

## 托福口语黄金 80 题

### ——我的回答

1. Describe a book that you believe is the most useful to you. Please explain the reason and include specific examples and details in your explanation.

The book that I find most useful to me is called "Alternative Principles of Economics", and the reason why I value this book so much is because, first of all, it provides a heterodox view of economics that explicitly contradict with the mainstream orthodox economics. For example, this book denies the principle of rational people, which is the fundamental hypothesis of mainstream economics. Instead, the book states that individuals that are involved in economic activities is partially rational, rather than absolute rational. Thus, this book deepens my understanding in economics. In addition, this book is the text book that I use when I was in exchange in Scotland and the sentence patterns and vocabularies it uses facilitate my process of learning English.

2. Which of the following statements do you agree with? Please give specific reasons for your opinion. Some believe that TV programs have a positive influence on modern society. Others, however, think that the influence of TV programs is negative.

In my opinion, in modern society, TV programs serve as a transmitter of negative influence. First of all, the bosses that own those TV programs tend to manipulate the contents that they deliver, so as to satisfy their ulterior political or monetary interests. For example, in countries where totalitarianism exists, the ruling party will use the media that they control to domesticate citizens, so that the ideology that the party uphold could be accepted by the people through media and TV programs, which prolong their illegal governance. Secondly, nowadays, TV programs will deliver information about sex and violence in order to attract adult audience. However, this will negatively affect those immature audiences significantly at the same time, which is totally unacceptable.

3. Describe the most important decision that you have made in your life. Why was it important to you? Use specific examples and details to support your explanation.

The most important decision that I have made in my life is to choose economics as my major, and the reason why I find it so crucial is because, first of all, studying economics in university largely determine my future career. As well known, one's major in his/her college life is vital for his/her occupation after graduation, and consequently, choosing economics as my major is a very important decision regarding my future development. In addition, I have learnt a lot because I choose economics. It teaches me how the market and society function, such as how they allocating scarce resources through market mechanism, which works through supply

and demand. Economics also deepen my understanding in the aspects of making trade off in complex environment.

4. Some people believe that the high school should teach music and art as other basic science. Some people think that providing music and art education for high school students is not necessary. What is your opinion and why?

In my perspective, high school should provide curriculum in the aspects of music and art to the students for the following reasons. First of all, necessary practice in music and art is indispensable in one's life, and provide students with knowledge and skills about music and art in high school could prepare students for their future development. For example, it is often the case when the university will choose those with better capabilities in music and arts when it finds that the applicants have almost the same academic performances. Secondly, nowadays, high school students are having increasingly heavy pressure, and if all they could experience in school is math, physics and chemistry, they might feel tiresome. Thus, teaching them music and art could also help them get relaxed and remain mentally healthy.

5. What do you do in your spare time? Please include specific details in your statement.

One of those things that I like to do when I am free is jogging, and my university happens to provide me with the ideal places to jog. My university is famous for a small mountain, which is called Luojiashan, locating in its campus. The vegetation in this mountain offers clean air and shelter to joggers like me, and its landscape is perfect for jogging. I love to run for about an hour in the mountain after I finish my works and before I get ready for dinner. I often bring my smartphone with me and listen to some music when I am running. This habit effectively helps me to build up body strength and remain mentally healthy despite the increasingly heavy workload.

6. Some people think that it's necessary to prohibit people from using phone calls in some places. Others believe that it's inconvenient if phone calls are forbidden in some places. Which opinion do you prefer? Explain why. Your statement should include specific examples and details.

In my opinion, it is extremely inconvenient if phone calls are forbidden in some places. For example, if you are in an amusement park with your families and you find out that one of your families is missing. Under such circumstances, the most effective way to find the missing guy is to contact him by making a phone call. However, if phone calls are forbidden in the park, then you will lose the precious time and the missing relative might face danger. Thus, it is very inconvenient to prohibit phone calls when it is an emergency. On the other hand, when you are in some places where phone calls are prohibited, it will cause inconvenience for people who want to contact you, and you might lose a valuable opportunity because of this.

7. Describe a celebration or moment which has made a deep impression on you. Please explain the impression and include specific examples and details in your explanation.

The moment that impressed me the most was when I got off the plane landed in Heathrow airport in England. It was the first time I went abroad, and I was deeply shocked by all the people around me speaking English instead of Chinese. The people in British also impressed me by showing how civilized they are. For example, in the airport, strangers could hold the door open for you, and if you asked them about anything, they would answer you politely. Another impression this moment gave me was that British is truly a developed country, and I could tell this from the luxury goods those stores were selling and all those iPhones that passengers were holding.

8. Which of the following acts have more influence on you, newspaper, TV, or teachers? Explain the reason with specific details.

The act that has the most influence on me is teachers, and the reasons are as follow. First of all, I spend more time with teachers compared with newspaper and TV. Attending teachers' classes on workdays is required, while reading newspaper and watching TV is optional. Consequently, being with teachers occupies me more time than newspaper and TV. Secondly, teachers will supervise my learning process, which insures its influence on me. Last but not least, teachers will require me to practice what I've learnt, which could deepen its influence, while spending time on newspaper and TV is just for recreation, which I might forget after a few days.

9. Describe a social or politics celebration event in your culture. Specific examples and details are necessary in your statement.

One of the most important social celebration events in my culture is the Spring Festival. Spring Festival is an event that we Chines celebrate at the beginning of the Chinese New Year. During the festival, all family members, including distant relatives, will have a family reunion, and normally we will eat a big dinner together. It gives me a precious opportunity to meet my cousins with whom I spent my childhood. The festival will last fifteen days, and during the festival, all family members, especially children, will get gifts and new clothes from their older relatives. This represents a fresh start in the New Year. We will also make dumplings, a traditional Chinese snack, and by making food together, we strengthen our bonds within the family.

10. Whether the government should assist to build museum and theater? Give your opinion and include specific examples and details in your explanation.

In my opinion, the government should assist to build museum and theater. First of all, museum and theater are platforms where the country's cultural heritage could be

saved and passed to our next generation. Since preserving the country's identity is the government's responsibility, helping to build museum and theater becomes necessary. For example, Beijing opera might never have such an influence today if Chinese government had not actively protect it by building museum and theater. Secondly, museum and theater is crucial to a nation's people's spiritual life. Since a country would not have a healthy development without its people's mental health, the government has the duty to provide museum and theater to its people.

11. Describe a place that you like the best in your city. Please state why you like it with specific examples and details.

The place that I like the best in my city is the small mountain, called Luojiashan, located in my university. The reason why I enjoy it so much is because it provides me with a fantastic place to jog. The vegetation in this mountain offers clean air and shelter to joggers like me, and its landscape is perfect for jogging. I love to run for about an hour in the mountain after I finish my work and before I get ready for dinner. This mountain gives me the place to build up my body strength and help me remain mentally healthy despite the increasingly heavy workload. Besides, this mountain also provides me with the opportunity to make friends with those who also like to exercise in it.

12. When you are together with your friends, which place would you like to go? Explain why.

When I am together with my friends, the place that we like to go is the small mountain, called Luojiashan, located in my university. The reason why we like to be there is because it provides us with a fantastic place to jog, and since all of my friends are in favor of running every afternoon, this mountain becomes our favorite place. The vegetation in this mountain offers clean air and shelter to us, and its landscape is perfect for jogging. This mountain gives us the place to build up our body strength and help us remain mentally healthy despite the increasingly heavy workload. Besides, this collective activity in the mountain also enhances the bonding among my friends.

13. Do you like to eat at home or at the restaurant? Which place do you prefer? Please explain the reason.

The place that I prefer to eat at is absolutely home, and the reason why I choose home is because, obviously, eating at home is much cheaper than eating at the restaurant. The fancy dishes and tips for waiters will cost me more than cooking dishes at home. Secondly, since the food I eat at home is cooked by me or my relatives, I believe that the possibility of eating unhygienic food at home is much lower than at the restaurant. For example, in modern China, conscienceless businessmen are selling poisonous food to customer in the restaurant, which make

the majority of Chinese prefer eating at home. Last but not least, having meal at home could enhance the bonding among family members, while eating at the restaurant could not function like this.

14. Describe a public area that you visit frequently. Please state why you visit it frequently and include specific examples and details in your explanation.

One of the public areas that I frequently visit is the small mountain, called Luojiashan, located in my university. The reason why I visit it so frequently is because it provides me with a fantastic place to jog. The vegetation in this mountain offers clean air and shelter to me, and its landscape is perfect for jogging. This mountain gives me the place to build up my body strength and help me remain mentally healthy despite the increasingly heavy workload. Besides, jogging in the mountain also gives me the opportunity to make friends with those who also like to jog here. With all the benefits stated above, gradually, I form the habit of going jogging in the mountain nearly every afternoon.

15. Some students prefer to choose universities located in big cities. Others would like to study in universities located in small towns. Please state your opinion and explain why.

In my opinion, I prefer to choose universities located in big cities for the following reasons. First of all, normally speaking, universities in big cities have higher ranking than universities in small towns. Since the ranking of universities largely reflects their qualities, I would like to choose universities in big cities, which have higher qualities. In addition, universities in big cities could offer their students with more convenient transportation, so that it could be much easier for students to travel around. Last but not least, universities in big cities tend to provide their students with more job and internship opportunity, which is crucial to their future career development. In conclusion, universities in big cities have more advantages than their countryside counterparts.

16. Usually, novels, magazines and poetry are considered the three majority forms of literature. Which one do you prefer and explain why you prefer this literature form. Please include specific examples and details in your explanation.

Among these three forms of literature, I love novels the most for the following reasons. Generally speaking, novels provide me with a complete story, while magazines and poetry merely give me some fragments of a story. The integrity of novels often fascinates me. For example, *Les Misérables* attracts me by telling the life of "Jean Valjean". I nearly get addicted to this story and I feel sympathy to what happened to Jean Valjean. In addition, novels could help me learn about information of the historical background of the story. For example, *Les Misérables* reflects the history of French revolution. Moreover, novels are often thought provoking, they

makes you to think about the main idea that they try to convey.

17. Some students tend to live alone, while others may want to share their rooms with their roommates. Which way of living do you think is better for students and why?

In my opinion, living alone is more beneficial to students than sharing their rooms. First of all, living alone means better sleeping environment to students. To those light sleepers, the occasional noise that their roommates make could be really annoying, while living alone means that they could sleep quiet and tight. Secondly, roommates could distract you from what you are doing by, for example, asking you to have dinner together or playing video games together. However, living alone could free you from disturbance and let you focus on whatever your interest is. Last but not least, sharing rooms means sharing resources, like kitchen and toilet, but living alone could let you enjoy these facilities as you wish.

18. When you are together with your friends, which place do you prefer to eat, the restaurant, café or at home? Use specific examples to support your statement.

The place that I prefer to eat at is absolutely home, and the reason why I choose home is because, obviously, eating at home is much cheaper than eating at the restaurant. The fancy dishes and tips for waiters will cost me more than cooking dishes at home. Secondly, since the food I eat at home is cooked by me or my friends, the possibility of eating unhygienic food at home is much lower than at the restaurant. For example, in modern China, conscienceless businessmen are selling poisonous food to customer in the restaurant, which make the majority of Chinese prefer eating at home. Last but not least, having meal at home could enhance the bonding among my friends and me, while eating at the restaurant or café could not function like this.

19. Some believe that computers have improved our lives while other think computers have caused a variety of problems. Which do you prefer? Please give your opinion and include specific examples and details.

In my opinion, computer absolutely improved our lives in the following aspects. First of all, computers provide us with a variety of methods of recreation and entertainment, such as watching movies, listening to music and playing video games. All these ways of entertaining could be achieved by computers. Secondly, computers facilitate our process of working. For example, the Microsoft Office software, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint help us a lot in our learning and working process. Last but not least, computers make the communication among people much more convenient through Email and online chatting. They increase the speed of the transportation of information among people, and make the society more efficient.

20. Describe the characteristics of a good teacher. Please state with specific examples and details.

In my opinion, the most important characteristic of a good teacher is knowledgeable. The duty of a teacher is to teach his student knowledge, and this consequently required him to be knowledgeable. For example, if a student asks the teacher about something, a good and knowledgeable teacher shall give him the right answer. Secondly, a good teacher should be humorous. If a teacher is boring, then the students of him might not get concentrate on whatever he is teaching. However, a humorous teacher could manage to attract his students so as to improve the effectiveness of his class. In addition, a good teacher should also be considerable, so that some occasional delay and absence of his students could be forgave by him.

21. Some people prefer to work in the office. Others would like to take the work to home. Which do you prefer and explain why.

In my opinion, working at home is better than working in the office. To me, the biggest advantage of working at home is that working at home is cozier. For example, if I work at home, I don't have to follow any schedule and I could even get up late. Working at home empowers me to work whenever I think is appropriate, instead of following the boss's order. Secondly, working at home could solve the conflict between working and family. If I work in the office, then I would not have enough time to accompany my families. However, if I work at home, I could spend as much time as I want with my family and finish my work at the same time.

22. Who is the person that you admire the most? Please give specific examples and details in your explanation.

The person that I admire the most is the king of pop, Michael Jackson, and the reasons why I admire him so much are as follows. First of all, Michael Jackson's songs and dances are fascinating, and his voices and moves inspired me every time. For example, in his second album, he made the first modern music video called "Thriller". In this video, his performance is so exciting that makes me want to dance with it. Secondly, Michael Jackson is a really hardworking artist. He spend lots of time improve his songs and dances since his childhood, which encourage me to be diligent. In addition, Michael Jackson is also a man of kindness. Through his songs like Heal the world and Earth Song, he call on environmental protection.

23. Some people believe that higher education if for all students. Other people believe that higher education is only suitable for certain students. Which opinion do you think is better and why?

In my opinion, higher education is only suitable for certain students. First of all, we have to acknowledge that educational resources are scarce, and if we occupy these

resources by opening higher education to all students, then the utilization of resources could be inefficient. However, if we concentrate these scarce resources on certain students, then it will be more efficient both for resources and for students. Secondly, higher education requires academic talents, which only part of the students possess. Thus, only those students who are gifted in academic research are suitable for higher education, while other students who don't have these talents should take other forms of education, such as vocational education.

24. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Please give specific reasons for your opinion. Parents should restrict the TV programs that are watched by their kids instead of letting the kids watch TV programs freely.

In my opinion, parents should restrict the TV programs that are watched by their kids for the following reasons. First of all, if watching television is not restricted, kids tend to get addicted to it and spend too much time watching TV programs. This will negatively affect their academic study and physical health. Thus, parents should limit the time that their kids spend on TV programs. Secondly, the contents of some TV programs are not suitable for children. For example, nowadays, many TV programs contain information about sex and violence, which is bad for kids' mental health. Under such circumstances, parents should also select TV programs for their kids instead of letting them watch freely.

25. Describe the most efficient transportation in your country. Please state your reason and include specific examples and details in your explanation.

In my opinion, the most efficient transportation in my country is absolutely high-speed railway, which is a railway that could run as fast as 300km/h. The reason why I find it so efficient is that it dramatically shortens the time I spend to travel from my hometown to my university. My hometown, Changsha, and the city where my university locates, Wuhan, are two big cities in central China, and they have a distance of more than 350km. Before we have high-speed railway, I have to spend more than 3 hours to travel around these cities. However, since we have high-speed railway, it would only cost me an hour. So it is very convenient. Besides, the ticket price is acceptable, so it is very efficient.

26. Describe one of the most important inventions in recent 100 years. Explain why it is so important. Your explanation should include specific examples and details.

In my opinion, one of the most important inventions in recent 100 years is computer. First of all, computers provide us with a variety of methods of recreation and entertainment, such as watching movies, listening to music and playing video games. All these ways of entertaining could be achieved by computers, which make our lives more colorful. Secondly, computers facilitate our process of working. For example, the Microsoft Office software, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint help us a lot in



our learning and working process. Last but not least, computers make the communication among people much more convenient through Email and online chatting. They increase the speed of the transportation of information among people, and make the society more efficient.

27. Some believe that in comparison with those who never attended college, people attended college will be more successful in career. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Please give specific reasons for your opinion.

In my opinion, people who attended college will be more successful in career for the following reasons. First of all, those who get recruited by college tend to have higher IQ and academic capabilities, which are crucial for future career development. Secondly, after graduation, the people who attended college have been systematically trained in certain subjects. These people are obviously more competent than those who have not received such training, and it is plausible to believe that they could be more successful. Last but not least, those who attended college will have lots of alumni and better human resources, which is necessary for their career development. In conclusion, those who attended college will be more successful in career.

28. Describe the characteristics of friends, use specific examples to support your statement.

Based on my experience, one of the most important characteristics of friends is being considerate. I met this girl named Katy when I was in exchange in Scotland. Katy was from Hong Kong and she was 3 years older than me. We became good friends and Katy's considerateness impressed me a lot. Once I got cold and I had fever for several days, and I was kind of scared because it is the first time I went abroad and got sick. Luckily I had Katy, and she was really considerate. For example, she brought medicine and hot water for me, and she took care of me for almost a day. She also cooked really delicious curry chicken for me. Her support and kindness helped me went through that period.

29. Someone suggests school to cut the recycling. Do you agree or disagree with this suggestion. Explain why.

In my opinion, school should not cut the recycling for the following reasons. First of all, recycling could help environmental protection. If we don't reuse those litters and garbage, they will pollute the environment. If we recycle it, then the environment could be protected. Secondly, recycling helps us to save resources. For example, cans and bottles could be reused and recycled so that we don't have to manufacture new cans and bottles. This enables us to use fewer resources to achieve the same goal. Last but not least, if school advocates recycling, then it will cultivate a sense of responsibilities among its students, which is important to make the world a better

place for our next generation.

30. To be a leader or a follower, which do you prefer? Please give your opinion with specific examples and details.

In my opinion, being a leader is better than being a follower for the following reasons. First of all, although being a leader means that you have to take higher risk, but with higher risk comes higher return. For example, in the business world, if you devote many resources and create a new business model, then you will be the leader. Since you create the model first, you could have advantages over your competitors, which means that you could earn the biggest profit. Secondly, because the society often attaches great importance on innovation, being a leader will give you fame and social recognition. However, being a follower could not give you this.

31. Which do you think is better to help do research, internet or academic books? Explain why.

In my opinion, when I am doing research, I prefer to use the internet for the following reasons. First of all, referring to the internet is much faster than using academic books. I just have to click the mouse and tap some key words then I could get the result I want on the internet, instead of looking for academic books in the library for hours. Secondly, the internet gives you the resources from all over the world. However, if you search the library, it could only give you limited academic books that it collect. This gives internet another advantage. Last but not least, when I am doing research, I might want to know some other information, such as historical background and the introduction to key personnel. Under such circumstances, the internet is a better choice.

32. Some people believe that TV, newspaper and radio have more influence on individuals than their relatives and friends, while others believe not. Which statement do you prefer? Please give your opinion with specific examples and details.

In my opinion, relatives and friends have more influence on individuals than TV, newspaper and radio for the following reasons. First of all, when an individual is at his childhood, he could not understand what TV or radio is talking about, which makes his relatives and friends the only sources of information. Since a person's childhood has a great impact on his whole life, relatives and friends have more influence than TV or radio. Secondly, when individuals are watching television or reading newspaper, what these media could do is conveying information. However, when individuals are having relationships with relatives and friends, they could be emotionally dependent on them, which increase the influence from relatives and friends.

33. If you get a chance to choose a job, what will you do? What is your reason for choosing this job? Please give your opinion and include specific examples and details in your statement.

If I get the chance to choose a job, I will be a teacher for the following reasons. First of all, being a teacher enables me to spend time with younger people, and being together with these students will make me feel young. Secondly, the process of imparting knowledge to the next generation really makes me proud. It gives me a feeling of accomplishment. I have some opportunities to teach my friend before, and recognizing that they had learnt something from me makes me happy. Last but not least, teacher is a highly recognized occupation in the society, and being a teacher could ensure that I have enough resources to live and sufficient social recognition I want.

34. Would you like to take a long vacation or several short vacations in a year? Explain why.

In my opinion, I would like to take a long vacation in a year for the following reasons. First of all, a long vacation gives me enough time to travel abroad or plan a long-term journey, while some short vacations could not meet my demand. Secondly, a long vacation allows me to spend more time with my families. Since my university is not located in my hometown, I have to spend half a day to travel from my university to my home. If there are just some short vacations, then I will not have enough time to accompany my families because it will take me plenty of time on the road. But a long vacation could give me more time with my family. In addition, a long vacation also allows me to start business venture or seek internship.

35. What do you think are the characteristics of a good parent?

In my opinion, the characteristics of a good parent are as follows. First of all, a good parent should be considerate. Raising a child is a very delicate job, it requires considerateness. Children need to be loved, to be taken care of and to be paid attention to, which means that a good parent should be considerate to his child's need. Secondly, a good parent should be patient. Children make mistakes from time to time, and they might be extremely annoying some time. These require a good parent to be patient and forgive his child's mistaken and educate him properly. Last but not least, a good parent should be knowledgeable. An obvious feature of a kid is curiosity, which means that they like to ask questions. Thus, in order to give him appropriate answers, good parents should be knowledgeable.

36. Do you prefer to study alone on work assignment from class or to study in groups?

I prefer to study alone on work assignment for the following reasons. First of all,

there might be some free-riders in group studies. These free-riders do not contribute to group work at all, but they get the same credits compared to those who contribute, which is totally unfair. But study alone will not have this problem. Secondly, group study requires endless meeting, argument and negotiation, which will cost lots of time. However, studying alone could free me from wasting time like this. Last but not least, if I study alone, then I could do the work assignment any time I want, instead of adapting my schedule with my teammates. This makes me feel free and gives me incentive to finish the work assignment.

37. Everyone has a goal to fulfill. What is your goal and explain why you want to fulfill this goal. Please include specific examples and details in your explanation.

One of my goals is to be a teacher in the future. The reason why I want to fulfill this goal is that, first of all, being a teacher enables me to spend time with younger people, and being together with these students will make me feel young. Secondly, the process of imparting knowledge to the next generation really makes me proud. It gives me a feeling of accomplishment. I have some opportunities to teach my friend before, and recognizing that they had learnt something from me makes me happy. Last but not least, teacher is a highly recognized occupation in the society, and being a teacher could ensure that I have enough resources to live and sufficient social recognition I want.

38. Describe one of your challenging experiences. Explain why it is challenging and how you conquered this challenge. Please include specific examples and details in your explanation.

One of my challenging experiences is the initial period of my exchange in Scotland. Since I was an exchange student there, I didn't have many friends. I felt like an outsider even with guys from my country. The period was tough for me and sometimes I felt lonely. In order to conquer this challenge, I decided that I had to make friends with those foreigners in my flat. I told them that I could play basketball and they started to invite me to play with them. I also joined them in the pub and had lunch with them. Gradually, they accepted me and we became good friends. That is how I conquered that lonely and challenging time.

39. Some students would choose to study a subject because it brings plenty of job opportunities. Instead, others would choose to study a subject which really interests them, although it probably doesn't sell well in the job market. Which opinion do you agree with? Explain why.

In my opinion, I will definitely choose the subject that really interests me for the following reasons. First of all, my life time is limited. Since I do not want to waste any of my pressure time, I have to find something meaningful to do, which means that I have to find out what my interest is and live my life according to my interests.

Secondly, if I study the subject that interests me, I could find happiness during the process. However, even with job opportunities, those subjects that do not interest me could not give me happiness. Last but not least, obviously, I could have more potential studying subjects that interest me, while my developments in boring subjects are limited.

40. Which is your favorite type of movie: action, drama, or others? Please include specific details and examples in your explanation.

My favorite type of movie is musical, and the reason why I like it so much is because I could enjoy movie and music at the same time. For example, High School Musical is my favorite movie in when I was in middle school. This movie has fascinating story and wonderful music, which attract me very much. In addition, through the combination of movie and music, musical movie will give me strong emotional impacts. For example, Les Miserable, starred by Hugh Jackman, is a great musical movie. By perfectly combining picture and music, it tells a miserable story about Jean Valjean. I got so touched by this movie that I nearly cried.

41. Choose one of your favorite methods to relax and explain why it is your favorite. Please include specific details in your explanation.

One of my favorite methods to relax is jogging in a small mountain, called Luojiashan, located in my university. The vegetation in this mountain offers clean air and shelter to joggers like me, and its landscape is perfect for jogging. I love to run for about an hour in the mountain after I finish my work and before I get ready to sleep. Jogging in this mountain helps me forget all the troubles and challenges that I face, and enables me to devote myself to mother earth. It also gives me the opportunity to build up my body strength and help me remain mentally healthy despite the increasingly heavy workload. That is why I love to relax in this way.

42. Is it important for student to attend class regularly or study by oneself? Explain why.

In my opinion, attending class regularly is better than studying by oneself for the following reasons. First of all, if you study by yourself, then the textbook is the only source that could impart you knowledge. However, if you attend the class, then you could learn from the teacher, such as his experience and wisdom. Secondly, attending the class means that you are under supervision of the teacher, which could help you focused on learning, instead of getting distracted by something else. Last but not least, study by yourself cut your communication with your peers. But attending class could give you the opportunity to exchange ideas with your classmates.

43. Describe a most happy event in your childhood. Please include specific examples and details in your explanation.

The most happy event in my childhood happened when I was about 5 or 6 years old. I remembered that one day my mother got her finger cut by a knife when she was cooking. She managed to get our dinner ready but she could not do the housework anymore that night. Then, I told her she could get relaxed and I would do the remaining housework. That night, I washed the dishes, cleaned the floor and table, and I even serve her a hot beverage afterwards. Seeing what I have done, my mother was really touched and she gave me a big hug. I also felt very proud and extremely happy because finally I could do something for my mother.

44. Describe a school that you have attended.

The school that I want to talk about is my university, called Wuhan University, located in Wuhan, central China. My university has the reputation of the most beautiful university in mainland China. She is famous for the harmonious combination of human and natural beauty. In spring, we have cherry blossoms. Actually, there is a road in my university called Sakura Avenue, and every spring there will be tens of thousands of people go to my university to see this fascinating scenery. This scene will be even more beautiful if we go to the old library and look down on Sakura Avenue. We can see those cherry blossoms become more attractive with my university's old building.

45. Some universities provide physical education. Others believe that physical education is not necessary. What do you think and why?

In my opinion, physical education is necessary in universities for the following reasons. First of all, if what university students facing all day is professional education or vocational education, then they will having too much pressure. However, attending some PE class could ease the tension among students and help them get relaxed. Secondly, without physical education in university, it is very likely that our next generation would be mentally developed but physically underdeveloped. However, providing physical education in universities could ensure that young people not only advance their spirits in universities, but also their bodies.

46. Everyone has to leave home sometimes. What do you miss most when you are away from home? Please include specific examples and details in your explanation.

When I am away from my home, things that I miss most are my families, including my mother, my father and my grandparents. When I stay home with my families, I often share my feelings, such as happiness, worrisome or disappointment with them. They are very good listeners, and every time I share my feelings with them, I feel relieved. However, when I am away from home, I could not find the people that I am willing to share my feelings with. This makes me miss my families very much. In addition, the dishes that my families make are really delicious, but when I leave home, I could not

taste those dishes anymore. This also intensifies my nostalgia.

47. Some people believe that we should help those in an emergency. Others think that we should first make clear of the situation, then decide whether to assist or not. What is your opinion? Please include specific details in your explanation.

In my opinion, we should first make clear of the situation then decide whether to assist or not. In China, there are numerous examples that could support my opinion. When an elderly person gets crashed by an automobile and the troublemaker run away, it is often the case that the elderly person will lay on the road waiting for assistance. However, if you help him and get him to the hospital, sometimes he will assert that you are the one who crashed him and you should be responsible for his injury. Since you don't have any evidence to prove that you did not crash him, it will be extremely troublesome to get out of this mess. Thus, in an emergency like this, we should make clear of the situation first and collect enough evidence to prove our innocence.

48. Describe a special opportunity given to you. Why does this opportunity so special to you? Your explanation should include specific details and examples.

One special opportunity given to me is the opportunity to go to University of Glasgow for exchange. The reason why I find it so special is because, first of all, it is the first time I go abroad. This opportunity enables me to experience the authentic British, including its language, history, culture and of course, its weather. You know, there is lots of raining in British. Secondly, this special opportunity also helps me further my learning in economics. Adam Smith, the father of modern economics, is an alumnus of University of Glasgow, and this school's prominent department of economics helps me deepen my understanding of economics.

49. What kind of qualities should a good leader possess? Please state your opinion and give specific details and examples in your explanation.

In my opinion, a good leader should possess the quality of innovation. For example, Steve Jobs, the former CEO of Apple, is a very innovative person. He created iPod, iPhone and iPad. Through his innovation, he led Apple out of dilemma, and made Apple one of the most prominent technology companies in the world. In addition, I think a good leader should also be eloquent and convictive. For example, Chairman Mao, the creator of the People's Republic of China, is very good at convincing people. He persuaded his comrades to retreat to Yanan, which eventually helped the communist party win the civil war.

50. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Please explain your opinion. People should always tell the truth.

I do not agree with this statement, and I think sometimes white lie could be more appropriate than naked truth. For example, when two persons are in love and they are trying to maintain this relationship. It is often the case that we hear them compliment each other, such as “you are so beautiful or handsome”. But actually, the other part might not be that beautiful or handsome. However, these white lies could help them to maintain a healthy relation. In addition, to a patient whose illness is very severe, telling the truth might devastate him. However, telling him that he could be cured very soon might prolong his life.

51. Describe an object which is very important to you and explain why it is of special value to you. Please include specific details in your explanation.

The object that I want to talk about is a bookmark that I got when I was in exchange in University of Glasgow. It is a blue leather bookmark, with the school's name and badge on it. The reason why it is so important to me is because every time I look at it, it reminds me of my unforgettable experience in Scotland. In addition, this bookmark also accompanied me reading many books, including the GRE vocabulary book when I was preparing for the GRE test. Remembering all the GRE vocabulary is an extremely tough mission, and this bookmark witnessed this tough time. This also makes it special to me.

52. Some people tend to judge a person on the basis of first observation. Some people believe it takes a long time to know a person well. Which approach to knowing people do you think is better and why?

In my opinion, judge a person after a long time is better for the following reasons. First of all, if you judge a person on the basis of first observation, then you may make misjudgment because this person may be very nervous, and consequently his behavior cannot represent who he truly is. For example, when a person is having an interview with a HR officer, it is very possible that he is nervous, and it is fair to say that nobody want the officer to make a conclusion about him just because he is nervous. In addition, some merits, like kindness and humidity will take a long time to be observed. Under such circumstances, it is better to make the judgment after enough observation.

53. What kind of job would you like to choose? What is your reason for choosing this job? Please include specific examples and details in your explanation.

I would like to be a teacher for the following reasons. First of all, being a teacher enables me to spend time with younger people, and being together with these students will make me feel young. Secondly, the process of imparting knowledge to the next generation really makes me proud. It gives me a feeling of accomplishment. I have some opportunities to teach my friend before, and recognizing that they had learnt something from me makes me happy. Last but not least, teacher is a highly



recognized occupation in the society, and being a teacher could ensure that I have enough resources to live and sufficient social recognition I want.

54. If you unexpectedly receive a large amount of money, what will you do with it? Would you spend it for practical purposes or simply for fun? State your opinion and explain your reasons.

If I unexpectedly receive a large amount of money, I would like to spend it for practical purposes. For example, I would invest part of the money to the field of researching methods of preventing and curing cancer. This is because, based on a study, cancer will deeply afflict China in the future 30 years, and as a Chinese whose grandfather was died of stomach cancer, I believe that I have to contribute part of my strength to this field. Besides, I would also invest part of the money to protect the environment, because although my country has achieved astonishing economic development in the last 30 years, our environment has been severely polluted at the same time. In order to give our next generation a better world, I think I should contribute to environmental protection.

55. What do you think the students should do in their vacations? Please include specific examples and details in your statement.

In my opinion, what students should do in their vacations should include internship. Internship could prepare students for their future career development, and it is a very important experience for students to go beyond schools and learn from the society. Besides helping students with their social skills, internship also enriches their CV, which could benefits students if they are applying for post-graduate education in the future. In addition, I think students should also participate in physical exercise on vacations, because physical exercise could help them get relaxed and build up their body strength. Since physical health is so important in modern society, physical exercise is necessary for students on vacations.

56. Describe an enjoyable event in your childhood. Why do you think it was enjoyable? Please include specific examples and details in your explanation.

This enjoyable event in my childhood happened when I was about 5 or 6 years old. I remembered that one day my mother got her finger cut by a knife when she was cooking dinner for us. She managed to get our dinner ready but she could not do the housework anymore that night. Then, I told her she could get relaxed and I would do the remaining housework. That night, I washed the dishes, cleaned the floor and table, and I even serve her a hot beverage afterwards. Seeing what I have done, my mother was really touched and she gave me a big hug. I felt very proud and I found this experience extremely enjoyable because finally I could do something for my mother and my family.

57. When communicating with your friends and families, you can rely on letters, email or telephone calls. Which method of communicating do you think is better and why?

When I am communicating with my friends and families, I prefer to choose email because it possesses the merits of both letters and telephone calls. Like letters, email use written language, and the advantage of written language is that it enables you to ponder over the words you are using and the message you are conveying. It could prevent immature thoughts and irrational impulse. In addition, like telephone calls, email helps me to reach my friends and families immediately. Since my friends are always online, they could reply me as soon as possible using email.

58. What is your best time in a year? Please state your reasons, and include specific examples and details in your explanation.

My best time in a year is the beginning of Chinese New Year, normally in February, when my families and I celebrating the Spring Festival. During the festival, all family members, including distant relatives, will have a family reunion, and normally we will eat a big dinner together. It gives me a precious opportunity to meet my cousins with whom I spent my childhood. The festival will last fifteen days, and during the festival, all family members, especially children, will get gifts and new clothes from their older relatives. This represents a fresh start in the New Year. We will also make dumplings, a traditional Chinese snack, and by making food together, we strengthen our bonds within the family.

59. One should live a relaxed life instead of always hurrying. Do you agree or disagree with the above statement? Why or why not? Use specific examples and details to support your answer.

I disagree with the statement for the following reasons. First of all, in modern society, competition is getting increasingly severe, which means that if one lives a relaxed life, he could achieve nothing. And to me, a life without any achievement is unacceptable. In addition, one example of a relaxed life is getting unemployed and waiting for the government to take care of them. Since ultimately someone has to feed these laze people, social burden is going to increase. Furthermore, the increased social burden will consequently impede social development, which is a bad scenario. Thus, living a relaxed life is not appropriate.

60. Describe your favorite room. Your statement should include specific examples and details.

My favorite room is my study room in my old house. This study room is not very large, but it has fantastic lighting during the day. Since my old house is far away from the road, this study room is also very quiet and cozy. I love this study room for the

following reasons. First of all, this study room belongs to me, and I could do whatever I want in this room without disturbing my families or being disturbed by them. I can read books, listen to music or watch movie in this room any time I want. I feel free in it. In addition, this room also reminds me of lots of unforgettable time I spend in it. For example, I prepared the college entrance examination, which was a really tough mission there. This room represents my endeavor.

61. When travelling, some people prefer to reach the destination directly. Some others prefer to stop and look around the scenery along the way. What kind of way of travelling do you think is better and why?

In my opinion, I prefer to stop and look around the scenery along the way for the following reasons. First of all, I believe that the essence of travelling is to relaxed yourself and devote yourself into the natural and historical beauty. This means that you have to enjoy the process, to be casual along the way, instead of hurrying to reach the destination directly. Second of all, if you just reach the destination directly, you might miss the beauty and surprise along the way. For example, one day, I was going to a park. I could get there by car, but I choose to walk there in order to look around the scenery along the way. Then, surprisingly, I found a place perfect for fishing. You cannot have this kind of experience if you are hurrying to the destination.

62. When you choose to eat at the restaurant or café, what are the features that you care about most? Explain why.

The followings are the features that I care about most when I choose to eat at the restaurant or café. First of all, the restaurant or café must be hygienic. Since the hygiene condition in a restaurant will directly affect the health condition of the customers who eat there, I attach great importance on the hygiene condition when I choose where to eat. Secondly, the dishes that the restaurant cooks should be delicious and palatable, or at least taste better than the dishes I cook at home. Otherwise, I will not pay extra money to eat there. Last but not least, the decoration in the restaurant should be enjoyable. Appropriate decoration will create a cozy atmosphere in the restaurant, which could facilitate my appetite.

63. Some believe that a city should keep its old buildings. Others think some new buildings are needed to replace the old buildings. What is your opinion? Explain why.

In my opinion, some new buildings are needed to replace the old buildings for the following reasons. First of all, as the urbanization and industrialization continually progress in the city, city area is becoming increasingly crowded. However, old buildings are occupying too many precious spaces for development. Thus, it is necessary to replace some of them with new buildings that are more suitable for today's social condition. Secondly, old buildings usually have long histories, during

which its safety condition might deteriorate. If we still keep these buildings, the safety of people who live in the old buildings will be compromised. Thus, replace some of them that are too old to function is necessary.

64. In case of problems, some prefer to get advice from family and friends. Others prefer to learn through personal experience. Which method do you think is better and why?

In my opinion, I prefer to learn through personal experience for the following reasons. First of all, each person's problem is unique, and some problems that I have might not occur to my family and friends before. Under such circumstances, my family and friends cannot offer me their advice, and I could only solve the problem myself. For example, none of my family and friends has taken TOEFL examination before, so I have to solve problems that I encounter during the preparation myself. Secondly, some problems could only be solved through personal experience. For example, maintaining a relationship with a girlfriend. No matter how many advices my family and friends have given me, I have to solve the problem on my own eventually.

65. Do you agree or disagree: Student should wear uniform in school? Please include specific details and examples in your opinion.

In my opinion, student should wear uniform in school for the following reasons. First of all, wearing uniforms in school enables teachers and managers of schools to administrate schools and their students better. For example, if all students wear uniform in school, then the administrators could effectively prevent student from skipping school, because they could easily identify those students by the uniform they are wearing. In addition, wearing uniforms in school could prevent students from showing off. If we allow students to wear their own clothes in schools, then it is highly possible that some wealthy students will wear luxury clothes to show off, which will have negative effect on the cultural environment in schools. However, wearing uniforms could prohibit this phenomenon.

66. Some students prefer the internet-based teaching. Others prefer to study in traditional classrooms. Which method of studying do you prefer and why?

I prefer to study in traditional classrooms for the following reasons. First of all, if you learned through internet, then the textbook and video online are the only sources that could impart you knowledge. However, if you study in traditional classrooms, then you could learn from the teacher, such as his experience and wisdom. Secondly, attending traditional classrooms means that you are under supervision of the teacher, which could help you focused on learning, instead of getting distracted by YouTube or Facebook. Last but not least, study online in your dormitory will cut your communication with your peers, but study in traditional classrooms could give you the opportunity to exchange ideas with your classmates.

67. Subject which will lead to better job or subject which you are interested. Which subject will you choose? Why?

In my opinion, I will definitely choose the subject that really interests me for the following reasons. First of all, my life time is limited. Since I do not want to waste any of my precious time, I have to find something meaningful to do, which means that I have to find out what my interest is and live my life according to my interests. Secondly, if I study the subject that interests me, I could find happiness during the process. However, even with job opportunities, those subjects that do not interest me could not give me happiness. Last but not least, obviously, I could have more potential studying subjects that interest me, while my developments in boring subjects are limited.

68. Some think the college education is very important. Others believe that college education is not of vital importance in one's life. What is your opinion and why?

In my opinion, college education is a very crucial phase in one's life for the following reasons. First of all, attending the college means that someone could have four more years of education in his most energetic and ambitious youth before he enters the society. This period of education and self-development could ensure that four years later the teenager who enters the college could be cultivated to a relatively mature individual. Secondly, after graduation, people who attend the college have been systematically trained in certain subjects. These people are obviously more competent than those who have not attended the college, and it is plausible to believe that they could be more successful in the future. In addition, the alumnus and human resources that one gained in college is also of vital importance in his life.

69. Describe a letter or poem or other piece of art that is important to you. Why is it so important to you? Please include specific examples and details in your explanation.

One piece of art that is important to me is a famous novel written by Victor Hugo, called "Les Miserable", and the reason why it means a lot to me is as follows. Les Miserable narrates a heroic and pathetic story of the life of Jean Valjean, under the historical background of the French Revolution. I read this novel when I was about 12 years old and it had a huge impact on me. It taught me to be a man of integrity and righteousness. Jean Valjean, as a mayor and a rich business man, paid tremendous sympathy to his workers and the poor. In order to rescue a poor girl who had to sell her body to cure her daughter, Jean Valjean sacrificed himself. Through episodes like this, I learnt to be a righteous man.

70. Which place do you like to live, the forest, desert, or plain? Use specific reasons to explain your opinion.

The place that I like to live is absolutely plain, and the reasons why I choose plain are as follows. First of all, the weather in plain is relatively moderate, while the natural conditions in forest and desert are too extreme. Specifically, forests are normally too moldy and humid to live in, and deserts are normally too dusty and dry to settle down. However, the weather in plain is more appropriate for human to live. It is neither too humid nor too dry. Secondly, plain is more suitable to build city and conduct other activity, such as farming and manufacturing. Plain provides us with plenty of usable lands which are cheap to exploit and utilize. However, the costs of turning the lands in forest and desert usable are much higher.

71. Describe an experience when you asked help from others. How did they help you?

There was a period during which I had to stay at home to prepare the GRE examination and I had no time to go shopping. However, winter was coming and I did not have enough clothes to keep me warm, and I asked my mother for help. My mother was bit of shocked at first because my hometown was more than 300km away from my university, and besides, she did not think it is possible to buy clothes that fitted me if I was not presented at the mall. Nevertheless, she found the solution. She told me several hours later that she could send clothes to me through express and, as regards the fitting problem, she could bring my cousin, who has the same figure as me. At last, she helped me solve the dilemma and I could prepare GRE wholeheartedly.

72. If you have a chance to choose your job, would you like to choose a job with high salary or that can get personal satisfaction? Why?

In my opinion, I will definitely choose the job that interests me and bring me more personal satisfaction for the following reasons. First of all, my life time is limited. Since I do not want to waste any of my precious time, I have to find something meaningful and interesting to do. Thus, no matter how high a job pays me, if it does not give me personal satisfaction, then this job is meaningless. Secondly, if I choose a job that satisfies me, then I could find happiness when I am working. In addition, obviously, I could have more potential choosing a job that gives me personal satisfaction, while my development in boring job, despite the high salary, is limited.

73. Some believe that students should do some part-time jobs or summer interns to determine their future careers. Do you agree or disagree with the statement and why?

I partly agree with the statement for the following reasons. First of all, I believe that part-time jobs and summer interns are beneficial for students' future career development. In addition to earning extra pocket money, part-time jobs and summer

interns could enhance students' ability in the aspects of teamwork, social skills, punctuality and discipline. All these capabilities are crucial in students' future career development. However, I do not think that some experiences in part-time jobs and summer interns could actually determine students' future career. Although they could provide insights to certain occupations, the determination of careers is rather complex. It requires the thorough understanding of oneself and the job market, which interns and part-time jobs alone could not offer.

74. Describe some kind of skill that you'd like to learn most. Why? Please include specific examples and details in your explanation.

The skill that I like to learn most is craftsmanship, which is the ability to manufacture small items and artwork, for the following reasons. First of all, my grandpa is a skilled craftsman, and he used to make me and my neighbors all kinds of things and toys, such as washbasin, chairs and wooden horse. He never charged them, and thus he had a high reputation among the neighbors. This gives me an incentive to learn craftsmanship as well. In addition, I always remember how happy I was when I receive toys from my grandpa, and I think my son and my grandson would also be delight if I could make them something. An item made by me represents my love, and I hope, by learning craftsmanship, I could express my love to my relatives in this way.

75. Some believe that students should take a one-year break before attending college. Do you agree or disagree with the opinion and why?

In my opinion, I disagree with the statement for the following reasons. First of all, taking a one-year break before attending college means you are one year older than your peers after graduation. However, some occupations or positions might have a maximum age requirement. For example, some public service positions in China require that their candidates should be no older than 30 years old. Thus, if you spend an additional year before graduation, you might encounter trouble in your future career development. In addition, usually, you will not review the subjects you learnt in high school in your gap year, which means that you might forget most of the knowledge you learnt in high school after the gap year. This will make your learning process in college more difficult.

76. Describe some good news that made you happy and explain why. Please include specific examples and details in your explanation.

The good news that I want to talk about is the news that my application for exchange program of University of Glasgow had been approved. The reason why this news made me happy is because, first of all, it gave me the opportunity to experience the authentic British language, culture and weather. Although I had learnt something about United Kingdom through TV and textbook before, I had never been there.

However, this time, I could actually experience this myself. In addition, Adam Smith, the father of modern economics, is an alumnus of University of Glasgow, and University of Glasgow is famous for its economics department. Thus, it also gave me a valuable opportunity to deepen my study in economics.

77. Some people believe that first-year college students should live in a dorm building that homes only freshmen. Others may prefer the idea that first-year students must live together with students in second, third, or even fourth grade. Which opinion do you agree with? Explain why.

In my opinion, it is necessary for freshmen to live with elder students for the following reasons. First of all, you could get assistance from senior students if you live with students from senior grades. For example, they could guide you through campus and get you familiar with school's facilities. They could also use their experience to help you with your examination preparation. However, you could not get this kind of help if you live with your fellow freshmen. In addition, living with senior students could broaden your network. Senior students will go to job market sooner than you and it is plausible that some of them might become your senior colleague in the future. Thus, living with senior students is beneficial for your career development.

78. Do you agree or disagree that students will learn more when they have discussions, why?

I disagree with the statement that students will learn more when they have discussions for the following reasons. First of all, if students learn through discussion, then they learn from each other. However, normally a student's knowledge in certain field is far lesser than his teacher's. Thus, I believe that compared with learning from teachers, learning through discussion will not give students more knowledge. Secondly, usually students tend to spend too much time arguing with each other in their discussion instead of making sense and reasons. This is a waste of time and it will diminish the effectiveness of learning. In addition, in some discussions, students might not discuss the relevant topic at all. Instead, they may talk about entertainment or sports, and it could not help them learn more this way.

79. Do you agree or disagree with the opinion "the most important lesson cannot be learnt in class"?

I agree with the opinion for the following reason. What we learn from classes are other people's knowledge and experiences. We might remember some of them in a short period of time, but normally, what we learned from class could not have a life-time influence on us. On the other hand, things that we learned from our own experiences and practices will always impress us deeply and have more importance in our life. For example, I believe that the most important lesson that I've learned is to be persistent on things that I decide to do. I do not learn this from classes, but



instead, I learnt this from my various failures and experiences in the past.

80. Should the university education be free? Why?

In my opinion, university education should not be free for the following reasons. First of all, the costs of daily operation of universities are conspicuously high, and a large portion of these financial demands will be satisfied by tuition fee. However, if we make university education free, than it is highly possible that universities will not have sufficient funds to pay for daily operation and research, which is a loss to the society. Furthermore, under circumstances where universities are lack of money, government will usually pay the bill. This increasing financial burden will lead to another bad situation, which is the cut of government budget in other aspects, such as infrastructure and health care. This will cause more social problems.