

Part1

IELTS Speaking Topic

Bike

1. Did you have a bike when you were young?

Yeah, I did have a bike when I was younger. I remember my parents bought me a small red one when I was about six years old. It was a lot of fun, and I used to ride it around the neighborhood with my friends. Although I fell off a few times, I think it really helped me learn balance and independence.

1. neighborhood /'neɪbəˌhʊd/ 社区

2. independence /ˌɪndɪ'pendəns/ 独立

2. Do you have a bike now?

I do have a bike now. I use it mainly to get around the campus because it's really convenient and eco-friendly. Plus, riding a bike helps me stay fit, which is a bonus. Whenever I have some free time, I also like to take a ride around the city to explore new places. It's a great way to relax after a long day of studying.

1. convenient /kən'vi:niənt/ 方便的
2. eco-friendly /i:kəʊ'frɛndli/ 环保的

3. Do you often ride a bike now?

Yeah, I do ride a bike quite often, especially when the weather is nice. It's a great way to get around campus because it's faster than walking, and you don't have to worry about traffic like when you're driving. Plus, it's good exercise, so I can stay fit while getting to my classes. I also enjoy the fresh air and the feeling of freedom when I'm cycling.

1. campus /'kæmpəs/ 校园
2. traffic /'træfɪk/ 交通
3. exercise /'eksəsaɪz/ 锻炼
4. freedom /'fri:dəm/ 自由

4. Are bikes popular in China?

Yes, bikes are really popular in China, especially in big cities. Because of the heavy traffic, a lot of people prefer riding bikes to get around. Also, bike-sharing services have made it super convenient for everyone. You just scan a QR code and go. Plus, many college students like riding bikes on campus since it's both eco-friendly and a good way to exercise.

1. convenient /kən'vi:niənt/ 方便的
2. traffic /'træfɪk/ 交通
3. bike-sharing /'baɪkʃerɪ/ 共享单车
4. eco-friendly /i:kəʊ'frɛndli/ 环保的

Coins

1. Do you often carry coins with you?

Yeah, I usually carry some coins with me, especially when I need to take public transport or buy small items like snacks. Although most people use mobile payments nowadays, it's still handy to have some coins just in case. For example, if my phone runs out of battery, I can still pay for things. So, even though it's not very common, I do keep some coins in my wallet.

1. transport /'trænsɜːrt/ 交通
2. handy /'hændi/ 方便的

2. Have you collected coins?

Yes, I've been collecting coins since I was a kid. My grandpa used to give me old coins from different countries, so I got really into it. I think it's fascinating because each coin tells a story about its country and history. Whenever I travel or my friends go abroad, I always ask them to bring back some coins for me. It's a fun and educational hobby.

1. fascinating /'fæsɪneɪtɪ/ 迷人的
2. abroad /ə'brɔːd/ 国外

3. Is it convenient to use coins?

No, I think using coins can be a bit inconvenient sometimes. For example, when you have a lot of them, they can be heavy and take up a lot of space in your wallet. Plus, it's easy to lose them or forget you have them. But on the other hand, coins are useful for small purchases, like buying snacks from a vending machine or paying for parking.

1. inconvenient /ˌɪnkən'viːniənt/ 不方便的
2. purchases /'pɜːrtʃəsɪz/ 购买
3. vending machine /'vendɪ mə'ʃiːn/ 自动售货机

4. Do you use coins in your daily life?

No, I rarely use coins in my daily life because most transactions are done using mobile payments or credit cards these days. In China, apps like Alipay and WeChat Pay are super popular, so you hardly ever need to carry cash or coins. However, I do keep a few coins for small purchases or vending machines, just in case.

1. transactions /træn'zækʃənz/ 交易
2. mobile payments /'məʊbaɪl 'peɪmənts/ 移动支付
3. vending machines /'vendɪ mə'ʃiːnz/ 自动售货机

5. Did you use coins as a child?

I did use coins when I was a kid. I remember my parents would give me some pocket money, and I'd save up coins in a little piggy bank. It was fun because, whenever I had enough money, I could buy snacks or small toys, which taught me the value of saving money.

1. pocket money /'pɒkɪt 'mʌni/ 零花钱
2. piggy bank /'pɪɡi bæŋk/ 储蓄罐

Laughing

1. Do you enjoy watching interesting and funny movies?

Yeah, I absolutely enjoy watching interesting and funny movies. They're a great way to relax and have a good laugh, especially after a long day of studying. Plus, they often have really creative plots and characters that you can't help but get invested in. Whenever I have free time, I usually check out the latest comedies or watch some classic funny films with my friends.

1. invested /ɪn'vestɪd/ 投入的
2. classic /'klæsɪk/ 经典的

2. Do you think you are a funny person?

Yeah, I'd say I'm a pretty funny person. My friends often tell me that I have a good sense of humor, and I love making people laugh. I think humor is really important because it helps people relax and connect with each other. Plus, whenever we're stressed out from studying, a good joke can really lighten the mood.

1. sense of humor /sens əv 'hju:mər/ 幽默感
2. connect /kə'nekt/ 连接
3. lighten the mood /'laɪtn ðə mu:d/ 缓解气氛

3. When was the last time you laughed?

I actually laughed just yesterday when I was hanging out with my friends in the dorm. We were watching a really funny movie, and there were so many hilarious scenes that I couldn't stop laughing. It's always great to have moments like that, especially since studying can get pretty stressful sometimes.

1. hilarious /hɪ'leəriəs/ 令人捧腹的
2. especially /ɪ'speʃəli/ 尤其
3. stressful /'stresfəl/ 有压力的

4. Do you always laugh at funny things?

Yeah, I usually laugh at funny things because it helps me relax and feel happier. For example, when I watch a comedy show or hang out with friends, we often share jokes and funny stories. It's a great way to bond and forget about stress from studies. Even though sometimes I might be busy with schoolwork, I try to find time for a good laugh.

1. relax /rɪ'læks/ 放松
2. comedy /'kɒmɪdi/ 喜剧
3. bond /bɒnd/ 联结
4. stress /stres/ 压力

5. Are you a person who often makes others laugh?

Yeah, I guess I am someone who often makes others laugh. I think humor is a great way to connect with people and lighten the mood. At university, I often crack jokes with my friends, especially when we're stressed about exams. It helps everyone relax a bit. Plus, when I see others smile or laugh because of something I said, it makes me feel good too.

1. humor /'hju:mər/ 幽默
2. lighten the mood /'laɪtn ðə mu:d/ 缓和气氛
3. crack jokes /kræk dʒoʊks/ 开玩笑
4. relax /rɪ'læks/ 放松

Fishing

1. Is fishing popular in your country?

Yeah, fishing is pretty popular in China, especially in rural areas and among older people. Many young people also enjoy it as a way to relax and escape from the busy city life. You can find people fishing in rivers, lakes, and even in some urban parks. I think it's a great way to spend time outdoors and connect with nature, although it can be a bit time-consuming.

1. rural /'rʊərəl/ 农村的
2. escape /ɪ'skeɪp/ 逃离
3. urban /'ɜːrbən/ 城市的
4. time-consuming /'taɪm kən'sʊmɪŋ/ 耗时的

2. Do you like eating fish?

Yeah, I do enjoy eating fish. I think it's not only tasty but also quite healthy. In China, we have a lot of delicious fish dishes, especially in places like Sichuan and Guangdong. Whenever I go out to eat with my family, we often order fish because it's a staple in our cuisine. Plus, it's usually cooked in so many different ways, so it never gets boring.

1. tasty /'teɪsti/ 美味的
2. especially /ɪ'speʃəli/ 尤其
3. staple /'steɪpəl/ 基本食物
4. cuisine /kwɪ'ziːn/ 菜肴

3. Do you like fishing?

I actually enjoy fishing quite a lot. It's a great way to relax and spend time outdoors. Plus, it's really satisfying when you catch something after waiting for a while. I usually go fishing with my friends or family, which makes it even more enjoyable. Although I don't get to go fishing very often because of my studies, I try to make time for it whenever I can.

1. outdoors /ˌaʊtˈdɔːrz/ 在户外
2. satisfying /'sætɪsˌfaɪɪŋ/ 令人满意的
3. enjoyable /ɪn'dʒɔɪəbəl/ 令人愉快的
4. make time for it /meɪk taɪm fɔːr ɪt/ 腾出时间

Perfume

1. Do you use perfume in your daily life?

Yeah, I sometimes use perfume in my daily life, especially when I'm going out or have a special occasion. I think it adds a nice touch and makes me feel more confident. However, I don't use it every day because I prefer to keep things simple when I'm just going to class or studying in the library.

1. occasion /ə'keɪʒən/ 场合
2. confident /'kɒnfɪdənt/ 自信的

2. Do you like perfume?

Yeah, I do like perfume. I think it's a great way to express your personality. Plus, it can make you feel more confident. Whenever I go out with friends, I usually put on a bit of perfume because it helps me feel more put-together. There are so many different scents to choose from, so I like to switch it up depending on my mood or the occasion.

1. personality /ˌpɜːrsə'næləti/ 个性
2. confident /'kɒnfɪdənt/ 自信
3. occasion /ə'keɪʒən/ 场合

3. Where do you spray perfume?

I usually spray perfume on my wrists and neck because I think these areas help the scent last longer. Also, sometimes I spray a little on my clothes so the fragrance stays with me throughout the day. It's a habit I picked up from my friends, and it really works well.

1. fragrance /'freɪgrəns/ 香味
2. throughout /θruː'au/ 贯穿
3. habit /'hæbɪt/ 习惯

4. Do you send perfume to others as a gift?

Yeah, I sometimes give perfume as a gift, especially to close friends or family members. I think it's a really personal and thoughtful present because you have to consider the person's taste and preferences. Plus, it's something they can use daily, which makes it practical as well. However, I always make sure to choose a scent that I know they'll like, otherwise, it might not be appreciated as much.

1. thoughtful /'θɔ:tfəl/ 体贴的
2. preferences /'prefərənsɪz/ 偏好
3. practical /'præktɪkəl/ 实用的

Good view

1. What is the view like around the place where you live?

Yeah, the view around my place is pretty nice. I live near a park, so there are lots of trees and green spaces. It's a great place to take a walk or just relax. Plus, there are a few small lakes, which make the scenery even more beautiful. I think having nature nearby really helps me unwind after a long day of studying.

1. green spaces /gri:n 'speɪsɪz/ 绿色空间
2. scenery /'si:nəri/ 风景
3. unwind /ʌn'waɪnd/ 放松

2. Have you seen an unforgettable and beautiful view or scenery?

Last year, I went to Jiuzhaigou Valley with my friends, and it was absolutely stunning. The lakes there are so clear that you can see the bottom, and the colors are just amazing. Plus, the mountains surrounding the area make it look like a scene from a fairy tale. We spent the whole day hiking and taking photos because every spot was so picturesque.

1. stunning /'stʌnɪ/ 令人惊叹的
2. surrounding /sə'raʊndɪ/ 环绕着
3. picturesque /ˌpɪk.tʃər'esk/ 如画的

3. Would you take photos when you see a good view?

I definitely take photos when I see a good view. It's a great way to remember the moment and share it with friends later. Plus, with smartphones being so handy, it's super easy to snap a quick picture. Whenever I go to a scenic spot, I always make sure to take a few shots. Sometimes, I even use them as my phone wallpaper because they remind me of good times.

1. definitely /'def.ɪ.nɪt.li/ 肯定地

2. scenic /'si:.nɪk/ 风景优美的

4. What is your favourite place? Why?

I absolutely love going to the campus library. I think it's one of the best places to study and relax. There are just so many resources available, like books and computers, that help me with my assignments. Whenever I need a quiet place to focus, I always head there because it's peaceful and well-organized.

1. resources /rɪ'zɔ:rsɪz/ 资源

2. assignments /ə'saɪnmənts/ 作业

3. peaceful /'pi:sfəl/ 平静的

4. well-organized /wel-'ɔ:rgənəɪzd/ 整齐有序的

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Road and Streets

1. Are the roads in the area where you live busy?

Yeah, the roads and streets in my area are pretty busy, especially during rush hours. Since I live in a big city, there are always lots of cars and buses on the road. Sometimes, it can get really crowded, and you might have to wait a while to cross the street. But, I guess that's just part of living in a bustling city like mine.

1. rush hours /'rʌʃ ,aʊərz/ 高峰时段
2. crowded /'kraʊdɪd/ 拥挤的
3. bustling /'bʌs.li/ 繁忙的

2. How do people cross the road in the city where you live?

People in my city usually cross the road at designated crosswalks or pedestrian bridges. There are traffic lights at most intersections, so we wait for the green man before crossing. However, some people still jaywalk when they're in a hurry, which can be quite dangerous. I think the government should put more effort into road safety education to reduce accidents.

1. designated /'deziɡneɪtɪd/ 指定的
2. crosswalks /'krɒ:swɔ:ks/ 人行横道
3. pedestrian /pə'destriən/ 行人
4. jaywalk /'dʒeɪwɔ:k/ 乱穿马路
5. intersections /ˌɪntər'sekʃənz/ 交叉路口

3. What is the condition of the roads in your city?

The roads in my city are generally pretty good, but there are some parts that could use a bit of maintenance. For instance, the main roads are usually well-paved and smooth, which makes driving quite comfortable. However, some of the smaller streets have potholes and cracks, so it can be a bit bumpy. Overall, it's not too bad, but there's definitely room for improvement.

1. maintenance /'meɪntənəns/ 维护
2. well-paved /wel-peɪvd/ 铺得好的
3. potholes /'pɒθəʊlz/ 坑洼
4. cracks /kræks/ 裂缝

4. Do you think the roads in your city need improvement?

Absolutely, I believe the streets in my city require significant upgrades. There are numerous craters and irregular surfaces, posing serious risks for both motorists and bikers. Furthermore, traffic jams are quite severe, especially during peak hours. If the authorities could allocate funds for better road upkeep and perhaps even widen some of the main thoroughfares, it would greatly improve the situation.

1. craters /'kreɪtərz/ 坑洞
2. irregular /ɪ'reɡjələ/ 不规则的
3. motorists /'məʊtərɪsts/ 驾车者
4. upkeep /'ʌpˌki:p/ 维护
5. thoroughfares /'θʊrəʊˌferz/ 主要道路

Teachers

1. Do you have a favorite teacher?

I do have a favourite teacher. She's my English teacher from high school. I think she's amazing because she really knows how to make learning fun and interesting. Plus, she's always there to help us whenever we have questions or need extra support. I remember she used to give us really cool assignments that made us think creatively.

1. amazing /ə'meɪzɪ/ 令人惊叹的
2. support /sə'pɔ:t/ 支持
3. assignments /ə'saɪnmənts/ 作业
4. creatively /kri'eɪtɪvli/ 创造性地

2. Are you still in touch with your primary school teachers?

Yeah, I'm still in touch with a few of my primary school teachers. We usually chat through social media, and sometimes we even meet up when I go back to my hometown. I think it's really nice to keep these connections because they were a big part of my childhood. Plus, they always have some good advice to give, which is helpful now that I'm in college.

1. social media /'səʊʃəl 'mi:diə/ 社交媒体
2. connections /kə'nekʃənz/ 联系
3. Plus /plʌs/ 另外

3. In what way has your favourite teacher helped you?

Yeah, my favorite teacher really helped me a lot. She always made sure that I understood the lessons by explaining things clearly and giving extra examples. Plus, she was always available after class if I had any questions or needed further help. Because of her support, I felt more confident in my studies and my grades improved. She also encouraged me to participate in class discussions, which boosted my speaking skills.

1. available /ə'veɪləbl/ 有空的
2. confident /'kɒnfɪdənt/ 自信的
3. participate /pɑ:'tɪsɪpət/ 参与
4. boosted /bu:stɪd/ 提高

4. Do you want to be a teacher in the future?

I've thought about it, but I'm not completely sure yet. On one hand, I think teaching can be really rewarding because you get to help students learn and grow. However, on the other hand, I know it can be quite challenging and stressful at times. So, while it's definitely a possibility, I'm still exploring other career options as well.

1. rewarding /rɪ'wɔːdɪ/ 有回报的
2. challenging /'tʃælɪndʒɪ/ 有挑战性的
3. stressful /'stresfəl/ 压力大的
4. possibility /pɒsə'bɪləti/ 可能性
5. exploring /ɪk'splɔːrɪ/ 探索
6. career options /'kɛr.i.ɔːr ˌɒp.tʃənz/ 职业选择

Place of study/work

1. Do you prefer to study at home or in a library?

I prefer studying in a library because it's usually quieter and there are fewer distractions. At home, I often get tempted to watch TV or play games. Plus, the library has a lot of resources, like books and journals, that I can use for my studies. Also, seeing other people study can be motivating, and it helps me stay focused.

1. distractions /dɪ'strækʃənz/ 干扰
2. tempted /'temptɪd/ 诱惑
3. resources /rɪ'zɔːrsɪz/ 资源
4. motivating /'mɒtɪ'veɪtɪ/ 激励

2. What is your favourite place to study?

I absolutely love studying in the library. I think it's one of the best places because it's quiet and has a lot of resources. Whenever I need to focus on my assignments, I head there because I can concentrate better. Plus, there are always other students around, so it feels motivating. The atmosphere is just perfect for getting work done.

1. resources /rɪ'zɔːrsɪz/ 资源

2. concentrate /'kɒnsəntreɪt/ 集中注意力

3. atmosphere /'ætməsfɪər/ 氛围

3. What part of your school do you like the most?

I really love the library at my school. It's one of the best places to study and hang out. There are just so many resources and quiet spaces you can use. Whenever I have a big exam coming up, I always head there because it's so peaceful and helps me focus. Plus, they've got some comfy chairs and a nice atmosphere.

1. resources /rɪ'sɔ:rsɪz/ 资源

2. atmosphere /'ætməsfɪər/ 氛围

4. What is your favourite subject?

I absolutely love studying English. I think it's fascinating because it not only helps me communicate with people from different countries, but also opens up many opportunities for my future. Plus, learning about different cultures through language is really interesting. Whenever I have an English class, I feel excited because I know I'll learn something new and useful.

1. fascinating /'fæsɪneɪtɪŋ/ 迷人的

2. communicate /kə'mju:nɪkeɪt/ 交流

3. opportunities /ˌɒpə'tju:nɪtɪz/ 机会

4. cultures /'kʌltʃəz/ 文化

5. Do you prefer to work at home or in the workplace?

I definitely prefer working in the workplace because it helps me stay focused and productive. At home, there are just too many distractions, like my phone or TV. Plus, in the workplace, you can easily ask colleagues for help if you need it. However, working from home can be convenient sometimes, especially when the weather is bad or if I need to save time on commuting.

1. distractions /dɪ'strækʃənz/ 干扰

2. colleagues /'kɒli:gz/ 同事

3. commuting /kə'mju:tɪŋ/ 通勤

6. Do you prefer to work alone or in a group?

I prefer working in a group. I think it's because you can share ideas and get different perspectives, which can be really helpful. Plus, it makes the work more interesting and less stressful. Although sometimes it can be a bit challenging to coordinate with everyone, I feel the benefits outweigh the drawbacks. For example, when we have group projects in university, I find that we can usually come up with better solutions together.

1. perspectives /pə'spektɪvz/ 观点
2. coordinate /kou'ɔrdə,neɪt/ 协调
3. benefits /'benɪfɪts/ 优势
4. drawbacks /'drɔ,bæks/ 缺点

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Sharing

1. Do you have anything to share with others recently?

Yeah, I love sharing my favorite music with friends because it's a great way to bond. Plus, when I discover a new song or a new artist, I get really excited and want others to enjoy it too. It's also fun to share food, especially when we try new dishes together.

1. bond /bɒnd/ (使) 建立亲密关系

2. discover /dɪ'skʌvə/ 发现

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

Yeah, my parents definitely taught me to share when I was a kid. They always said that sharing was important because it helped you make friends and learn to be considerate of others. I remember having to share my toys with my cousins whenever they came over.

1. definitely /'defɪnətli/ 肯定地

2. considerate /kən'sɪdəreɪt/ 体贴的

3. What kinds of things do you like to share with others?

Yeah, I recently shared some of my notes from a difficult chemistry class with my classmates. Since the exam is coming up soon, I thought it would be helpful for everyone. Also, it's a great way to revise and make sure I understand the points correctly.

1. notes /nəʊts/ 笔记
2. chemistry /'kemɪstri/ 化学
3. classmates /'klɑːsmerts/ 同学
4. exam /ɪg'zæm/ 考试
5. revise /rɪ'veɪz/ 复习

4. What kinds of things are not suitable for sharing?

I think personal items like toothbrushes and towels are not suitable for sharing because they can spread germs. Also, sharing things like passwords or bank details is risky as it can lead to security issues. So, it's better to keep these things to yourself.

1. toothbrushes /'tuːθbrʌʃɪz/ 牙刷
2. germs /dʒɜːmz/ 细菌
3. passwords /'pɑːs wɜːdz/ 密码
4. security /sɪ'kjʊənti/ 安全

Shopping

1. Do you like shopping?

Yeah, I quite enjoy shopping, especially when I'm looking for clothes. It's like a treasure hunt for me. I love the feeling of finding something that fits perfectly and suits my style. Besides, it's a fun day of shopping with friends, even if it's just window shopping and not actually buying anything.

1. treasure hunt /'treʒər hʌnt/ 寻宝游戏

2. fits perfectly /fɪts 'pɜːrfɪktli/ 完全合身
3. suits my style /suːts maɪ staɪl/ 符合我的风格
4. window-shopping /'wɪndəʊ ʃɑːpɪ/ 橱窗购物

2. Do you compare prices when you shop? Why?

Definitely, I always compare prices when I shop. As a student with a limited budget, I need to make sure I'm getting the best deal. I usually check different stores or online platforms before making a purchase. It's not just about saving money, but it's also about ensuring I'm getting good value for what I pay.

1. definitely /'defɪnətli/ 当然
2. limited budget /'lɪm.ɪ.tɪd 'bʌdʒɪt/ 有限预算
3. best deal /best di:l/ 最佳交易
4. purchase /'pɜːtʃəs/ 购买
5. saving money /'seɪvɪ 'mʌni/ 省钱
6. good value /gʊd 'væljuː/ 物有所值

3. Is it difficult for you to make choices when you shop?

Yeah, sometimes it's quite tricky for me to make decisions when I'm shopping. As a college student, I often have to stick to a budget, which means I have to carefully consider each purchase. Plus, with so many options available, especially online, it's easy to get overwhelmed. I usually end up comparing prices and quality for ages before I decide.

1. tricky /'trɪki/ 困难的
2. stick to /stɪk tuː/ 坚持
3. budget /'bʌdʒɪt/ 预算

- 4. consider /kən'sɪdər/ 考虑
- 5. overwhelmed /ˌoʊvər'welmd/ 不知所措
- 6. comparing /kəm'peəri/ 比较
- 7. quality /'kwɒlɪti/ 质量
- 8. ages /'eɪdʒɪz/ 长时间

4. Do you think expensive products are always better than cheaper ones?

I've heard an important saying: "Buy cheap – buy twice." And I think that's quite true. If you buy something cheap, it's likely to be poor quality and break quickly which means you just have to spend more money buying a replacement. So usually expensive products are worth the extra money.

Life stages

1. Do you enjoy your current stage of life?

Absolutely. Every single phase of my life exists to accomplish certain goals.

For instance, my teenage-hood is a strange transitional phase where I want to be somehow relevant in my social circle.

So, I tend to put myself in challenging situations and faced with numerous opportunities.

For example, I tend to enjoy my life being a student, and enjoy the process of pursuing my wants and dreams.

2. In which stage of your life were you the happiest?

In my entire life, I would say that in different stages I've been having wonderful or unforgettable moments. But I can confidently say that my current life is the most cheerful one, not only I build up my confidence but also I've become a more independent individual.

3. Which stage of your life do you think is the most important?

Without a doubt, it must be during the early childhood years. For the reason that it's the most crucial time for development especially in terms of the child's personality, social as well as emotional aspect. That is the stage that needs to build a solid foundation for lifelong learning.

4. Do you have any plans for the next five years? /What's your plan for your next stage of life?

Talking about my goal, it's to have financial freedom, that's why I've been working my fingers to the bone in order to save more and hopefully to spend money like water. As I reach my middle age, probably in my late 40's, I plan to have my early retirement and just make the most of my remaining time.

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

Yeah, I often played outside with my friends during my childhood. We used to play games like hide and seek, and sometimes we'd ride our bikes around the neighborhood. It was so much fun and a great way to spend time together. We also liked to go to the park and have picnics, especially during the weekends when we didn't have school.

1. neighborhood ['neɪbəˌhʊd] 社区

2. hide and seek [haɪd ənd si:k] 捉迷藏

3. picnic ['pɪknɪk] 野餐

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

Yeah, I think the most important thing for me at the moment is to focus on my studies. Since I'm a college student, doing well academically is crucial because it will help me get a good job in the future. Besides, I also believe that building strong relationships with friends and professors is important, as they can provide support and opportunities later on.

1. crucial ['kruːʃəl] 关键的

2. academically [ˌækə'demɪkli] 学术上

3. opportunities [ˌɑ:pər'tu:nɪtɪz] 机会

7. How do people remember each stage of their lives?

Yeah, I think people remember each stage of their lives through different ways, like photos and videos. For example, my parents have lots of photo albums from when I was a kid, and we often look at them together. Also, social media nowadays helps a lot because we can easily share and look back at our memories. Sometimes, certain smells or songs can also bring back memories from specific times in our lives.

1. albums ['ælbəməz] 相册

2. social media ['səʊl 'mi:diə] 社交媒体

3. specific [spə'sɪfɪk] 特定的

Relaxing

1. What do you do to relax?

Well, I like to spend my time traveling and exploring different places. It makes me feed my curiosity and acquire something interesting. As much as possible, I opt to visit coastal cities to enjoy the sun, sand, and the sea. You see, this helps me escape from the exhausting and sometimes tedious routine

feed my curiosity 满足好奇心

opt to 选择

exhausting 疲倦的

tedious 无聊

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

There's no denying the fact that there are many positive impacts of doing sports on our body. It can calm us down and relaxes us. Furthermore, it teaches us the value of respect, teamwork, and

responsibility. So, it doesn't just loosen our physical body, but it also cools down our mental, social, and emotional state.

loosen 放松

state 状态

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

Of course. Having a vacation means having a time off away from the strenuous activities we do on a normal basis. We can run away to a more peaceful and tranquil place to withdraw from the hustle and bustle of the city. Plus, we can take pleasure in life's simple things.

strenuous activities 激烈活动

tranquil 安静的

withdraw from the hustle and bustle of the city 远离城市的喧闹

4. Do you think students need more time to relax?

There's no doubt in my mind that we do. As a student, I have to face the struggles of burning the midnight oil, beating the deadline, and passing the exam with flying colors. It is so stressful that it causes a negative impact on us. We are so worn out that it is a must that we should engage in activities that will recharge us and keep us in excellent condition.

burning the midnight oil 熬夜

beating the deadline 赶在截止日期前做某事

pass the exam with flying colors 考试中取得了优异成绩

worn out 劳累

Birthday

1. What do you usually do on your birthday?

On my birthday, I typically gather with a few close friends or family members for a simple celebration. We might go out for a meal at a favorite restaurant or have a small party at home. I don't usually do anything too extravagant; it's more about spending quality time with people I care about.

1. gather /'gæðər/ 聚集
2. extravagant /ɪk'strævəgənt/ 奢侈的
3. quality time /'kwɒlɪti taɪm/ 高质量的时间

2. What did you do on your birthday when you were young?

When I was young, I usually had a small party at home for my birthday. My parents would invite a few of my close friends over, and we'd have cake, snacks, and play games together. It was always something I looked forward to because it was a time when I felt really special and loved.

1. party /'pɑːrti/ 聚会
2. invite /ɪn'vaɪt/ 邀请
3. close friends /kləʊs frends/ 亲密的朋友
4. snacks /snæks/ 小吃
5. looked forward to /lʊkt 'fɔːrwəd tuː/ 期待

3. Do you think it is important for you to celebrate your birthday?

Yeah, I do think it's important to celebrate birthdays. It's a great way to acknowledge another year of life and to reflect on what's been achieved. Plus, it's a perfect excuse to gather with friends and family, which, for us students, can be a welcome break from our studies. It's not just about getting older, but appreciating where we are in life.

1. acknowledge /ək'nɒlɪdʒ/ 承认
2. achieved /ə'tʃiːvd/ 完成
3. excuse /ɪk'skjuːs/ 借口
4. gather /'gæðər/ 聚集
5. appreciate /ə'priːʃiət/ 欣赏

4. Whose birthday do you think is the most important to celebrate in China?

In China, I'd say the most important birthday to celebrate is probably our parents', especially when they turn 60. It's a significant milestone known as the 'kanreki' in Chinese culture, symbolizing a full cycle of life and a time to show deep respect and gratitude. We often throw a big family gathering with relatives to honor their life and contributions.

1. milestone /'maɪlstəʊn/ 里程碑

2. gratitude /'grættɪtʊ:d/ 感激

3. gathering /'gæðərɪŋ/ 聚会

Staying up

1. Do you often stay up late?/Do you sometimes go to bed very late?

Not really, I'm generally an early bird and an early riser as well. Although depending on the situation, if I have so much on my plate, I would sometimes burn the midnight oil.

an early bird / an early riser 喜欢早起的人

have so much on my plate 有太多事情要做

burn the midnight oil 熬夜

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

Well, growing up, my parents would usually dictate pretty much everything I do, and my sleeping habit is not an exception. Just like any other parent, they made sure I hit the sack as early as 9 PM.

growing up 在成长过程中

dictate 命令; 支配; 规定

hit the sack 睡觉

3. What does it feel like when the next morning if you stay up late? /After a late night, how do you feel the next morning?

Worst feeling ever! Actually, according to research, lack of sleep is the same feeling as getting drunk, which I agree at some point. I couldn't seem to focus and it definitely affects my work efficiency the following day. As a result, a power nap would really help a lot.

agree at some point 在某种程度上我同意这一点

the following day 第二天

nap 打盹; 小睡

4. What do you do when you stay up late?/What do you like to do when you stay up late?

Well, one of the reasons I'd pull an all-nighter is if I have so much on my plate. However, to keep me awake, I'd take a break every now and then and enjoy my cup of caffeine which works for me big time.

pull an all-nighter 开夜车; 通宵工作或学习

every now and then 时不时地

caffeine 咖啡因

works for me big time 很大程度上对我有帮助

Weekends

1. Is the weekend your favourite part of your week?

Of course! The weekends have to be my favourite part of the week since I can lounge around most of the day and catch up on unfinished work the rest of the day. Not to mention I can also catch up with friends and recharge my batteries for the rest of the week.

lounge around 闲逛, 休闲

catch up on 赶上, 处理

not to mention 更不用说

2. What did you do last weekend?

My memory's hazy, but I'm pretty certain I wasn't as productive as I usually am since my friends came over. We found ourselves spending the day in the mall shopping for clothes and random goods. In the evening I found myself totally exhausted and I collapsed as soon as my head touched my pillow.

hazy 模糊, 记不清楚了

random goods 随便的, 随机的东西

collapse 倒下

3. Do you make plans for your weekends?/Do you prefer to plan how to spend your weekends?

I usually don't bother to plan or make schedules for the weekends. I prefer to go with the flow and adapt to whatever happens in the moment. An exception would be if I made arrangements for get-togethers set in the weekend, in which case I'd try and schedule the day to the best of my abilities.

go with the flow 顺其自然

adapt to 适应

exception 例外

get-together 聚会

4. Do you ever work or study at the weekends?

I do both during the weekends as I'm a working student. I find myself spending the most time working on schoolwork since I tend to procrastinate on them a lot, and they can quickly pile up. As for work, I spend about an hour or so finishing a few tasks that are due for the next week so I don't get overwhelmed by deadlines.

procrastinate 延迟, 拖延

pile on 堆积起来, 累计

5. What do you usually do on weekends?

I don't have an exact grasp on all the things I usually do. But I definitely divide my weekend into the morning and evening regarding what I do. Mornings are assigned as my free time and I often find myself lounging around while I spend my evenings finishing my schoolwork and chores.

exact grasp 精准的掌握

be assigned as 被认为, 被指定

chores 家务活

6. Do you like weekends?

Yeah, I absolutely love weekends! I think they're the perfect time to relax and unwind after a busy week. I usually hang out with my friends, and sometimes we go to the movies or just chill at a café. Plus, it's a great opportunity to catch up on sleep and maybe do some studying.

1. unwind /ʌn'waɪnd/ 放松

2. chill /tʃɪl/ 放松

3. opportunity /ˌɒpə'tju:nəti/ 机会

Happy things

1. What made you happy when you were little? / What things made you happy when you were a child?

I vaguely remember my grandparents leaving their schedules open on Saturdays to bring me to the park. I used to have so much fun, running around and eating an assortment of food I could get my grubby little hands on. I would also always find myself with a new bruise or two, which I'd always show off to my friends at school without fail.

leaving their schedules open 留出时间

an assortment of 各式各样的

grubby 脏脏的

bruise 淤青

without fail 必定, 务必

2. Do you feel happy when buying new things? / Do you feel happy when you buy something new?

To be perfectly honest, it'd have to depend on what I buy. For example, if I buy something that I don't have a choice in or is a relatively small purchase, like pens for school, I won't really feel much since I'm just going through the motions. However, if I make a big purchase or buy something I've been wanting for a while, I'd be thrilled and can't wait to get home so I can try it out.

relatively 相对地

small purchase 买个小东西

going through the motions 走过场

thrilled 兴奋地

3. When do you feel happy at work? Why? / What makes you feel happiest at work/in your studies now?

Without a doubt, my friends make me the happiest when I'm in school. They keep me sane during the stressful weeks I spend reviewing for upcoming exams, not to mention they manage to make even the most yawn-inducing classes incredibly fun.

keep me sane 让我保持理智

upcoming 即将来临的

not to mention 更不用说

manage to 设法做某事

yawn-inducing 无聊的, 让人想打哈欠的

4. What do you think will make you feel happy in the future? / What do you think will bring you happiness in the future?

Honestly, I'd have to say money. I'm not saying that money is the be all and end all, of course; there's a limit to how much happiness money can actually buy, though you have to admit that money can make a lot of problems go away that would have made you unhappy otherwise. At the end of the day, though, I'd rather focus on making memories in the present than ponder on the what-ifs of the future.

end all be all 一切的一切, 全部

there's a limit to ...是有限的

ponder on 琢磨

what-if 假设, 猜测

5. Is there anything that has made you feel happy lately?

Yeah, I recently aced a really tough exam, and it made me super happy. I had been studying for weeks, so when I saw my grade, I felt like all my hard work paid off. Also, my friends and I went out to celebrate, which was a lot of fun. We had a great meal and just enjoyed each other's company.

1. Aced [eɪst] - 考得很好, 考得很高分
2. Paid off [peɪd ɒf] - 得到回报, 值得
3. Company ['kʌmpəni] - 陪伴, 朋友们的陪伴

6. Do you think people are happy when buying new things?

Yeah, I think people generally feel happy when they buy new things. It's like a little reward for themselves, you know? Especially for students like us, buying something new can be a way to relieve stress or celebrate a small achievement. Plus, the excitement of having something new can really boost your mood, even if it's just for a short time.

1. generally ['dʒenərəli] 一般地
2. relieve [rɪ'liv] 缓解
3. achievement [ə'tʃivmənt] 成就
4. boost [buːst] 提升

Asking for help

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

When I'm stuck with a problem, I don't hesitate to reach out for assistance. It's really important, especially with academic challenges, to collaborate and get different perspectives. Usually, I'll ask my classmates or professors for help, which not only provides solutions but also helps me learn and understand the issue more deeply.

1. hesitate /'hezɪteɪt/ 犹豫
2. assistance /ə'sɪstəns/ 帮助
3. collaborate /kə'læbə'reɪt/ 合作
4. perspectives /pə'r'spektɪvz/ 观点
5. solutions /sə'lʊ:ʃənz/ 解决方案
6. issue /'ɪʃu:/ 问题

2. Why are teachers always willing to help students?

I think teachers are always willing to help students because they genuinely care about our education and success. They understand the challenges we face and want to guide us through the learning process. Besides, when students thrive, it reflects well on their teaching abilities, so it's in their best interest too.

1. genuinely /'dʒenjuːnli/ 真诚地
2. thrive /θraɪv/ 兴旺发达
3. reflects /rɪ'fleks/ 反映
4. abilities /ə'bɪlɪtiz/ 能力

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

As a computer science student, I often ask for help with debugging code or understanding complex algorithms. Sometimes, I reach out to classmates or professors when I'm stuck on a programming project or need clarification on lecture material. It's really about collaborating to grasp concepts better.

1. debugging /di:'bʌɡɪ/ 调试
2. algorithms /'ælgərɪðəmz/ 算法
3. collaborating /kə'læbə'reɪt/ 合作
4. grasp /græsp/ 理解
5. concepts /'kɒnseptz/ 概念

4. When was the last time you asked for help?

The last time I asked for help was just last week. I was working on a programming project and got stuck on a bug that I couldn't figure out. So, I reached out to my classmate who's really good at

coding. We sat down together, and with his guidance, we managed to solve the problem. It was a great learning experience for me.

1. programming project /'prɒɡræmɪ 'prɒdʒekt/ 编程项目
2. bug /bʌɡ/ 程序错误
3. classmate /'klæsmeɪt/ 同学
4. coding /'kəʊdɪ/ 编码, 编程
5. guidance /'ɡaɪdəns/ 指导

Challenges

1. What subject do you think is the most challenging at school?

For me, the most challenging subject has got to be Mathematics. It's not just about numbers; the abstract concepts and the problem-solving really test your logic and patience. Plus, you have to remember so many formulas, and one tiny mistake can throw off the whole solution. It's tough but also rewarding when you finally crack a problem.

1. abstract /'æbstrækt/ 抽象的
2. problem-solving /'prɒbləm 'sɒlvɪ/ 解决问题
3. patience /'peɪʃəns/ 耐心
4. formulas /'fɔːrmjʊləz/ 公式
5. throw off /θrou ɒf/ 使失效

2. Do you like to challenge yourself?

Definitely! I believe that challenging myself is a great way to grow and learn new things. For instance, I often set goals to improve my Mathematics or tackle difficult subjects in my studies. It's not always easy, but the sense of achievement I get when I succeed is incredibly rewarding.

1. tackle /'tækəl/ 应对
2. sense of achievement /sens ʌv ə'tʃɪvmənt/ 成就感
3. incredibly /ɪn'kredəbli/ 非常地
4. rewarding /rɪ'wɔː.dɪ/ 有益的

3. Do you like to live a life that has a lot of challenges?

Absolutely, I find that embracing challenges keeps life exciting and rewarding. As a student, I often seek out new experiences that push my boundaries, whether it's tackling tough academic projects or participating in various competitions. It's through overcoming these hurdles that I've learned resilience and problem-solving, which are crucial skills for personal growth.

1. embracing /ɪmˈbreɪsɪ/ 拥抱
2. seek out /si:k aʊt/ 追寻
3. boundaries /ˈbaʊndərɪz/ 边界
4. resilience /rɪˈzɪljəns/ 韧性

4. How do you usually deal with challenges in daily life?

When I face challenges, I typically start by breaking them down into smaller, more manageable tasks. This way, it doesn't seem so overwhelming. I also prioritize what needs to be done first. Besides, I'm not shy about asking for help from friends or professors if I'm stuck. It's all about staying calm and focused.

1. manageable /ˈmænɪdʒəbl/ 可管理的
2. overwhelming /ˌoʊvərˈwelɪŋ/ 让人不知所措的
3. prioritize /praɪˈɔːrɪtaɪz/ 优先处理
4. stuck /stʌk/ 受困、无法继续的、停滞不前的
5. focused /ˈfoʊkəst/ 集中注意力的

Part1

IELTS Speaking Topic

Hometown

1. Where is your hometown?

My hometown is actually in a small village in the south. It's quite a peaceful place, surrounded by lush green fields and hills. Most people there are involved in farming, so it's common to see the locals working in the rice paddies. As a college student living in the city now, I really miss the fresh air and the quietness of my village. It's always a refreshing break to go back and visit.

1. peaceful /'pi:sfʊl/ 宁静的
2. lush /lʌʃ/ 茂盛的
3. fields /fi:ldz/ 田野
4. hills /hɪlz/ 山丘
5. farming /'fɑ:rmɪ/ 农业
6. paddies /'pædiz/ 稻田
7. refreshing /rɪ'freʃɪ/ 令人身心振奋的

2. What kind of place is it?

My hometown is actually a quaint little village in the south. It's surrounded by lush greenery and has this peaceful atmosphere that you can't find in the bustling cities. The community is really close-knit, and everyone knows each other, which is pretty heartwarming. It's the kind of place where life moves at a slower pace, and I think that's what makes it special.

1. quaint /kweɪnt/ 古色古香的
2. lush /lʌʃ/ 茂盛的
3. greenery /'ɡri:nəri/ 绿色植物
4. peaceful /'pi:sfʊl/ 和平的
5. atmosphere /'ætməsfɪər/ 氛围
6. bustling /'bʌslɪ/ 繁忙的
7. close-knit /,kləʊs 'nɪt/ 关系紧密的
8. heartwarming /'hɑ:rt,wɔ:mi/ 暖心的
9. pace /peɪs/ 步调

3. How long have you lived there?

I've lived in my hometown, which is a small village in the south, for my entire life, actually. That's around 20 years or so. It's a tight-knit community where everyone knows each other, and I've grown up surrounded by lush fields and traditional customs. It's been a constant in my life, and even though I've traveled a bit, it's always been my base, my home.

1. tight-knit /'taɪt,nɪt/ 紧密的
2. lush /lʌʃ/ 茂盛的
3. customs /'kʌstəməz/ 风俗
4. constant /'kɒnstənt/ 恒定的
5. base /beɪs/ 基地

4. What is one of the best things about living there?

One of the best things about living in my southern hometown, which is a small village, is definitely the sense of community. You know, everyone knows each other and there's this strong bond

among the locals. Besides, the natural scenery is just breathtaking, with lush green fields and clear rivers. It's peaceful and perfect for relaxing after a busy week of studies.

1. community /kə'mju:nɪti/ 社区
2. breathtaking /'breθteɪkɪ/ 惊人的
3. lush /lʌʃ/ 茂盛的
4. peaceful /'pi:sfʊl/ 和平的

5. Is there anything you dislike about it?

Although I really have a soft spot for my hometown, I must admit that the public transportation system isn't the best. It can be pretty inconvenient for people who don't have their own cars, especially for students who need to travel to larger cities for better educational resources. Sometimes, it feels a bit isolated from the hustle and bustle, you know?

1. cherish /'tʃerɪʃ/ 珍爱
2. admit /əd'mɪt/ 承认
3. public transportation system /'pʌblɪk ,træns'pɔ:r'teɪʃən 'sɪstəm/ 公共交通系统
4. inconvenient /,ɪnkən'vi:niənt/ 不便的
5. isolated /'aɪsələteɪd/ 孤立的
6. hustle and bustle /'hʌsl ənd 'bʌsl/ 忙碌喧嚣

6. Do you know many people who live nearby?

Since my hometown is a small village in the south, it's a tight-knit community where pretty much everyone knows everyone else. I grew up there, so I'm familiar with most of the families living nearby. We often have community events and gatherings, which helps to maintain a close relationship with my neighbors. It's one of those places where you can't walk down the street without bumping into someone you know!

1. tight-knit /'taɪt,knɪt/ 紧密的
2. familiar /fə'mɪljər/ 熟悉的
3. community events /kə'mju:nɪti ɪ'vents/ 社区活动

4. gatherings /'gæðərɪz/ 聚会
5. maintain /meɪn'teɪn/ 维持
6. relationship /rɪ'leɪʃənʃɪp/ 关系
7. neighbors /'neɪbərz/ 邻居

7. Do you have any relatives who still live in your hometown? Why/Why not?

Yes, I do have some relatives who still live in my hometown. Although generations of my family have lived there, many have moved to nearby cities for work. You see, with urban development, a lot of people seek better opportunities in the cities. Like my dad, for instance, he only comes back during holidays for family reunions.

1. relatives /'relatɪvz/ 亲戚
2. generations /dʒenə'reɪʃənz/ 世代
3. urban /'z:rbən/ 城市的
4. opportunities /ˌɒpə'tju:nɪtiz/ 机会
5. reunions /ri'ju:njənz/ 团聚

8. Do you often go back to visit your hometown? Why/Why not?

Yeah, I do try to visit my hometown quite often, actually. It's a small village in the south, and I feel it's important to stay connected with my roots. In addition, I really miss the local food and the slower pace of life there. Whenever I have a break from university, I take the opportunity to go back, catch up with family and old friends, and just relax and get away from the hustle and bustle of city life

1. roots /ru:ts/ 根源
2. pace /peɪs/ 步调
3. opportunity /ˌɒpər'tu:nɪti/ 机会

4. catch up /'kætʃ ʌp/ 赶上

5. hustle /'hʌsəl/ 忙碌

Pen and Pencil

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

I definitely use pens more often. My son on the other hand always uses pencils in school, they require it. But for myself, I haven't used pencils since I was his age. If I use pens and make a mistake, I'll just cross it out and write in the correct information, which I still prefer over pencils.

2. Which do you use more often? Pens or pencils?

I definitely use pens more often. Pens just feel so much better for writing in my opinion, especially the wide tip gel pens, which I'm willing to spend extra money on, because the way that the pen glides across the paper really feels nice, and fits the way that I write.

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

I bought some new pens just last week. I was running low, and it was quite an experience, because the usual store that I buy the pens that I like was out. I had to go from store to store looking for the wider tip gel pens I like, and at the low price that I can buy as many as I need. Finally, I found it after a lot of searching.

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

Well, I guess it would depend on who was giving it. Sometimes a pen as a gift can be a little cheesy, but if it's someone like a parent or a grandparent it can be ok. If I were to give my girlfriend a pen, maybe she wouldn't be so much into it, but if she gave me one maybe I might like it.

Plants

1. Do you keep plants at home?

Yes I do, I've got a couple of potted plants in each room of my house because I've always enjoyed having some colorful flowers or green leaves in my home. They help me concentrate and they freshen up the house. I also try and water them every now and again when they need it.

2. What plant did you grow when you were young?

Personally I didn't have any plants when I was a kid, although my sister once had a Venus Fly Trap, which used to scare me because I thought it would bite me! It wasn't until I moved into my own apartment that I started to grow some of my own plants.

3. Do you know anything about growing a plant?

I know enough to keep my plants alive! But if I don't know why my plant is wilting or looking weak, I'll just go on the internet and search for some answers. Last year I found out that I was actually watering one of my plants too much, which is apparently a common mistake. So I'm still learning all the time.

4. Do Chinese people send plants as gifts?

Yes, there are occasions when Chinese people do. It's usually a husband or boyfriend giving them as a gift to their significant others because flowers represent love and affection, especially red roses, and especially on Valentine's day! I've also heard that lilies signify a long and healthy relationship, so those are popular gifts for anniversaries too.

Morning Routines

1. Do you like getting up early in the morning?

If I have a choice, I would want to sleep longer in the mornings, and wake up late. However, school work takes too much of my time at night. Allowing myself to have enough sleep is my priority to regain my strength for the day. In fact, I became a night owl since I have to sleep late due to my academic papers that I have to accomplish the next day.

priority 优先考虑的事

regain my strength 恢复我的力量

a night owl 夜猫子

2. What do you do in the mornings?/What do you usually do in the morning?

Well, when I wake up, I usually get off bed, make my bed, wash up and then have some breakfast if I feel like having it. On weekends, I sleep longer since it's an opportunity for me to extend my rest to recharge, but if I could wake up early in the morning, I would do some exercise by running in the park. Generally, these are my morning rituals.

extend my rest to recharge 延长我的休息时间以充电

rituals 惯例

3. What did you do in the morning when you were little? Why?

Being a kid, my parents taught me to make my bed every morning before going out of my room. Right after that, I would rush to the bathroom to wash up and brush my teeth. Sometimes I change into my uniform before having breakfast. At times, I prefer to have my breakfast first in order to avoid getting it soiled. And then, either of my parents would send me to school every day.

soiled 被弄脏的

4. Are there any differences between what you do in the morning now and what you did in the past?

Absolutely, since my wake up time is different. I used to wake up at the same hour, but now, considering my schoolwork and different schedules, I wake up at different times. Being a child, things were easy and fundamental, but as an adult, things get messy in the mornings. Not to mention, on weekends, I don't even wake up early. Instead, I wake up at lunch time.

fundamental 基本的

messy 散乱的

5. Do you spend your mornings doing the same things on both weekends and weekdays? Why?

When it comes to my week-long morning routines, weekends differ since I prefer to rest longer on weekends. In fact, I avoid compromising on weekends because I need to take some time for myself.

week-long morning routines 为期一周的早上例程

compromising 妥协

6. What is your morning routine?

Yeah, my morning routine is pretty straightforward. I usually wake up around 7 AM and the first thing I do is check my phone for any messages or notifications. After that, I brush my teeth and wash my face to feel refreshed. Then, I have a quick breakfast, usually something like toast or cereal. If I have time, I might do a bit of stretching or light exercise before heading to my classes.

1. straightforward [ˌstreɪtˈfɔːrwɜːrd] 简单的, 直接的

2. notifications [ˌnəʊtɪfɪˈkeɪʃənz] 通知

3. cereal [ˈsɪəriəl] 谷类食物

4. stretching [ˈstretʃɪŋ] 伸展运动

7. Is breakfast important?

Yeah, I think breakfast is really important, especially for students. It gives you the energy you need to start your day and helps you concentrate in class. I usually have something simple like congee or

steamed buns because it's quick and filling. If I skip breakfast, I find it hard to focus, and I get hungry really fast, which is distracting during lectures.

1.concentrate ['kɒnsntreɪt] 集中注意力

2.congee ['kɒndʒi] 稀饭

3.steamed buns [sti:md bʌnz] 蒸包子

4.distracting [dɪ'stræktɪ] 分散注意力的

Chocolate

1.How often do you eat chocolate?

Honestly, I find myself guzzling down about a dozen chocolate bars every week, especially when I'm feeling down or have a long day at work. Though I'm trying to cut down on my chocolate consumption since chocolate can be unhealthy and cause acne and I'm trying to get a healthier lifestyle.

guzzle down 狂吃

down 沮丧的

acne 痤疮；粉刺

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

Definitely! It's a safe gift and a good choice if you don't have any other gifts in mind. It's a marvelous gift on Valentine's or on your anniversary since it's considered romantic food. Not to mention chocolate gives a feeling of decadence, especially if you choose to gift someone luxury chocolates.

marvelous 特别的

a feeling of decadence 颓废感【指享乐/自我放纵的感觉】

3.Did you like chocolate when you were a kid?

Surprisingly no. My grandparents who I lived with when I was younger were extremely strict with my diet and I was only allowed to eat chocolate and other sweets on special occasions. On other days I made do with healthier sweet alternatives like fruit.

make do with 凑合着用

alternative 替代品

4. Why do you think chocolate is popular around the world? / Why do you think chocolate is popular in many parts of the world?

Well, chocolate is extremely tasty, not to mention it's easy to make it even tastier with easily obtainable items like milk. The chocolate itself is also relatively inexpensive and can be consumed in a lot of different ways, like hot chocolate or chocolate cake. It's also a very trendy gift on special occasions which makes it even more popular.

obtainable 可得到的;可获得的

5. What's your favourite flavour of chocolate? / What's your favorite flavor?

Oh, that's a really hard question, but I'd have to say white chocolate since it's the sweetest, even though many people argue it isn't actually chocolate. I especially love it when it's combined with cookies to make cookies and cream. Then peanut butter sandwiched between milk chocolate is definitely a close second.

be combined with 组合

sandwich 夹裹;在…中夹入;把…夹入

a close second 紧随其后

6. Do you like eating chocolate? Why/why not?

Absolutely! I love chocolates, the sweeter the better. They're the comfort food to me and I eat them whenever I find myself exhausted, and they always manage to improve my mood. Not to mention many kinds of chocolate have caffeine in them so they help me keep awake and energized.

comfort food 安慰食品

energized 充满活力的

7. Did you often eat chocolate when you were a kid?

Yeah, I used to eat chocolate a lot when I was a kid. I remember my parents would buy me some as a treat, especially during holidays or special occasions. I loved the sweet taste, and it always made me happy. Plus, I would sometimes share it with my friends at school, which was really fun.

1. treat [tri:t] 款待, 招待

2. especially [ɪ'speʃəli] 尤其, 特别

3. occasions [ə'keɪʒənz] 场合, 时机

Keys

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

To tell the truth, I don't bring or carry any key with me. The key to my apartment is with my roommate. My roommate and I are always together so I don't need to get the key with me. Perhaps, by the time I live alone, I will get a key for myself.

by the time 等到

2. Do you often forget to take your keys with you when you go out?

No. Just like I said, my roommate always holds our keys. So, wherever I go, I don't hold any keys with me. I am such a careless and forgetful person so I'll rather let him hold the key than me.

forgetful 健忘的;易忘的

3. Have you ever lost your keys? When?

To be honest, I am such a forgetful and careless individual. In the previous years, I have already lost a lot of stuff including my apartment keys. I wish that I could have a sharper mind so I will not lose things that frequently.

a sharper mind 更敏锐的头脑

4. Do you think it's a good idea to leave your keys with a neighbour?/Do you think it's a good idea to leave a key to your home with a neighbor?

As for this question, it depends upon your level of relationship and trust with your neighbor. If your relationship with that neighbor is already deep and has been proven through the years, it is alright to leave the keys with them. However, if your neighbors are still unfamiliar or new to you, then just bring the key with you.

5. Do you often forget the keys and lock yourself out?

Yeah, I sometimes forget my keys and lock myself out. It's pretty annoying, especially when I'm in a rush to get to class or meet friends. I usually end up calling my roommate to let me in, which can be a hassle. To avoid this, I try to always keep my keys in the same pocket of my bag. But, you know, it still happens occasionally.

1. annoying [ə'noɪɪŋ] 烦人的

2. hassle ['hæsəl] 麻烦

3. occasionally [ə'keɪʒənəli] 偶尔地

Internet

1. When did you start using the internet?

I started using the internet around the age of twelve, which is quite common for students in China. It began primarily for school research and homework, but quickly expanded to exploring various interests and social media. The internet has become an integral part of my daily life ever since.

1. primarily /praɪ'merəli/ 主要地
2. research /rɪ'sɜ:tʃ/ 研究
3. integral /'ɪntɪgrəl/ 不可或缺的

2. How often do you go online?

I go online pretty much every day. As a student, I need to do research for my assignments, and I also like to stay connected with friends through social media. Besides, there's always something interesting or new to learn on various websites. It's become a crucial part of my daily routine.

1. research /rɪ'sɜ:tʃ/ 研究
2. assignments /ə'saɪnmənts/ 作业
3. crucial /'kru:ʃəl/ 关键的

3. How does the internet influence people?

The internet has a huge impact on people, especially for us students. It offers a wealth of information at our fingertips, making research and learning much more accessible. However, social media and games on the internet can be a distraction, which might reduce our productivity and focus on studies.

1. wealth /welθ/ 大量
2. fingertips /'fɪɡətɪps/ 手指尖, 这里指轻而易举可以做到
3. accessible /ək'sesəbl/ 可获得的
4. productivity /ˌprɒdʊk'tɪvɪti/ 生产力, 这里指学习效率
5. focus /'fəʊkəs/ 专注

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

I think I do spend a significant amount of time online, especially because a lot of my tasks require researching on the internet. However, I try to balance it by reading paper books and limiting my screen time where possible. It's a bit of a challenge, but I'm conscious about not overdoing it.

1. significant /sɪɡ'nɪfɪkənt/ 重要的
2. researching /rɪ'sɜ:tʃɪ/ 研究
3. balance /'bæləns/ 平衡
4. limiting /'lɪmɪtɪ/ 限制
5. conscious /'kɒnʃəs/ 有意识的
6. overdoing /,əʊvər'duːɪ/ 过度

5. What would you do without the internet?

Without the internet, I'd probably spend more time reading paper books. It'd be a good chance to dive into the novels and textbooks I have on my shelf. Plus, I might also get more involved in offline activities, like joining a study group or a book club at my university, to keep learning and stay connected with friends.

1. novels /'nɔ:vəlz/ 小说
2. textbooks /'tekst(t) bʊks/ 教科书
3. involved /ɪn'vɒlvd/ 参与
4. offline /'ɒflaɪn/ 线下
5. activities /æk'tɪvɪtɪz/ 活动
6. study group /'stʌdi gru:p/ 学习小组
7. book club /bʊk klʌb/ 读书俱乐部

E-books and paper books

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

Personally, I'm more inclined towards e-books. They're incredibly convenient since I can carry a whole library in my pocket. Plus, e-books allow me to search for keywords and highlight text, which helps with my studies.

1. inclined /ɪn'klaɪnd/ 倾向于
2. convenient /kən'vi:niənt/ 方便的
3. keywords /'ki:wɜ:rdz/ 关键词
4. highlight /'haɪlaɪt/ 高亮, 突出

2. When do you usually read online?

I typically read online when I'm on the go, like during my commute on the subway or when I'm waiting between classes. It's just really convenient to have a variety of books available on my phone. Besides, I can easily pick up where I left off without having to carry a physical book around.

1. commute /kə'mju:t/ 通勤
2. convenient /kən'vi:niənt/ 方便的
3. variety /və'raɪəti/ 多样
4. available /ə'veɪləbəl/ 可用的
5. pick up /pɪk ʌp/ 继续

3. Will you read more online in the future?

Yeah, I definitely see myself reading more online in the future, especially since it's so convenient. As a student, I often find that e-books are more accessible and cost-effective. Plus, the ability to search for keywords and take notes digitally enhances my study efficiency.

1. convenient /kən'vi:niənt/ 方便的
2. accessible /æk'sesəbl/ 易使用的
3. cost-effective /kɒstɪ'fektɪv/ 性价比高的
4. enhances /ɪn'hɑ:nsɪz/ 提高
5. efficiency /ɪ'fɪʃənsi/ 效率

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

I doubt that paper books will ever completely vanish. There's something special about the feel of paper and the experience of flipping through pages. Plus, many of us still prefer to highlight or make notes directly in the margins. However, with the rise of digital technology, I do think that e-books will become increasingly popular, especially among us students for convenience and cost-effectiveness.

1. vanish /'vænɪʃ/ 消失
2. flip through /flɪp θru:/ 快速翻阅
3. margins /'mɑ:rdʒɪnz/ 页边空白
4. cost-effectiveness /kɒstɪ'fektɪvnəs/ 性价比

Part1

IELTS Speaking Topic

Work/studies

1. Do you work or are you a student?

Currently I'm a student, majoring in finance. It's a pretty intense field of study, but I find it incredibly fascinating. You know, dealing with numbers, analyzing markets—it really keeps me engaged. Besides, I'm really looking forward to applying what I'm learning to real-world situations in the future, perhaps in the banking sector or investment analysis.

1. majoring /'meɪdʒərɪ/ 主修
2. intense /ɪn'tens/ 强烈的, 紧张的
3. fascinating /'fæsmɪnɪtɪ/ 迷人的
4. analyzing /'ænəlaɪzɪ/ 分析
5. engaged /ɪn'geɪdʒd/ 忙碌的
6. sector /'sektər/ 领域

2. What do you do?

I'm currently a finance student at university. It's quite demanding, you know, with a mix of economics, accounting, and investment classes. I spend a lot of time buried in textbooks and

working on complex problem sets. But honestly, it's fascinating stuff—especially when we analyze real-world case studies and see the theories applied in practical scenarios.

1. demanding /dɪ'mændɪ/ 要求高的
2. economics /i:kə'nɒmɪks/ 经济学
3. accounting /ə'kaʊntɪ/ 会计
4. investment /ɪn'vestmənt/ 投资
5. complex /'kɒmpleks/ 复杂的
6. problem sets /'prɒbləm sets/ 题集
7. fascinating /'fæsɪneɪtɪ/ 迷人的
8. case studies /keɪs 'stʌdiz/ 案例研究
9. theories /'θɪəriːz/ 理论
10. practical scenarios /'præktɪkəl sɪ'nɑːrɪoʊz/ 实际情景

3. Why did you choose to do this type of work?

I chose to study finance because I've always been fascinated by the world of economics and business. You know, it's like, understanding how markets operate and the way financial decisions impact companies and economies is incredibly intriguing to me. Besides, I reckon it's a field that offers a wealth of career opportunities, especially in today's globalized economy. So, it felt like a natural fit for my interests and career aspirations.

1. fascinated /'fæsɪneɪtɪd/ 入迷的
2. economics /i:kə'nɒmɪks, ɛkə-/ 经济学
3. intriguing /ɪn'triːɡɪ/ 引人入胜的
4. reckon /'reɪkən/ 认为
5. wealth /welθ/ 大量
6. career opportunities /kə'rɪər ɒpə'tjuːnɪtiz/ 职业机会
7. globalized economy /'glɒbəlaɪzd ɪ'kɒnəmi/ 全球化经济
8. natural fit /'nætʃrəl fit/ 天然契合
9. aspirations /æspɪ'reɪʃənz/ 抱负

4. Do you like your job? Why/Why not?

I really enjoy my part-time job because it's closely related to my finance major. I work as an intern at a local bank, which gives me practical experience that complements my academic studies. It's rewarding to apply what I've learned in the classroom to real-world situations, and it definitely enhances my understanding of financial concepts.

1. intern /'ɪntɜːrn/ 实习生
2. complements /'kɒmplɪmənts/ 补充
3. academic /,ækə'demɪk/ 学术的
4. rewarding /rɪ'wɔːrdɪ/ 有益的
5. enhances /ɪn'hænsɪz/ 提高

5. What do you find the most interesting about the work you do? Why?

The most fascinating aspect of my internship in finance is the data analysis part. I really enjoy diving into the numbers, uncovering trends and insights that can help make strategic decisions. It's like solving a complex puzzle that can have a real impact on the business. The precision and critical thinking required are both challenging and rewarding.

1. fascinating /'fæsɪneɪtɪ/ 引人入胜的
2. trends /trɛndz/ 趋势
3. insights /'ɪnsaɪts/ 洞察
4. strategic /strə'tiːdʒɪk/ 战略的
5. precision /prɪ'sɪʒən/ 精确
6. critical thinking /'krɪtɪkəl 'θɪŋkɪŋ/ 批判性思维
7. challenging /'tʃælɪndʒɪŋ/ 具有挑战性的
8. rewarding /rɪ'wɔːrdɪ/ 有益的

6. Will you need to do any more study for your job?

Yes, definitely. In the finance field, continuous learning is crucial because the market is always evolving. I've done internships at local banks, which gave me practical experience, but to stay competitive, I plan to pursue further certifications like the CFA or CPA after graduation.

1. crucial /'kru:ʃəl/ 关键的
2. evolving /ɪ'vɒlvi/ 发展的, 进化的
3. internships /'ɪntɜ:nʃɪps/ 实习
4. competitive /kəm'petɪtɪv/ 有竞争力的
5. certifications /,sɜ:tɪfɪ'keɪʃənz/ 证书
6. CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) /,si:ef'eɪ/ 注册金融分析师
7. CPA (Certified Public Accountant) /,si:pi:'eɪ/ 注册会计师

7. Where do you work?

I'm currently not working since I'm a full-time finance student, but I did an internship last summer at a local bank. It was quite insightful, as I got to apply some of my theoretical knowledge to real-world financial tasks, like analyzing investment opportunities and assisting with loan processing.

1. internship /'ɪntɜ:nʃɪp/ 实习
2. insightful /'ɪnsaɪtful/ 有洞察力的
3. theoretical /θi:ə'retɪkəl/ 理论的
4. analyzing /'ænaləɪzɪ/ 分析
5. investment opportunities /ɪn'vestmənt ,ɒpə'tju:nɪtɪz/ 投资机会
6. loan processing /ləʊn 'prə:sɛsɪ/ 贷款处理

8. Is it a good place to work?

Yeah, I reckon the place I intern at is fantastic for gaining experience in finance. It's a bustling environment with lots of opportunities to learn from seasoned professionals. The workload can be intense, but it's rewarding because it directly relates to my studies in finance, you know? Plus, it's a great way to apply the theories I've learned in class to real-world situations.

1. reckon /'rekən/ 认为
2. bustling /'bʌslɪ/ 繁忙的
3. seasoned /'si:zənd/ 经验丰富的
4. workload /'wɜ:kləʊd/ 工作量
5. rewarding /rɪ'wɔ:di/ 有益的

6. theories /'θiəri:z/ 理论
7. real-world /,ri:əl'wɜ:lɪd/ 真实世界的

9. Would you like the place where you work to make any changes?

Yeah, I would appreciate some changes at the bank where I'm interning. It'd be great if they could provide more hands-on training sessions, you know, to help us grasp the practical aspects of banking. Also, having more opportunities to interact with different departments would be beneficial. It would definitely enhance our understanding of how the whole bank operates.

1. appreciate /ə'pri:ʃiət/ 感激
2. hands-on /,hændz'ɒn/ 亲身实践的
3. grasp /grɑ:sp/ 理解
4. practical /'præktɪkəl/ 实际的
5. beneficial /,benɪ'fɪʃəl/ 有益的
6. enhance /ɪn'hɑ:ns/ 提高
7. understanding /,ʌndə'stændɪ/ 理解

10. What technology do you use at work?

As a finance student, I mainly use statistical software and spreadsheets for my part-time job. Tools like Excel are crucial for analyzing financial data, and I often use statistical programs like SPSS for more in-depth analysis. It's essential for compiling reports and forecasting trends.

1. statistical software /stə'tɪstɪkəl 'sɒftwɛr/ 统计软件
2. spreadsheets /'sprɛdʃi:ts/ 电子表格
3. crucial /'kru:ʃəl/ 关键的
4. analyzing /'ænəˌlaɪzɪ/ 分析
5. forecasting /'fɔ:rˌkæstɪ/ 预测
6. trends /trɛndz/ 趋势

11. What subjects are you studying?

I'm majoring in finance, which covers a range of subjects like economics, corporate finance, and investment analysis. Actually, I've also had the chance to intern at a local bank, which has been invaluable in giving me real-world experience that complements my academic studies.

1. majoring /'meɪdʒərɪ/ 主修
2. covers /'kʌvərz/ 涵盖
3. economics /i:kə'nomɪks/ 经济学
4. corporate finance /'kɔ:pərət 'fɑ:nəns/ 公司金融
5. investment analysis /ɪn'vestmənt ə'nælɪsɪs/ 投资分析
6. intern /'ɪntɜ:n/ 实习
7. invaluable /ɪn'veljʊəbl/ 非常宝贵的
8. complements /'kɒmplɪmənts/ 补充

12. Why did you choose to study this subject?

I've always been fascinated by the financial markets and their impact on the global economy. Studying finance gives me insight into how money management works and the strategies behind investment. In addition, I've had the opportunity to intern at a local investment firm, which solidified my interest and gave me practical experience in the field.

1. fascinated /'fæsl̩'nertɪd/ 着迷
2. insight /'ɪn.sart/ 洞察
3. strategies /'strætədʒɪz/ 策略
4. investment /ɪn'vestmənt/ 投资
5. intern /'ɪntɜ:n/ 实习
6. solidified /'sɒlɪdɪfaɪd/ 巩固
7. practical /'præktɪkəl/ 实践的
8. experience /ɪk'spɪəriəns/ 经验

13. What do you like about your course?

I'm really into my finance course because it's incredibly relevant to the real world. It's fascinating to learn how global markets operate and to understand the complexities of investments. Besides,

I've had the chance to intern at a local financial firm, which has been an invaluable experience, allowing me to apply theoretical knowledge in a practical setting.

1. incredibly /ɪnˈkredəbli/ 难以置信地
2. relevant /ˈrɛləvənt/ 相关的
3. complexities /kəmˈpleksɪtiz/ 复杂性
4. investments /ɪnˈvestmənts/ 投资
5. intern /ˈɪntɜːrn/ 实习
6. invaluable /ɪnˈvæljuəbl/ 非常宝贵的
7. theoretical /θɪəˈrɛtɪkəl/ 理论的
8. practical /ˈpræktɪkəl/ 实际的

14. What would you like to do after you finish your course?

After I finish my course, I'm aiming to secure a position in a financial firm, ideally in investment banking. I've already gained some practical experience through internships at local banks, which has solidified my interest in the finance sector. It's a challenging field, but I'm eager to apply what I've learned and further develop my skills.

1. secure /sɪˈkjʊər/ 获得
2. firm /fɜːrm/ 公司
3. ideally /aɪˈdiːəli/ 理想地
4. investment banking /ɪnˈvestmənt ˈbæŋk/ 投资银行
5. internships /ˈɪntɜːrnʃɪps/ 实习
6. solidified /ˈsɒlɪdɪfaɪd/ 巩固
7. finance sector /ˈfaɪnæns ˈsektər/ 金融行业
8. challenging /tʃælɪndʒɪ/ 具有挑战性的
9. eager /ˈiːgər/ 渴望的
10. develop /dɪˈvɛləp/ 发展

15. Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoons?

I definitely prefer studying in the afternoons. You see, I find it quite challenging to wake up early; I'm just not a morning person at all. Plus, I feel really refreshed and mentally alert after taking a short rest following lunch, so that's when I can focus best on my finance studies.

1. challenging /'tʃælɪndʒɪ/ 困难的
2. refreshed /rɪ'freʃt/ 精力充沛的
3. alert /ə'lɜ:rt/ 警觉的
4. focus /'foukəs/ 集中注意力

16. Do you think you will miss being a student once you finish your studies? Why/why not?

I reckon I won't miss being a student too much once I graduate. You see, I've been juggling part-time jobs and internships related to finance, which have been quite demanding. I believe that the friendships I've made at university are strong enough to last, and I'm confident we'll cross paths again at the peak of our careers.

1. reckon /'rekən/ 认为
2. juggling /'dʒʌɡlɪ/ 尝试平衡; 兼顾
3. internships /'ɪntɜ:rnʃɪps/ 实习
4. demanding /dɪ'mændɪ/ 要求高的
5. confident /'kɒnfɪdənt/ 自信的
6. cross paths /krɒs pa:θs/ 相遇
7. peak /pi:k/ 顶峰

17. What technology do you use when you study?

For my studies, I primarily use my laptop because it's indispensable for researching and writing essays. I also rely heavily on my smartphone for organizing my schedule and setting reminders for deadlines. Besides, I often use educational apps to help with language learning and to access online libraries. Oh, and I can't forget about my e-reader, which is super convenient for reading textbooks without having to carry them around.

1. indispensable /ˌɪndɪ'spensəbəl/ 不可缺少的
2. rely /rɪ'laɪ/ 依赖
3. organizing /'ɔ:rgənəɪzɪ/ 组织

4. reminders /rɪ'maɪndərz/ 提醒
5. educational apps /ˌedʒu'keɪʃənəl æps/ 教育应用程序
6. e-reader /'iːrɪːdər/ 电子阅读器

18. Are you enjoying your studies at the moment? Why/why not?

Yes, I'm really enjoying my studies in finance. It's challenging but also rewarding, especially when I'm able to solve complex problems. Moreover, I'm gaining a lot of valuable knowledge, which is incredibly fulfilling. It's like, with each step I take, I can see my progress, and that's really motivating. The sense of achievement I get from understanding new concepts and applying them practically is amazing. It keeps me engaged and makes me eager to learn more every day.

1. fulfilling /fʊl'fɪl/ 令人满足的
2. achievement /ə'tʃiːvmənt/ 成就
3. concepts /'kɒnsepts/ 概念
4. practically /'præktɪkəli/ 实际上
5. engaged /ɪn'geɪdʒd/ 投入的
6. eager /'iːgər/ 渴望的

Flowers

1. What kinds of flowers do you know?

Personally, I am familiar with scented flowers like roses. My mother has a green thumb so she always plants flowers in our simple garden. In addition, I know some symbolic flowers like the carnation. This kind of flower stands for love and gratitude to our parents.

be familiar with 熟悉

have a green thumb 擅长园艺, 园艺高手

symbolic 象征性的

stand for 代表

gratitude 感激之情

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

Just like what I mentioned, carnation is one of the meaningful flowers in my country. Most Chinese people hold the belief that carnations mean love and gratitude to our mothers. So, every Mother' s day, we offer it to them.

hold the belief 坚信

3.Have you planted any flowers?

During my childhood, my mother had a garden in the countryside. Then, I had the experience of planting lilies, dahlias and roses. I guess, that memory made my childhood awesome and unforgettable.

Lily 百合花

Dahlia 大丽花

Awesome 特别棒的

4.Have you sent flowers to others?

Every teacher' s day, I send red roses to my favorite and beloved teachers. It is my way of showing my deepest gratitude to them. Unfortunately, last year, I wasn' t able to send them some fragrant and fresh flowers due to the dangers brought by the virus.

beloved 心爱的; 挚爱的

Virus 病毒

Holidays

1. Where did you go for your last holiday?

Well, I have not visited any place last holiday. To tell you frankly, I am a typical sluggish and lethargic person, so even on vacations I just stay at home and avoid people.

sluggish 迟钝的；行动迟缓的；懒惰的

lethargic 无精打采的，懒洋洋的；昏睡的

2. Do you like holidays? Why?

No, not really. Holidays for me are just ordinary days and it actually affects my schedule. You see, during festivals and cultural celebrations, there is always a sea of people wandering around the city, so it kind of pisses me off. It is totally a hassle.

ordinary days 普通的日子，平常的日子

affect my schedule 影响我的日程安排

a sea of people 人山人海

wander around 徘徊，游荡

piss me off 惹恼我，让我不开心

hassle 麻烦

3. Which public holiday do you like best?

I guess it would be the national holiday because it's one of the special holidays in China when we commemorate significant occasions in the past. On top of that, there are numerous activities held in Tian'anmen Square in Beijing and these ceremonies show Chinese people's patriotism.

commemorate significant occasions 纪念重大事件，纪念重要时刻

on top of that 除此之外

Numerous 众多的, 许多的

patriotism 爱国主义; 爱国心, 爱国精神

4. What do you do on holidays?

In most cases, I just stay in my room and indulge in some mobile games or perhaps immerse myself in some reading activities. But, from time to time, my peers and relatives throw a party so, to show my courtesy, I would attend and bring some presents.

indulge in 沉溺于

immersed in 全神贯注于, 专心于, 沉溺于

from time to time 时不时地

peers 平辈, 朋友

courtesy 礼貌; 好意

5. Do you like to spend your day at home?

Yeah, I do enjoy spending my day at home, especially when I have a lot of schoolwork to catch up on. It's really comfortable, and I can relax while studying. Plus, I can take breaks whenever I want, which helps me stay focused. So, I think it's a nice balance between productivity and relaxation.

1. comfortable /'kʌmftəbl/ 舒适的

2. productivity /prɒdʌk'tɪvɪti/ 生产率

3. relaxation /rɪ'læks'eɪʃən/ 放松

6. Do you prefer a leisurely or a busy holiday?

Yeah, I definitely prefer a leisurely holiday because it gives me a chance to relax and unwind. Since college life in China can be pretty hectic with all the assignments and exams, having a slow-paced holiday helps me recharge. Plus, I get to spend quality time with my family and friends, which is really important to me.

1. leisurely /'leɪʒəli/ 悠闲的
2. unwind /ʌn'waɪnd/ 放松
3. hectic /'hektɪk/ 忙碌的
4. recharge /ˌriːtʃɑːdʒ/ 恢复精力

Science

1. Do you like science?

Although science is not my cup of tea at first, my passion for it has grown throughout the years, so when I stepped into high school, it ignited my curiosity and it had been my interest ever since and now I am pursuing a field related to science.

my cup of tea 喜欢

ignite my curiosity 点燃了我的好奇心

2. When did you start to learn about science?

Being an inquisitive child, I think I have learned it since I was a small child, although I didn't have any idea that it was science during that time when I would ask queries about how water becomes ice and so on.

inquisitive 好问的, 好奇心强的

queries 问题

3. Which science subject is interesting to you?

Ever since I was a child, experimental science has been my interest where I would try some simple experimentation like I would use a magnifying glass to ignite a fire by solar energy until I became a secondary education student when I learned about quantitative and qualitative derivatives.

magnifying glass 放大镜

ignite a fire 生火

solar energy 太阳能

quantitative and qualitative derivatives 定量和定性导数

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

To be honest, I'm not sure since my life has been pretty mundane lately, but I used to remember since I was a child I would conduct simple experiments that I used to watch in discovery channel and I find it fascinating.

mundane 平凡的

conduct simple experiments 进行简单的实验

discovery channel 探索频道

5. Do you like watching science TV programs?

No, not really. As I briefly mentioned before, anything science related is not my cup of tea. But the one exception is the Discovery channel or wildlife documentaries that somehow arouse my interest. Because the content is very accessible, comprehensive and not heavily scientific.

is not my cup of tea 不是我喜欢的东西

documentary 纪录片

arouse my interest 激起我的兴趣

accessible 易懂的

comprehensive 全面的

6. Do Chinese people often visit science museums?

Well, yes, I would say so. First of all, most museums are open to the public free of charge. In addition, the outbreak of COVID-19 has spurred the digitization process of museums, so online exhibitions have become a major product for museums to provide public cultural services now.

free of charge 免费

Spur 加速; 促进

Jewelry

1. Do you often wear jewelry? / How often do you wear jewelry?

Not very often. I only wear a watch, if you consider it jewelry. I prefer simplicity. In addition, I guess not wearing one is time and energy-saving. I don't need to be bothered choosing and wearing it. Although once in a blue moon I wear earrings and a bracelet during special events.

simplicity 简单, 简约

time and energy-saving 省时省精力

be bothered 被烦扰

bracelet 手镯

2. What type of jewelry do you like? / What type of jewelry do you like to buy?

As I mentioned earlier, jewelry isn't my cup of tea. However, if I have to choose one. I guess that would be a pair of earrings. In my opinion, it shows glamor and sophistication of a woman. It is very pleasing to the eye.

not my cup of tea 不是我喜欢的东西

glamor 魅力

sophistication 老练; 修养

pleasing to the eye 赏心悦目

3. Have you ever bought jewelry for someone else?

I sure have. My mom tends to be a sentimental person so when I gave her a golden bracelet on Mother' s Day. She burst into tears since she was aware I saved up my allowance so that I could purchase that for her. I told her that my present is to show my deepest appreciation for her and to tell her that she' s the greatest mom on earth.

sentimental person 感性的人

burst into tears 突然哭起来

allowance 零用钱

show my deepest appreciation 表达我最深的感激

4. Why do you think some people wear a piece of jewelry for a long time?

I have two main ideas about this. First, it stands for beauty and glamor or it also shows sophistication and style. Secondly, it's for social status. We have to understand that gold and diamonds cost an arm and a leg. I guess it all boils down to a person trying to attract others and having that self-confidence when he/she wears one.

stand for 代表着

cost an arm and a leg 价格昂贵

boil down to 归结于

5. Do you usually buy jewelry?

Actually no. I don' t have a knack for spotting good quality and excellent style when it comes to jewelry. I prefer buying practical things or purchase intangible products that can make me feel over the moon.

have a knack for 很有一套

intangible 无形的

over the moon 非常高兴

T-shirt

1. How often do you wear T-shirts?

I'm a total sucker for wearing T-shirts and consider it as my to-go-to on a daily basis. It offers such comfort like any other things and I can also pair it with any types of trousers.

a total sucker for ... 酷爱...的人

to-go-to 必需的东西, 必做的事

on a daily basis 每天

2.Do you like T-shirts with pictures or prints?/Do you like T-shirts which have pictures on them?

I honestly like to keep it plain and simple when it comes to my minimalistic fashion statement. I'm not an attention seeker, so I don't wanna be over the top with my clothing.

keep it plain and simple 保持朴素简洁

minimalistic fashion statement 极简主义时尚宣言

an attention seeker 引人注目的人

I don't wanna be over the top with my clothings 我不想穿得太过分 (夸张)

3.Do you think older people who wear T-shirts are fashionable?/How fashionable are T-shirts for older people in your country?

I reckon that the elderly care less about their fashion, but yes, wearing T-shirts would definitely make someone look so cool. I also definitely agree that T-shirts are for everyone, regardless of your age.

regardless of 不管

4.Would you buy T-shirts as souvenirs on vacation?/ Have you ever bought a T-shirt as a souvenir from a holiday/vacation?

Oh, this question takes me on a trip down memory lane when I traveled to Thailand and I bought a bunch of T-shirts with the grand palace printed on them, which I think is one of the common souvenirs you can purchase there.

takes me on a trip down memory lane 带我去了一条记忆之路 (理解为: 让我回想起...)

5. Do you like wearing T-shirts?/Do you usually wear T-shirts?

Wearing T-shirts on a daily basis makes me fashion-forward as I can mix and match it with pretty much anything. It's definitely my to-go-to in keeping up with fashion.

fashion-forward 时尚前卫的

to-go-to 必需的东西，必做的事

keeping up with fashion 紧跟时尚

Libraries

1. Do you often go to the library?/How often do you visit a library?

As an avid bookworm, many people are surprised when I tell them I actually don't visit libraries that often. I prefer lounging in my room and reading books on my tablet or listening to audio books while doing my chores. Nowadays though, I find myself visiting libraries more often since a friend of mine always drags me along with her to her favorite libraries around the city.

avid 狂热的

bookworm 书虫，热爱读书的人

lounging 懒洋洋地站(或坐、躺)着

listening to audio books 听有声书

drags me along with her 拉/拽我跟她一起去...

2. Would you ever like to work in a library?

I'd like to work as a librarian again if I have the chance. I actually used to work in my school's library, which was this cozy little room with barely any space where students and teachers could borrow books anytime they'd like. I had an enjoyable experience recommending books to people, though for the most part I found myself stacking books into never ending towers and arranging them in dingy little shelves, which was awful and left me with a sore back for a few days.

librarian 图书管理员

with barely any space 几乎没有什么空间

stacking books into never ending towers 把书堆成没完没了的塔

dingy little shelves 小脏书架

3. Do you often go to the library?/Did you use a library more when you were younger?

To be perfectly honest, no. I'm pretty certain that I've visited libraries even less when I was younger than now. I've never really been an avid fan of leaving the house and being out and about, so I found myself only going out if absolutely necessary. Instead, I'd stay at home and read from my uncle's extensive book collection, of which I mostly found mystery and thriller books.

avid 狂热的, 酷爱的

out and about 四处走动; 外出活动

extensive 大量的

mystery and thriller books 悬疑惊悚小说

4. Do Chinese kids often go to the library?/How common is it for children to visit libraries in your country?

Unfortunately, I've noticed that kids nowadays prefer to spend their time either playing games on their devices or playing outside with friends as opposed to spending their time reading in libraries. They feel that going to the library is boring and if they want a book they can just ask their parents to buy it or find it online, so it's rare to come across them in libraries.

as opposed to 而不是

come across 碰到

5. What do you usually do in the library?

Yeah, I usually go to the library to study and do research for my assignments because it's a quiet place. Sometimes, I also meet my friends there to work on group projects. Besides, I like to browse through the books and magazines when I need a break from studying.

1. assignments [ə'saɪnmənts] 作业

2. browse [braʊz] 浏览

3. magazines [ˌmæɡə'ziːnz] 杂志

Breakfast

1. What do you usually eat for breakfast?

For breakfast, I typically go for something light and nutritious, like a bowl of oatmeal with some fresh fruit on top—usually apples or bananas. I also enjoy a cup of soy milk to kickstart my day. It's quite common among us college students to opt for quick yet healthy options, given our busy schedules.

1. nutritious /nu'triʃəs/ 营养的
2. oatmeal /'outmi:l/ 燕麦
3. soy milk /'sɔɪ mɪlk/ 豆浆
4. kickstart /'kɪkstɑ:rt/ 开始

2. Do you think breakfast is important?

Absolutely, I reckon breakfast is crucial. It's like laying the foundation for your day's energy. As a student, I need a good breakfast to help me concentrate during morning classes. Without it, I just find myself lacking focus and feeling sluggish. It sets the tone for a productive day.

1. reckon /'rekən/ 认为
2. crucial /'kru:ʃəl/ 关键的
3. concentrate /'kɒnsəntreɪt/ 集中注意力
4. sluggish /'slʌɡɪʃ/ 缓慢的

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

Definitely. As a child, my mornings were all about rushing to school after a quick breakfast, usually with my mom nagging me not to be late. Now, as a college student, they're a bit more relaxed. I often start with some light reading or checking social media updates before heading to my classes.

1. nagging /'næɡɪ/ 唠叨
2. relaxed /rɪ'læksɪd/ 放松的

4. Would you like to change your morning routine?

To be honest, I've been thinking about tweaking my morning routine a bit. As a college student, I'm pretty swamped with classes and assignments, so I'm considering waking up a bit earlier to squeeze in some reading time. I've got loads of e-books lined up on my tablet, and it'd be great to start the day with a bit of learning before the lectures begin.

1. tweaking /'twiːkɪ/ 调整
2. swamped /swɒmpt/ 忙得不可开交
3. squeeze in /skwiːz ɪn/ 挤出时间
4. lined up /laɪnd ʌp/ 排队等待
5. lectures /'lektʃəz/ 讲座

Part1

IELTS Speaking Topic

Daily routine

1. What is your daily study routine?

Well, since I am a morning person, my biological clock usually wakes me up early. So for most of the weekdays, my routine would be heading off to work while munching my breakfast along the way and would be going back home by early evening. While on the weekends, either I stay at home or have a drinking spree with friends to unwind.

biological clock 生物钟

heading off to work while munching my breakfast along the way 一边上班，一边嚼着早餐

have a drinking spree with friends 和朋友们一起畅饮

unwind 放松

2. Have you ever changed your routine?

In fact, I have. At some point, there are unavoidable circumstances or urgent situations that need my attention. As a result, I would have to alter my timeline on a particular day immediately to solve sudden issues which I find a complete nuisance.

unavoidable circumstances 难以避免的情况

alter 调整, 改变

nuisance 讨厌的人(或东西); 麻烦事

3. Do you think it is important to have a daily routine for your study?

Absolutely, establishing such a good habit would be the wisest move that any individual can make, since acquiring a daily routine for your study can not only help you to study efficiently and effectively, but also can give you the upper hand in terms of managing your time.

the wisest move 最明智的举动

study efficiently and effectively 高效学习

give you the upper hand 占尽优势

4. What part of your day do you like best?

Most likely it would be in the morning when everything is fresh and it's a brand new beginning because it gives you the opportunity to work on your plans. In this way, when you start working, it will help you to progress and get one step closer to your goals.

progress 进步

get one step closer to your goals 离你的目标更近一步

Doing sports

1. What sports do you like?

Swimming is the best for me. Mainly because it benefits practically all of my body systems that's why I consider it an all-in-one sport. In addition, it improves muscle strength, endurance, and cardiovascular health. Indeed, one of the greatest sports.

all-in-one 多合一

endurance 忍耐力

cardiovascular health 心血管健康

2. Where did you learn how to do it?

I recall enrolling in a swimming lesson when I was 17 years old. I was quite appreciative for my coach's patience and understanding. It simplified and streamlined the process. I've never forgotten the techniques he taught me.

simplify and streamline 简化和精简

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

My mother enrolled me in various skill-based hobbies like piano lessons and math tutorials when I was between the ages of 7 and 10. I didn't have the opportunity to play sports games because it is where my head is focused. When I started participating in sports that I enjoy, I was already an adult.

math tutorials 数学辅导课

4. Do you think students need more exercise?

Yes, absolutely. This is one of the best stress relievers I recommend to my schoolmates. Dealing with daily pressure and stress from school responsibilities is exhausting for me, so I understand if

some people complain about their sentiments. I hope we can find time to exercise and take care of ourselves.

stress reliever 减压活动

sentiments 情绪

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

Definitely! I have a few friends who are really into basketball and they play almost every weekend. They're quite talented, especially one of them who's on the university team. He's got impressive skills on the court and he's super dedicated to practicing; it's no wonder he's one of the best players I know.

1. definitely /'defɪnətli/ 明确地
2. talented /'tæləntɪd/ 有才能的
3. dedicated /'dedɪkətɪd/ 专注的
4. impressive /ɪm'presɪv/ 令人印象深刻的

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

Yeah, I definitely think it's important for people to exercise because it helps you stay healthy and reduces stress. For us college students, who often sit for long hours studying, getting some physical activity can really boost our energy and focus. Additionally, it's a great way to meet new friends and socialize.

1. definitely /'defɪnətli/ 确定地
2. reduces /rɪ'dju:sɪz/ 减少
3. physical activity /'fɪzɪkəl æk'tɪvɪti/ 体育活动
4. socialize /'səʊʃəlaɪz/ 社交

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

Yeah, I definitely think schools should encourage young students to take more physical exercise because it helps them stay healthy and focused. Also, it's a great way to relieve stress and make

new friends. In China, we often have PE classes, but sometimes they're not enough, so more encouragement would be beneficial.

1. encourage /ɪn'kʌrɪdʒ/ 鼓励
2. focused /'fəʊkəst/ 专注的
3. relieve /rɪ'li:v/ 缓解
4. beneficial /ˌbenɪ'fɪʃəl/ 有益的

Weather

1. What's the weather like where you live?

The weather where I live is quite humid and foggy, especially in the winter. Summers are hot and sometimes a bit muggy. We do get a fair amount of rain throughout the year, which keeps everything lush and green.

1. humid /'hju:.mɪd/ 潮湿
2. foggy /'fɒg.i/ 雾蒙蒙
3. muggy /'mʌg.i/ 闷热
4. lush /lʌʃ/ 郁郁葱葱

2. Do you prefer cold or hot weather?

I definitely lean towards cold weather. With hot weather, it can get uncomfortably humid and sticky, especially when you're outdoors. But when it's cold, you can bundle up in cozy layers, enjoy a hot drink, and feel refreshed. Besides, cold weather is perfect for hotpot with friends, which is a big thing for us students.

1. lean towards /li:n tə'wɔ:rdz/ 倾向于
2. bundle up /'bʌndəl ʌp/ 穿得暖和
3. cozy /'kəʊzi/ 舒适的
4. hotpot /'hɒtpɒt/ 火锅

3. Do you prefer dry or wet weather?

I definitely prefer dry weather. You know, in my region, when it's wet, it's not just about rain; it gets really humid, which makes it quite uncomfortable to be outside. Dry weather, on the other hand, feels much more pleasant to me. It's easier to plan outdoor activities without worrying about getting soaked or dealing with that sticky feeling that comes with high humidity.

1. definitely /'defɪnɪtli/ 明确地
2. humid /'hju:mɪd/ 潮湿的
3. uncomfortable /ʌn'kʌmfətəbəl/ 不舒服的
4. outdoor activities /'aʊtdɔ:r æk'tɪvɪtiz/ 户外活动
5. soaked /soʊkt/ 湿透的
6. sticky /'stɪki/ 粘的

4. Do you check the weather forecast? When/How often?

Yeah, I do check the weather forecast pretty regularly. Given that the weather can be quite unpredictable in my region, with sudden rain showers or temperature changes, I find it necessary to check it every morning. That way, I can dress appropriately and plan my day better.

1. regularly /'regjələrli/ 定期地
2. unpredictable /ʌnpri'dɪktəbl/ 不可预测的
3. appropriate /ə'prəʊpriət/ 适当的

5. What do you think are the effects of climate change in recent years?

In my opinion, climate change has led to more extreme weather patterns. For instance, in some regions, summers are getting hotter while winters are becoming colder. There's also been an increase in unexpected weather events like heavy rainfalls, which can lead to flooding. These shifts can disrupt local agriculture and daily life quite significantly.

1. extreme /ɪk'stri:m/ 极端的
2. patterns /'pætərnz/ 模式
3. unexpected /ʌnɪk'spektɪd/ 出乎意料的
4. heavy rainfalls /'hevi 'reɪnfɔ:lz/ 大雨

5. flooding /'flʌdɪ/ 洪水
6. disrupt /dɪs'rʌpt/ 扰乱
7. agriculture /'ægrɪ,kʌltʃər/ 农业

6. Would you like to visit other cities that have different climates from where you live?

I'm quite intrigued by the idea of experiencing a variety of climates. Living in a region with a humid subtropical climate, I'm used to hot summers and mild winters. So, I'd be really keen to explore cities with contrasting weather patterns, like those with dry, cold winters or tropical, rainy environments. It's fascinating to see how the local lifestyle adapts to different weather conditions.

1. intrigued /ɪn'triːɡd/ 好奇
2. humid subtropical /'hjuːmɪd ,sʌb.trə'pɪkəl/ 湿润亚热带
3. contrasting /'kɔːntræstɪ/ 对比鲜明的
4. tropical /'trɒːpɪkəl/ 热带的
5. adapts /ə'dæpts/ 适应

7. What kind of weather do you like most?

I'm definitely a fan of mild weather, you know, when it's not too hot or too cold. It's just ideal for outdoor activities, like taking a leisurely stroll or chilling with my pals. In my region, we get this kind of climate quite often, especially during spring and autumn. It's simply the best time to be outside and soak up the nice atmosphere.

1. mild /maɪld/ 温和的
2. leisurely /'leɪʒərli/ 从容的
3. stroll /stroʊl/ 散步
4. chilling /'tʃɪlɪ/ (这里指)轻松地呆着
5. soak up /soʊk ʌp/ 沉浸在

8. What's the weather like in your hometown?

The weather in my hometown is quite diverse. We get all four seasons, but Spring and autumn are the best, in my opinion, because the temperature is just right – not too hot, not too cold, and the scenery is beautiful with all the blooming flowers in spring and the changing leaves in autumn.

1. diverse /daɪ'vɜ:s/ 多样的
2. blooming /'blu:mɪ/ 盛开的
3. scenery /'si:nəri/ 风景

9. Do you like the weather in your hometown?

Yeah, I quite enjoy the weather in my hometown. It's known for having a humid subtropical climate, so the summers are hot and the winters are mild. Although it can be a bit overcast and foggy, especially during the spring and fall, it's great for growing lush greenery. The occasional drizzle adds a certain charm to the atmosphere as well.

1. humid /'hju:mɪd/ 潮湿的
2. subtropical /sʌb'trɒpɪkəl/ 亚热带的
3. overcast /'oʊvər'kæst/ 阴天的
4. foggy /'fɒgi/ 有雾的
5. drizzle /'drɪzəl/ 毛毛雨
6. charm /tʃɑ:rm/ 魅力

Schools

1. Where is your school? /Where do you go to school?

I study at a highly ranked university in my city. The school provides both online and face-to-face classes, though online classes are gradually getting phased out. I spend most of my time studying at the school campus, which is about 40 minutes away by car.

highly ranked 高水平的

2. Do you think your school is a good place to study? /Do you go to a good school?

Oh definitely! My school provides its students with quality education and has incredible staff to lend a helping hand to the students' learning journeys. Not to mention, the school campus is impeccably clean, with state of the art facilities. It's also the most competitive school with low tuition fees in my city.

not to mention 更不用说

impeccably 毋庸置疑的

3. Do you like your schools?

Yeah, I really like my school. It's got a great campus with lots of trees and open spaces, which makes it a nice place to study and hang out with friends. The teachers are also really supportive and always willing to help if you have any questions. Plus, there are lots of clubs and activities to join, so there's always something fun to do after classes.

1. campus /'kæmpəs/ 校园

2. supportive /sə'pɔ:rtɪv/ 支持的

3. willing /'wɪlɪ/ 乐意的

4. activities /æk'tɪvɪtɪz/ 活动

4. Do you like your current learning atmosphere?

I do! The learning atmosphere in classroom is great. Professors include students in their lectures and provide as much resources to help us learn as they can. Not to mention my school has an open library as well, which is accessible online. Classrooms themselves also have wide open windows and ventilation to keep the students from feeling stuffy.

accessible 可使用的, 可进入的

ventilation 通风系统

5. What are the differences between your school and other schools?

There honestly aren't all that many differences, since there's only so much you can change. Though I have to mention that campus is incredibly clean, immaculately so, not to mention, the learning facilities they provide are the pick of the litter. The food they provide is amazing too, hearty and nutritious for affordable prices.

immaculately 完美的, 干净地

pick of the litter 最好的

6. What do you think could be improved in your school? /Is there anything you want to change about your school?

There isn't much to complain about honestly. Though the biggest thing I'd want changed would be the school's dress code, which consists of constricting business wear. A close second would have to be school starting at 730am, though that's just because I get grumpy in the mornings and can barely function.

consist of 包含

close second 紧随其后

grumpy 脾气暴躁的

7. Do you like your teachers?

Yeah, I really like my teachers because they' re very knowledgeable and always willing to help. They make the classes interesting by using different teaching methods. Plus, they' re approachable , so I feel comfortable asking questions whenever I' m confused about something.

1. knowledgeable /'nɒlɪdʒəbl/ 知识渊博的

2. teaching methods /'ti:tʃɪ 'meθədz/ 教学方法

3. approachable /ə'prəʊtʃəbl/ 平易近人的

8. How do you go to school?

Yeah, I usually take the bus to school because it's pretty convenient and affordable. The bus stop is just a five-minute walk from my home, so it's really easy to catch a ride. Sometimes, if the weather is nice, I might walk or even ride my bike. It' s a good way to get some exercise before classes start.

1. convenient [kən'vi:niənt] 方便的

2. affordable [ə'fɔ:rdəbl] 负担得起的

3. catch a ride [kætʃ ə raɪd] 搭便车

4. exercise ['eksəsaɪz] 锻炼

9. What is the environment like at your school?

Yeah, the environment at my school is pretty good. We've got lots of green spaces and the buildings are quite modern. The classrooms are well-equipped with projectors and air conditioning, which makes studying more comfortable. Plus, there are plenty of places to sit and chat with friends between classes. Overall, it's a really nice place to spend time and study.

1. green spaces [ɡri:n speɪsɪz] 绿地
2. well-equipped [wel r'kwɪpt] 装备齐全的
3. projectors [prə'dʒektəz] 投影仪
4. air conditioning [eər kən'dɪʃənɪ] 空调

10. How important is interest in study?

Yeah, I think interest in study is super important because it really keeps you motivated. When you're genuinely interested in a subject, you tend to put in more effort and time. Plus, if you hit a tough spot, you're less likely to give up. It makes a huge difference in how well you do.

1. genuinely /'dʒɛnjʊnli/ 真正地
2. motivated /'mɒtɪveɪtɪd/ 有动力的
3. effort /'ɛfərt/ 努力
4. hit a tough spot /hɪt ə taʊf spɒt/ 遇到困难

11. Which subject do you find challenging?

Yeah, I find math quite challenging because, although I understand the basic concepts, the advanced topics can get really complicated. Sometimes, I spend hours on one problem and still can't figure it out. But I know it's important, so I try my best to improve.

1. challenging /'tʃælɪndʒɪ/ 有挑战性的
2. concepts /'kɒnseptz/ 概念
3. advanced /əd'vɑ:nst/ 高级的
4. complicated /'kɒmplɪkeɪtɪd/ 复杂的
5. figure it out /'fɪɡər ɪt aʊt/ 弄明白

Small business

1. Do you prefer to buy things from large companies or small businesses?

To be perfectly candid, I don't have a specific preference on the company of my desired products. As long as the product meets my expectations and standards, then I will purchase it.

candid 坦率的

desired 想要的

standard 标准

2. Have you ever worked in a small business?

During the summer vacation, I tried working in a small business. I worked as a sales-lady in a shopping mall beside my apartment. It was a valuable training and experience for me since I learned a lot of skills.

work as 担任, 以...身份工作

sales-lady 女售货员

valuable 宝贵的

3. Have you ever thought about starting your own business?

To be honest, being a businessman has never been a part of my life plan. My main target right now is to become an educator or instructor of language. I really dream of becoming a university professor in the coming years.

target 目标

instructor 教师, 导师

dream of doing 梦想着做某事

4. Do you know many small businesses where you live?

Of course, I am familiar with a lot of small businesses. I am a Business and Management major student so I definitely study the nature and kinds of small businesses. And I have interviewed some

business owners and got to know how they established their own businesses.

be familiar with 对...熟悉

nature 本质

establish business 创业

Art

1. Do you like modern art or traditional art?/Do you prefer modern or traditional art?

Well, you may call me old-fashioned, but I do like something vintage. Gazing at ancient canvases by great artists such as Van Gogh and Da Vinci gives me shivers because I can sense the elegance and distinct creativity that their paintings convey.

old-fashioned 老派的

vintage 复古的

Gazing at 看；凝视

canvases 油画

gives me shivers 让我感到浑身颤抖（这里可理解为“我大受震撼”）

distinct creativity 独特的创造力

convey 传达

2. Did you do much art when you were a child?

No way, no how! Even as a child, I was not very fond of doodling; after all, what I preferred to do was hanging around with my playmates and playing all day like there was no tomorrow. That's why my head is blown, knowing that my sibs are seasoned artists. It didn't run in the blood, I guess.

No way, no how 不可能，怎么可能

doodling 胡写乱画

my head is blown 超级震惊

sibs 兄弟姐妹

seasoned 经验丰富的

It didn't run in the blood 这不是血液里的（可理解为：这不是遗传的）

3. Do you want to be an artist?/Do you think you would like to be an artist?

Since we all know how much money these folks make, I would consider it an honor. Since I also attempted sketching as a youngster, I will be honest and say that I once had a dream of being a renowned cartoonist. However, I believe that this is not my true calling. I thus simply kept that goal locked away.

sketching 素描

renowned cartoonist 著名的漫画家

calling 使命；事业

locked away 封锁起来

4. Do you like visiting art galleries?/Would you go to an art gallery if you had some free time?

Even though I've never picked up a paintbrush before, I still put it on my bucket list to go to an art gallery. In fact, what I enjoy most about it is that I can appreciate the artworks while also delving deeper into the significance of each image.

paintbrush 画笔

put it on my bucket list 把...列在愿望清单上

delving 探索；钻研；挖掘

5. Do you like art?

Certainly! Art, in my opinion, is the pinnacle of beauty. Since whenever creativity touches my crafts, a masterpiece is inevitably formed. For a broader viewpoint, I love looking at works of art in art galleries; it blows my mind every time.

pinnacle 顶峰

inevitably 不可避免地；必然第；意料之中

For a broader viewpoint 从更广泛的角度来看

blow my mind 让我震惊

Language

1. What languages can you speak?

Well, I'm fluent in Mandarin, you know, since it's my mother tongue, but I also can speak English pretty well. I've been learning it since primary school, and it's a requirement for college students in China. Additionally, I can manage some basic Japanese, which I picked up as a hobby.

1. fluent /'flu:ənt/ 流利的
2. mother tongue /'mʌðər tʌ/ 母语
3. requirement /rɪ'kwaiərmənt/ 要求
4. manage /'mænidʒ/ 设法做

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

Oh, I'd love to learn Spanish, since it's spoken by so many people, and Japanese, you know, for their rich culture and anime. Plus, picking up a bit of German would be cool, because I'd like to travel there someday. As a Chinese college student, I reckon these languages could broaden my horizons and be super useful.

1. anime /'æniːmeɪ/ 日本动画片
2. pick up /pɪk ʌp/ 掌握
3. horizons /hə'reɪzənz/ 视野

3. When did you first learn English languages at school?

As for learning English, it kinda started when I was in primary school, like around third grade or so. We had English classes twice a week, and I remember our teacher was pretty cool, always making the lessons fun and engaging, which helped us pick up the language quicker, I reckon.

1. engaging /ɪn'geɪdʒɪ/ 吸引人的
2. pick up /pɪk ʌp/ 掌握
3. reckon /'rekən/ 认为

4. Do you like to learn a second language?

Oh yeah, I'm totally into learning a second language! I reckon it broadens my horizons and helps me connect with people from diverse cultures. Besides, mastering another language looks pretty impressive on my CV, which can open up new job opportunities for me in the future.

1. broaden horizons /'brɔːdn hə'reɪzənz/ 拓宽视野
2. diverse /daɪ'vɜːrs/ 多样的
3. master /'mæstər/ 精通
4. impressive /ɪm'presɪv/ 令人印象深刻的
5. CV (Curriculum Vitae) /sɪ'viː/ 简历

5. How do you learn a foreign language?

I usually learn a foreign language by taking classes and practicing a lot. Also, I use apps and watch movies with subtitles to improve my listening skills. I think it's really important to speak with native speakers as well, so I try to join language exchange programs whenever I can.

1. subtitles /'sʌb,tɪtlz/ 字幕
2. native speakers /'neɪtɪv 'spiːkərz/ 母语者
3. language exchange programs /'læŋɡwɪdʒ ɪks'tʃeɪndʒ 'prəʊɡræmz/ 语言交换项目

6. How are languages taught and learned in your school?

In my school, languages are mainly taught through a mix of lectures and interactive activities. We have group discussions and sometimes even watch movies in class to improve our listening skills. And we also use apps for vocabulary practice, which is pretty helpful.

1. interactive /,ɪntə'ræktɪv/ 互动的
2. discussions /dɪ'skʌʃənz/ 讨论
3. vocabulary /və'kæbjʊləri/ 词汇

7. What kinds of difficulties would you have if you wanted to learn a new language?

I think one of the biggest difficulties would be finding the time to practice, especially since I'm quite busy with my college studies. Also, the pronunciation can be tricky because it's often very different from Chinese. Besides, understanding the grammar rules and using them correctly can be quite challenging.

1. pronunciation /prəˌnʌnsi'eɪʃən/ 发音
2. grammar /'græmə/ 语法
3. challenging /tʃælɪndʒɪ/ 具有挑战性的

Part1

IELTS Speaking Topic

Number

1. What's your favorite number?

My favorite number is 2, because I'm a romantic. I believe that everyone has a soul mate, and everyone deserves to have a partner. I'm very happy, because last year I just got married, and it was a long road to find my partner, so I want everyone to find their partner too.

2. Are you good at remembering phone numbers?

I'm terrible at remembering phone numbers! I really love the function that Samsung phones have, that if I lose my phone that I can just buy another one and sign into my Samsung contacts app and all my phone numbers are saved and automatically added to my new phone. If I didn't have that function, I don't know what I'd do!

3. Do you usually use numbers?

I think everyone uses numbers all the time. We have to know what time it is, how much does the hamburger cost, how much do I need to pay for electricity, everything. What would the world be like without numbers? We wouldn't have the internet, or computers, or anything else that requires math to work.

4. Are you good at math?

I wish I was better at math. When I was in school my parents were pushing me to learn math, because they wanted me to go into something like accounting or MBA programs, but I'm terrible at math! I hated my math classes and physics classes, and I'm not good at keeping track of my finances either. Luckily, my parents help me out and take care of that for me!

Relaxing

1. What do you do to relax?

Well, I like to spend my time traveling and exploring different places. It makes me feed my curiosity and acquire something interesting. As much as possible, I opt to visit coastal cities to enjoy the sun, sand, and the sea. You see, this helps me escape from the exhausting and sometimes tedious routine

feed my curiosity 满足好奇心

opt to 选择

exhausting 疲倦的

tedious 无聊

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

There's no denying the fact that there are many positive impacts of doing sports on our body. It can calm us down and relaxes us. Furthermore, it teaches us the value of respect, teamwork, and

responsibility. So, it doesn't just loosen our physical body, but it also cools down our mental, social, and emotional state.

loosen 放松

state 状态

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

Of course. Having a vacation means having a time off away from the strenuous activities we do on a normal basis. We can run away to a more peaceful and tranquil place to withdraw from the hustle and bustle of the city. Plus, we can take pleasure in life's simple things.

strenuous activities 激烈活动

tranquil 安静的

withdraw from the hustle and bustle of the city 远离城市的喧闹

4. Do you think students need more time to relax?

There's no doubt in my mind that we do. As a student, I have to face the struggles of burning the midnight oil, beating the deadline, and passing the exam with flying colors. It is so stressful that it causes a negative impact on us. We are so worn out that it is a must that we should engage in activities that will recharge us and keep us in excellent condition.

burning the midnight oil 熬夜

beating the deadline 赶在截止日期前做某事

pass the exam with flying colors 考试中取得了优异成绩

worn out 劳累

Outer space and stars

1. Have you ever learnt about outer space and stars? / Have you ever learnt anything about space and the stars when you were at school?

Yes, by all means. Truth be told, for me, it was actually like the jewel in the crown. I could vividly recall in my 6th grade in elementary, we used to go stargazing merely to examine how constellations seem from a closer viewpoint. I used to love seeing the stars in the sky as a youngster, and I used to wonder what would happen if they fell to Earth.

by all means 务必

truth be told 说实话

the jewel in the crown 掌上明珠

stargazing 天体观察; 天文学

constellation 星座

2. Do you want to know more about outer space? / Would you like to find out more about space and the stars?

That would be really intriguing, considering astronomy and its specific components are still highly contentious. I suppose knowing more about this will keep me on the edge of my seat. So I'd love to validate the existence of extraterrestrial life by means of studying further.

intriguing 有趣的

astronomy 天文学

contentious 有争议的; 引起争论的

on the edge of my seat 兴奋不已

validate 正式

extraterrestrial life 外星生命

by means of 通过

3. Do you enjoy watching science-fiction films/movies set in space?

Well, I'd absolutely go to great lengths merely to see films based on science fiction and set in space. To be honest, I have never hesitated to view movies about intergalactic stories, even if the tickets cost an arm and a leg. So I guess people may refer to me as an avid fan.

go to great lengths 竭尽全力

set 布景

intergalactic 星系间的; 银河间的

cost an arm and a leg 价格昂贵的

an avid fan 狂热粉丝

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

Since traveling is one of my cups of tea, taking my voyage to outer space will be the most exhilarating. Although this ambition is unlikely to be realised any time soon, I'll await, until I can glance at the nearest planets, to eventually confirm my intuitions concerning the reality of celestial bodies' existence.

my cup of tea 我喜欢的东西

exhilarating 令人兴奋的; 令人振奋的; 令人高兴的

await 等待

intuitions 直觉

Transport

1. How do you go to work/school?

Yeah, I usually take the bus to school because it's pretty convenient and affordable. The bus stop is just a five-minute walk from my dorm, and it drops me off right in front of the campus. Sometimes, if the weather is nice, I prefer to ride my bike, as it's a good way to get some exercise. However, during rush hour, the bus can get quite crowded, so I try to leave a bit earlier to avoid the crowd.

1. convenient /kən'vi:niənt/ 方便的

2. affordable /ə'fɔ:rdəbl/ 负担得起的

3. campus /'kæmpəs/ 校园

4. rush hour /'rʌʃ aʊər/ 高峰时间

2. What's the most popular means of transportation in your hometown?

Yeah, I'd say the most popular means of transportation in my hometown is definitely the subway. It's super convenient because it covers almost all the major areas, and you don't have to worry about traffic jams. Plus, it's pretty affordable, which is great for students like me. Whenever I need to get somewhere quickly, I usually just hop on the subway since it's reliable and fast.

1. convenient /kən'vi:niənt/ 方便的
2. traffic jams /'træfɪk dʒæmz/ 交通堵塞
3. affordable /ə'fɔ:rdəbl/ 负担得起的
4. reliable /rɪ'laɪəbl/ 可靠的

3. How far is it from your home to work/school?

Yeah, it' s not too far from my home to school. It takes about 20 minutes by bus, which is pretty convenient. Sometimes, if the weather is nice, I prefer walking, and that takes around 40 minutes. I enjoy the walk because it gives me some time to relax and listen to music. Plus, it' s a good way to get some exercise.

1. convenient /kən'vi:niənt/ 方便的
2. prefer /prɪ'fɜ:r/ 更喜欢

4. Do you think people will drive more in the future?

Yeah, I think people might drive more in the future, especially as cities expand and public transport might not keep up. However, with the rise of electric cars and better technology, driving could become more eco-friendly. Plus, some people prefer the convenience and comfort of their own car over crowded buses or trains.

1. expand /ɪk'spænd/ 扩展
2. eco-friendly /i:kəʊ'frɛndli/ 环保的

News

1. Are you interested in the news?

Yes, I do follow the news quite regularly. As a college student, I find it's important to stay informed about what's happening around the world. It helps me understand global events and their impact on society. Plus, discussing current affairs with classmates can be really enlightening and contribute to our overall education.

1. regularly /'regjələrli/ 定期地
2. informed /ɪn'fɔ:rmd/ 知情的
3. global events /'gləʊbəl ɪ'vents/ 全球事件
4. impact /'ɪmpækt/ 影响
5. enlightening /ɪn'lartəni/ 有启发性的
6. contribute /kən'trɪbjut/ 贡献

2. How do you usually find news?

I primarily get my news from the internet. With smartphones and apps, it's just so convenient. I usually skim through headlines on a news app during my commute to university. Sometimes, I also check social media for the latest updates because, let's face it, news travels incredibly fast on platforms like Weibo or WeChat.

1. primarily /'praɪ.mərəli/ 主要地
2. convenient /kən'vi:niənt/ 方便的
3. skim /skɪm/ 浏览
4. commute /kə'mju:t/ 通勤
5. incredibly /ɪn'kredəbli/ 非常

3. How do your friends get news?

Most of my friends prefer to get their news online, actually. They usually scroll through news apps or check out stories on social media. Some of them subscribe to digital newspapers or follow

specific journalists and news outlets. It's quite rare for them to buy physical newspapers, unless there's a special feature or interview they're interested in.

1. subscribe /səb'skraɪb/ 订阅
2. news outlets /nju:z 'aʊtlets/ 新闻机构
3. feature /'fi:tʃər/ 特写; 专题
4. interview /'ɪntərvju:/ 采访

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

Not really. Most of my friends and I do occasionally discuss big news stories that are trending on social media, but it's not a common topic for us. In fact, we're more likely to share interesting articles or facts we've come across online and chat about things related to our studies or the latest tech gadgets.

1. trending /'treɪndɪ/ 流行的
2. gadgets /'gædʒɪts/ 设备
3. occasionally /ə'keɪʒənəli/ 偶尔
4. articles /'ɑ:rtɪkəlz/ 文章

5. Have you read the news this morning?

No, I haven't had the chance to catch up with the news this morning. I usually read the headlines on my phone during my commute, but today I was reviewing some notes for my classes. I find it's a good use of time to prepare for the day ahead while I'm on the bus.

1. headlines /'hedlaɪnz/ 头条新闻
2. commute /kə'mju:t/ 通勤
3. reviewing /rɪ'vju:ɪ/ 复习
4. notes /nəʊts/ 笔记
5. prepare /prɪ'peə/ 准备

Exciting activities

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

As a child, I found flying kites absolutely thrilling. There's something magical about watching a kite soar high in the sky. Also, playing hide and seek with my friends always got my heart racing - the excitement of hiding and the anticipation of being found was just unbeatable.

1. thrilling /'θrɪlɪ/ 令人兴奋的
2. magical /'mædʒɪkəl/ 神奇的
3. anticipation /ænˌtɪsɪ'peɪʃn/ 期待

2. Have you ever tried any exciting activities?

Definitely! As a kid, I remember going on a school trip to a ropes course. It was thrilling, you know, navigating through high obstacles and zip-lining across the trees. The rush of adrenaline was unforgettable. It really pushed my limits, and I learned a lot about trust and teamwork during that adventure.

1. thrilling /'θrɪlɪ/ 令人兴奋的
2. adrenaline /ə'drenəlɪn/ 肾上腺素
3. obstacles /'ɒbstəklz/ 障碍
4. zip-lining /'zɪp laɪnɪ/ 高空滑索
5. teamwork /'ti:mwɜ:k/ 团队合作

3. Would you like to try scuba diving and bungee jumping?

I've always been intrigued by the idea of scuba diving; exploring underwater worlds seems so serene and fascinating. As for bungee jumping, I'm a bit hesitant due to the height, but I think it could be an exhilarating experience. It's definitely something I might consider trying at least once in my life.

1. intrigued /ɪn'tri:gd/ 好奇
2. serene /sɪ'reɪn/ 宁静
3. fascinating /'fæsmɪnɪ/ 迷人
4. exhilarating /ɪg'zɪləreɪtɪ/ 令人兴奋
5. consider /kən'sɪdə/ 考虑

4. Has anything exciting happened to you recently?

Just last week, I joined a university club that focuses on environmental protection. It was quite thrilling to be part of a group that's so passionate about making a real difference. We organized a campus cleanup and it was amazing to see how many students participated. It felt great to contribute to a cleaner and greener campus.

1. environmental protection /ɪnˌvaɪrən'mentəl prə'tekʃən/ 环境保护
2. cleanup /'kliːnʌp/ 清理
3. participate /pɑːr'tɪsɪpeɪt/ 参与
4. contribute /kən'trɪbjʊt/ 贡献

Staying at home

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

I'm not really a homebody. I much prefer to get out, maybe stroll around the shops or take a leisurely walk. It's also great to hit the badminton court with a couple of friends. There's something about being active and socializing that just beats staying in for me.

1. homebody /'hoʊmbɒdi/ 宅男/宅女
2. stroll /stroʊl/ 散步
3. leisurely /'liːʒərli/ 从容的
4. hit the badminton court /hɪt ðə 'bæd.mɪn.tən kɔːrt/ 打羽毛球
5. socializing /'soʊʃəlaɪzɪ/ 社交

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

When I'm at home, besides hitting the books, I often join my mom to binge-watch some TV dramas, which is quite a cozy way to bond. Or, I might dive into video games with my sister. It's not only a fun way to unwind but also precious family time that I truly cherish.

1. binge-watch /'bɪndʒwɒtʃ/ 连续看剧
2. bond /bɑːnd/ 增进感情
3. dive into /dɑːv 'ɪntuː/ 深入做某事
4. unwind /ˌʌn'waɪnd/ 放松

3. What is your favourite place at home?

My favourite spot at home has got to be the living room. It's like the heart of our home where my family gathers for chats, enjoys snacks, and watches TV together. We share bits and pieces of our daily lives there, which really brings us closer as a family unit. It's a space full of warmth and laughter.

1. gathers /'gæðərz/ 聚集
2. bits and pieces /bɪts ənd 'piːsɪz/ 小事
3. family unit /'fæməli 'juːnɪt/ 家庭单位

4. What did you often do at home as a child?

As a child, I often spent hours playing with my toys, especially building blocks and action figures. I also loved drawing and would create all sorts of pictures and stories in my sketchbook. On top of that, I used to help my parents with some simple household chores, which was pretty fun in its own way.

1. building blocks /'bɪl.dɪ blɑːks/ 积木
2. action figures /'ækʃən 'fɪɡjəz/ 人形公仔、动作人偶
3. sketchbook /'sketʃbʊk/ 素描本
4. household chores /'haʊshəʊld 'tʃɔːrɪz/ 家务活

5. Would you like to stay at home a lot in the future?

Yeah, I'd definitely like to spend more time at home in the future. However, realistically, due to career commitments, I reckon the time I'll have at home will probably decrease. So, right now, I'm trying to cherish any free moments with my family. In the long run, I'm aiming for a balance between my professional life and home life to have the best of both worlds.

1. realistically /ˌrɪːə'lɪstɪkli/ 实际上
2. commitments /kə'mɪtmənts/ 承诺, 责任
3. reckon /'rekən/ 认为
4. balance /'bæləns/ 平衡
5. professional life /prə'feʃənl laɪf/ 职业生涯

