numbers of one or two close family members. I hardly recall the phone numbers of any friends outside my immediate family.

## 3. Do you usually use numbers?

Yes, I use numbers quite frequently. I deal with numbers at work when managing budgets or during presentations where I have to discuss data. Personally, I use numbers when I'm cooking to measure ingredients accurately, or when planning my time for various activities throughout the day.

## 4. Are you good at math?

No, I wouldn't say I'm particularly good at math. I've always found it a bit challenging to grasp some mathematical concepts, and it's not where my strengths lie. I'm much more comfortable with activities that involve language and creativity. But I can manage basic calculations that are necessary for everyday tasks.

# 18. sharing

## 1. Did your parents teach you to share when you were a child?

Yeah, definitely. When I was a child, my parents taught me to share toys, snacks, and even my time with my siblings and friends. It really helped me understand the value of generosity and cooperation from a young age. They told me that sharing not only makes others happy but also enriches our own experiences, so yeah.

## 2. What kind of things do you like to share with others?

I like sharing a lot of things with others, especially books and meals. I find that



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sharing books with my friends who have similar interests leads to interesting discussions and helps me strengthen bonds with my friends. I also enjoy sharing food because it's a great way to connect with people.

### 3. What kind of things are not suitable for sharing?

Well, I think personal items like toothbrushes or towels should not be shared, mainly for reasons of personal hygiene and safety. They can transmit bacteria and lead to infections or diseases. Also, sensitive personal information, such as all kinds of passwords, should be kept private for security reasons.

### 4. Do you have anything to share with others recently?

Yeah, I actually shared some of my homemade cookies with my friends and colleagues. Baking has kind of become one of my hobbies, and I've experimented with various recipes. It is really fun to share my baking creations with others. Everyone seems to love a sweet treat.

## 19. Art

### 1. Do you like art?

Yeah, totally, I love going to art galleries and seeing all the different pieces that have been created by artists. And I'll draw a little something for fun every weekend.

### 2. Do you like visiting art galleries?

I love galleries, I love that I can find some really unique artists and their art pieces in small galleries. Sometimes I can even afford to buy some paintings and add them to my collection. I'm the kind of person who can spend all day in different galleries and try to find artists that I like.

### 3. Do you want to be an artist?

Not really, I mean, I've always loved drawing and sketching things. Sadly, I haven't taken any professional art classes, and I don't think I'm that talented to be an artist. I see this more as a hobby or something

### 4. Do you like modern art or traditional art?



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My preference is for modern, but I can appreciate art from all periods. I understand that all art had precedents and to appreciate the present also demands an

## 20. Weekends

### 1. Do you like weekends?

Who doesn't? not only because it's a really important time for me to enjoy myself with a great meal, a good night's sleep after long working hours, but also it's the time when I can really be myself and doing whatever I want.

### 2. What do you usually do on weekends? Do you study or work?

Normally I just stay at home and do nothing on Saturday, you know, just chill, but on Sunday, I do have a routine, I get up at around 9 am, go to the gym, work out for about 1h then get a cup of coffee, and ummm, then I read for about 1 hour, in the afternoon, I might choose to study or work for a while, then I'll go out with my friends.

### 3. What did you do last weekends?

I got up really late last Saturday, me and boyfriend drove to a nice restaurant for the lunch, then we did some grocery shopping, drove back home. On Sunday, when I finished my morning routine, I just worked for 3 hours, it was exhausting to work during weekends.

### 4. Do you make plans for your weekends?

Well, for most of the time, I just wanna relax and unwind on weekends, so there's generally no plan, but when it comes to deadlines, or if there's an important event coming, maybe ill make an arrange for that, you know, but mostly, I don't plan for the weekends.

## 21. Outer space and stars

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

Absolutely, I still remember that when I was in primary school, we had science classes, and basically, we learnt some fundamental knowledge about it, and our science teacher taught us something about outer space and something







related to astronomy. Like, there's no oxygen or gravity in outer space, stuff like that.

## 2. Do you like science fiction movies? Why?

I'm a big fan of sci-fi movies, cause these kinds of movies can always inspire me and give me some new ideas about the future, you know, I'm always curious about the future and how life would be life in 50 years.

## 3. Do you want to know more about outer space?

As for me, I have mixed feeling about it, on the one hand, I wanna know more about the outer space cause I'm just curious about it, but on the other, i also kinda worry, cause you know, with all the sci-fi movies and stories, after you get contact with other planets, it could also mean disasters and catastrophes and stuff.

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

Personally, I think its quite dangerous for normal people to go into outer space, with all the potential risks, like, lack of oxygen, food shortage, water shortage, its definitely not a sweet home for normal people.

# 22.Chocolate



## 1. Do you like eating chocolate? Why/why not?

Not really, I guess mostly because it's too sweet for me, and it's not that tasty, I only eat chocolate bars when I'm too hungry and when there are no other choices.

## 2. How often do you eat chocolate?

Like I said, not very often, 1, when I'm STARVING, 2, If I get some chocolates on valentine's day, I might eat some.

## 3. Did you often eat chocolate when you were a kid?

I was a big fan of sugar and candy when I was a kid, I would take all kinds of sweets, you know, cakes, chocolates, candies, sweetmeats, honey, you name it.

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

Well, I suppose that depends, if you are trying to give your girlfriend a gift on





valentine's day, chocolate might be a fair choice, cause it's a symbol of romance, but if you are choosing gifts for your male friends or friends who love working out, well, chocolate is not that appealing to them, you might need to choose something else.

## 23.Staying up

### 1. Do you often stay up late?

Actually yes, its really weird cause I usually go to bed at around 11pm, but I'll be on my phone for another 2-3 hours, you know, those short videos are really addictive.

### 2. Did you stay up late when you were a kid?

Absolutely not, cause when I was a kid, I had morning classes from Monday to Friday, and my parents required me to go to sleep at around 9pm and get up at 7, so yeah, I had a tough routine during my childhood.

### 3. What do you do when you stay up late?

Normally, I just check those short videos on Tik Tok, but when it comes to deadlines or when my schedule is way behind, I might work for a few hours, but I hate working overtime, so I would reduce the chances of doing so.

### 4. What dose it feel like the next morning if you stay up late?

Not so well, it feels so exhausting and tiring the next day, you know, just, I couldn't see everything clearly and its hard for me to focus.

## 24.Language

### 1.What languages can you speak?

Well, my native language is Chinese. But I have been learning English ever since I went to school. Plus, I am preparing for IELTS right now, and I am planning to study abroad, sol'mgoing to count English too.

### 2.What languages would you like to learn in the future?

I mean, there are many languages I wish I can learn in thefuture, such as Korean, Japanese, Spanish , andFrench. But if I have to pick one, I would go



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for Spanish, not only because it sounds quite sexy but because it is one of the most widely-spoken languages in the world.

### 3. Would you say it's a difficult language to learn?

I would certainly say so. I mean all the pronunciations are really different from Chinese words, and you have to roll your tongue to pronounce certain words and stuff but knowing English certainly helps with understanding some of the Spanish words such as 'Ambulance' in English and 'Ambulance' in Spanish.

### 4. Do you think it's important to know more than one language?

Definitely! It is important to know more than one language I think. Knowing another language can be an advantage when you are travelling abroad, it can also add some merits to your CV when applying for a job; it could even open up some new possibilities when you are looking for a job.

### 5. What is the most difficult part about studying a foreign language?

I would say actually speaking the language out loud is the most difficult part. It was surely the most difficult part for me when I was learning English. Not only was it really difficult to translate all words together into another language, but there was also a psychological barrier that would stop me from speaking another language out loud because I was always afraid that I was going to make a mistake.



## 25. Pen & Pencil

### 1. Do you usually use a pen or pencil?

Yes. I use a pen frequently in the school in order to prepare for IELTS test since it requires all the candidates to finish the exam by pen, which I think is quite convenient due to the fact that I can erase what I write easily by a rubber.

### 2. Which do you use more often, pen or pencil?

In my daily life, pencil is my preference. As I stated before, I am required by IELTS test to use a pencil to finish the exam. But sometimes, pen is an ideal tool to practise calligraphy.

### 3. When was the last time you used a pen or a pencil?

I remember that I just used a pencil to write an IELTS writing on the test paper yesterday, when I corrected some mistakes by an eraser, which enabled me to keep my paper clean and correct.



**4. What do you think if someone gives you a pen or a pencil as a gift?**

Actually I suppose that it is the meaning of the gift that really matters instead of the content of the present, which means no matter what gift I receive, I will always show great gratitude to the person who sends it to me. Honestly speaking, nowadays the pens or the pencils are always nicely-packed to be a really delicate and suitable gift.

**26. Doing Sports****1. What sports do you like?**

I'm not a sporty person. I like swimming. But I don't like running, I think it's a tedious sport. Well, I enjoy playing yoga, and I also do Tai Chi.

**2. Where did you learn how to do it?**

I learned how to swim when I was a kid. I still remember it was a Wednesday afternoon; my dad just threw me into the swimming pool, and that's how I learned how to swim in half a day. It was a very simple, rude, and effective method for me to learn how to swim. And I'm learning Tai Chi through an instructor at the moment.

**3. Did you do some sports when you were young?**

For sure, I played ping pong with my friends. Downstairs in our residential building, there was a stone platform that we used as a ping pong table. It was great fun.

**4. Do you think students need more exercise?**

That depends. Some students are doing pretty good. But some students, I think, need more exercise because they spend too much time sitting at their desks, burying their heads in the sea of books. They should get some time to relax.

**5. Do you know any people who are good at sports?**

Yeah, of course. When I was in high school, my two deskmates were basketball players. They were really good basketball players and one of them had been dubbed the Nike MVP (Most Valuable Player) of the city. So yeah, he was great at playing basketball, and occasionally, he would show me the tons of love letters he received from the female students. That was very interesting.

**6. Do you think it is important for people to exercise?**

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Of course. "Life lies in motion"\*. It's a saying I don't know where it's from, but it's one that stuck in my mind. So, we should keep practicing and exercising to maintain a good physical and mental condition.

### **7. Should schools encourage young students to take more physical exercise?**

Yeah, sure. As I just mentioned, they spend too much time at their desks. Reading books and doing exercises are going to benefit their eyesight and the whole body, muscles, and it's good for their mental health too. So, I think schools should encourage young students to take more physical exercise, for sure.

## **27.T-shirt**

### **1. Do you usually wear T-shirts?**

Yes, for sure. T-shirts are the most common pieces of clothing in my wardrobe, especially during summer days. Since there is no dress code in my office, so normally I just wear really casual. And I think they are quite comfy and cheap. They are also perfect bottoming shirt. I mean they go perfectly with other clothing like blazers, jackets, cardigans, hoodies, or sth like that.

### **2. Do you like T-shirts with pictures or prints?**

No, not really. I would rather prefer those plain, white T-shirts without any decoration or pattern. Because I have always believed that less is more. They can make me look like really neat and clean.

### **3. Do you think older people who wear T-shirts are fashionable?**

It's hard to say, but my answer is no. I think stylish or not is not about the T-shirt itself. It's more about the way you wear them, your outfits, accessories that you use to match

### **4. Have you ever bought T-shirts as souvenirs?**

No, never. I know that many travellers are really into picking up some t-shirts with local features or patterns when they are traveling around the globe as souvenirs. Because when you go back to your hometown, they can remind you of those impressive moments. Having said that, they are not my taste, and I just have too many t-shirts and I prefer to buy smaller items like fridge magnets as souvenirs with them.



## 28.The city you live in

### 1.What city do you live in?

I currently call Beijing my home, as it's where I've been living for the past few years.

### 2.Do you like this city?Why?

My feelings about Beijing are a bit mixed, to be honest. On one hand, I appreciate its historical significance, the diverse cultural scene, and the opportunities it provides. However, the challenges like air pollution and heavy traffic can make it somewhat challenging to fully embrace at times.

### 3.How long have you lived in this city?

I have lived in Beijing for six and a half years since I graduated from university.

### 4.Is this city your permanent residence?

No, Beijing isn't my permanent residence. I'm currently exploring the possibility of moving elsewhere in the near future due to some personal and professional considerations.

### 5.Are there big changes in this city?

Absolutely, Beijing has undergone some remarkable changes, especially in terms of its infrastructure, technological advancements, and urban development. The pace of transformation here is quite impressive.

## 29.Music/Musical instruments

### 1.Do you know how to play a musical instrument?

Yes, I learned to play the electronic keyboard and guitar when I was younger. Although I'm not as proficient as I used to be, those experiences gave me a basic understanding and appreciation for music. Learning these instruments helped me develop a sense of rhythm and melody, which I still value. However, due to a lack of practice over the years, my skills have somewhat diminished.

### 2.Do you think students should learn to play musical instruments at



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**school?**

While I see the value in musical education, I believe learning musical instruments might be better suited to extracurricular classes outside of the regular school curriculum. This is because not every student may be interested in or have an aptitude for musical instruments. Offering it as an optional activity allows those with a genuine interest to pursue it further without making it a compulsory part of education for everyone.

**3. Have you taken any classes on musical instruments in school?**

In elementary school, I took music classes where we were introduced to the melodica. It was a basic introduction to music and playing an instrument, which I found quite enjoyable. These classes were more about exposure to music rather than mastering an instrument, but they laid a foundational interest in music for me.

**4. Which musical instrument do you like listening to most? Why?**

The piano is my favorite instrument to listen to because of its elegance and the soothing effect it has on me. Piano music can be incredibly versatile, capable of conveying a wide range of emotions, from joy to sadness. It has a certain depth and richness that I find both comforting and uplifting.

**5. Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?**

Yes, as I mentioned earlier, I learned to play the electronic keyboard and the guitar during my childhood. Those learning experiences were quite fulfilling, offering me a creative outlet and a way to express myself musically. Even though I am not currently practicing, the memories and skills from those times still hold a special place in my heart.

**6. How easy would it be to learn to play an instrument without a teacher?**

Learning to play an instrument without the guidance of a teacher can be quite challenging. While online tutorials and resources have made it easier to access information, the absence of personalized feedback and instruction can lead to the development of incorrect techniques. A teacher not only provides structured learning but also helps in correcting mistakes early on, making the learning process more effective and enjoyable.





## Part2&3 保留题

### 1.年轻人的偶像

#### Part2

**Describe someone (a famous person) that is a role model for young people**

**You should say:**

**Who he/she is**

**How you knew him/her**

**What he/she has done**

**And explain why he/she can be a role model for young people**

Although there are many famous people in the world, only a few of them are role models for youngsters, and one such person is very close to my heart. His name is Malcolm Gladwell. is a Canadian journalist, author, and public speaker. He rose to prominence for his unique ability to dissect complex sociological and psychological phenomena and present them in a compelling and accessible manner.

I know him for many reasons. First and foremost, a few years ago, I was going through a lean patch in my life because my financial life was in the doldrums. During that time, it was difficult for me to make ends meet, and one of my friends, seeing my plight, suggested I follow Malcolm Gladwell on YouTube.

After following him, there was a paradigm shift in my performance. I started liking my work. My life was dull and monotonous before watching his videos, but he gave me hope, and so he brought a big change in my life.

He can be a good role model for young people because these days, youngsters have this uncanny knack for following the shortcuts to lead their lives towards an impressive growth track. Here, Malcolm Gladwell is an exception because he had a humble beginning, and despite that, he worked hard. He never went after shortcuts.

He did hard work and innovated a lot, and due to that, he published several bestselling books, like "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference," which explores the idea of how trends and epidemics spread like viruses. This book became a bestseller and established Gladwell as a leading voice in popular science writing.



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He is a commoner person, and whatever he can do, he does his best and always tries to help people from poor backgrounds., and whatever knowledge he provides is free of cost. Even for his YouTube channel, he does not charge even a single penny through monetization. So he is a good role model for young people. People should follow his good habits so that they can become successful in their lives.

### Part3

#### 1.What kinds of people are likely to be the role models for teenagers?

These days, teenagers are highly influenced by social media. So, people who are celebrities, fitness freaks, and who are doing substantial work in the fashion industry or sports industry are role models for teenagers. Only a few of them follow economists and politicians as role models.

#### 2.Is it important for children to have a role model?

Yes, children need to have a role model because when you have a source of inspiration for you, then you follow the right trajectory. You follow the footsteps of that person, and that would encourage you to have significant traction in your career.

#### 3.Are there any differences between today's famous people and those of the past?

Yes, there are various differences. Earlier, there was a little show-off. So only those people who did substantial would become successful and famous. However, these days, due to social media, any person who does something good or something weird becomes successful and famous. So becoming famous these days is extremely easy as compared to the past.

#### 4.What qualities do famous people have?

The biggest quality famous people have is the ability to think beyond the conventional domain. That means they can think out of the box, whereas normal people remain busy with their trivial issues whereas famous people focus on big things, and that is one quality that keeps them ahead of others.

## 2. 音乐爱好者

### Part2

**Describe a person who thinks music is important and enjoys music**

**You should say:**

**Who this person is**

**How you knew him/her**

**What music he/she likes**

**Why he/she thinks music is important And explain how you feel about him/her**

In my social circle, there's a guy named Peter who's absolutely crazy about music. I mean, it's not





just a hobby for him—it's his whole life. Peter's been strumming away on his ukulele for as long as I can remember, and we've been tight for the past 10 years. We actually became friends when his family moved in next door all those years ago, and we've been inseparable ever since.

Peter's got a thing for all kinds of musical instruments, but he's particularly passionate about the ukulele. He's always saying how music has this special charm, and he's not a big fan of songs with lyrics because he feels like they take away from the pure essence of the music.

He's got this whole philosophy about how music is like this super important thing in our lives, especially with all the stress we deal with these days. According to him, music is like a magical stress reliever. It's like when you listen to music, you're transported to this whole other world where you can just chill and think clearly, even when life's throwing all sorts of problems your way.

I love how music keeps Peter so positive. Whenever I'm feeling down or stressed out, I know I can count on him to whip out his guitar and play me some tunes. It's like instant therapy, you know? That's why Peter's not just a buddy—he's like family to me. I'm always here to support him in his musical journey, cheering him on every step of the way.

### Part 3

#### 1.What do you think about playing music for children in class?

Playing music for children in class can be highly beneficial. Music creates a positive and welcoming environment in the classroom, making learning more enjoyable and engaging. And certain types of music, particularly instrumental pieces, can help children focus and concentrate on their tasks, leading to improved academic performance. What's more, music stimulates imagination and creativity, encouraging children to think creatively and explore new ideas through various musical activities. Listening to music with lyrics helps children expand their vocabulary, improve comprehension, and refine their pronunciation skills. Singing along to songs can enhance phonological awareness and fluency. Overall, integrating music into classroom activities enriches children's learning experience across various domains.

#### 2.Why do many teachers incorporate music into the classroom?

Teaching with music can be highly effective in the classroom. It aids in better information retention, supports brain development, increases engagement, reduces stress levels, promotes collaboration, fosters discipline, and enhances emotional well-being. Take enhancing emotional as an example. Music acts as a powerful tool to increase memory, helping students remember information more effectively through engaging tunes and rhythms. Incorporating musical techniques in the classroom can significantly boost memory retention among students. These techniques involve setting information to music, creating catchy tunes for key concepts, and using rhythm to structure and organize content. The educational impact of integrating music into teaching is remarkable, as students are more likely to recall facts and concepts presented in a musical format. Strategies like incorporating songs, chants, or musical mnemonics can make





learning engaging and memorable for students. By leveraging music as a mnemonic device, educators can create a dynamic and interactive learning environment that fosters better retention of information among students.

### 3. Do you think there are any advantages to a shop with music playing?

Certainly, playing music in a shop has several advantages, like improving the atmosphere and influencing purchasing decisions. Music creates a welcoming environment in the shop. It sets a pleasant mood, making customers feel more comfortable and encouraging them to spend more time browsing. Furthermore, the type of music played can subtly affect how customers behave. For example, slower music might make them shop more leisurely and potentially buy more, while upbeat tunes can boost their mood and energize the shopping experience. So, music serves as a valuable tool in enhancing both the customer's and employees' experience, contributing positively to the business environment.

### 4. Would people's shopping behaviour be affected in a shop with music?

Yes, music definitely influences people's shopping behavior in a store. The tempo of the music can affect how quickly shoppers move around. Slower tunes tend to make customer slow down and spend more time looking at goods, which can lead to more purchases. On the other hand, upbeat music might make them move faster and encourage a quicker shopping experience. The type of music playing can also sway how customers make choices. For example, certain rhythms or styles can create a calm environment that might make shoppers more thoughtful about their purchases.

## 3. 有天赋的人

### Part2

**Describe a person you know who is talented**

**You should say:**

**Who this person is**

**How and where you knew this person**

**Why you think he/she is talented**

**And explain how you found out that he/she is talented**

The person I'd like to talk about is my friend Sarah, who is an exceptionally talented violinist. I met Sarah during my first year at university where we were both members of the university orchestra. I played percussion while she played the violin, and our shared passion for music helped us to quickly become good friends.

Sarah is extremely talented because of her superb violin skills and her deep understanding of music. She can play a wide range of music genres, from classical to contemporary, with





impressive skill and deep emotional expression. One of her standout talents is improvisation, which is quite rare among classical musicians who typically stick closely to scores.

I truly realized Sarah's talent during a solo performance at our university's annual concert. She chose a challenging piece that required high technical skill and her performance was flawless and deeply moving. It was clear from her performance that she was not just playing notes, but she was telling a story with her music, which resonated with everyone in the audience. Her commitment to her craft is also remarkable. Sarah practices for several hours every day, constantly pushing herself to improve and master new compositions. This dedication is a testament to her passion and drive, which I believe are the marks of a truly talented individual.

Her natural ability combined with dedication and passion for music make Sarah an incredibly talented individual. Watching her perform is always a pleasure because it's clear she's not just performing; she's expressing her love for music.

### Part 3

#### 1.How do you think schools should help children develop their talents?

Schools can really help children shine by giving them the right opportunities to develop their talents. Firstly, they should have cool programs where children can show what they're good at, whether it's art, sports, music, or whatever else they're into. Once a child's talent is spotted, schools should go all out to support it. That means offering extra lessons, chances to perform or compete, and maybe even hooking them up with experts who can help them get even better. Plus, schools can team up with outside groups like local art centers or sports clubs to give children even more chances to grow their talents. It's all about opening doors for them to explore their passions and get really good at what they love. But it's not just about the programs. Schools need to create a vibe that's all about cheering each other on. Imagine a place where everyone's encouraged to chase their dreams and show off what they can do. That's the kind of environment that really helps children thrive and become their best selves.

#### 2.What do you think of talented people and AI?

Talented individuals and AI each offer unique perspectives and strengths that contribute to our world in distinct ways. People who are gifted possess exceptional skills and abilities that make them stand out in various fields. Whether it's in arts, sports, academia, or other domains, their creativity, passion, and achievements inspire admiration. They bring a personal touch to their work, infusing it with emotion and ingenuity. In contrast, AI represents cutting-edge technology that enables computers to perform tasks traditionally requiring human intelligence. Through algorithms and machine learning, AI can analyze data, recognize patterns, and make predictions with remarkable precision and efficiency. While seemingly different, there are areas where talent and AI intersect and complement each other. AI tools can enhance the capabilities of talented individuals by providing innovative platforms for creative expression and problem-solving. For instance, artists may draw inspiration from AI-generated music or visual art, while scientists benefit from AI's data analysis capabilities for research breakthroughs.





**3. Have you ever had any experience with things related to AI?**

Certainly! I've had several experiences with AI that have left a lasting impression on me. One notable encounter was when I used a language translation app powered by AI during a trip abroad. It was fascinating to see how accurately and quickly it could translate text from one language to another. What amazed me even more was its ability to translate spoken words in real-time. I remember being in a bustling marketplace, having a conversation with a local vendor in a language I didn't speak fluently. Thanks to the AI translation app, we were able to communicate effectively, which made the whole experience much more enjoyable and immersive. Another memorable experience with AI was interacting with virtual assistants like Siri and Google Assistant. I often rely on them to set reminders, check the weather, or find information quickly. What's impressive is how they can understand natural language commands and provide helpful responses. For example, I once asked Siri to remind me to buy groceries when I leave work, and it seamlessly set up the reminder based on my location. It's these little moments of convenience and efficiency that make me appreciate the power of AI technology.

**4. Do you think AI will replace human beings?**

The question of whether AI will replace human beings is complex and multifaceted. While AI has made significant advancements in recent years and has the potential to perform many tasks traditionally done by humans, it's unlikely to completely replace human beings in all aspects of life. AI excels in tasks that require computational power and efficiency, such as data analysis, pattern recognition, and automation of repetitive tasks. However, there are certain qualities that are uniquely human, such as creativity, emotional intelligence, and empathy, that AI struggles to replicate. These human qualities are essential in many fields, including art, literature, healthcare, and social services, where nuanced decision-making and interpersonal relationships are paramount. While AI has the potential to augment human capabilities and improve our quality of life, it's unlikely to completely replace human beings. Instead, AI should be seen as a tool to complement human skills and expertise, enhancing productivity and efficiency in certain areas while preserving the uniquely human qualities that make us who we are.

**4. 喜欢买便宜货的人****Part2****Describe a person who likes to buy goods with low prices****You should say:****Who this person is****What this person likes to buy****Where this person likes to buy things And explain why this person likes cheap goods**

Let me describe someone I know who has a knack for seeking out affordable goods. The person I'm referring to is my friend Mary. Mary has always been exceptionally skilled at finding great





deals and discounts on various products. She has a keen eye for value and is quite savvy when it comes to shopping for bargains.

Mary enjoys buying various kinds of items, from everyday essentials like groceries and clothing to bigger-ticket items like electronics and household appliances. She's always on the lookout for sales, promotions, and clearance events where she can score significant savings. When it comes to shopping, Mary prefers to explore both online and offline options. She frequents discount stores, thrift shops, and clearance sections in physical stores to uncover hidden gems at discounted prices. Additionally, she's quite adept at navigating e-commerce platforms and use price-comparison websites to ensure she's getting the best deal possible.

As for why Mary prefers cheap goods, it's partly because of her upbringing and personal values. Coming from a modest background, she understands the importance of stretching every dollar and making wise financial decisions. She believes that there's no need to overspend on products when comparable alternatives are available at lower prices. Moreover, Mary derives a sense of satisfaction from knowing that she's getting the most value for her money, which further motivates her to seek out affordable options.

### Part 3

#### 1. What are the differences between shopping in a shopping mall and in a street market?

Shopping in a mall and at a street market are like two different worlds. Malls are all about convenience and comfort. You've got everything under one roof, from big-name brands to food courts and cinemas. It's easy to compare prices and take your time browsing. On the other hand, street markets are a whole vibe. They're lively and colorful, with vendors selling all sorts of stuff, from fresh produce to handmade crafts. It's a bit chaotic but in a fun way, and you can haggle for bargains. While malls are neat and organized, street markets have that authentic feel that some people love. So, it really depends on what kind of shopping experience you're after!

#### 2. Which is more commonly visited in China, shopping malls or street markets?

In China, both shopping malls and street markets are popular, but there's a noticeable trend towards shopping malls, especially in urban areas. This is largely due to the rise of modernization and urbanization, which have led to the proliferation of malls offering a wide range of products and amenities. Malls are seen as convenient and comfortable places to shop, with air conditioning, cleanliness, and a variety of stores all under one roof. They cater to diverse consumer preferences, from luxury brands to affordable options. However, street markets still hold a special place in Chinese culture, particularly in older neighborhoods and smaller cities. They offer a more traditional and authentic shopping experience, with vendors selling fresh produce, local specialties, and unique crafts. Street markets are also popular among tourists seeking to immerse themselves in local culture and find unique souvenirs. All in all, while shopping malls may be more commonly visited in China, street markets continue to thrive, offering a distinct shopping experience that appeals to both locals and visitors alike.







### 3. Is advertising important?

Definitely! Advertising is super important in today's world. It's like the engine that keeps businesses running. Think about it like this: without advertising, how would companies let people know about their awesome products or services? Advertising is what helps businesses get noticed and attract customers. It's like shouting from the rooftops, "Hey, check out what we've got!" Without advertising, it would be like trying to find a needle in a haystack. But it's not just about selling stuff. Advertising also shapes what we like and buy. Ever seen an ad for something and thought, "Wow, I need that"? That's the power of advertising in action. It's all about creating buzz and making people want what you've got. So yeah, advertising is pretty important. It's how businesses get their message out there, connect with customers, and keep the wheels turning.

### 4. What are the disadvantages of shopping in a street market?

Shopping at a street market can be fun, but there are some downsides too. Firstly, it can get crazy crowded, especially on weekends. Trying to weave through the crowds can feel like navigating a maze! Another thing is the lack of facilities. You won't find clean bathrooms or comfy seats like you do in malls. So, if you're someone who needs a break between shopping sprees, that might be a bummer. Then there's the quality issue. Sometimes you'll come across knock-off products or things that just aren't up to scratch. It's like playing a game of chance! And let's not forget the bargaining. While some people enjoy haggling for a good deal, others find it awkward or exhausting. So, while street markets are full of character and charm, they're not always the most convenient or reliable places to shop.

## 5. 宜居之城

### Part 2

**Describe a place (city/town) that is good for people to live in**

**You should say:**

**Where it is**

**How you knew this place**

**What it is like**

**And explain why it is better than other places to live in**

One city that stands out as an excellent place to live in China is Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. I became acquainted with Chengdu during a visit to explore its rich culture and history.

Known as the "Land of Abundance," Chengdu boasts a unique blend of modernity and tradition. The city is renowned for its relaxed lifestyle, friendly locals, and vibrant culinary scene, particularly its famous Sichuan cuisine. From spicy hotpot to mouth-watering street snacks, Chengdu offers a tantalizing array of food options that cater to every palate. Moreover, Chengdu's robust economy, driven by industries like technology, finance, and manufacturing, offers ample





job opportunities and career prospects. The city's strategic location in southwestern China also provides easy access to other major cities and tourist destinations.

What truly sets Chengdu apart is its laid-back atmosphere and the famous "Chengdu smile" exhibited by its residents, reflecting the city's warm and welcoming ambiance. This, coupled with its rich cultural heritage, dynamic economy, and high quality of life, makes Chengdu an ideal place to call home in China.

### Part 3

#### 1.What are the differences between cities and towns?

Cities and towns differ in size, population density, and function. Cities are larger and more densely populated, with extensive infrastructures and a wide range of amenities. They serve as economic and cultural hubs, offering diverse employment opportunities and cultural attractions. In contrast, towns are smaller with a lower population density and fewer amenities. They have a more laid-back atmosphere and may lack the diversity and cultural vibrancy of cities. While cities attract people from diverse backgrounds and have complex administrative structures, towns often have a more homogeneous population and simpler governance systems. Despite these differences, both cities and towns offer unique lifestyles and opportunities for residents.

#### 2.What has happened to towns and villages in recent years in your country?

In recent years, towns and villages in China have undergone significant changes due to rapid urbanization and economic growth. Many rural areas have seen a decline in population as people move to cities for better opportunities. This has led to "hollowing out" in some villages, with fewer working-age residents remaining. To address these challenges, the Chinese government has implemented rural revitalization policies, aiming to improve infrastructure, public services, and living standards in rural areas. Initiatives like the "Beautiful Villages" campaign focus on attracting residents back to rural communities and boosting local economies. While towns and villages in China continue to face challenges, efforts to revitalize rural areas and harness the potential of technology are reshaping these communities and offering new opportunities for sustainable development.

#### 3.What are the differences between big cities and small ones?

Big cities and small ones have clear differences. Big cities are bustling with large populations, extensive infrastructure, and fast-paced lifestyles. They offer diverse job opportunities, higher salaries, and vibrant cultural scenes. In contrast, small cities have slower-paced lives, smaller populations, and simpler infrastructure. While job options may be more limited, small cities often boast closer-knit communities and a more relaxed atmosphere. Overall, whether one prefers the hustle and bustle of a big city or the tranquility of a small one depends on individual preferences and lifestyle priorities.

#### 4. What factors will contribute to whether a place is good to live in or not?

Several factors contribute to whether a place is desirable to live in. Firstly, quality of life is crucial,





including access to healthcare, education, and public services, as well as safety. Economic opportunities also matter, with job availability and a stable economy being key. Additionally, the natural environment and climate play a role, with clean air and recreational amenities being desirable. Social factors like community cohesion and cultural offerings are also important. Overall, a combination of good quality of life, economic prospects, pleasant environment, and social amenities makes a place attractive for living.

## 6. 自然之地

### Part 2

**Describe a natural place (e.g. parks, mountains)**

**You should say:**

**Where this place is**

**How you knew this place**

**What it is like**

**And explain why you like to visit it**

I'd like to tell you about the Hulunbuir Prairie in Inner Mongolia, China. I first found out about this huge grassland area from travel videos.

The Hulunbuir Prairie is just stunning, with rolling grasslands, lakes scattered around, and mountains in the distance. It's so untouched and wide open, which makes it really special. You'll also see nomadic herders there living in traditional Mongolian yurts, which adds to the whole experience.

What I love most about the Hulunbuir Prairie is how peaceful it is and how close you feel to nature. Riding horses or watching the wildlife, like herds of horses and cattle, is such a cool experience. You really feel like you're part of the environment.

Overall, the Hulunbuir Prairie is a must-visit if you're into wide open spaces and getting a taste of traditional Mongolian life.

### Part 3

#### 1. What kind of people like to visit natural places?

I feel that people who appreciate serenity and natural beauty are often drawn to visit natural places. They value tranquility and find solace in the unspoiled landscapes and diverse ecosystems found in such places. They may seek opportunities for outdoor activities, wildlife observation, or simply to disconnect from the fast-paced urban life and reconnect with nature's wonders.

#### 2. What are the differences between a natural place and a city?

Natural places are all about peace and nature's beauty—like serene forests or breathtaking mountains. Cities, on the other hand, are bustling with people, offering lots of activities, culture,



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and job opportunities. Natural spots focus on relaxation and the environment, while cities are more about development and city life. Both have their charms, catering to different lifestyles and interests.

### 3. Do you think that going to the park is the only way to get close to nature?

No, going to the park isn't the only way to connect with nature. While parks offer accessible green spaces, people can also immerse themselves in nature by visiting forests, beaches, mountains, or even countryside areas. Nature can be found in various forms, such as gardening at home, hiking trails, camping trips, or exploring wildlife reserves. The key is finding opportunities to experience and appreciate the natural world, whether it's in a park or beyond.

### 4. What can people gain from going to natural places?

There are many things for people to gain from going to natural places. Firstly, it's a great way to relax and recharge. Just being surrounded by nature's beauty can lift your spirits and reduce stress. Secondly, it's a chance to get active and enjoy outdoor activities like hiking or biking. Plus, being in nature can spark your creativity and make you feel more peaceful. And let's not forget, it's a reminder of how important it is to take care of our planet and appreciate its wonders.

### 5. Are there any wild animals in the city?

Yes, there definitely are. Wild animals can totally be city dwellers too! Think of the pigeons strutting around, squirrels chasing each other, or even raccoons making surprise appearances. They've figured out how to make cities their homes, finding food and cozy spots in our urban jungle. While we might not see them as often as in the wild, these city critters add a bit of nature's charm to our bustling streets!

### 6. Do you think it is a good idea to let animals stay in local parks for people to see?

Yes, I think it's a great idea to have animals in local parks for people to see. It can be a wonderful educational experience, especially for children, teaching them about wildlife and fostering a love for nature. Additionally, seeing animals in their natural habitats within parks can promote conservation awareness and appreciation for biodiversity. However, it's essential to ensure that the animals' well-being and habitats are respected and protected, with measures in place to prevent any harm or disturbance to them.

## 7. 经常拍照的地方

### Part2

Describe a place where you have taken photos more than once

You should say:

Where the place is

When you took the photos



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**What special features the photos taken there have**

**And explain why you have been there more than once to take photos**

I'd like to talk about a natural park near where I live, which we simply call Greenwoods. I go there often, especially on weekends and holidays.

The photos I've taken at Greenwoods are special because of its beautiful trees, peaceful lakes, and all the animals you can spot. Each time I visit, there's something new to capture, whether it's the colors of spring, the shades of autumn, or just the everyday beauty of nature.

I keep going back because it's like my little escape from the city. It's where I relax, go for walks, and take photos. Plus, each season brings a different vibe, making it fun to photograph throughout the year.

Overall, Greenwoods Park is a place I love, and snapping photos there is my way of enjoying its natural charm.

### Part 3

#### 1. Do you like to take photos?

Yes, I do! I'm all about snapping photos! It's like freezing moments in time and turning them into memories you can hold onto forever. Whether it's a gorgeous sunset or just goofing around with friends, every click of the camera is a chance to capture something special. Plus, with smartphones, everyone's a photographer these days. It's just a fun way to document life's adventures and share them with others.

#### 2. Where do people often like to take photos?

Personally, I feel that people often love taking photos in places with scenic beauty or unique landmarks. This includes natural spots like beaches, mountains, and parks, where they can capture breathtaking landscapes. Additionally, tourist attractions, historical sites, and architectural wonders are popular photo spots. Moreover, events such as weddings, parties, and festivals are also common settings for capturing memorable moments. Ultimately, people enjoy taking photos wherever they find beauty, meaning, or a story worth sharing.

#### 3. Who would like to take photos more often, young people or older people?

You know, it's not really about age when it comes to snapping photos—it's more about what gets you excited! Young folks are all about capturing every moment, sharing on social media, and trying out cool filters. They've got that tech-savvy edge too, with fancy camera gear and all. Meanwhile, older people might see photos as a way to hold onto memories, capture family moments, or just explore their creative side. So, really, it's about what sparks your passion for photography, no matter your age!

#### 4. Would you pay a lot of money to hire a photographer?

It really depends on the occasion and the importance I place on capturing high-quality photos. For major events like weddings or milestone celebrations, I'd definitely consider hiring a professional



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photographer because those moments are priceless. However, for everyday occasions or casual gatherings, I might opt for more affordable options or even take photos myself. So, it's all about balancing the significance of the event with the cost of hiring a photographer.

### 5. Do you think being a photographer is a good job?

Being a photographer can be a fantastic job for those who love capturing moments and telling stories through images. It's a creative and fulfilling career that allows for self-expression and exploration of diverse subjects. However, it also comes with challenges like competition and fluctuating income. Ultimately, whether it's a good job depends on your passion for photography and your willingness to navigate the ups and downs of the industry.

### 6. On what occasions do people need formal photos?

People typically need formal photos for special life events such as weddings, graduations, and family gatherings. These photos are also important for professional purposes like resumes, business profiles, and official documents. Essentially, any occasion where a polished and professional image is required calls for formal photos.

## 8. 昂贵地方

### Part2

**Describe a place you have been to where things are expensive**

**You should say:**

**Where the place is**

**What the place is like**

**Why you went there**

**What you bought there**

**And explain why you think things are expensive there**

I'd like to talk about the Central Mall in the downtown area of my city. It's a bustling shopping center with a variety of stores, restaurants, and entertainment options.

I visit the Central Mall quite frequently for shopping and leisure activities. It offers a wide range of products, from clothing and electronics to gourmet dining experiences.

During my visits, I usually purchase essentials like clothing and electronics, and occasionally indulge in a meal at one of the upscale restaurants.

The prices at the Central Mall are relatively high, which can be attributed to its prime location and the diverse range of offerings available. The presence of well-known brands and premium amenities also contributes to the overall expense.







In summary, the Central Mall is a convenient and enjoyable destination, albeit with prices that reflect its central location and the quality of services and products offered.

### Part 3

#### 1. Why do some people still use cash?

Many people still use cash for practical reasons. For one, it's a tangible way to track spending and manage budgets more effectively. Also, cash transactions are more private and secure than electronic payments. Additionally, cash is universally accepted, especially in areas with limited digital payment options.

#### 2. Will the payment be paperless in the future?

Yes, I personally believe it will be. In the future, internet will be even more widely accessible across the world. With all the fancy digital options we have now, like mobile wallets and online transfers, using cash or checks is becoming less common. Plus, going paperless is better for the environment, which is always a plus. But of course, we'll still need to make sure digital payments are secure and easy for everyone to use.

#### 3. What do you think of the view that time is as important as money?

Certainly! Time is something we can never get back, so it's just as valuable as money, if not more. How we allocate our time reflects our priorities and values. While money can be earned or spent, time is finite, so it's crucial to use it wisely and invest it in things that truly matter to us, whether it's pursuing our passions, spending time with loved ones, or simply enjoying life's moments.

#### 4. Is it more important to choose a job with a high salary or with more time off?

I feel that choosing between a job with a high salary or more time off depends on individual priorities and values. For some, a high salary may be a priority as it offers financial stability and opportunities for personal and professional growth. On the other hand, having more time off can provide a better work-life balance, allowing for relaxation, pursuing hobbies, and spending time with loved ones.

#### 5. How important is it to have a variety of payment option?

Having a variety of payment options is incredibly important in today's diverse and digitalized world. Firstly, it caters to the preferences and convenience of customers, as different individuals may prefer different payment methods such as credit cards, debit cards, mobile wallets, or online banking.

Secondly, offering multiple payment options can increase sales and customer satisfaction. Some customers may have specific preferences or limitations with certain payment methods, so having a variety ensures that more people can complete transactions smoothly and easily.

#### 6. Why are things more expensive in some places than in others?

Prices vary due to the cost of living, supply and demand, taxes, regulations, currency exchange





rates, transportation costs, and market competition. High living costs lead to higher prices, while demand exceeding supply can increase prices. Taxes and regulations also impact pricing, along with currency exchange rates and transportation expenses. Moreover, market competition influences price variations between regions, resulting in differences in pricing for goods and services.

## 9.小店

### Part2

**Describe a small store where you often buy things**

**You should say:**

**Where it is**

**When you usually go there to buy things What it is like**

**What you often buy there**

**And explain how you feel about it**

I'd like to talk about a small store I often visit called "Green Corner Market." It's conveniently located a few blocks from my apartment, making it my go-to spot for quick shopping trips.

I usually pop in there after work or on weekends to grab groceries and household items. The store has a cozy vibe with friendly staff who make shopping there a pleasant experience.

At Green Corner Market, I often buy fresh produce like fruits and vegetables, along with dairy products and snacks. They also stock household essentials, so I can get everything I need in one place.

I feel really comfortable and satisfied shopping at Green Corner Market. The convenience, friendly service, and quality of products keep me coming back. Plus, supporting a local business gives me a sense of community connection, which I appreciate.

Overall, Green Corner Market is my go-to small store for all my daily needs.

### Part 3

#### 1.What are the differences between small stores and shopping malls?

Small stores are cozy spots with a smaller range of products, often specializing in unique or local items. They offer a personal touch and are great for discovering hidden gems.

On the other hand, shopping malls are big, bustling centers with tons of stores, restaurants, and entertainment options all in one place. They're convenient for finding everything you need in one trip and offer a wide variety of choices.

#### 2.What are the differences between the shopping habits of young and old people?

Younger people tend to shop online more because it's convenient and offers a wide range of trendy items. They often find inspiration from social media and online ads.





On the other hand, older individuals often prefer shopping in physical stores. They appreciate the ability to see and touch products before buying and value personal interactions with store staff. Their shopping habits are often guided more by quality and reliability than by online trends.

## 10.超有共鸣的电影

### Part2

**Describe a movie/film that you felt strongly about**

**You should say:**

**What it is about**

**When you watched it Where you watched it**

**And explain why you felt strongly about it**

One movie that I felt strongly about is "The Shawshank Redemption." It's a gripping drama that follows the story of Andy Dufresne, a banker who is wrongfully convicted of murder and sentenced to life in Shawshank State Penitentiary. The film delves into themes of hope, friendship, and the resilience of the human spirit.

I watched "The Shawshank Redemption" a few years ago on a rainy Sunday afternoon at home. It was one of those movies that had been highly recommended to me, and I finally decided to watch it.

The reason why I felt strongly about "The Shawshank Redemption" is because of its powerful storytelling and emotional depth. The characters are incredibly well-developed, and you can't help but root for Andy and his fellow inmates as they navigate the challenges of prison life. The film's message of hope and redemption resonated deeply with me, and I found myself reflecting on it long after the credits rolled.

Overall, "The Shawshank Redemption" is a timeless classic that left a lasting impact on me, reminding me of the enduring power of hope and the human capacity for resilience in the face of adversity.

### Part 3

**1.Do most people prefer to watch movies at home or in a cinema? Why?**

The choice between watching at home or in a cinema comes down to personal preferences and the kind of movie-watching experience one is looking for.

At home, you have the comfort of your own space, can pause the movie whenever needed, and have access to a wide range of streaming options. It's convenient and flexible.

On the other hand, going to the cinema offers a unique experience with a big screen, immersive sound, and the thrill of seeing new releases with others. It's about enjoying the cinematic atmosphere and shared excitement.



**2.What are the advantages of going to the cinema with friends?**

Going to the cinema with friends has several advantages. Firstly, going with friends strengthens your bond and gives you something fun to do together. Additionally, going with friends can make the movie-watching experience more fun and engaging, as you can laugh together, share snacks, and enjoy each other's company.

**3.Is going to the cinema still popular?**

Yes, going to the cinema remains popular despite the availability of streaming services and home entertainment options. Many people still enjoy the experience of watching movies on the big screen, with its immersive sound, high-quality visuals, and cinematic atmosphere. Additionally, cinemas often offer new releases, exclusive screenings, and special events that attract moviegoers. The social aspect of going to the cinema, such as sharing the experience with friends or family, also contributes to its continued popularity.

**4.What kind of movies do you think needs to be seen in the cinema to be fully appreciated?**

Some movies just hit different when you see them in the cinema. Think about those action-packed blockbusters with jaw-dropping effects and epic battles—they're a total thrill on the big screen. Or those fantasy and sci-fi flicks with amazing worlds and creatures—they feel way more immersive in a cinema setting.

Then there are suspenseful movies with intense sound and visuals that keep you on the edge of your seat. And don't forget about those grand, sweeping epics with breathtaking landscapes—they're definitely cinema-worthy too!

Basically, if a movie has big visuals, epic moments, or keeps you glued to your seat, it's probably best enjoyed at the cinema!

**5.What can cinemas do to attract more audiences?**

Cinemas can attract more audiences by offering a wide variety of movies to suit different tastes. They can also improve the overall experience by upgrading seating, sound systems, and facilities. Special promotions, discounts, and events can entice new customers, while embracing digital trends like online booking and mobile apps can enhance convenience. By focusing on diverse movie offerings, enhancing the experience, and offering promotions, cinemas can attract and keep more moviegoers.

**6.Do you think people can learn new cultures through movies?**

Absolutely! Movies are a fantastic way to learn about new cultures. They offer insights into different traditions, customs, languages, and lifestyles, allowing viewers to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures. Through storytelling, visuals, and characters, movies can showcase the beauty, complexities, and diversity of various cultures around the world. They can also spark curiosity, empathy, and interest in exploring and learning more about different cultures beyond what is depicted on screen.





## 11.向他人展示新东西

### Part2

**Describe a time that you showed something new to others**

**You should say:**

**When it was**

**What it was**

**Who you showed it to How you showed it**

**And explain how you felt about it**

Last week I bought a new laptop with a M3 pro chip at Apple Store. I was there to repair my old MacBook. It won't open anymore. I sold it to apple right there cuz it was too difficult to repair. The minute I got my new laptop, I cant help but to take a picture of it and my old one and showed it to my best friend. She knew how long I have been trying to keep my old laptop alive so she knew how difficult it has been for me to use it to work. She asked me "do you feel relieved?" I said "YES!" in all capital letters. The new laptop takes away all the old problems. I don't need to type letter f twice anymore. I don't need to put the key back after typing on it. It feels so good to have a fast and functional laptop.

### Part 3

#### 1.What qualities should a good learner have?

A good learner should have a good comprehension ability cuz reading is a skill any learner must master and also the most common way to acquire knowledge. They also need to be brave enough to ask questions. A good question is a sign of the start of thinking.

#### 2. What skills should children learn?

I think they need to learn the skill of critical thinking and how to ask a good question. Critical thinking can help a child know how to think by themselves instead of accepting everything they read or heard. Knowing how to ask a good question can help a child figuring out the real problem since sometimes we just got a feeling that it's not right but it's hard to pinpoint it.

#### 3. What are the differences between the things adults learn and the things that children learn?

Children are mainly learning what is what and why it is like this. And their learning is more motivated by curiosity. Young children under the age of 8 are still imitating what they hear and see, but adults can choose what they wanna learn and most adults are learning things that are helpful to their jobs, like certain job-related certificate, so adults' learning is more about pragmatic concerns.

#### 4. Why are some people not willing to ask help from others while studying?

I think it's mostly because they are shy. They feel bad to bother other people with their own







problems. This is also a result of their upbringing. If they had nowhere to turn to when they needed help in their childhood, they probably would form the habitual thinking that this is the norm.

## 12.收钱

### Part2

**Describe a time when you received money as a gift**

**You should say:**

**When it happened**

**Who gave you money**

**Why he/she gave you money**

**And explain how you used the money**

Well for most Chinese people, I think the time that we can receive money as a gift is spring festival. The elders in the family will put money in a red envelope and when they see their nephews and nieces, grandchildren, they will give them red envelopes as a gift. But I am too old to get a red envelope now. The last time I got a red envelope was when my grandparents were alive and healthy. It was at least 5 years ago. They were not wealthy people so the red envelope was just about 50 Kuai. I don't remember what I used it for but I always bought books with my allowance back then. That's probably how I spent that 50 Kuai too.

### Part 3

#### 1. Why do people rarely use cash now?

The smart phones are too powerful now. It's really convenient to just take your phone and scan a QR code to pay. Doesn't matter it's WeChat pay, Alipay or Apple Pay. You don't need to worry about whether you have enough changes and where to find an ATM to withdraw some cash to use. You don't even need a wallet anymore. You just need to make sure that your phone is fully charged.

#### 2. When do children begin to comprehend the value of money?

Probably when they are around 5? I guess. Since that's when I realized the red envelope I got from my grandparents, aunts and uncles can be used to exchange my favorite snacks from the shop downstairs. Also when the child started asking questions about the whereabouts of the money they got in the red envelopes, that's probably when they begin to comprehend the value of money.

#### 3. Is it good and necessary to teach children to save money?

It's definitely good to teach children to save money. Most people don't know anything about how to deal with their income. Usually they ended up with debts or credit card overspend. So I think it's really necessary to teach children basic financial knowledge at a young age. To help them



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form a good money habit can benefit them for their whole life.

#### 4. Should parents reward children with money?

No, I don't think it's a good way to educate children because this will make children relate the good habit their parents want them to form with money. This will make them stop thinking why they need to do this, what is good about it, what they can benefit from it. And when you stop rewarding them with money, they will immediately stop doing it. I don't think this is the purpose parents want to achieve.

## 13.儿时休闲活动

### Part2

**Describe an activity you enjoyed in your free time when you were young**

**You should say:**

**What it was**

**Where you did it**

**Who you did it with And explain why you enjoyed it**

An activity that I enjoyed in my free time when I was young was reading Harry Potter. I usually read it at home after school by myself. I was a quiet child so reading was my favorite activity and books were my best friends. When I was reading Harry Potter, I felt like I was also part of those kids and they were my friends too. I could indulge myself in the imaginary world and go on adventures with Harry, Hermione and Ron. I cried when they cried in the book and I also laughed with them when they were happy. I also exhausted my ways to try to get a copy of the book before it was officially published. Yeah that's how much I love Harry Potter.

### Part 3

#### 1. Is it important to have a break during work or study?

Yes, I think it is important to have a break during work or study, especially when you don't know why you are doing it. A break can give you time to think it through, have a discussion with other people. When you figure out the answer, you will be far more motivated to go back and do what you need to do. Or you can always redirect your life and stop wasting it on things you don't wanna do.

#### 2. What sports do young people like to do now?

Young people like city walk now, if that can be called a sport, especially in a city like Shanghai. The roads are really pedestrian-friendly and the shops along the roads are so intriguing. There's never a dull moment walking around places like this. You can easily walk 10,000 steps without





noticing. Or they often go cycling around the city too. Not only can it help you avoid traffic, but also enjoy the view along the way. For people who are really busy, cycling is a good combination of working out and commuting.

### 3. Are there more activities for young people now than 20 years ago?

Yeah, I think so. Ever since we have computers and the Internet invented, our choices in activities have increased a lot. There are many mini games to kill 5-10 minutes anytime anywhere as long as you have your phone. And if you have longer time, you can always play X-box games on your device. 3 hours can pass by in a blink just like that without knowing.

### 4. Can most people balance work and life in China?

I don't think so. Most people in China are workaholic, at least from my perspective. Making money is the No. 1 interest for most Chinese. What's the money for? Buying properties. One can not be called mature if one doesn't have an apartment and a car and a baby. Then people with those things are called apartment slaves, car slaves and baby slaves. So it's not like they don't know it's a lot pressure to take on. They know it better than anyone without it. But that's something that's in Chinese people's bones. They just need to own an apartment.

## 14.教晚辈

### Part2

**Describe a time you taught something new to a younger person**

**You should say:**

**When it happened**

**What you taught**

**Who you taught**

**Why you taught this person**

**And how you felt about the teaching**

A time that I taught a younger person something new is when I taught my little nephew English words when he was 3. Since I'm the only one in my family who can speak English, it's naturally my responsibility to teach it to my nephew. We watched some English videos with simple songs that afternoon and he was fascinated by it. Then I started to replay the video again and again. It almost got everyone in the family brainwashed. I taught him to pronounce every word of the first sentence for like 40 minutes. Then we tried to follow the video and sing together. He was so happy that we could sing with the video. And nothing makes me more happy than seeing his cute smile.

### Part 3

#### 1. What skills do adults need to have?

Adults need to have good communication skills, organizational skills and learning skills to have a



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good personal and work life. Those skills are some general ones that I can think of, that's universal. If you don't know how to communicate with different people, not only will it be difficult for you to work in teams, it also will be hard for you to have harmonious relationships in your life. To have an organized life, you need organizational skills. To improve yourself at work, learning skills is a must.

## 2. How can people be motivated to learn new things?

Well, I think to get a better paid job is always the No. 1 motivation to learn new things because Chinese people are really practical. If you say you want to learn new things just out of curiosity, many people, especially older ones will frown at you and tell you that it's not practical, probably with questions like: Will it make you more money? Will it get you a better job? No? Then why bother? If you say you still want to learn it, then they will think that you are a frivolous person.

## 3. What can children learn from teachers and parents?

From the language perspective, there are many things children can learn from teachers and parents. Every child's first teacher is their parents. They learn their first word from them, how to walk from them. They imitate their behaviors. They speak in the same tone using the same words. That's why we always say children are exactly what their parents are like. When they go to school, there's a period when they listen to their teacher more than their parents. Then they can learn more academic knowledge and discipline from the teachers.

## 4. What are the skills that you wanted to learn?

I've always wanted to learn how to code. Now the Internet is not something new anymore. Even if my learning speed is slower than the development speed of new technologies, AI., Chat GPT etc., I still think that being in the huge IT team is necessary in order to be at a similar pace with the world. In other word, if you don't wanna be left too behind, get in the language of the computers is a must.

# 15.别人做的好决定

## Part2

**Describe someone you know who made a good decision recently**

**You should say:**

**Who he/she is**

**When he/she made the decision**

**What decision he/she made**

**Why it was a good decision**

**And explain how you felt about the decision**

A classmate of mine, also a very good friend, recently became a teacher after trying many corporate positions over the years. After talking to him, I think it's a really good decision for him.



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The reason he made the change was that he came to realize the best position for him would be one where he gets to talk directly to people who need something, and to meet that need himself, instead of sitting at a cubicle, and always listening to second-hand information about what customer “REALLY” want, only to find out the information is distorted by the middleman, incompetent in many cases and having no regard of the people who actually do the job to make things happen. I applaud the decision because it was made based on his understanding of himself, what he can do best, rather than what other people think are good, which is not an easy thing to do at all. And I think he was not wrong about himself. Because he was a great talker, capable of convincing, understanding, improvising, dependent on what is required of him in a given situation.

### Part 3

#### 1. Should parents make decisions for their children?

Sure. But only to a certain degree, which is a delicate decision. For young children, decisions have to be made for them because they are not mature or knowledgeable enough to know what is right and what is wrong. But when they hit puberty, they become their person and try their best to find out their own answers for everything. That is when parents have to think twice before making decisions for children without consulting them.

#### 2. Do you think parents are the best people to make decisions about their children's education?

Sure. Children obviously do not have what it takes to make an educated decision for their education. That's why they need education in the first place, right? And parents know their children better than anyone else does in most cases. On top of that, parents will be the one to pay for the education and to make up for what education lacks, so they should be the one to call the shots.

#### 3. At what age do you think children can be allowed to make decisions by themselves?

They should be allowed to make small decisions even at a very young age, as long as the consequences are commensurate with their handling capacity. For example, parents can allow them to decide whether they want to go to the park or play video games. If they get to choose for themselves, video games may not be that attractive when they are not considered a taboo.

#### 4. Why do most children find it difficult to make decisions?

Because most of them are trained to have decisions made for them without questioning anything. That is the laziest, yet most convenient way to manage a kid when you have plenty of other things to worry about, which is not many parents' fault because they do not know any better. Children brought up this way focus too much on the risk of making their own decisions but barely think about the upside of it, and gradually lose the ability.





## 16.未来想学的学科

### Part2

**Describe a subject that you would like to learn in the future**

**You should say:**

**What it is**

**Where and how you want to learn it**

**Why you want to learn it**

**And explain if it will be difficult to learn it**

So, the subject I really want to learn in the future is psychology.

I'm hoping to study it at a good university, with a mix of traditional classroom learning and hands-on activities like interviewing real patients. I'm drawn to psychology because it offers deep insights into human behavior and thoughts, which are super helpful for everyday life and in how we connect with others. Another big reason is my curiosity about myself—I want to understand my own thoughts better. I also think studying psychology will help me communicate better and solve conflicts more effectively. That would be a big plus for both my personal life and my career. Learning psychology might be challenging, though. It's packed with theory and needs a lot of hands-on research. It's not just about learning theories by heart; it's more about really understanding these theories and applying them to solve real-world issues. Sure, it'll take plenty of reading and practice, but I believe that with dedication and ongoing effort, I can really get a grip on the subject.

### Part 3

#### 1. What are the differences between online learning and offline learning?

I think the main difference between online and offline learning is where the educational process happens. Online learning is done through the internet, so you can study from anywhere and anytime you like. It can be really flexible, but you need to be self-motivated and self-disciplined because there's no classroom to go to. Offline learning happens in a classroom where you meet teachers and other students in person, you can directly interact with them. This face-to-face interaction enhances focus and provides immediate access to support when challenges arise.

#### 2. Do you prefer to study alone or with a group of people?

Personally, I find that I study more effectively on my own because it allows me to concentrate fully and proceed at my own pace. When I study independently, I have the freedom to adjust my study methods and use resources that best suit my learning style. In contrast, being in a group setting can be really distracting for me. It often takes time for study groups to synchronize their strategies and pace, which can hinder reaching academic goals efficiently. So, I prefer to study



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alone.

### 3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of learning in a group?

Studying in a group can be highly beneficial because you get to hear different perspectives from your peers, making the learning process more engaging and enjoyable. It's also nice to have others around for support when you encounter challenging or unfamiliar problems. But sometimes, group study can lead to inefficiencies, such as time spent on non-academic chatting instead of really studying. Additionally, there is a risk that the workload may not be evenly distributed, resulting in some group members end up doing more work than others.

### 4. What subjects do most young people prefer to learn? Why?

From my observation, many young people are interested in subjects like technology, computer science, and business because these fields are linked to well-paying jobs. They match the current job market needs for digital skills and business knowledge. They also offer opportunities for continuous learning and growth in dynamic industries. The potential for good salaries and exciting career paths makes these subjects popular among the youth.

## 17. 冒风险

### Part2

**Describe a risk you took that you thought would lead to a terrible result but ended up with a positive result**

**You should say:**

**When you took the risk**

**Why you took the risk**

**How it went**

**And explain how you felt about it**

I'm going to talk about how I took a risk to learn how to swim.

So, it happened a couple of summers ago when I decided to face my fear of water and signed up for swimming lessons. I took the risk because I've always been scared of drowning and wanted to overcome that fear. Learning to swim was challenging at first, and getting into the water made me super nervous. But with the patient guidance of the instructor, I gradually got the hang of it. As I learned different strokes and practiced in the pool, I started feeling more confident in the water. Surprisingly, what I thought would be a disaster turned out to be a huge win. Not only did I conquer my fear of water, but I also discovered a new skill that brought me a sense of freedom and safety around water. By the end of the lessons, when I could swim a good distance on my own, I felt incredibly proud of myself for taking that risk and turning it into a positive achievement.





**Part 3****1. How should parents teach their children what a risk is?**

I think parents can teach children about risks by explaining them as situations with uncertain outcomes that can have positive or negative consequences. They can use everyday examples to show how taking risks can lead to both success and failure. Encouraging discussions about decision-making, problem-solving, and the importance of assessing risks helps children understand the concept and make informed choices.

**2. What risks should parents tell their children to avoid?**

There are many kinds of dangerous situations children should avoid. Parents should educate them about risks such as sharing too much personal information to strangers online, experimenting with drugs or alcohol, engaging in dangerous physical activities without supervision, and not following safety guidelines like wearing seat belts. Parents can help children develop a sense of caution and responsibility by emphasizing the possible dangers and consequences of these risks.

**3. Why do some people like to watch risk-taking movies?**

Maybe they enjoy watching risk-taking movies because they provide an adrenaline rush and a sense of excitement that can be lacking in everyday life. These movies often showcase daring stunts, intense challenges, and thrilling adventures that captivate viewers and offer a taste of adventure from the safety of their seats. The thrill of watching these risks unfold on screen can evoke a sense of exhilaration and suspense, providing a break from routine and a surge of excitement.

**4. What kinds of sports are dangerous but exciting?**

Many extreme sports can be both dangerous yet exhilarating. For example, rock climbing, and extreme skiing are popular among thrill-seekers for the adrenaline rush and sense of accomplishment they offer. I think these kinds of sports push individuals out of their comfort zones, challenging them both physically and mentally. While the risks involved are significant, the thrill of conquering fears, testing limits, and experiencing intense sensations make these activities appealing to those seeking excitement and a sense of achievement.

**18.重要成就****Part2**

**Describe an important achievement you have made**

**You should say:**

**What you achieved**



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**When and where you did it**

**Why it was an important achievement**

**And explain how you earned it**

I'm going to talk about how I graduated from university at the top of my class.

I studied children's education, and this happened during my final year at university. It was a significant achievement for me because being at the top of my class meant a lot after years of hard work and dedication to my studies. Earning the first position required consistent effort, staying focused on my coursework, and putting in extra hours of study. I attended all classes, actively participated in discussions, and sought clarification on challenging topics. Additionally, I devoted time to reviewing lecture notes, completing assignments on time, and preparing thoroughly for exams. Each semester, I pushed myself to excel, aiming to grasp the concepts deeply and perform to the best of my abilities. This achievement was not just about academic success but also about personal growth, resilience, and the satisfaction of knowing that my hard work paid off. It instilled in me a sense of confidence and accomplishment that has influenced my approach to learning and striving for excellence in all endeavors.

### Part 3

#### 1. Should people set goals under any circumstances?

Well, I think setting goals is generally a good idea. It provides a clear target, gives people something to aim for and helps them measure the progress whether in their professional or personal life. But, I think it's also important to recognize that life is unpredictable, and sometimes we need to adjust and realign your priorities accordingly. In those instances, being too rigid about our goals might not be the best approach.

#### 2. Should employers reward employees with money?

Absolutely, rewarding employees with money can be really effective. It's a straightforward way to acknowledge their hard work and success. From my own experience, financial bonuses tend to boost motivation and loyalty, which is great for a company's morale and productivity. But, it's also crucial to balance this with other types of rewards, like career development opportunities or public recognition, to cater to different needs and values among employees.

#### 3. Is it important for employees to keep fit at work?

Definitely, I think it's important for employees to maintain fitness at work. It's not just about physical health, but also about mental clarity and stability, which ultimately impacts job performance. When employees are active, they tend to have better focus and higher energy levels, which can really boost productivity. Plus, when a company supports fitness initiatives, it often improves the workplace atmosphere and helps build a supportive community. I think it can be a win-win for both the employees and the organization.





## 19.想颁布的新法律

### Part2

**Describe a new law you would like to introduce in your country**

**You should say:**

**What law it is**

**What changes this law brings**

**Whether this new law will be popular How you came up with the new law And explain how you feel about this new law**

A new law I'd really like to introduce in my country would be a holistic animal protection law. Right now, the regulations we have are a bit piecemeal, covering only certain types of endangered animals or specific issues like wildlife trade. What I'm thinking is a comprehensive law that offers protection to all animals, ensuring their welfare across all scenarios—whether it's pets, farm animals, or wildlife. I came up with this idea because I've always been passionate about animal rights. I've seen many stories of animals suffering because the laws just aren't strong enough or they're not comprehensive enough.

This law would bring about significant changes and I'm feeling very proud of it. It would include stricter penalties for animal abuse, which is crucial for deterrence, and it could even incorporate mandatory education on animal welfare in schools. Animal lovers and environmentalists would definitely support it, but there might be some resistance from industries that rely on animal products. But protecting our animals, we're not just helping them, we're making our country a kinder, more responsible place. So yeah, I'd really love to see this law come into effect.

### Part 3

#### 1. What rules should students follow at school?

Well, students should definitely follow a few basic rules to ensure everyone gets a fair and enjoyable school life. For instance, they should respect their peers and teachers. Punctuality is also crucial, being on time shows respect for everyone's schedule. Then there's honesty, especially when it comes to their work and exams. And of course, students should adhere to the school's policies on things like uniform and mobile phone use during class hours. These rules help maintain discipline and create an environment conducive to learning.

#### 2. Do people in your country usually obey the law?

In general, yes, people in my country usually do obey the law. Like anywhere, there are always a few exceptions, but overall, there's a strong sense of legal obedience. I think it largely stems from a combination of cultural respect for authority and the legal consequences of breaking laws. Public awareness about the law is also quite high, which helps in ensuring that people know what's





expected of them and the repercussions if they don't comply.

### 3. What kinds of behavior are considered as good behavior?

Good behavior, you know, it's generally seen as actions that are respectful, considerate, and kind to other people. Helping others in need, being polite, listening when someone else is speaking, and taking responsibility for one's actions are all considered good behavior. In a broader sense, being a good citizen—like participating in community activities and being environmentally conscious—also counts towards good behavior.

### 4. Do you think children can learn about the law outside of school?

Absolutely, I think many of children's early lessons about the law come from home. Parents play a huge role in this. They are often the first to introduce children to the concepts of right and wrong, which are foundational to understanding the law later on. Then there are community programs, like visits to local police stations, which can provide children with practical knowledge about laws. Media is also a significant source—children often see examples of legal concepts on TV shows or in news programs. So, yes, there are plenty of opportunities for children to learn about the law outside the traditional school setting.

## 20.想换掉的东西

### Part2

**Describe something you own that you want to replace**

**You should say:**

**What it is**

**Where it is**

**How you got it**

**And explain why you want to replace it**

I'm going to talk about something I own that needs replacing—it is my old laptop.

I usually bring it to work, but at home, it just sits on my bedside table. I got this laptop second-hand from a friend a few years back and it was a really good deal at the time. Initially, I urgently needed a laptop for work, but it quickly became my go-to for watching movies and listening to music too. Lately, though, I've noticed it's just too old. It's slow, the battery runs out fast, and it hardly has any storage left, which makes it frustrating to use for my everyday tasks. Sometimes, it takes ages to open files or applications, and I find myself waiting more than working, which is not ideal when I have tight deadlines. Additionally, I've started using more software for my job, and my old laptop can't keep up. It struggles to run newer programs, which is





a big problem for me. So, I'm seriously considering getting a new one. While this laptop has been a faithful companion, helping me through countless projects and entertainment hours, I believe it's time to retire it and upgrade to something faster and more reliable. This way, I can be more productive and also enjoy better quality time when I'm unwinding.

### Part 3

#### 1. Does consumption have any impact on the environment?

Oh, definitely, consumption has a significant impact on the environment. The more we buy, the more resources are extracted, and more waste ends up in landfills. It's a cycle, really. Each product we consume has a carbon footprint—this includes the materials it's made from, the energy used in its production, and the emissions from transporting it. Not to mention, products that aren't disposed of properly can contribute to pollution and harm wildlife. So yes, our consumption habits have a pretty direct effect on environmental health.

#### 2. Why do people always want to buy new things to replace old ones?

People buy new stuff for various reasons. Firstly, there's the novelty factor—new items are exciting and can be a symbol of status. Then there's the matter of quality and functionality; newer products might work better or have more features. Also, advertising and marketing play a huge role; it drives the desire for the latest and greatest, making us feel like we need to upgrade even if our current items are still functional.

#### 3. Why do you think some people replace things more often than others?

Well, some people replace their things more frequently for many reasons. One of the biggest factors is that they simply can afford to have a more lavish lifestyle. The financial capability allows them to purchase new things regularly. Also, some people just prioritize staying up-to-date with trends or technology. These types of people might replace items more frequently to keep up with the latest advancements or styles.

#### 4. Why do young people change things more often than old people?

I think young people often change things more frequently partly because they are more influenced by trends and peer pressure. They're still growing and evolving, not just physically but also in their identities and tastes, so they often seek out new things that reflect these changes. On the other hand, older people tend to have more established preferences and might prioritize durability and functionality over style or trends.

## 21. 重要植物

### Part 2

Describe an important plant in your country

You should say:



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**What it is**

**Where you see it What it looks like**

**And explain why it is important**

Since we are talking about plants of importance in China, I have a pretty narrow range. The first thing that comes mind is definitely bamboo. I mean...I understand it is fairly common answer from people living in this part of the world but that just goes to show how important and also how popular it is in our country.

Generally speaking Bamboo is a kind of plant that grows in the south.As someone that grew up in the north I don't recall seeing them that much in my city. Bamboo has been a cultural symbol for quite long. It didnt just became huge in recently years. In traditional literature, poems or even paintings, it is usually symbolic of good virtues like perseverance and integrity. I still remember when I was in high school we were asked to recite a few poems about bamboos.And... Another factor that kind of put this plant on the map is that they are often linked with our national treasure-panda.Because everybody knows pandas right? So naturally, as an integral part of Panda's diet, bamboo can also be seen a lot on art works together with pandas. Sometimes they are holding some bamboos, sometimes they eating them.

In the end, I have to say I'm not 100% confident on my analysis here...I do love greens...I think they are terrific and I actually owe quite a few in my home. I have been keeping an adorable orange tree for 3 years now. But I just don't really look at them and think about their meanings or what they can represent. Maybe I should do that more?Maybe.(laugh)

### Part3

#### 1. What are the features of living in countryside

Compared with urban life style, living in countryside or rural area comes be a totally different experience. One of the major distinctions is the closeness to nature. Because of the geographic location, folks in countryside have easier access to the natural environment and depending where they live it might be mountains, forests,rivers or other elements. Seating with those resources not only it is a pleasing feeling, people can also utilize them to make a living or even build an industry. Other features come in more day to day forms. If one live in the mountain or in a village, that person will be more likely to be a close knit community where people are closer with each other.

#### 2. Should school teach children how to grow plants?

There are of course merits in doing that but I would argue we shouldn't go as far as to implement this in our curriculum. First of all it's a skill rather than knowledge which means it shouldn't be considered the same thing as maths or literature. School is a place where students obtain academic education rather training in specific skills. Even when we are considering including some practical skills to make the school education more well rounded, plant growing is still far down the list because it is definitely not an essential skill.





**3. Why do some people prefer to live in the countryside?**

Some people like it when they get to live in serenity. Not everyone like to be close to all the action. Being away from the noise and people, enjoying the farm work on a ranch. It is kind of dream situation for a lot of people. Another major reason is that living in countryside comes with less tension. To survive in cities, especially big ones can be nerve wracking. The fierce competition and fast pasted life indeed drive some people away and they would take a step back by choosing an area where there is less cost of living.

**4. Have new kinds of plants been grown in your city?**

I live in Beijing and it is in the north of China...so compared to the south we have less variety when it comes to plants and trees. Frankly for all I know, I see no new species of plants. It's always been ones that I have seen. Willows, pine trees, wutong trees are like the major ones you can see on the sides of streets.

**22.参加过的公众活动****Part2**

**Describe a public event you have attended**

**You should say:**

**What the event was**

**When you went there**

**Whom you went there with**

**And explain why you enjoyed this event**

When it comes to public events I normally don't show up at one as a participant. Because most of the events I go to are concerts, fashion shows or games...you know I go and I pay to watch other people. However just last month I did stumble upon a chance to help out at a beach BBQ event.

The whole thing started with my buddy Michael or Mike. He is a friend of another guy named Jason who is a local party planner. Jason is a South African guy who has only been in China for 2 years but got his whole thing going fast in the local international community. This time around he was putting together this annual South African themed beach BBQ ...but you dont actually need to be A South African to come. Mike also part-time doing some promotion and organizing job for Jason and this time it was his job to be the camera guy or one of the camera guys. I have been learning photography with Michael so natural Mike told me about this and bring me along. So on that day Mike and I showed up with our gears and we were feeling the cool vibe,enjoying good music and food while capturing some wonderful moments. We took a ton of photos...our memory cards filled up quickly. My favourite one is one where 6, 7 people were in a big circle kicking a football in front of the DJ booth. I remember thinking wow I think they can do this all day long.





As you can probably tell it was a blast. We stopped shooting 3 hours after the party started. After that we just had fun like everyone else.

## 23. 看过但未参加过的运动

### Part2

**Describe a sport that you only have watched before but have not played yourself**

**You should say:**

**What it is**

**When you watched it Where you watched it**

**Who you watched it with**

**And explain how you felt about it**

rowing up I have always been a basketball fan. I played in high school although not to varsity level. So naturally game wise I used to watch a lot of NBA games. But because the NBA league has changed drastically over the last few years I have less and less desire to watch it. In 2022, after the world cup I finally made the switch to football but it is a sport I actually I have never played before.

As arguably the most popular sport known to man kind I dont feel the need to elaborate on it's rules here. Instead, I will talk about my experience watching the team and players that I'm rooting for and some other games that occasionally watch with others. So my team or my home team is Manchester City which is one of the two Major teams in Manchester. The other one is of course Manchester United. I started to watch them because my favorite player Haaland went to Man city in 2023. He is a very talented young lad who's got everything you can ask for as a striker. I really enjoy his game of football...the athleticism, the aggression, the passion...obviously you have different styles of strikers but Haaland is what I think a true striker should look like. He is just magnificent. I never missed a single city game last season and I watched our team win it all...the league title, FA cup and also the European Championship which is also the first in club history. It is a blessing to be a City fan for a new football fan like me.

As for the other games that I watched with others here and there, they are mostly domestic football. As we all know we Chinese are good at many sports but football is not of them. However people still like to support their local teams and I sometimes watch those games with them I don't really get the appeal. In the future I'm pretty much just gonna stick with Manchester City and the Premier League.

### Part3

**1. What kinds of sports would you like to play in the future?**



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If I have the chance I will try to be involved in mountain climbing. I am influenced a lot by one of the influencer online along with people that I know in real life. It is a game of self challenge. The trip to the mountain top is sometimes very dangerous because of the altitude and other dire weather conditions. It's indeed a test of stamina and will power. Instead of beating the competition I really prefer the idea of becoming a better version of myself and mountain climbing is just that kind of sports. Yes I will have to go through intensive professional training before I start but I truly believe it will be a sport that fits me.

## 2. Why are there many athletes in advertisement?

Athletes, just like movie stars or singers are considered celebrities in this day and age, especially when it's professionals in popular sports. So likewise they also have the same effect in grasping mass attention. To hire athletes and to hire movie stars are the same kind of strategy. By doing that the company or organization promote their brand using the image of the star. And for some sports brand like Addidas or Nike, athletes work even better than other famous people for obvious reasons.

## 3. What are features of people who watch sports games online?

Generally speaking people who watch their games online or watch streaming are younger people. It used to be the case that cable's sports channels are the go to places for watching major sports. However the landscape of sports industry has changed dramatically since then and so has people's viewing habit. For major sports like football or basketball people can watch them everywhere, on their phone, on their computer or their tablet. Older generation may not catch up with it just yet, so as a result the online viewers tend to be young people who are already accustomed to this new trend.

## 4. What is most popular sport in your country?

It is very close one between football and basketball I would say...although it is hard say which has a sight advantage. Basketball is relatively speaking a young sport in China, thanks to the influence by the NBA in the last 20 years or so. Our college students, people in their 20s, 30s all have their favorite NBA player and a team that they root for. Compared to basketball, football is more of sport that is loved by everyone. Although our national team is not that strong to say the least, fans still show their love and support for this sport.

# 24.投诉

## Part2

Describe a complaint that you made and you were satisfied with the result

You should say:

When it happened





**Who you complained to What you complained about**  
**And explain why you were satisfied with the result**

First of foremost I wanna state for the record that I havent really made a formal complaint in pretty much any form...on the account of my personality. I'm just not a confrontational type. If it is not a big deal I would rather just let it slide. The story I'm about to share was a series of bad experiences in a cafe at the end of which I calmly voiced my dissatisfaction and I got what I wanted. It was not a dramatic one.

A while back I visited this new cafe in my city by myself. As a coffee drinker I like to explore new interesting coffee shops. When I got there almost right away I found myself at the end a huge line. And that's fine... it's nothing I haven't seen from a new shop. As a matter of fact, kind of expected it. However this time the waiting time was a little soul crushing-by the time it was my turn to order, I had been in that line for more than one hour. Okay obvious not very thrilled but I could finally order my drinks. I did just that I think I had my usual-hot Cappuccino with extra foam. And the people at the counter gave me a tag and told me to find a seat and they would send the drink over...cool. Another 30 mins went by...now I'm getting a little annoyed because it's not like I ordered something that complicated... it is one of the most conventional espresso drinks and also my patience was exhausted from earlier. And then, the kicker. I got my drink, it was an ice tea...not even a latte which couldve been a more understandable mistake, an ice tea. I didnt even know how to react to that.

Of course I had to do something. I said to the server who delivered the ice tea it was not what I ordered. He said he will go back and check to which I said I should probably go with you because I dont wanna wait for another 30 mins. Fast forward to the end. The manager came out and she was super apologetic and she gave me that ice tea as a compliment. Like I said earlier I'm never a fan of making a scene and it looks like it is just an innocent mistake. So to sum up, I had 2 drinks on that day and I afternoon was not ruined but I probably wont back to that store again.

### Part3

#### 1. When are people more likely to make complaints?

When they find themselves mistreated. In restaurants or hotels, customers make complaint when they got send the wrong food or when the bed sheet is not clean. People pay to get quality service when the business fall short of that people will utter their disappointment. Also people are more likely to complaint when have to wait for a very long time. Those complaints are fairly common in places like banks or airports.

#### 2. What do people often complain about?

There are quite a few reasons why people make complaints. People would complain about a bad experience. For example, during a hotel staying, if a customer's sleep is disrupted by the next door's noise, the next morning the front desk will most likely get a complaint that customer. People will also complain about being unfairly treated. For example, if at the cinema someone cut





in line and the staff don't stop it in time, the people behind will have a few words to say for sure.

### 3. Which one is better when making a complaint, by talking or by writing?

It really depends on the situation. A verbal complaint is faster and more efficient. So when the issue is not that big and there needs to be a response soon then a complaint made by talking to the manager or whoever is in charge is more suitable. On the other hand, if it is a more serious issue and more are at stake, then a written one is more appropriate. A complaint in words is stronger and can convey more details and evidence.

### 4. Who are more likely to make complaints, older people or younger people?

Older people tend to be quick to react when they feel like their right is being violated. Compared with younger people they have a better sense of what their rights are and what the rules dictate. In another word, they are just more experienced. So naturally they are more likely to call on things that are wrong especially when it is something that is happening to them. Whereas for young people, they don't necessarily know if they are right or wrong or where the line is.

## 25.迟到

### Part2

**Describe a time when you missed or were late for an important meeting/event**

**You should say:**

**When it happened**

**What happened**

**Why you missed/were late for it**

**And explain how you felt about this experience**

I'm usually really keen on being punctual. I think it's highly annoying to wait on someone who is not on time so likewise I don't want others to feel that way about me. However I was late for my last interview for my current job and here is what happened.

The interview is supposed to be at 2 pm so I left my place at around 1. I drove there with very light traffic so I made good time. It was around 1:45, 1:50 when I parked my car at the parking lot by the office building. I went inside and there it was, huge lines formed from all 3 of the elevators. The company was on the 4th floor, or at least that was I thought at that time, so I figured I take the stairs. The strangest thing happened. As I walked my way up, I found out that the floor after the 3rd is 5th... I thought maybe the stairs don't go to the 4th floor for whatever reason and I have to use the elevator. So I went back to the ground floor. As I was waiting in line I did a thing that I'm so glad I did before I got on the elevator-I made phone call to the company checking to see they are in fact on the 4th floor. Turns out, not only was I wrong about the floor I was also in the wrong tower-they are in tower 2 and I was tower 1 this whole time not knowing there are more than one







towers. Imagine if I found about this after spending 10 mins in line waiting for that elevator that may take me to 3rd or 4th or 5th floor in the wrong in tower! Anyway I quickly made my way to tower 2 and arrived at the interview 10 mins late.

Luckily the interviewer didnt really read too much into it and we did the interview. I never bring up this incidence again because it is not really in line with my style. I rather people can just forget about it or never find out about it.

### Part3

#### 1. Are you a punctual person?

I would like to think so. I hate waiting for someone when they are late and in return I dont like to impose on others. I make sure to be on time for appointments, big ones or small ones. Building a habit is a key in being punctual.

#### 2. Do you think it is important to be on time?

Definitely, as someone who is keen on being punctual I think it is very important. Not only does it show good manner, it also convey a sense of responsibility. I mean, how can you trust a person with anything important if he or she can't even be on time? Being punctual is very a fundamental characteristic and I think a mature, reliable individual should have it by default.

#### 3. Do you always avoid being late?

I really do. I dont like to make a bad impression on people especially when I am meeting someone for the first time. Being tardy simply does not look good. It shows laziness, irresponsibility and lack of respect. And that is why I would find ways to try to avoid that as much as possible. I find that it is always a good idea to have a plan B. Because there will always be emergencies, and when that happens we need to know that we have a safety net to fall back on.

#### 4. Why are people often late for meetings or appointments?

Sometimes people are late because that is just what they do. There are a lot of folks out there that think running a 10, 20 mins late is not that big of a deal. In this case they just dont look at being punctual as something important. Then there are people who run late for important appointments like job interviews. Psychological factors come into play when people are anticipating pressure or challenges. Sometimes they would subconsciously jeopardize their chance of succeeding to lessen their pressure, to make they feel better.

## 26.喜欢一起学习/工作的人

### Part2

Describe a person you really enjoy studying/working with

You should say:



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**Who this person is**

**When you often study/work together**

**What you study/work together**

**And explain why you enjoy studying/working with him/her**

The person I would like to talk about my neighbor Michael. Michael is a nice gentle man from the beautiful nation of South African and we have been neighbors with each other for about 6 months. I love working with him and we have an interesting project call 'language exchange'.

The name is self-explanatory-we literally exchange languages. Michael needs help getting his mandarin study started and I of course need as much English practice as I can get. Different from the conventional way of studying foreign language, in language exchange we focus on speaking and listening and the most important principle is to use English or Chinese when explaining things. For example when I'm doing an exchange with Michael and I m trying to get him understand some expressions in the restaurant, I can't use a word of English to help me make sense of things or get my point across. I could only use mandarin together with some hand gestures or visual aids. This is key because for that 1 hour or 2 hour of the exchange we get to immerse ourselves in that language.

I love working with Michael because he is very consistent. His consistency and work ethics also inspire me to be more committing to our project. We are 4 months into our learning and we have only become better ever since. I am also really impressed by how seriously he treats his Mandarin studying. Most of the foreigners that I knew before were super hyped about it at first but as the passion dies out they would either quit all together or go to their classes habitually without trying to improve.

### Part3

#### 1. Should children be encouraged to learn from their peers?

That would be really necessary in my opinion. There are things that students or children can pick up from their peers that they would never learn from teachers or parents. Like how to get other kids to like them, or what is the popular thing to say when greeting each other now in the hall way. Also we are living a society where power of media is stronger than ever. Unfortunately one of consequences of that is the children are more drawn to social media and focus less on the connection and interaction in real life. It goes without saying that this is not a positive trend and we should encourage them to put their phone down and engage more in the daily activities.

#### 2. What difficulties or problems would introverted people face in work or study?

As an introvert myself, I could honestly say that there are many. We tend to avoid problems because by nature we hate confrontations. And this would potentially cost valuable opportunities because we failed to rise to occasions. Being shy in a fast paced world is painful because there just isn't enough '2ndchances'--once you miss your shot it may be gone for good, whether it's a career advance opportunity or an chance to meet someone.



**3. How can a person be a good co-worker?**

Being a good co-workers requires someone to have a series of good characters and the first one on the list is definitely communication skills. Working in a group setting you have to first get along with your colleagues and also of course work as a team to perform challenging tasks together, both of which call for high level communication skills. The ability to express ideas, articulate opinions and also make convincing arguments are necessary to have. Also talking about get along with others, being friendly and having a good sense of humor goes a long way.

**4. What makes a good employee?**

Before anything a good employee must be capable...must be proficient in their job. A good programmer can't keep his job if he can't code doesn't matter how good looking or how funny he is. On top of being good at your job, another big thing is to be able to get along with others. In the work place, 90% of the time we have to work in a group alongside with others. If there is a challenge in that area, the employee may also be deemed a liability in the eyes of the owners.

**27.崇拜的电影角色/爱豆的电影角色****Part2**

**Describe an actor or actress who you admire**

**You should say:**

**Who he/she is**

**What he/she looks like**

**What kind of movies he/she appears in**

**And explain whether you like this actor/actress**

There are plenty of amazing and inspirational performing artists out there to choose from. However, for this topic, I'm going to go with my first instinct and the actor is Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin, also known affectionately as Charlie Chaplin. He was so recognized worldwide, even until today.

He looked stunning with his stick, hat, and coat. He had a distinctive walking style in the movies. And he was famous for his comical movies. When he was 19, he got engaged with a prestigious company that accelerated his career. He settled in the USA and officially started appearing in movies since 1914. He developed the Tramp persona which made him more famous than before. In fact, most of his movies were based on comedy and he used to portray some social problems through the movies.

Why I admire him? Well, the breadth of his career in terms of range of parts he had played was simply astonishing. I admire him for his special acting skills. He was able to get into the character



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instantly. In my mind, Charlie Chaplin is one of the most popular comic actors of all times. This English actor has won the heart of global audiences with his extraordinary performance even in the age of silent movies. He not only is an actor, rather is a composer and filmmaker.

### Part3

#### 1.Is it interesting to be an actor/actress?

Definitely Yes. I think it's all fancy and exciting. As a matter of fact, I want to get a glimpse of an actor's life. Imagine, being able to portray different roles is like living different lives as you have the shot to work in unconventional environments. It's like living the dream. However, fame can be discomforting knowing you can be constantly critiqued, judged and scrutinized. What's more, with windows of opportunities and financial independence comes the uncertainty of projects as well as time spent away from your family. Nevertheless, I think this profession is colorful and the journey to success may not be easy but still a good ride.

#### 2.What can children learn from acting?

A lot actually. I think children are naturally dramatically inclined. They like to role-play, dress up and transform. Acting can develop their confidence, creativity, brain-building and they become more objective about their work to name a few. It's also easier for kids to access their emotions because it requires expressing it in a way, they might not be comfortable with in real life. Further, it develops self-discipline, professionalism and improves social skills. Life is supposed to be enjoyed and the greatest shortcut to that is through acting.

#### 3.Why do children like special costumes?

Well, been there and done that. At one point or another, we found ourselves wondering and exploring possibilities how we could be someone else. So, I think, children's fondness for special costumes primarily fires up their imagination and gives them free reign as to who they are, what they do and where they go. Donning that costume enables them to create their own realities and finding their happy place. Besides, even adults share the fun, self-exploration and happy solace kids get from special costumes. I'd say, the love for special costumes can be found in everyone no matter the age.

#### 4.What are the differences between actors/actresses who earn much and those who earn little?

Quality and seniority come with price. I believe this holds true with tangible and intangible things or environment and the film industry is a no-exception to that. Actors who are relevantly or exceptionally good at their craft receive substantial salaries. But we cannot discount the existence of gender pay disparity issue also in the industry. So, those who earn more live a lavish lifestyle while others are like keeping up with the Joneses to influence or attract more people because the more you engage, the more you earn nowadays in a world of social media.





## 28. 嘈杂地

### Part2

**Describe a noisy place you have been to**

**You should say:**

**What it is**

**When you went there**

**What you did there**

**And explain why you feel it's a noisy place**

This topic rings a bell to me. So, let me tell you more about it. I was recently invited to a friend's house in a rural area to spend a long weekend. He told me there is an open swath of land that has few homes or other buildings, and not very many people. Hesitant, but I went because I don't want to upset my friend. However, in anticipation of being jaded when there, I brought with me loads of fun-activity toys and books to kill the time. Everything and everyone were so calm as we got there in the evening. We were greeted by her parents and one older sibling. Nothing much to do here, as I thought so I slept the night away.

However, the next day I was awakened by the tantrums of a boisterous kid. Rock music was playing, vibrating the house with the deafening music as early as 7:00 in the morning, someone was doing woodwork outside and two kids running around, shouting. So, I sleepily got out of bed realizing it's not a boring place after all. It was the noisiest place I've been to in a good way as my friend's family is hospitable and good-natured people. It's a noisy yet lively place I wouldn't mind revisiting.

### Part3

#### 1. Do you think it is good for children to make noise?

Yes, I think so, to a certain extent. Sound is a tremendous force though invisible; it shapes the brain and how we learn. Children making noise is bothersome but people around them may react differently according to the kind of noise they make. Chanting and children's laughter can be music to the ear. However, if it becomes intrusive, it is the responsibility of the accompanying adult to get the wiggles out and calm them down.

#### 2. Should children not be allowed to make noise under any circumstances?

I think it's not fair. Kids will always be kids. They become noisy in almost any circumstance, shouting, chattering, laughing and impossible to quiet at times. Besides, children making noise is not that bad at all because it increases their attention and general level of alertness.

#### 3. Why is a little noise considered a good thing?

Negative sound, or 'noise', can be detrimental to our health and wellbeing. However, studies show positive sounds can be the opposite. It has been proven that the sounds of nature have a restorative





influence and help to fight stress. So I guess a little background noise could offer a range of benefits when it comes to factors such as productivity, creativity, concentration, and mood.

#### 4. Are there more noises made at home now than in the past?

Well, it's hard to guess because people are becoming increasingly aware of the noise pollution as a pressing problem and take actions to tackle it effectively however, with the accelerating rate of technology advancement that we have, it is also impossible to create peace and tranquility at home.

## 29. 常用网站

### Part2

**Describe a website you often visit**

**You should say:**

**How you found it**

**What it is about**

**How often you visit it**

**And explain why you often visit it**

One website that I often visit is Wikipedia. It is an online encyclopaedia that contains a vast amount of information on a wide range of topics. It's a free, open-source, and user-edited website, which means that anyone can access and contribute to the content. I find it particularly useful for researching and studying for school assignments, as it provides reliable and detailed information on various subjects. Additionally, it is also a great resource for general knowledge and staying informed on current events. What I appreciate the most about Wikipedia is its easy-to-use interface and the variety of information it provides. It is a great tool for research, as it covers a wide range of topics, such as history, science, literature, and current events. It also provides detailed information on specific subjects, such as famous people, places, and events. The website is well-organized, making it easy to navigate and find the information I need. Another feature I like about Wikipedia is its ability to provide multiple languages, which is a great help for me since I can access information from different languages. This also allows me to get information from different perspectives and understand different cultures. In summary, I often visit Wikipedia because it is a reliable and comprehensive source of information that is easy to access and navigate.

### Part3

#### 1. What are the most popular and least popular apps in China?

The most popular apps in China are Tencent's WeChat and QQ, both of which are used for messaging, social media, and mobile payments. They have a large user base and are considered a part of daily life for many Chinese people. As for the least popular apps in China, it can be



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difficult to say because trends and preferences can change rapidly. However, apps that are blocked or restricted, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Google, are likely to have a lower user base in China than other apps.

## 2.What's the difference between the Internet and television?

The Internet and television are both forms of mass media, but they have some distinct differences. The Internet is a global network of interconnected computers that allows users to share information and communicate with one another. The Internet is also interactive, which means that users can actively participate by creating, sharing, and commenting on content. Television, on the other hand, is a medium that uses electronic signals to transmit moving images and sound to a television set. Its content is typically pre-recorded or live and is broadcast to a large audience at the same time. Television is generally considered a one-way medium, meaning that viewers can only passively consume the content and cannot interact with it in real-time.

## 3.Why do people like to read the news on the Internet instead of on TV?

There are several reasons why people may prefer to read the news on the Internet instead of on TV. One reason is that the Internet offers more convenience and flexibility. People can access the news on their own schedule and from any location with an internet connection, whereas television news is typically only available at set times and on specific channels. Additionally, the internet offers a wider range of news sources, which allows people to read news from a variety of perspectives and to find news that is specific to their interests.

## 4.How has the Internet changed over the past few decades in your country?

The Internet in China has undergone significant changes over the past few decades. In the early days of the Internet in China, access was limited and the government heavily censored online content. However, as the Internet grew in popularity, the government began to relax its restrictions and allowed more people to access the Internet, which led to a rapid increase in the number of Internet users in China.

# 30.难用的科技产品

## Part2

Describe a piece of technology that you feel difficult to use

You should say:

When you got it

What you got it for

How often you use it

And explain how you feel about it

Well, the most annoying technological product I've ever used is a sweeping robot. You know,



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it's really difficult to use. Actually I got it for my mom as a birthday gift (for her) last year but she didn't want it because she believed mopping by hand would be more efficient. Therefore, I kept it for myself but I've regretted it since. You know, the robot is a round, white one, which can easily get dirty. So I don't know whether it's the robot that cleans my house or it's me who cleans it. Moreover, according to the advertisement, it should automatically go around a room and clean up the floor. However, it sometimes stays in the same spot without moving forward and even after a few hours, the room is still not cleaned. What makes me hate the product is that the battery dies fast. Or rather, it has to be charged every other hour! How can people produce such a hard-to-use device? Honestly, I've contacted customer service but they told me because I bought it at a special price, I could neither exchange it nor get a refund. I guess I'll just have to put up with it in the future.

### Part3

#### 1.What technology do people currently use?

Well, people nowadays are bombarded with lots of technological products. You can find things ranging from electronic devices like tablets, smartphones and smartwatches to intelligent household appliances such as voice-controlled lights and stereos as well as all-in-one cookers. I find it's fascinating that we can enjoy such a variety of different life-changing products. Technology really helps to improve our living quality.

#### 2.Why do big companies introduce new products frequently?

Well, I guess the main reason is that they need to release new products to attract new customers or to retain old ones. I mean, innovative new products may improve a company's image and therefore, customers may subconsciously be more willing to buy from such companies.

#### 3.Has technology always been a good thing?

Not really, as featured in many movies and TV series, if an advanced piece of technology falls into the hands of the evil, there can be disasters. Take nuclear technology as an example, if terrorist groups possessed nuclear bombs, there would be numerous explosions and tragedies around the world each day.

#### 4.What can parents do to reduce their children's screen time?

Well, there are many effective ways. The most efficient one is that they can install a parental control system or application on the phone or laptop of their children. In this way, children's screen time is automatically controlled and cut. What's more parents are also supposed to accompany their children to do outdoor activities so that children naturally get away from the screen.



## 31. 公共交通旅行

### Part2

**Describe an enjoyable journey by public transport.**

**You should say:**

**where you went**

**who you were with**

**what you did**

**and explain how you felt about it.**

An enjoyable trip by public transport that I made was a flight back to England a few years ago with my wife.

At that time, we didn't have any children, so it was easier to take a long-haul flight. When you have young children, taking the plane on a long journey is actually very inconvenient because it can be difficult to keep children quiet and happy, unless they fall asleep. Anyway, at that time, it was just me and my wife, so we could enjoy the journey.

While we were flying, I did quite a lot of things. My wife mostly slept, but I can't fall asleep very easily on a plane, so I stayed awake. Luckily, the entertainment centre in my seat was awesome. It had a lot of movies to select from, including many recently released ones. It had a decent selection of TV shows to look at, and also some games to play. Anyway, it kept me entertained for a while. I also bought a book in the airport before I boarded, so I flicked through that now and again to occupy my mind. Another good thing was the refreshments. If you wanted a snack or a drink, you could just call the flight attendant or take a walk to the back of the plane and grab one for yourself. And finally, the food was heaven. I'd honestly never had a decent airplane meal before, but on this flight, it was incredible. It was as good as something you'd get in fancy restaurant.

Anyway, I really enjoyed it. Maybe because I was excited about going back to England made me enjoy it even more, but it's still the best flight I've ever taken.

### Part3

#### 1. Why do people choose to travel by public transport?

People choose to travel by public transport for several reasons. It is often more cost-effective than owning and maintaining a personal vehicle, especially considering the costs of fuel, insurance, and parking. Public transport also offers a convenient solution in densely populated urban areas where driving can be stressful and time-consuming due to traffic congestion.

Additionally, public transport is seen as a more environmentally friendly option as it reduces the number of vehicles on the road, thus lowering carbon emissions and contributing to better air quality. For many, these factors make public transport an appealing choice for daily commuting.

#### 2. Why do more and more people like to travel by plane?

More and more people prefer to travel by plane primarily due to its speed and the ability to cover



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long distances quickly. Air travel significantly reduces travel time compared to other modes of transportation, making it an efficient option for both domestic and international journeys. Additionally, as the global economy becomes increasingly interconnected, there is a growing demand for faster travel to accommodate business needs, family visits, and tourism. The expansion of airline routes and the availability of competitive pricing also make air travel more accessible to a wider audience.

### 3. Do you think offering free public transport will solve traffic problems in the city?

Offering free public transport is unlikely to solve traffic problems in cities by itself. While it may encourage some people to switch from using personal vehicles to public transport, thereby potentially reducing the number of cars on the road, it could also lead to overcrowding on buses and trains.

This increase in passengers might strain the public transport infrastructure and could lead to decreased service quality. Moreover, free public transport does not address other issues such as the need for timely and extensive coverage or the maintenance of vehicles and facilities.

### 4. What do you think are the cheapest and most expensive means of transport?

The cheapest means of transport is often cycling, especially with the advent of bike-sharing systems in many cities. These systems provide affordable access to bicycles that people can use for short distances, making them cost-effective and convenient. On the other end of the spectrum, cruising can be considered one of the most expensive means of transport. The cost of cruise tickets, coupled with the luxurious amenities offered on board such as fine dining, entertainment, and exotic tours, makes it a high-cost mode of transport targeted primarily at leisure travel.

### 5. What are the disadvantages of traveling by public transport?

Traveling by public transport can have several disadvantages, particularly in terms of comfort and convenience. Public transport systems can be overcrowded, especially during peak hours, making journeys uncomfortable and stressful. This overcrowding can also lead to longer wait times and delays, which can frustrate commuters.

Additionally, the lack of personal space can be a concern in terms of both comfort and health, as close proximity to others increases the risk of transmitting illnesses. Public transport may not always provide direct routes to destinations, which can lead to longer travel times compared to driving.

### 6. What are the difficulties that commuters face during rush hours?

During rush hours, commuters often face significant challenges, including severe overcrowding on buses and metros. This congestion can lead to discomfort, delays, and sometimes even conflicts among passengers as everyone rushes to find space or get to their destinations on time. The





increased demand can also strain the public transport system, leading to reduced efficiency and frequent breakdowns. Additionally, the stress of navigating through crowded stations and vehicles can significantly affect commuters' overall well-being and productivity.

## 32.好消息

### Part2

**Describe a piece of important news you got from a message.**

**You should say:**

**what it was**

**when you got it**

**who you got it from**

**and explain how you felt about it.**

I would like to talk about an important piece of news, which I received about 5 years ago via text message.

I had just finished a four years honours degree at my university so, naturally, the next course of action for me was to enrol at the university again and complete a post-graduation degree. But the problem was that the results in my undergraduate degree were not quite high enough to seek further education as a post-graduate student at the same university. So, the only option left was to be added to a waiting list for students like me to receive admission offers from the authority at a later time. Basically, if somebody changed their major and transferred to another faculty or department then I could potentially take their place on the course I wanted.

So, my nervous waiting period began, and all I could do was pray every day for a call from the university authority. Then one day, out of the blue, I received a text message informing me that I had been successful and that a formal email message containing details of what to do next had been sent to my account.

This text message was certainly important for me as it pretty much decided the course of my life and career for many years to come, by helping me become the person I am today, as I could not possibly excel academically as much in other educational fields as in the subject of my choice. Besides, it helped me stay in my hometown and carry on with my higher education by remaining close to my parents, which was absolutely important for me and my family.

### Part3

#### 1. Is it good to share something on social media?

Sharing on social media certainly has its advantages. It offers a platform where individuals can connect with others who have similar interests, which can enrich social interactions and broaden one's network. This aspect of social media is particularly beneficial for finding communities that share your hobbies or passions. Furthermore, sharing content on these platforms can sometimes lead to unexpected opportunities, such as becoming an influencer or gaining significant following if your posts resonate with a large audience. However, it's important to be cautious about what one



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shares online, considering issues related to privacy and the potential for misinterpretation.

## 2. Should the media only publish good news?

It is not advisable for the media to restrict itself to publishing only good news. The primary role of the media is to inform the public by providing a truthful and comprehensive view of what is happening in the world. Limiting content to positive news can lead to a skewed perception of reality and prevent people from being fully informed about important issues. Additionally, the media has a responsibility to alert the public to dangers and injustices, which necessitates reporting on negative as well as positive events. True journalistic integrity requires balance and fairness in news reporting, reflecting both the good and the bad.

## 3. How does social media help people access information?

Social media platforms significantly enhance the speed at which information is accessed and disseminated. Users can receive updates in real-time from around the globe, making it an invaluable tool for staying informed about current events. However, one of the major drawbacks is that the information on social media is often not filtered or fact-checked, which can lead to the spread of misinformation. Users should be discerning and verify information through reliable sources. Despite these challenges, social media remains a powerful tool for rapid information sharing, particularly for breaking news and personal updates.

## 4. What kind of good news do people often share in the community?

In community settings, people frequently share personal milestones and positive developments in their lives. Common examples include promotions at work, receiving job offers, buying a new house, or purchasing a new car. These events are celebrated as significant achievements and sharing them can foster a sense of community and support among friends, family, and neighbors. Such news often serves to inspire and uplift others in the community, reinforcing social bonds and encouraging a positive community spirit.

## 5. Do most people like to share good news with others?

While many people enjoy sharing good news with others as a way to celebrate their successes and spread positivity, this is not universal. Some individuals prefer to keep their achievements private due to their personal nature or a desire to avoid appearing boastful. Others may be more reserved or simply choose to share their good news within a smaller, more intimate circle of friends or family. Therefore, the inclination to share good news widely varies depending on one's personality and cultural background.

## 6. Do people like to hear good news from their friends?

Generally, people appreciate hearing good news from their friends as it fosters a sense of happiness and solidarity within social circles. However, reactions to good news can vary. While many may genuinely feel happy and supportive, others might experience feelings of envy or inadequacy, especially if they are facing challenges in their own lives. The response to good



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news can reflect complex emotions and interpersonal dynamics, highlighting that while positive updates are usually welcome, they can sometimes provoke mixed feelings.

### 33.开学第一天

#### Part2

**Describe a first day at school that you remember**

**You should say:**

**When it was**

**Which school you went to**

**What happened that day**

**And explain why you still remember that experience**

I'd like to talk about my first day in high school.

I was 16 and I'd entered one of the most prestigious schools in my hometown. I was nervous on my first day because I didn't know anyone. Nobody else from my middle school had been accepted, so I was on my own.

To be honest, most of the first day is a blur but I do remember sitting in my classroom at the desk that had been assigned to me. I just sat there with my pencil bag in front of me, as quiet as a mouse. Then another girl came and sat down next to me – my new desk mate. Her name was Wang Lu. She smiled and introduced herself and then started talking about how excited she was to be in this amazing school and all the plans that she had. I was mesmerised: she seemed so confident and carefree. But at the same time, she was so warm: she asked me questions about myself and assured me that we were going to be best friends. I'd never met anyone like her before. I think she knew that I was really nervous and took me under her wing. She made sure I stuck with her for the rest of that day as we went from one class to another. By the end of it, I'd started to open up a bit, and by the end of the first week, we were chatting to each other non-stop. She's still my best friend today and I am so grateful that I met her.

#### Part 3

**1.What would parents prepare for their kids when they first go to school?**

Parents will prepare things that children need for school such as stationery, a school bag, and school uniform. They will also give their child advice about what to do when they are in school, such as how to get along with others, the importance of listening to the teacher, and not being afraid. They may also prepare some treats for the child for when they get home from school. This might be a nice dinner or a little gift or a giant hug. The purpose of this is to comfort the child, who is probably feeling anxious about being separated from his mum and about being in an alien environment.





**2.How do children socialise with each other?**

Children usually socialize through play. Quite often this will involve playing with other children in the community. When I was a kid, after school I would come home, have dinner, and then go straight outside to play with my mates. We'd play all evening until our parents shouted for us to come back. Another way that children socialize is in school. Obviously, it's a place for study, but for children, especially young ones, it's a place where they also learn to make friends and get along with others. They will learn things like sharing, waiting for their turn, being polite to others and so on. These are fundamental components of socializing with others.

**3.Is socialising important for children?**

Yes, it most certainly is. They need to learn how to socialize from a young age because so much of adult life involves socializing with others. Indeed, the ability to get along with others is almost as important, in my mind, as academic knowledge. Often what makes successful people stand out is their ability to establish relationships with different people. As the saying goes, it's not what you know, but who you know. So, for children, they need this "training" from a young age. Not only can it bring future benefits, but it can also be beneficial at the time. It will certainly make children happier if they have other children to play with, and so those children who socialize better will have more playmates.

**34.空气污染的地方****Part2**

**Describe a place you visited where the air was polluted**

**You should say:**

**Where the place is**

**When you visited there**

**Why the air was not good**

**And explain how you felt about the place**

Well, the place I would like to speak about is Chiang Mai in Thailand.

I went on a trip with my family there a couple of years ago in the spring time. I'd seen pictures of Chiang Mai before and it looked beautiful – the mountain views, the local culture and the relaxed lifestyle, and so on. Also, a school mate had visited there before with her family and said it was so pretty and they had had a great time there.

So, we were very surprised when we landed there on the plane and could not see more than a few hundred metres. A thick smog blanketed the entire city and its surroundings and we felt it sting our eyes when we were walking around. The man at the hotel told us that the farmers burn their rice fields after the harvest is taken in and forest fires are common to clear for farming as well as





some accidental fires. The city sits in a sort of bowl with mountains on either side and so the pollution just sits there. There wasn't any wind either, so it didn't really dissipate. The traffic wasn't too bad compared with my hometown, so that wasn't the cause.

We still managed to do plenty of things in the city – we went to local markets and ate some interesting food and we went to a cultural show, which was fun. However, the plans to go into the mountains had to be cancelled – in fact we were told that no one could go into the forest at this time because of the danger of forest fires. That was a bit of a disappointment as we wanted to visit a famous waterfall and it was actually closed at that time. Looking back, we had a clear image of what it would be like, but the pollution kind of spoiled that. It's only for 2 or 3 months each year, so maybe we'll go at another time next time.

### Part 3

#### 1. Is there more pollution now than in the past?

Umm, yes, I think so. At least you certainly hear more about it nowadays. Our country has developed a lot and this has brought downsides as well as positives. There is certainly more traffic these days. My parents and especially my grandparents say the increase in cars, buses and trucks has been huge. Also, industrialization has meant more factories and more waste emissions so there are times of the year where we all have to wear masks outside due to the bad air around us.

#### 2. In what ways can air pollution be reduced effectively?

It depends on the type of pollution, I think. For cars and buses, I think the introduction of electric engines has helped a lot. In some cities in my country, the traffic pollution has been drastically reduced through the uptake of this type of vehicle. Interestingly, this has reduced noise pollution, too, as these engines are almost silent, as well as being cleaner.

I think our country has also done quite a good job of looking at other energy sources for heating, too. Getting away from coal-powered factories and the choking smoke they produce is certainly important.

#### 3. Do you think cities are cleaner than the countryside?

Oh no, I don't think so, at least not yet. Cities have plenty of problems like I just mentioned so I think that's where the battles to reduce pollution need to be fought. The countryside is generally cleaner due to less traffic and fewer factories and the like. I suppose there can be some problems with burning and so forth, but not on the scale you can experience in urban areas. Mind you, thinking of water pollution, whereas it comes from factories in urban areas, it obviously flows into the countryside, too. But no, on the whole I think the countryside is less polluted.



**4. Do you think many factories should be forced to reduce emissions?**

Oh, definitely, yes. Some of these plants are enormous and generate massive profits for their owners so of course, there should be an accompanying requirement to take responsibility for the effects of their factories. Part of their profits, perhaps, should be invested in greener technology so as to reduce the negative impact on both the surrounding environment as well as the people. I think factories that are prepared to do this can also benefit by improving their public image. I'm sure it's possible to do this and still turn healthy profits at the same time.

**35. 鼓励你达成目标的人****Part 2****Describe a person who encouraged you to achieve your goal****You should say:****Who the person is****How he/she encouraged you What goal you achieved****And explain how you feel about this person**

The person who encouraged me to achieve my goal is my older brother. He has always been a source of inspiration and motivation for me. When I was in high school, I was struggling with my studies, especially in mathematics. I had a goal of improving my grades and aiming for a scholarship to attend college.

My brother noticed my struggles and took the time to sit down with me and help me understand the concepts that I found difficult. He patiently explained things to me and encouraged me to keep trying, even when I felt like giving up. He would often say, "You can do it, just keep pushing yourself." With his support and encouragement, I was able to improve my grades significantly. I worked hard and eventually achieved my goal of earning a scholarship to college. I owe a lot of my success to my brother's encouragement and belief in me.

I feel incredibly grateful to have such a supportive brother who always believes in me, even when I doubt myself. He has taught me the importance of perseverance and never giving up on my dreams. I know that I can always count on him to be there for me, no matter what challenges I may face in the future.

**Part 3**

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**1. Do you think children are more likely to achieve their goals if they are encouraged?**

Yes, I believe encouragement is crucial, especially when it comes from close friends or family members, as it provides support and fosters a sense of confidence. However, discouragement may also serve a purpose in some situations, teaching resilience and problem-solving.

**2. What should parents do if their children don't want to study?**

I think it's important for parents to first understand what's happening with their children. They should check for any mental or emotional issues that might be diminishing their interest in studies. If the problem is simply that the homework or studies are too hard, parents can offer assistance or, if they're not capable, consider hiring a tutor. Another possibility is that children may be too tired due to today's demanding workload; in such cases, allowing them some time off could be beneficial.

**3. Should parents set goals for their children?**

Yes, parents or teachers, as adults, are well-positioned to guide children. Setting goals helps to clarify the right direction. Children who have goals tend to have a clearer vision of the future and are less likely to lose their way. Even if they do encounter setbacks, they can more readily get back on track.

**4. Who plays a more important role in children's education, parents or teachers?**

I believe both are equally important, and their roles are interdependent. Children are more likely to listen to their teachers when they are experienced and approachable. In contrast, other children might be more influenced by their parents, particularly if the parents are adept in education and have a clear vision for their child's development.

**5. Is money the only motivation for people to work hard?**

No, definitely not. Many people are driven by the ideal of making the world a better place, and wealth can be a byproduct of their contributions. Take Steve Jobs as an example; his ambition was to change the world. His innovative Apple products redefined the computer industry and transformed the music and information sectors. His success led to wealth, not because he chased money, but because he provided value.



**6. Which is more important, competition or cooperation?**

I believe a balance between the two is necessary. Healthy competition can spur improvement, but it should not become so intense that it leads to negative consequences. Collaboration is also important as it helps people work together to achieve the big goals. Both competition and cooperation are essential for progress.

**36. 和朋友去的有趣地方****Part 2**

**Describe an interesting place you have been to with a friend**

**You should say:**

**What and where the place is**

**Who you went with**

**When you went there**

**What you did there**

**And explain why you think it is interesting**

One particularly interesting place I visited is Universal Studios Japan, located in Osaka. This trip was exceptionally memorable because I went there with a friend whom I had met online. Although we started as internet friends, overtime, she became a very close friend of mine. We chose to go to Universal Studios as part of our graduation trip, marking an exciting finale to our university life.

We visited USJ right before our graduation. The park is renowned for its vast array of themed attractions based on popular movies and franchises. We spent an entire day there, immersing ourselves in the magical worlds of our favorite films. One of the highlights was the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, which was like stepping directly into the scenes of the movies we had grown up watching.

Throughout the day, we went on various thrilling rides, watched live shows, and took countless photos to capture the joy and the magic of the place. Each area of the park offered a new adventure; it was both nostalgic and exhilarating to experience these fictional worlds in real life.

**Part 3****1. Why do people need friends?**

I think people need friends to... Because I think friends are like mirrors; true friends are like mirrors. So we can improve ourselves with the help of our friends. True friends always tell us our





shortcomings. So it's very important to have friends; some true friends are definitely going to benefit you.

## 2. How do you communicate with friends?

Usually communicate with my friends through social media because I usually don't go out to socialize a lot. And I do so because some of my friends are not in Beijing or not in China, so it's easier to stay connected with the internet. 3. Why don't some people like to socialize? Because they are introverts, introverts use solitude as the way to restore their energy.

## 3. Why don't some people like to socialize?

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## 4. Can talking with people improve social skills?

Yes, I think so, but it's only going to upgrade your social level in a superficial way because I think a lot of people can talk, but they can not listen. However, being an active listener is the precondition of becoming a good communicator. You have to understand what other people are truly thinking about because sometimes people are not telling the truth or they use euphemisms; then you can have good communication with each other.

## 5. Does technology help people communicate better with others?

Yes, definitely. Nowadays, with the internet, we can communicate with all the people on the internet. So I think it's a great improvement from the past. We could use radio or TV, but it was only one-way communication. Now we have, you know, multidimensional communication. I mean, we talk and we get feedback constantly and instantly.

## 6. Do you prefer to go out with a group of friends or just with a few close friends?

It depends on the activity. If it's a grand event, of course, I would like to go out with more friends and mingle with everybody and enjoy the cheering atmosphere. But if it's a small event, or a private thing, then just a few friends.

# 37.历史建筑

## Part2

Describe a historical building you have been to You should say:

Where it is

What it looks like

What it is used for now What you learned there



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**And how you felt about this historical building**

One of the most impressive historical buildings I've visited is the Forbidden City in Beijing. This vast palace complex, once the imperial residence for twenty-four emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties, now serves as a museum and a major cultural tourism site in China.

The Forbidden City is a marvel of ancient Chinese architecture. The architecture of the Forbidden City showcases traditional Chinese elements such as swooping eaves, intricate carvings, and the predominant use of red and yellow, colors traditionally associated with the emperor. The complex covers about 180 acres, surrounded by a large defensive wall and a moat.

Today, the Forbidden City functions primarily as a museum and is open to the public as a tourist attraction. It houses an extensive collection of artifacts and treasures accumulated by the imperial families, offering visitors a deep dive into Chinese imperial history and culture.

Visiting the Forbidden City was profoundly educational. The city's layout, designed according to traditional Chinese geomancy, was intended to reinforce the emperor's divine authority and maintain cosmic harmony.

**Part 3****1. Why do people visit historical buildings?**

People visit historical buildings to connect with the past and gain insights into the history and culture that shaped a society. These structures serve as tangible links to bygone eras, offering a sense of continuity and identity.

Visiting such sites helps individuals appreciate the craftsmanship and architectural ingenuity of previous generations and fosters a deeper understanding of historical events and cultural practices. Furthermore, these visits contribute to the preservation of heritage by supporting maintenance efforts through tourism revenues.

**2. Do Chinese people like to visit historical buildings?**

Chinese people have a strong affinity for visiting historical buildings, largely due to China's rich history and the abundance of architectural heritage throughout the country. From the Great Wall and the Forbidden City to the ancient towns of Lijiang and Pingyao, these sites are not only popular among tourists but are also cherished by locals who take pride in their cultural heritage. The preservation and reverence for historical buildings reflect the national ethos of honoring the past and the lessons it holds.

For many Chinese, visiting these sites is both a patriotic act and a way to personally connect with the country's extensive and diverse history.



**3. Do most people agree to the government's funding to protect historical buildings?**

Most people support the government's funding to protect historical buildings, recognizing the importance of preserving cultural heritage for both educational and economic reasons. Protecting these structures ensures that future generations have the opportunity to learn about and from the past, while also supporting tourism, which can significantly contribute to local economies. Additionally, maintaining historical sites helps to foster national pride and identity. There is a general consensus that without governmental support, many important buildings might deteriorate or be lost, detracting from the cultural richness of the country.

**4. Is it necessary to protect historical buildings?**

It is absolutely necessary to protect historical buildings. These structures are invaluable cultural assets that provide insight into the past and educational opportunities for both locals and visitors. Preserving them helps maintain cultural diversity in the face of globalization and rapid modernization, which can often lead to homogenization. Historical buildings also add aesthetic value to their environments and serve as important landmarks that define the character of a place. By preserving these buildings, we safeguard our historical narrative and ensure that the achievements and struggles of those who came before us are remembered and respected.

**38. 别人做的特殊一餐****Part2****Describe a special meal that someone made for you****You should say:****Who did it****When and how he/she cooked****What and why he/she cooked for you****And explain how you felt about the meal**

This topic reminds me of a very special meal I had a couple of years ago in my best friend's home. It was the first national holiday after we entered university and she invited me to stay over for a night. Her parents were away for vacation so we had to count on ourselves for dinner. Just when I had no clues about what to eat, she told me she already had some preparation beforehand.

That came as a bit of shock because I knew she was barely a good cook. But she seemed pretty confident as I could tell from her smily face. It was a four-course meal, with two main dishes, the fried chicken meat and black pepper steak, and also two vegetable dishes. She turned on the gas



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and heated the pan for a while before she scattered oil on top, making the cooker warm enough and not to over-burn the meat. The meat turned out to be juicy and tender, just at the right condition.

I was frankly moved by this special meal from her, which made me so warm. Only people who cared genuinely would try hard in cooking nice things for others. I felt happy for having her as my good friend.

### Part 3

#### 1. Should students learn to cook at school?

Definitely, they should. It's a great way to pick up some essential life skills. For instance, imagine a class where students get hands-on experience making simple, healthy meals. It's not only about eating; it's about learning to take care of themselves. Plus, it's all about being more independent. Once they can cook, they don't need to rely on fast food or ready meals when they're out on their own.

#### 2. Do you think people's eating habits would change as they get older?

It depends. For most people, yes, because as we get older, our bodies need different things. Like, someone might start adding more fiber to their diet because it helps with digestion as they age.

But for some people, no, some folks just stick with what they've always loved. You might see someone in their 70s still starting their day with the same brand of cereal they've eaten since childhood.

#### 3. Do people in your country like to learn to cook from TV programmes?

Oh, absolutely. Cooking shows are a big hit. They usually have these charismatic chefs who make everything look so simple and fun. Take a show where they whip up a quick pasta dish - it's not just entertaining, it's educational. And these shows often explore all sorts of cuisines, which is great for anyone looking to spice up their cooking game. You might find yourself trying to cook Thai food one day after watching a cool episode about it.

#### 4. What kinds of fast food are popular in China?

Fast food like fried rice and noodles are super popular in China. They're quick to make and you can find them almost anywhere, from street vendors to fast food spots. Steamed buns, or baozi, are also a big deal. They come stuffed with all sorts of fillings, like veggies or meat, making them a tasty and handy option when you're on the go.

#### 5. Are there any people who wouldn't eat meat for their whole lives?

Yeah, there are plenty of people who decide to go vegetarian or vegan and stick with it for life. Some do it because they feel it's wrong to harm animals. Others might avoid meat for health





reasons or to help the environment. They believe that plant-based diets are better for the planet since raising animals for food often uses a lot of resources and contributes to pollution.

## 6. What do you think about vegetarians?

I think being vegetarian is a smart choice for both health and the environment. Vegetarians tend to eat lots of fruits and veggies, which are great for your health. Picture filling up your plate with colorful salads and veggie-packed stir-fries - it's good stuff. Plus, it's better for the planet. Cutting down on meat helps reduce your carbon footprint because producing all that meat can really strain our resources and mess with the climate.

## 39. 看过但未参加过的运动

### Part 2

**Describe a sport that you only have watched before but have not played yourself**

**You should say:**

**What it is**

**When you watched it Where you watched it**

**Who you watched it with**

**And explain how you felt about it**

One sport that I have only watched but never played myself is shot put. I first witnessed this sport during a university athletics meet, held at our campus stadium. The event attracted various athletes from different faculties, and it was one of the main attractions of the sports day.

I watched the competition with my classmates, and we were all quite intrigued by the strength and technique displayed by the participants. Shot put is not a common sport that you see every day, especially in regular school settings, and none of us had any personal experience with it. The athletes made it look seamless, but the physical power and precise technique involved were apparent and quite impressive.

The shot put requires competitors to throw a heavy spherical object as far as possible, using a pushing rather than throwing motion, which demands not just brute strength but also intricate body mechanics and balance. Watching the athletes, I could see the intense focus and the detailed technique each one employed to maximize their throw distance.

I felt a deep sense of admiration for the athletes participating in the shot put event. It was clear that this sport required a significant amount of training and physical prowess, aspects that made the sport seem quite daunting. Personally, I doubt I would ever attempt shot put myself; it appears far





too challenging for my physical abilities. The athletes' ability to perform under pressure, their physical strength, and their technical skills made me appreciate the sport even more, even though I know it's something I'm unlikely ever to engage in myself.

### part3

#### 1.What kinds of sports would you like to play in the future?

In the future, I would like to engage in hot yoga, also known as Bikram yoga. This sport involves practicing yoga in a heated environment, which helps in enhancing flexibility, burning more calories, and detoxifying the body. Hot yoga not only offers physical benefits such as improved strength and flexibility but also promotes mental relaxation and stress relief. The controlled, warm environment is conducive to deep stretching and can help prevent injuries, making it an appealing choice for both beginners and experienced yoga practitioners looking for a challenging yet therapeutic activity.

#### 2.Why are there many athletes in advertisements?

Athletes frequently appear in advertisements because they embody positive attributes such as health, perseverance, and success, which are qualities that brands often want to associate with their products. Figures like Ma Long and Eileen Gu, who are well-known for their achievements and positive public personas, carry substantial commercial appeal. Their involvement in advertising can significantly enhance brand image and attract a wide audience. Additionally, athletes symbolize goal attainment and active lifestyles, which aligns well with companies that market sports gear, health products, and other related goods.

#### 3.What are the features of people who watch sports games online, such as gender or age?

The demographic of people who watch sports games online tends to be quite diverse in terms of gender, with both males and females actively engaging. However, the audience skews younger, primarily because younger individuals are more adept at using digital platforms and because attending live sports events can be expensive. Online viewership allows fans to follow their favorite sports without the financial burden of travel and ticket costs. Moreover, younger viewers often have a longer history of following certain sports, contributing to sustained interest and engagement through online media.

#### 4.What's the most popular sport in your country?

Table tennis, or ping pong, is the most popular sport in my country, China. It is not only widely played across all age groups and social strata but also a significant part of cultural identity, often referred to as the "national ball game." The sport's popularity is bolstered by China's historical dominance in international competitions, which has cultivated a strong following and deep national pride associated with table tennis. The accessibility of the sport, requiring minimal equipment and space, also contributes to its widespread popularity.



**5.What kinds of sports are popular now but not popular 50 years ago?**

Esports, or electronic sports, have surged in popularity recently but were virtually non-existent 50 years ago. The growth of digital technology and the internet has propelled esports into a major global phenomenon, with professional leagues, tournaments, and a substantial following, particularly among the younger generation. Esports has gained such recognition that it has been included in major multi-sport events like the Asian Games, reflecting its significant impact and the shifting perceptions of what constitutes sports in the modern era.

**6.Do you think there are too many sorts of sports games on TV?**

I do not think there are too many sports games on TV. In fact, television tends to broadcast a limited range of sports, focusing mainly on those with high viewership like football, basketball, or the Olympics. Many niche or less popular sports do not receive as much airtime due to lower viewer interest, which limits their exposure on mainstream TV channels. As a result, fans of less popular sports often turn to online platforms or specialty sports networks to follow their favorite activities. This balance ensures that TV channels cater to broad interests while maintaining economic viability.

**40.不寻常的一餐****Part 2****Describe an unusual meal you had**

**You should say:**

**When you had it Where you had it**

**Whom you had it with And explain why it was unusual**

One of the most unusual meals I've ever had took place on my birthday in 2018 at a popular hot pot restaurant called Hai Di Lao. This meal stands out in my memory not only because of the delicious food but also due to the extraordinary experience orchestrated by my friends and the restaurant staff.

I was celebrating with four or five of my closest friends. We chose Hai Di Lao because it's known for its excellent service and quality hot pot dishes, which we all enjoy. The evening was already special because we were all together, enjoying our favorite foods and catching up. However, the truly unusual part of the meal was still to come, unbeknownst to me.

Midway through our meal, just as I was ladling some broth into my bowl, a group of servers suddenly approached our table, pushing a cart that carried a big birthday cake and several







beautifully wrapped gifts. To my complete surprise, they started singing a birthday song that's unique to Hai Di Lao, creating a lively and joyful atmosphere around our table.

This was unusual because I hadn't expected any of this; my friends had managed to keep their plans completely secret from me. The staff's participation with such enthusiasm added a layer of excitement and made the evening unforgettable. It was not just the quality of the food that made that meal special, but the warmth and thoughtfulness of my friends, coupled with the unexpected singing and the personalized touch from the restaurant staff.

This combination of delicious food, great company, and a perfectly executed surprise made this birthday meal exceedingly unusual and incredibly memorable.

### Part 3

#### 1.What are the advantages and disadvantages of eating in restaurants?

Eating in restaurants offers several advantages, primarily convenience, as it saves time and effort that would otherwise be spent on cooking and cleaning at home. Restaurants provide a variety of culinary options that might not be feasible to prepare at home, allowing diners to explore different cuisines and dishes. However, there are also disadvantages, including concerns about food safety and hygiene, which can vary significantly depending on the establishment. Additionally, frequent dining out can be expensive compared to home-cooked meals and may also lead to less healthy eating choices due to less control over ingredients and cooking methods.

#### 2.What fast food restaurants are there in your country?

In my country, international fast food chains like KFC and McDonald's are very popular, but there are also many local fast food options that cater to the traditional tastes and preferences of the populace. One notably popular chain is 'Shaxian Delicacies,' which offers a variety of affordable and quick traditional Chinese dishes. These local fast food restaurants provide a quick, convenient, and culturally familiar option for many people, and they hold a significant place in the fast food market alongside their international counterparts.

#### 3.Do people eat fast food at home?

Yes, people often eat fast food at home, especially when they seek convenience or are short on time. With the rise of delivery services, it has become increasingly easy to order fast food from various restaurants directly to one's doorstep. Occasional indulgence in fast food at home is common among families, particularly during busy days when cooking is not feasible. This trend has been amplified by technological advancements in food delivery apps, making a wide range of fast food options just a click away.

#### 4. Why do some people choose to eat out instead of ordering takeout?



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Some people prefer to eat out rather than order takeout due to concerns about the freshness and cleanliness of food that is delivered. Eating at a restaurant ensures that the food is served directly after being cooked, maintaining its optimal taste and temperature. Moreover, the dining experience at a restaurant can be more enjoyable and social than eating at home. People often appreciate the ambiance, the service, and the ability to choose from a freshly prepared menu in a setting designed for dining.

#### 5. Do people in your country socialize in restaurants? Why?

Yes, in my country, socializing in restaurants is a common practice, particularly in China where dining out is an integral part of the culture. Meals are often seen as more than just eating; they are opportunities for family gatherings, business meetings, and social interactions. Chinese people value the communal aspects of dining, such as sharing various dishes and enjoying the collective experience of eating together. Restaurants provide a suitable and appealing environment for these activities, facilitating conversation and bonding over food.

#### 6. Do people in your country value food culture?

Food culture is highly valued in my country, as China is renowned for its rich culinary heritage. Chinese cuisine varies significantly across different regions, each offering unique flavors and dishes that reflect local ingredients and historical influences. The appreciation for diverse food traditions is deeply embedded in the social fabric, with great importance placed on food as a way to preserve cultural identity and continuity. Celebrations and festivals often center around specific foods and culinary customs, further highlighting the significance of food culture in Chinese society.

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