1, About a type of sickness/disease or an ailment you have suffered from.

Do you think current people would suffer from some sicknesses or diseases easily?

What type of people will be sick easily?

Do you think health care in your country is good enough?

Do you think government should build more hospitals in cities? How about countryside?

Where do you usually go to see a doctor, in a big hospital or a small clinic? Which one is better?

2, About a toy

What influence does advertisement have on children?

Persuasive, informative, creative, exaggerated=puffed.

Do you think the advertisements about children’s products should be banned or prohibited?

What is the relationship between toys and children’s development?

What do you think of expensive toys?

What are differences between the current toys and the ones in the past?

Today’s toys are much more than before. I mean, children have more choices about what to play. Also, with the development of technology, lots of toys are smart devices which can be operated easily. So, I think current children are happier than the past ones.

Do you know some toys which adults like playing?

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, CS gun…

So long as something that gives fun to adults can be called a toy.

3, About a time when it was important to tell your friend a truth.

Do you think we should tell the truth at all times?

How do you know that when others are telling lies?

To win a game or follow the rules in the game, which one is more important, in your opinion?

Do you think we should always keep honest when doing sports?

What do you think of white lie?

4, About a computer/phone game you enjoy playing since your childhood.

What bad influence would it have if teenagers indulged in playing games?

Do you think parents or teachers should take an action to prevent children from playing games?

What benefits can people get by playing games?

Why is game-playing popular in recent years among teenagers and children?

5, About a piece of international news you have just recently heard.

How do Chinese people usually get news?

Which kind of news is more popular? Domestic news or international news?

Do you think children should pay more attention to news?

How is the news media changing recently?

Do you think when reporters reporting news, they can actually change what have happened?

6, About an art exhibition you have visited.

Do you think people have different ideas about artworks? Why?

Why are some artworks very expensive?

Why do a few people like collecting famous pictures?

What can art bring for people’s life?

7, About a time when you traveled by a bicycle.

What are the advantages of traveling by bike compared with other vehicles?

Do people in your country like taking a bicycle to travel?

When is it good for children to learn riding a bicycle?

Is your city a good place for people to have a bicycle ride?

8, About a time when you waited in line for something. (a time when you queued for something.)

What can people do when waiting for something in line?

On what occasions do you often wait in line?

Do you think it is worth waiting for something for a long time in a queue?

What do you think of some people who break in lines or jump the queue?

What would you do if this happened?

9, About a piece of advice which someone gave you.

Was there a time that you thought carefully before giving advice?

What are personalities of people whose job is to give advice to others?

Today, psychological consulting is too expensive, and do you think it’s reasonable?

Do you think people should listen to others’ suggestions or advice?

10, About an area or part you enjoy going to in a city or a town.

What public places do people like going to in your country?

As what I have seen, people in my country enjoy going to cinemas, parks, shopping malls, etc. I guess we like going to parks most simply because we can do lots of relaxing activities there, such as doing exercise, dancing, meeting friends, having a date or a picnic.

What changes do you have in your city? Do you think they are good or positive?

We have many big changes, such as new buildings, new parks or many foreign restaurants, etc. I believe the most positive change is that we have reconstructed some shabby places and people have a chance to live in new houses or apartments.

What public places or facilities are essential in a city? How about countryside?

In my view, in a city, we must have railway station, hospitals, shopping malls, etc., because these facilities or places make our life convenient and enjoyable. And in countryside, there should be clinics and irrigation system, as what I know, because farmers need to go to see a doctor and water their crops.

What public places are good for children to play in?

I guess the places which will give children fun are ideal for them to play in, such as playground with slide or swing, swimming pool for children to play water, amusement parks with merry-go-round or Ferris Wheel. I used to play there and it was very exciting.

11, About an event that was important to your family.

What family activities are popular in your country?

Why do people in your country take family love so importantly?

Do you think old people should be respected in a family?

What things can stand for Chinese culture do you think?

How has science developed in your country?

12, About something you have bought.

Do you often go shopping?

How do people usually go shopping?

Why do some people go to malls to buy things?

Why don’t a few people like going shopping in a mall?

What is the difference between men and women when shopping? Why?

Do you think the price of products is high in your country?

13, About your first day when you went to a new school.

Do you think children should be independent?

How can parents or teachers help children gain independence?

How to celebrate honors day or opening ceremony, do you think?

What is the most meaningful or valuable thing that students do on honors day?

14, About a singer or band who you like.

Do you think singers play an important role in your country?

In your country, what type of song is the most popular one?

Will people learn to sing?

That must be pop songs, as what I have seen, simply because this type of song is easy to understand and learn. That’s why lots of people go to concerts to enjoy their favorite pop singers’ performance. Sometimes, people even learn to sing the songs. A few people attend audition, hoping to be famous.

Do you think the most popular singer is the best singer?

I don’t think so, actually. In my view, the best singer must have perfect singing skill. However, sometimes, a singer may be most popular partly due to attractive appearance, and his or her singing skill is good, but not perfect. Here is my point.

Do you think a famous singer should have high salary?

(Celebrities have high salary, and what do you think of this?)

Yes, I think so. Famous singers usually serve a large amount of audience when they do performances on stage since many people go to their concerts to enjoy their singing. Sometimes, many people also buy their albums and it is like the famous singers sell their songs to many people. They give fun to more people than normal singers and create more value. Of course, they should get much money.

Traditional music and foreign music, which one do people in your country prefer?

15, About a live sport event.

Would you like to watch a sport event on the scene or on TV?

Why do some people like watching this on the scene?

What types of sports games do people in your country like watching?

People say it is stressful to study in Chinese schools, and is this good or bad?

Some people say this is good for children and do you agree with it?

16, About a problem that happened to your computer.

What functions of computer do you use most frequent?

Will you be addicted to using computer?

What are advantages and disadvantages of using computer?

Do you think children should use computer at school?

17, About someone who you like visiting but you don’t want to live in the same place with.

What types of apartments do people in you country like living in?

How should people visit others?

What politeness should we pay attention to if visiting others in their homes?

Why don’t some people like visiting others’ homes?

18, About a type of weather you like.

Do you think weather would affect or influence people’s mood?

Do you often see weather report/forecast?

How many seasons are there in your country?rrrdxx

Do you know some festivals about seasons?

What weather is good for traveling and holidays?

19, About a person whose clothes are unusual you think.

What clothes should people wear in work places?

What are differences between old people and the young about the clothes they wear?

How about men and women?

What do you think of the job of clothes designer?

20, About an old friend you have contacted again.

Is it important to keep contact with your friends?

Why do some people lose contact?

Why do classmates in university lose contact easily?

Would you like to have many common friends or just a few friends?

21, About a time you made a promise to someone.

Generally speaking, do parents in your country make promises to their children?

Contract spirit

And how about ‘vice versa’?

Will most people achieve their promises?

Do you think it is important to do as promises say?

22, About a polite person you know.

What do you think of nodding to leaders to greet them?

What are the standards or rules that may define politeness or courtesy?

What is the relationship between politeness and degrees, hometowns or parents?

I guess the relationship is quite complex or subtle. To take the first point for example, degree, technically speaking, higher degree, better education and such people should be courteous;however, there will be exception sometimes. For the second point, hometown, in my view, only in some very remote or much less developed places would there be a few people who have seldom learned about courtesy. As to the last one, I mean parents, this matters a lot. Family education or domestic education is crucial and essential; politeness is one of the most important parts.

What traditional politeness in your country should be kept, in your opinion?

23, About a kind of bag you want to own.

Why do women like buying bags, do you think?

Do you think backpack is practically useful in daily life?

Why would some people like to buy expensive bags?

What changes would bags have in the future, in your opinion?

Why should children use the same designed school bags?

24, About a short trip you often do but don’t like.

Young people and old people, who prefer overseas traveling?

Do Chinese people like traveling overseas?

Short trip and long trip, which one is your preference?

What do you think of some people who always buy lots of things when traveling?

25, About a famous person you are interested in.

Do you think it is good to be a famous person?

What are the disadvantages of being famous?

What are some ways that would get people famous?

Children or teenagers always like following celebrities to do something, and what do you think of this?

What types of famous people can be admired, in your opinion?

26, About a time when you needed to use imagination.

Do you think imagination is important?

Key words:

intelligence 智力

undoubtedly 毫无疑问

reasoning 推理

be engaged in 从事

stimulate 激发，刺激

debate 辩论

Imagination is part of people’s intelligence and it helps us in many aspects, and undoubtedly, it is something important that we should try to improve. With imagination, we can better do with lots of things, such as studying, designing work, necessary reasoning in work, etc. Imagination is especially needed for some people who are engaged in some certain careers, such as art, music and acting. In my personal view, whatever children or adults should all do some activities that are good for imagination stimulating, such as games, reading, debating, etc.

How can parents and teachers do to improve children’s imagination?

Key words:

arrange 安排

involve 使参与

creative writing 创意写作

supervise 监督

self-control 自制力

persist 坚持

encourage 鼓励

I know some ways that would work, such as reading more books, learning art or music or try to think about something repeatedly. Based on my experience, the most effective way is to learn art or music simply because once we are going to create artworks or music works, we will have to think about or imagine how to make it creative again and again. During this process, our imagination has been enhanced passively.

On what occasions do people normally use imagination?

Key words:

list 列举

commonly 常见地

reading comprehension 阅读理解

creative writing 创意写作

logical reasoning 逻辑推理

artwork 艺术品

imaginative 富于想象的

appreciator 鉴赏者

artist 艺术家，美术家，画家

embody 包含，收录，赋予……含义

Well, there are so many situations to be listed that imagination plays very important role. Most commonly, all types of studying activities such as reading comprehension, creative writing, logical reasoning, etc. Another occasion that people need imagination very much is to draw something. If a piece of artwork contained imaginative elements, appreciators would feel quite enjoyable, especially when fully understanding the true meaning that the artist embodies in the artwork. Life is full of imagination and you are sure to find such a beauty.

What jobs need imagination?

Key words:

be widely used 被广泛使用

embody 赋予……在……中

impressive 令人敬佩的，非凡的

charming 吸引人的，迷人的

melody 曲子，旋律

what is more in need 更加需要的是

conceive 构想

a series of 一系列

plot 情节

Imagination is widely used and it plays very important role in many aspects of life. So it is easy for us to find some jobs that imagination is needed. Artists embody their personal ideas in artwork and the ideas contain impressive thinking. Musicians must try to create beautiful songs or charming melody and they cannot do anything without hard work on imagining. What is more in need, writers usually conceive great ideas of a series of plots in novels so that their works would attract more readers. There are so many careers that imagination has to be used in and it is hard to name all of them.

27, About a special hotel which you have stayed in.

Do you think hotel star rating would influence customers’ choice?

In what ways do people reserve or book a hotel?

Making a phone call;

Visiting a website;

Using phone apps.

What factors would influence people about choosing hotels?

Location, environment, star rating, facilities(fitness center, swimming pool, recreation center, bar, grill/steak house...), room types(king room, queen room, twin room, suite, presidential suite), money

What is the difference between hotels in your country and the foreign ones?

What they look like, including interior design and decoration. Traditional style VS modern style.

Whether to use English more or less.

Service items.

28, About a time when you felt bored.

Do you know some ways that would make people feel less bored?

What do you usually do when feeling bored?

Men and women, who would feel bored more easily?

Will children feel bored and what can parents do to make the situation interesting?

Do you think teachers’ classes should be interesting or funny?

29, About a pleased thing that you did.

What types of surprises do people like receiving?

Why do some people like going to a big mall?

Men and women, who prefer to receive surprises, why?

How do you understand happiness, in your opinion?

Do you buy something in Taobao?

Do some people buy anything in entity?

30, About a perfect job for you.

Why do people have ideal jobs that are different from what they wanted to do in childhood?

What jobs are popular in your country?

Do people in your country like working overseas?

Big companies and small ones, which is your preference?

31, About a type of food that you tried for the first time.

Do you like trying new food?

What are the different attitudes or opinions about new food between young people and the old?

Why do local people like their local food?

Should teachers and parents teach children to identify, recognize or know food?

Is there any introduction of new food on TV?

32, About a city in which you will work for a short time.

Do think it is good to work in an international company?

Do you think college students should do part-time jobs?

Why do lots of people go to big cities to work?

What cities are popular for job hunters in your country?

33, About a time when you borrowed something from someone.

Are there any limitations when we borrow things from others or would there be anything which stops us from borrowing?

Do people like borrowing anything from others in your country? How about lending something to others?

What do you think of borrowing money from someone? How about borrowing money from bank?

Do you think it is good to buy things by borrowing money?

Pay interest, especially borrowing money from banks. If we couldn’t return the money in time, we would lose credit and that would be difficult for us to borrow money from banks next time.

Do you like shopping? What shopping ways do people around you use?

How do you compare prices when shopping?

Why do many people would like to go to shopping malls?

34, About something that you encouraged someone to do.

What things do children need others to encourage them to do?

Do you think encouragement is both useful for children and adults?

Yes, I think so. No matter who they are, there will always be something challenging that people are not able to finish or achieve. I mean, children and adults would both feel helpless when facing some tough or difficult things; for example, doing homework for children whilst seeking a good job for adults. The only difference that I can think of is that the thing that children are afraid of is something easy for adults; but for encouragement, they both need that.

What are effective ways to encourage staff in a company?

Money;

Oral promise;

Incentive travel(奖励旅游);

Paid vacation 带薪假期;

Caring words

Do you think encouragement is the most important thing for managers?

Encouragement---motivation

Criticism is also important---realize their mistakes or weak points.

35, About a time when someone else apologized to you.

Do people often apologize?

On what occasions should people apologize to others?

If we really hurt someone else or damage their belongings...

What are good ways to apologize?

According the levels that we hurt others:

First level, something not very important, oral apology;

Second level, something important, formal speech/statement about our apology;

The higher level, something very essential, some actions, such as money, gifts, dinner,or a favor...

Do you think saying is more important than doing?