

Part 2

1. Describe the home of someone you know well and that you often visit

You should say:

Whose home it is

How often you go there

What it is like

And explain how you feel about the home

The home I am going to tell you about is my classmate's. To be more specific, it is not the place where he lives with his parents, but a flat he rents as a temporary home when he is studying at the university. It is located right next to our campus. With ten minutes' walk, he can reach the teaching building. It is equipped with a 24-hour power supply, hot water, and internet access, which is much more convenient and comfortable than the dormitory.

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1.1 What are the differences between buildings in the city and in the countryside?

First of all, the buildings in the city are more densely arranged, while the building density in the countryside is less. Secondly, urban

buildings are taller and have more floors, while rural buildings are relatively short and have fewer floors. In addition to expanding to high altitudes, urban buildings also expand to underground spaces such as subways and underground commercial streets, while rural buildings are built on the ground.

1.2 Do you prefer to live in the city or in the countryside?

I prefer the city because it is convenient and full of opportunities. Some people like the peace and slow pace of life in the countryside, but I find it a little boring.

1.3 What safety risks are there in residential buildings in cities?

There are potential electrical safety hazards in urban residential quarters, and residents' random wiring of wires can easily lead to fires. There are also hidden dangers to personal and property safety, and old anti-theft facilities are easy for thieves to succeed.

1.4 Is it expensive to decorate a house or an apartment in the place where you live?

It's more expensive to decorate a house or apartment where I live. The mid-range decoration price is generally around 1200-1500 yuan per square meter. Even the ordinary decoration price is around

700-1200 yuan per square meter.

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2. Describe a friend from your childhood.

You should say:

Who he/she is

Where and how you met each other

What you often did together

And explain what made you like him/her

A childhood friend of mine is Jackie, who was my most intimate friend during my entire childhood. We began to know about each other since my family has settled down in my hometown and we became neighbors. We were first introduced by our parents when both of us were about to stay alone at home since our parents were quite busy at that time and they wanted us to play together. We didn't become so familiar until one day on a special occasion we had a common interest in stamps. It was a set of stamps on a stamp album given by his great-grandfather from Singapore that caught my attention on the bookshelf when I was visiting his home. He patiently took out and let me take a look at those stamps, though I didn't have much taste in appreciating the stamps. This album contained a lot of stamps, most of which were collected directly from the envelopes. Well,

I think the most important reason why we became so intimate friends during childhood was that we didn't have the so-called gap between us. We could always find something that could arouse our interests and it seemed that time spent together was never enough for us.

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2.1 Do you still keep in touch with your friends from childhood?

Why or why not?

Yes! I still have touch with my childhood friends. It is easy for me because I am still in my native place where I studied and some of my friends are still here and we often meet to chat. Few friends are out of station and we have contacts through phone. Also, if they come here they don't fail to give a visit. Unless you are moving places for occupational purposes, you don't have to miss your childhood friends.

2.2 How important is childhood friendship to children?

Friendship is a deeply affectionate and friendly relationship in which children can experience genuine caring and therefore can eliminate children's feelings of isolation; the presence of a friend in unfamiliar situations or in potentially threatening stressful

situations can enable children to feel emotionally supported and increase their confidence and courage. Friendship has been found to increase children's sense of self-worth and further contribute to the development of pride, self-esteem and self-acceptance.

2.3 What do you think of communicating via social media?

While analyzing the benefits social media has on communication. First and the most significant benefit that comes across is the increase in the speed of communication. The significant flaw of the traditional communication system was its slow nature, and social media seems to be a solution for the same. Messages are getting delivered within split seconds. Important notifications, instructions are also conveyed to multiple people within an eye blink. People with similar interests are coming together to form groups for a purpose.

2.4 Do you think online communication through social media will replace face-to-face communication?

No, I don't think so. Social media can help us communicate and enhance our lives, but using it as a substitute for face-to-face and physical interaction can do the opposite. It can also

disconnect us from the real world by making us too busy caring about people we hardly know or about things which may not be true. And that means we have less time to care about things that actually matter and to make our own choices.

2.5 Do you prefer to live in the city or in the countryside?

There can be no doubt that one of the greatest gifts in the universe is childhood friendship. No matter how old we get, the playful moments with friends can transport us back to a time when life was carefree and joyful. For children, friendship is a vital part of their mental, physical and social development. Children require opportunities to play together in order to form bonds of friendship. Through friendships, children learn how to negotiate with others in social situations. They also improve their physical health by competing with their peers in games and pushing the boundaries of their physical abilities. Friendships during early childhood are a vital part of a child's emotional growth and promote good mental health.

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3. Describe something you had to share with others.

You should say:

What it was

Who you shared it with

Why you had to share it with others

And explain how you felt about it

Two years back, I shared my laptop with my younger cousin. In 2020, the world experienced a lockdown due to the coronavirus. For a sizeable part of the year, we remained indoors in the comfort of our homes. During that time, my cousin joined an online class on digital marketing. He attended the first few classes through his smartphone and found it challenging to do practical work on the phone. He asked my mother for a new laptop, but due to the lockdown, it was not viable for us to buy it from outside because the shops were closed. Without exception, I had no option but to share my laptop with my younger cousin. Every day I used to give it to him for 5 hours. The availability of a laptop enhanced my cousin's performance, and he managed to learn digital marketing in two months. As for how I felt about it, well, initially, I was upset because my work and study suffered a lot. But later on, I managed it because I started doing other work while my laptop was busy with

my cousin. I started spending six hours without a laptop by doing a physical workout, watching motivational videos on TV and cooking my favorite mouth-watering delicacies. And upon finishing his classes, my younger cousin treated me to a cup of Starbuck's to express his thanks for my generous help. So that felt not bad. The sharing kinda helped me to strengthen the bond with my younger cousin.

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3.1 Do you think kids like to share? Why?

No, I don't think so. Firstly, Children are seldom capable of true empathy under the age of six. The power to possess is a natural part of the child's growing awareness. The concepts of sharing, lending, and borrowing are too complex for young kids to understand. Toddlers have not yet developed empathy and cannot see things from another child's perspective.

3.2 How can parents teach their children to share?

Parents can encourage children to share with one another from a young age. From exchanging toys to taking turns on the playground, sharing is an important skill to master in early childhood.

3.3 What do you think is the benefit of sharing for children?

Children need to learn to share so they can make and keep friends, play cooperatively, take turns, negotiate and cope with disappointment. Sharing teaches children about compromise and fairness. They learn that if we give a little to others, we can get some of what we want too.

3.4 Is there anything that parents should persuade children to share with others?

No, there isn't. Parents should not persuade children to share. Instead, create attitudes and an environment that encourages your child to want to share. There is power in possession. To you, they're only toys. To a child, they're a valuable, prized collection that has taken years to assemble.

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4. Describe a time you made a decision to wait for something.

You should say:

When it happened

What you waited for

Why you made the decision

And explain how you felt while waiting

The experience I am going to tell you about is that I waited at the summit of a mountain on the edge of my city to appreciate the sunrise. It was on the 6th of October during the last national holiday. After writing paper for five days in a row, I was tired with this form of entertainment and desperately wanted to do something more interesting.

Before I went to bed, it suddenly occurred to me that why not go to the nearby mountain to watch a sunrise? It seemed that the last time I did this was in primary school when my teacher asked me to write an essay describing the process. So it must be a special experiment to see if the view had changed over all these days.

Only at the mountain could I get rid of the air pollution and the numerous high-rise buildings that would block my eyesight and prevent me from enjoying the incredible view. So although the

sunrise happened at around 6 o'clock, I had to get up far earlier to cover the time consumed on the road and the climbing. After careful calculation, I decided to set out at 3 am.

I arrived at the summit at a quarter past 5, and several people were already waiting there. They seemed much more experienced than me, having brought heavy coats to shield the cold, whereas the only thing I could do was to keep moving to warm myself. 40 minutes later, the sunrise began, dyeing the clouds the the mist first gold and then bright red. It was the most extraordinary scenery I had ever seen inb the last decade. All the waiting and the cold I had endured were totally worth it, and I felt lucky I had made the decision.

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4.1 What do people in your country often do while waiting?

Nowadays most people spend time scrolling through social media applications on their phones while they are waiting for something. People like to be aware of the new trends and they also find such applications to be entertaining.

4.2 Why do some people like a slow-paced life?

I think some people just like to take things slow because they have a more relaxed and focused approach towards life. Unlike others they

don't want to be in a rat race of earning more and more money, instead, they prefer to live in the moment and discover life as it is.

4.3 Is being patient good for people? Why?

Yes, patience is a virtue that every person should have these days. Lot many times we see people losing patience on simple matters and becoming angry which does not bring good for anyone. Being patient helps people stay calm in difficult situations and stay in control of their emotions, whereas impatient ones can easily lose emotional control and get into arguments

4.4 Are people less patient now than people in the past? Why?

Today's generation is definitely less patient as compared to people in the old times. With technological advancements, they have become accustomed to getting things instantly. For example, people can now book flight tickets, order food, or transfer money with just the click of a button. So, when they have to wait for something that would take more time than usual, it makes them really impatient.

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5. Describe a difficult thing you did and succeeded.

You should say:

What it was

How you overcame the difficulties

Whether you got help

And explain how you felt after you succeeded

There are ample things which people like to take in their day to day lives so I think some things are kind of difficult and something is a totally easy is a totally depend on situation and many of people like to face difficult situations in their life like to sort out with presence of mind sometimes they even stuck to find a resolution of that problem and here I would like to talk about the time which I found very difficulty so I remember vividly when I got the summer vacation from my college I had immense time and I need to spend my time in the kind of productivity after that I also got the assignment from my college so I was too happy when I got the assignment because it was my own favourite topic it was based on environmental issues even the note over there even I had numerous of thoughts in my mind when I am try to write on the paper I was stuck even my mind was when is doubt even I also lose all the ideas

which I got on that and after that I also gave my contribution to find alternative over the Internet even I failed every time because a teacher strictly gave restrictions about content could not be copied from the Internet. So I was in a massive dilemma on how to get the complete project in the given time frame. So finally, I decided to get help from my elder brother, who wasn't available because he was busy with work. Moreover, it was a daunting time for me because I had never faced that situation. Afterwards, I tried to complete my assignment with unrealistic and uncompleted ideas. I knew it was not up to the mark, and I used my imagination power. Unfortunately, my imagination is not quite strong. Finally, I wasted my three days, and I had only two days even though my whole body's gonna shivering badly. After sleepiness nights, I did my project on the environment and submitted it to the online portal. Unfortunately, the Internet was not working correctly, so I immediately visited my friend's house. And due to the low connection, it took almost 5 hours to submit all the details correctly. So that was the time when I faced immense problems.

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5.1 Should people set goals for themselves?

Yes, of course. All successful people set goals, so goal setting must be a worthwhile activity to do. One of the main reasons why people set goals is because goals focus the mind and give it something to work towards. Goals are therefore like having a destination in life, and the things you do to achieve those goals are how you get there. Without goals you will have no destination to go to, and so will be blown around like a leaf in the wind, never really going anywhere.

5.2 How would you define success?

Each person has its own idea of success. It depends on our present situation, on our role models, upbringing, and how we see the world around us. And also on the limitations we set for ourselves. And while most people measure success in terms of money and possession, there are certainly individuals (or even organizations, and many of them) who have completely different criteria. Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.

5.3 How can we judge whether young people are successful nowadays?

I think it's common in my country that success is measured based on how much money people earn. If a person has a lot of money and

properties, he is definitely considered a successful person. I think there are no differences in other countries. When you search for the list of the most successful people in the world, the results you get are likely to be the names of rich businessmen.

Undoubtedly, different person holds different views about success. I guess the majority people would consider success equal money, fame, reputation, and high social status. But I do know some people who pursue different kinds of things, for example, some scholars, they would regard the success as one tiny bit of development in knowing more about the world, in exploring more about the knowledge boundary of human beings. For me, one common creature of a million, I think success means going to bed with this sense of achievement and fulfillment every single day.

5.4 Are successful people often lonely?

Successful people see things, always see more thoroughly than the average person. However, once these things are thoroughly seen, there is nothing interesting to speak of, since he has already known the results, there is nothing worth him to do, so successful people, will be more lonely. Successful people's heart is lonely, because the road to success is lonely, the premise of success is that the heart

should be strong and lonely, reached the peak, will lose the pursuit,
reached the peak no longer rely on, of course, is lonely.

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6. Describe an object that you think is beautiful.

You should say:

What it is

Where you saw it

What it looks like

And explain why you think it is beautiful

Well, I like to talk about hanfu. it's a traditional clothing of Chinese people in ancient China. I've got one piece of han-style dress from my friend two years ago. Actually we were both into traditional Chinese culture. So she bought me this dress as a gift on my birthday. It's a very beautiful dress. It's a white dress and it has got this long and huge sleeves. I guess people in the past would put their money and other personal stuff in these sleeves. It's made of silk so it's very soft and light. It's also made up of many layers so you know when the wind blows these layers would just be blown up and floating in the air. So it's kind of like a fairy it's very beautiful.

Also, there are many flower patterns on the dress and, these are all exquisite work so the whole dress is very delicate and beautiful. I always go out in this dress with my friends we will go to some Natural Parks or some ancient buildings to take some photos. These

dressess can just match with the scenery perfectly.

Well, although the dress is not that convenient to wear because it's very long and multi-layered. Personally, I would just ignore those things because they're so beautiful and it's a very good way to promote Chinese traditional culture. And you know that more people get to know its beauty.

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6.1 Do you think there are more beautiful things now than in the past? Why?

No, I do not think that things are more beautiful now than in the past because in ancient times, everything was handmade and handicraft, and it had its own value, while in the present time, things are made by machinery, and they are not long-lasting.

Nowadays, things are more fashionable and facilitating, but longevity is relatively low as compared to the past. In short, things have become more precious, beautiful, and artistic in the past years.

6.2 What beautiful scenery spots are there in your country?

China's vast and diverse territory endows the country with some of the most beautiful natural scenery on earth. From the picturesque

karst landscape in Guilin and Yangshuo to the precipitous pillars in Zhangjiajie, from the Rainbow Mountains in Zhangye to the holy high land of Tibet, China's diverse natural beauty is as impressive as it is splendid culture.

6.3 Where do you think people usually come into contact with beautiful things?

People like to keep beautiful objects in their homes and offices as showpieces. They generally get them from the décor shops in the malls.

6.4 Why do you think people create beautiful things?

People create beautiful things to express their creativity. Some people also say that art is a form which connects us with our spiritual being. With the help of art people can also connect with each other.

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7. Describe a photo you took that you are proud of.

You should say:

When you took it

Where you took it

What is in this photo

And explain why you are proud of it

A photo of me that I enjoy is the one taken in the Great Wall, which is located in Beijing. I couldn't remember the exact date when it was taken. But I'm pretty sure it was during the summer holiday before I went to the first grade of primary school. My father was about to have a business trip to Beijing, and his company allowed him to bring family members. So he took my mother and me there.

My father took his picture near a famous stone tablet which was inscribed with a sentence written by Mao Tsedong, who is one of the first leaders of this nation. The inscription can be translated in English as One who fails to reach the Great Wall is not a hero.

Well, I felt extremely excited to have a picture like this. One of the reason is that it has a perfect composition. You know the nice posture, the unique tablet, and the stunning background view of the Great Wall are something worth showing off to my friends. It also

made me feel grateful when I looked at the picture. You know, being able to go to Beijing and appreciate one of the great wonders of the world at that time was a luxurious thing for my peers.

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7.1 Why do some people like to record important things with photos?

These pictures function as an aid to memory. Photos are a great memory-prompt, and because we tend to take photos of happy occasions, they weight our memories to the good. Photos remind us of the people, places, and activities we love. Many people keep photos in their homes, in their office, or in their wallet, and happy families tend to display large numbers of photos at home.

7.2 What can people learn from historical photographs?

For many people, collecting antique and historical photographs is a hobby but historians examine these kind of photos regularly. They examine them to see what life was like in the period they were shot. Historical photos can yield a lot of information.

7.3 Is taking photos the best way to remember something?

Taking photos is not the perfect memory-retention tool. Snapping too many pictures could actually harm the brain's ability to retain memories. As with information, when we take pictures we are offloading the responsibility of remembering onto an external device. we are so distracted by the process of taking a photo that we miss the moment altogether.

7.4 Which is better, taking photos or keeping a diary?

I think it's better to keep a journal. Taking photos can record people and scenery, but it doesn't record the mood in written form. And keeping a diary helps us to sort out the ideas or inspirations that are jumbled up in our heads, and to capture them in writing, so that we can retain them.

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8. Describe a person you know who is from a different culture.

You should say:

Who he/she is

Where he/she is from

How you knew him/her

And explain how you feel about him/her

Well, it is not uncommon these days for people to make friends from different cultures and the credit goes to globalisation and improved technology as there are no geographical boundaries today.

I have made many friends who are from different cultures but one I would like to talk about here is Jason. Jason is an American and I found him on a chatting platform where one day I was trying to find an English-speaking person to chat to and this is something I often do to improve my English ability.

We become friends in no time. The fact is that Jason is equally interested to travel in India. So, during this chat, he asked me many things about India and the places to visit in India.

Now, we have become good friends and we frequently chat during this time, chatting with Jason I got to learn a lot about American culture. For example, I have learnt that he is only 18 and he is

planning to travel to India alone.

He gives more importance to money rather than giving to family, friends or society which is not in my country at all. But I think that culture diversity is what develops your curiosity to learn about different cultures.

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8.1 Where and how can we get to know people of different cultures better?

I think social platforms such as Facebook, Reddit, and Instagram are great ways to interact/connect with people from different cultures. Here people from different cultures can discuss like-minded ideas and interests. However, the traditional way to learn about a different culture would be to read books related to it, watch movies, or may be travel to that place.

8.2 What are the advantages and disadvantages of cultural diversity?

If I talk about advantages, cultural diversity makes our world more interesting. If there was only one culture in the world, it would have been a really boring place. Cultural diversity acts as a change that makes people curious about each other. Also, people get to learn a lot from each other's cultures. However, from a disadvantage point

of view, cultural diversity can sometimes create a divide amongst people. People of one culture might believe themselves to be superior as compared to others and it can lead to hate and difference among them.

8.3 How can traditional culture and other cultures coexist?

For different cultures to co-exist together, especially traditional and modern, it requires a lot of effort from the members of the society. Followers of both cultures should show respect and understanding for each other and should not indulge in any activities that could hurt each other's sentiments. Also, I feel that the generation gap plays a huge role in traditional and modern culture, and narrowing it down can help both cultures to co-exist peacefully.

8.4 Which Chinese traditions are disappearing?

China's most important traditional festival, Spring Festival, has produced numerous folk customs. But in China's rush for development old ways are being neglected. Only some traditions remain, and some are disappearing, such as offering sacrifices to the god of the kitchen stove, opening-door firecrackers on Chinese New Year morning and no using of brooms on Chinese New Year's day.

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9. Describe a time when you forgot/missed an appointment.

You should say:

What the appointment was for

Who you made it with

Why you forgot/missed it

And explain how you felt about the experience

Last month I went on a vacation to Xiamen with my friend. And one night we decided to go to a very famous restaurant there. It was so popular that we had to reserve a table in advance on the internet. So we were really excited about it.

In that evening when we were about to leave the hotel for the restaurant. It started to rain heavily. At first, I thought it may stop real soon so we waited. But after a while, it didn't seem to stop at all. We will get late if we continued to wait so we had to take a taxi to go there.

Unfortunately, it was very hard to get a taxi on the street at that moment because of the bad weather and you know the peak hour as well. Finally, we got one and we told the driver to hurry up because our appointment at that restaurant was 6 pm and we had only 20 minutes left.

Unluckily, the driver had no idea about that restaurant and also because of the bad traffic he drove unexpectedly slow. So when we were still on the taxi the clock hit 6 pm, I had to call the restaurant to see whether they could hold the table for us a little bit longer. But you know since the restaurant was such a hot spot, the receptionist told me they could only hold it for 10 more minutes.

It was obviously impossible for us to do that at that moment. Finally, we missed that appointment and went to another restaurant. What a pity appointment it was.

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9.1 How do people who are busy remember things they need to do?

Busy people write everything down which they need to do. Writing information on paper can be very helpful, as it allows the brain to "see" the information, "process" the information as it is written, and refer back to it as necessary.

9.2 Do you think people should remember family history?

Knowing, recording, and preserving your family history directly impacts you, your family, and even future generations of people you may never know. Find out how and why family history matters.

Marcus Garvey says, “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.” Connecting with members of our family past and present by learning their history fills an innate need in each one of us.

9.3 If someone doesn't really like whom they are going to meet, they may deliberately miss their appointment. Is that true? why?

No, it isn't. Because an appointment is a promise that should not be broken because of the good or bad of the person you are about to meet.

9.4 Which is more important, a work-related appointment or an appointment with a friend? Why?

I think it's more important to date your friends. Because work-related dating often makes people feel constrained and the communication is formal. But a date with a friend allows you to talk about what you want and open up.

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10. Describe a person who likes to dress fashionably/well.

You should say:

Who he/she is

What job he/she does

What kind of clothes he/she wears

And explain why he/she likes fashion

Well, the person who pops into my mind is Lady Gaga. I guess everybody knows her. She is a very famous singer, songwriter, and actress in the US. Actually, she is not only well known for her pop music, but also for her unique fashion taste..

She expresses fashion in a very bold way. For example, in a concert, she wore a silver shiny sea urchin inflatable frock, then she wore shell bras and 8-inch heels, and finally she became a giant octopus. It seems like the concert was themed with sea life. If you think her crazy looks are just restricted to concerts or performances, you are totally wrong. You can always read news about Gaga's walking on the street in an experimenting outfit. She would wear raw meat, a see-through body stocking with some strategically placed roses. She even once painted Picasso in her face and dress, and looked like an oil painting. She might wear wedding dresses as a daywear.

Speaking of the reason why she is so avant-garde, in the Netflix documentary *Gaga* gave the answer. She reveals that her wacky fashion choices come out of a desire for control in an industry that loves to take control away from its artists. When they wanted her to be sexy or they wanted her to be pop, she always put some absurd spin on it that made her feel like she's still in control.

Example:

The first person that pops up in my mind is Kate Moss.

She is one of the most sought-after and highest-paid models in the 90s and early 21st century. In 1990, she caught the attention of the fashion industry when a series of nude photographs of her were published in the magazine *The Face*. At the time, the industry was populated by supermodels known for their statuesque and curvaceous frames. Moss stood out for her natural look, street style and slight build. Apart from walking the runways, she appeared in ad campaigns for many prestigious luxury brands, including Dior, Burberry, Chanel and the like and she also became a muse to several legendary designers.

She is known for her iconic style, which has attracted a more

passionate following than any other model and fashion icon before her. Her dressing style can be summarized as the perfect balance between nonchalance and a touch of innocence. Among the street photos taken of her, skinny jeans, thigh boots, jackets, saddlebag are a few key elements. If you see photos of her on the red carpet, you'll find most of the time she's going for simple elegance, wearing loose-fitting dress and red lipstick. She's like a fashion chameleon who could carry off looks of different styles.

I really admire her for her bold experiments in style and long career span as a model. A lot of models retire by their mid-20s, while she remained busy and have appeared on more than 400 magazine covers. Apart from working in front of the camera, she's also involved in several design-related ventures, rolling out her own collection of clothes, handbags, perfume, cosmetics and jewelry in collaboration with other brands.

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10.1 Do you think online shopping will replace in-store shopping in the future? Why?

No, I don't think. In recent years, we see a lot of news about online cheating, and many buyers complain about poor quality of the goods,

which is different with the description. However, the situation above is rare in traditional shopping store, because the guest can communicate with the seller face to face. To sum up, online shopping and traditional shopping has their own advantages and disadvantages. They can exist together, in recent period of time, online shopping will not replace traditional shopping.

10.2 Why is fashion very important to some people?

Fashion is one of those things that we usually take for granted. Wearing a well-styled outfit, everyone gives you a second glance and tells you how good they think your clothing looks on you.

10.3 Are older people as fashionable as young people? Why?

Older people are often uninterested in fashion and more interested in what looks good on them or what is comfortable. They want you to say "you look very nice" rather than "that is a nice outfit". They often find the idea of "fashion" a manipulation to make people buy more stuff.

Fashion is for the young. Older people already have a full closet of things they like.

10.4 Are women more fashionable than men? Why?

Fashion is the practice of being able to bring out the temperament from the inside out through autonomous dynamics. Women seem to have awakened to the love of beauty earlier than men and are therefore more fashion conscious.

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11. Describe a program you like to watch.

You should say:

What it is

What it is about

Who you watch it with

And explain why you like to watch it

I wanna talk about a very popular show named Singer. It's a very entertaining singing competition show in China and is based on the Korean show I Am a Singer. It premiered in 2013 and has been running for several seasons.

All the contestants of the show are well-known professional singers from across the globe, mostly Asia and they rotate performing in front of a 500-member audience, who play the role of umpire and determine the results of each round. The singer who receives the fewest votes is eliminated and substituted for a new singer, so the lineup of the show is constantly changing. Another highlight of the show is the eliminated singers are entitled to give a returning performance in the next episode and are likely to return to the competition in the breakout round.

I like to watch the show with my roommates at night when we finish

our schoolwork for the day. Sometimes, I'd watch the show alone when I'm eating takeaways. And sometimes the show is broadcast on the TV in our school dining hall and it's amazing to see hundreds of students watching it when having their meals.

I enjoy the show because it's so engaging. When a vocalist is performing a song we are all familiar with, we'd love to sing along and sometimes their performance can be so emotionally charged that the live audience would even shed tears of excitement. Besides, unlike many other competition shows that feature unknown artists and professional coaches, Singer's all-star lineup is what keeps the audience glued to the screen.

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11.1 What programs do people like to watch in your country?

Well, people are interested in watching TV drama series and reality shows. I feel they are a good source of entertainment, giving people minutes of relaxation after a stressful day.

Well, there are plenty of programs that people like to watch in China. Like girls, they particularly enjoy watching whatever the latest TV programs with those handsome boys. For boys, we prefer watching action movies. Now, you know, the online streaming is quite popular in China, like food blogger, travel blogger and so on. Young people

like to spend their time on that. Yeah, that's all I can think of.

11.2 Do people in your country like to watch foreign TV programs?

Yeah, I believe now we are living in the internet world. I mean everything about movies or new TV programs around the world, as long as it's released, we can watch anytime anywhere. Like the Games of Thrones, which is so popular like two years ago, released its last episode 8. Netizens in China love to watch this kind of epic and magical series. Besides, South Korean reality shows are the top choices for many girls to watch cause many of their favorite idols are likely to attend these shows.

11.3 What is the benefits of letting kids watch animal videos than visiting zoos?

Well, let me see. Watching animal videos rather than visiting zoos have a couple of advantages. The first one that I can think of is because kids are actually easy to feel afraid if they see animals in person, so watching them by videos could act as a safer way for them to feel dangers for better preparation for going to the zoos later in life. And considering the Covid pandemic recently, it is also a safer way of seeing animals at the same time while avoiding contacting with other people.

11.4 Do teachers play videos in class in your country?

Well, from my personal experience, we did not have a chance to watch videos in class like 10 years ago, cause our teachers paid great attention to our study, fearing that videos could be a distraction. But now, I believe most of the classrooms in cities are equipped with projector and some other high-tech devices, so teachers are likely to use help from videos to better deliver their classes. Still, not all schools are well fitted with video-playing devices, it is hard to say all teachers will play videos in class.

Part 2

12. Describe a movie you watched recently and would like to watch again.

You should say:

What type of movie it was

What it was about

Where you watched it

And explain why you would like to watch it again

The film I wanna talk about is A beautiful Mind. It's a biographical drama film based on the life of the American mathematician John Nash, a Nobel Laureate in Economics.

The movie is about a math genius who struggles with mental disorder for decades. At some point in life, He stops taking medication and eventually manages to deal with his erratic symptoms with the full support and care from his wife.

My decision to watch this masterwork came a bit too late. It was released in 2001, but I didn't see it until last week in my dorm room. I told my tutor I'd watch movies for two consecutive days after submitting my paper and he recommended this film to me.

I think people love this movie for similar reasons. The plot holds the audience spellbound with its unexpected twists and the spectacular

performance of the leading actors, especially Russell Crowe. He brings the character to life by avoiding sensationalism and building with small behavioral details. He shows a man who descends into madness and then, unexpectedly, regains the ability to function in the academic world.

The movie was well received by critics and won several academy awards a year later. After watching the movie, I did more research on John Nash and found that for many years he was a recluse, wandering around the campus, talking to no one drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes all by himself. It's just amazing that he managed to defeat the demon trapped inside himself after living with it for such a long time. I'll definitely watch it again soon.

Part 3

12.1 Where do people normally watch movies?

Watching movies at home is more relaxing and comfortable. I can lie on the couch and talk with my friend at any time and at any volume I want. But a cinema often has more advanced facilities, like the huge screen and high-quality soundtrack, which can provide a better watching experience.

12.2 What are the differences between watching movies at home and

in a cinema?

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12.3 Are actors or actresses important to movies? Why?

An actor is considered a crucial factor that can uplift the whole project. The character portrayals by the actors are so genuine and keep the audience so emotionally involved with the content.

12.4 Why are there fewer people going to the cinema to watch movies nowadays?

People go to the cinema less for a number of reasons, the first is that the acoustics of home theater is better than the original, people can enjoy the feeling of immersion at home. The second is that the cinema environment is uneven and difficult to meet the various needs of people.

Part 2

13. Describe a place in your country or part of your country that you would like to recommend to visitors/travelers.

You should say:

What it is

Where it is

What people can do there

And explain why you would like to recommend it to visitors/travelers

I wanna talk about Wanning, a costal city on China's Hainan Island, which has emerged as one of the most popular tourist cities among young people. It's a perfect destination for those who want a wonderful beach holiday.

The city is well-known for surfing, so the most popular activity you can do there is no doubt surfing. There're surf clubs providing surfing equipments and training for beginners, so don't worry if you have no experience. Apart from surfing, you can do a wide range of water sports, including diving, rowing, sailing, jet skiing and many more.

For sightseeing, there's a mountain park called Dongshan ridge, one of the few sacred mountains on Hainan Island. Then there's a

tropical botanical garden which has thousands of species of tropical and subtropical plants. Another famous tourist attraction is Xinglong Coffee Valley, a coffee plantation that has been turned into a tourist attraction, which includes a small museum about the history of local coffee industry, and there are also many cafes where you can sample the coffee and other products grown here.

As for food, of course there're various fresh seafood you can try, clams, oysters, mussels, shrimps, crabs, lobsters, you name it. There are open markets where customers can pick their own favorites and have them cooked to personal preference. Besides, the city is famous for Southeast Asian foods because the city has been substantially influenced by a wave of overseas Chinese who immigrated there from Southeast Asia during the mid-20th century. If you love dessert, don't miss out on the stir-fried ice cream, which is a kind of gelato made of milk, cream and sugars as well as other added ingredients and decorated with various toppings.

The reason why I recommend it is that it's a place you can chill out and meet interesting people. I went there last year and had a whale of time. I'm sure so will you if have a trip there.

Part 3

13.1 Is it important to take photos while traveling?

Yes, of course. It's always a great idea to take a few snaps of nature, the landscape, the sightseeing, the wonderful landmarks, and monuments, or even some interesting and colorful people. The best photographs are the pictures I take while traveling, especially abroad. There are so many wonders to discover, that I can't wait to get started again.

13.2 Can you trust other people's travel journals on the Internet?

I think the travel logs shared by others on the Internet can be used as a reference, but you can't trust them completely, you also need to make trade-offs according to the actual situation.

13.3 What factors affect how people feel about traveling?

Your mindset determines everything, your mindset determines your initial intention for travel, and thus choose your favorite way of travel, to reach your favorite destination, noisy or quiet, follow your heart. Let you do not pretend not vain, not floating on the surface, so that the meaning of travel really into the heart.

13.4 Will you go to a foreign country to travel because of the distinct landscape?

Yes, I will. Because some foreign attractions and buildings are not

available in China, such as Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre in France, which have both long historical features and modern technology.

Part 2

14. Describe a time when you needed to search for information.

You should say:

What information you needed to search for

When you searched for it

Where you searched for it

And explain why you needed to search for it

If reading without a “looking glass” for a person with eye problems is incomplete and inefficient, searching for important information in today’s world without using the internet has to be incomplete as well. And, I also figured it out when I was searching for some important information about a couple of years ago.

I never really like to travel during the wintertime for two reasons. The first reason is, of course, I don’t enjoy cold weather that much. The second reason is that the winter causes the visibility of roads to become low due to foggy weather, and I am never really comfortable riding on a vehicle when the road visibility is low because it increases the possibility of an accident. But, I really needed to travel during the wintertime about a couple of years ago, because I wanted to see my younger sister, who had just given birth to a beautiful baby girl.

Anyway, I could either travel by train or by bus, depending on how fast I wanted to reach my destination, as well as the “visibility” of the road due to the hazy weather condition. I tried to call both the bus authority and the train authority in order to get the necessary information, but, while they were able to tell me exactly how long it would take me to reach my destination, they couldn’t tell me anything specific about the “winter fog”. So, I decided to hit the internet to find the information on winter fogs of those places, through which my train or bus would pass, by checking the usual temperatures and humidity levels of those areas. Luckily, I learned what I needed to know after searching for about 20 minutes.

Anyway, after finding the needed information, I felt really happy and relieved as I was able to find rather quickly, comparing with other sources of information, that the weather condition was not that bad for a daylong travelling. Besides, I also felt that I could rely on the internet more often in order to find important information for the purpose of meeting our daily informational needs.

Part 3

14.1 How can people search for information now?

In the 21st century, technology has made inroads in our lives. Due to that, many options are at our disposal to fetch information. The

prominent source to gain knowledge is the Internet, where a beaucoup of websites and video platforms provide quality information at the click of a button.

14.2 What information can people get from television?

Television provides a lot of information. There are channels where you can find sufficient content related to science, sports, politics, entertainment and other domains.

You can also watch news channels to get the latest updates.

14.3 Do you think libraries are still important in the digital age?

I believe libraries still have a significant role in our society. First, libraries provide content in the forms of books, journals and newspapers.

Apart from this, they offer serenity, a must-have to study effectively.

14.4 Does the development of the Internet have any impact on some disadvantaged people?

There is no denying this conviction that technologies like the Internet provide unabated support to the disadvantaged, especially those from humble backgrounds. It has given them a platform to fetch new information at no cost and generated avenues for making

more money through platforms like Youtube and Instagram.

For example, many unskilled persons earn their livelihood by offering services on platforms like Zomato and Swiggy, where basic knowledge of driving works like a charm for them and empowers them to make money.

Part 2

15. Describe an important thing you learned (not at school or college).

You should say:

What it was

When you learned it

How you learned it

And explain why it was important

Indeed, learning is a life-long process, and as an innovative person, I love to grab knowledge regarding every concept. Here, I would like to talk about an important thing I have learnt, not in school or college. That crucial thing is cooking. Actually, I have been interested in cooking since my childhood. So, I generally watch cooking videos on YouTube and help my mother with kitchen chores.

I remember two months ago, there was my summer vacation. At that time, I was free from my academics. So I have decided to improve my culinary skills. As my mother is a gifted hand in cooking. She knows how to cook Italian, Chinese and Indian cuisines.

My mother recommended me to learn baking as it's the most important part of cooking. So, I started to learn baking first, then I learnt to cook Indian food. Because I think that cooking is an

integral part of every individual's life as food is the basic necessity of human being.

Moreover, I want to go overseas for my higher education, and having knowledge about cooking would be fruitful for me. Besides, I followed a few cookery channels on youtube, which helped me alot. Within one month, I learned all ins and outs of cooking and felt on cloud nine. Now, I can prepare different cuisines, which would be quite delicious. Overall, this is the pivotal thing I have learned from home and social media.

Part 3

15.1 What can children learn from parents?

There are five fundamental things that children learn from their parents from an early age that will define their identity permanently. Being organized and clean is one of the first lessons children learn at an early age. This aspect is so important that even multiple species of animals teach their young how to groom by example since they instinctively relate it to survival or health. The same thing happens with us, humans – an orderly and clean environment provides health and peace of mind.

15.2 Do you think some children are well-behaved because they are

influenced by their parents?

Yes, of course I do. Children are certainly influenced by their parents' words and success comes from teaching details.

15.3 Is it necessary for adults to learn new things?

Yes, it is. Not only can adults learn multiple new skills at the same time in the right environment and with the right beliefs, but doing so may improve their cognitive functioning considerably. Learning brought adults out of their comfort zones and made them feel fearless about new challenges.

15.4 How can people learn new things?

Learning without a goal is much more tiring. Knowing what we are learning for allows you to focus better, and subconsciously helps you to filter and search for information based on the goal and choose the most useful ones that will maximize the effect of learning.

Part 2

16. Describe an impressive English lesson you had and enjoyed.

You should say:

What it was about

When you had it

What the teacher did

And why you enjoyed the lesson

Well, I would like to share with you about a really pleasant experience in an English class I had at my university.

During one of our grammar lessons, the regular teacher was sick so the school had to send in a teacher to cover her place. And the substitute teacher, Thomas Hall, delivered an amazing lecture in English about how he thinks we should all learn languages through watching films.

Throughout the two hours, he explained to us the process of learning a language and how films can serve as an effective way to immerse yourself in a language. Basic elements like vocabulary and grammar can be easily absorbed if we focus on dialog in a TV show, and so in the long run, our overall language skills can be improved. This method helps us to learn any language effortlessly and in a short period of time.

At first, we were all sceptical about the ideas he introduced, however, after watching a short video to practice and doing a trial test, we were all convinced that learning by watching movies was not hard at all and we could apply this to enhance our performance at school.

I enjoyed this lesson so much because I find this method to be particularly effective for me. I always felt unmotivated when learning by traditional methods and my results were never desirable. But when I tried learning English using my favourite movies, you know what? My English got better and better and very soon I was able to remember thousands of new words and write really complicated essays. Now, I can even proudly say that I'm an intermediate English learner.

Part 3

16.1 Why do people learn foreign languages?

Studying a foreign language is not only a hobby but also a trend in modern society due to some undeniable advantages. Speaking more than one language can open up a world of employment opportunities for job seekers, especially if that language is widely used in a business context. You will be able to work for not only local but global corporates as well with decent salaries. In addition, being bilingual or multilingual will help extend your social network

worldwide. You can establish deep connections and cross-cultural friendships with foreign co-workers or local people while travelling. Finally, your brain will benefit greatly from the learning activity itself. Research has shown that studying another language will alter your grey matter which helps to increase your brainpower.

It is important to learn a foreign language because it helps you connect with more people. As it is, today we do not belong to a big planet Earth; we belong to a small global village and to survive in this global village, it is necessary to be multilingual. For example, English is spoken in 86 countries. If you know English you can communicate with people of 86 countries.

16.2 What makes a good foreign language teacher?

Not only a language teacher in particular but educators in other areas should have certain skills and knowledge to successfully inspire and instruct their students. First and foremost, of course, deep knowledge and great education matter. It's often said that "a teacher is only as good as his knowledge is". People may not need academic degrees or certificates in other jobs or industries, but in education and training, they are solid proof to verify your professional qualifications. Furthermore, communication skill also plays an

essential role. If one is an articulate and persuasive speaker, he will be able to convey his lectures with better results. Last but not least, a good sense of humour may be of great help to grab students' attention and interest.

16.3 Do you think grammar is important when learning foreign languages?

Yes, I do. However you may feel about grammar, it's essential to have a good grasp of it when learning a new language. It's crucial for developing a good foundation for language learning. It's undeniable that grammar is essential for language structure. Focusing on understanding grammar can be a language learning tool.

16.4 Is it interesting to be a foreign language teacher?

Yes, it is. A foreign language teacher doesn't only teach reading, writing, syntax, grammar and vocabulary in other languages, they are also advocates for foreign cultures.

Part 2

17. Describe a story or novel you have read that you found interesting.

You should say:

When you read it

What the story or novel was about

Who wrote it

And explain why it was interesting

I would like to talk about my favorite classic novel called *The Godfather*, which is written by a well-known Italian author, Mario Puzo. I came across this novel when I was trying to find a dictionary at a bookstore. It was published in hard-cover version and there was a colourful illustration on the front which caught my eye.

At first, although I was not much impressed by the novel's preview, I still bought it and started to read the story right after getting home. Surprisingly, the more I read "*The Godfather*", the more it appealed to me. This novel told the story of an Italian imaginary character named Vito Corleone, who was a mafia boss in America after World War I. What attracted me in this story was the way the author described Vito's tricks to survive in a chaotic society. Thanks to this novel, I learned a lot about the course of American history in that

lawless period.

After finishing this book, I read some more novels by Mario Puzo and they were all fascinating. I realize that reading books is a good way to gain knowledge; therefore, everyone should get into the habit of reading.

Part 3

17.1 How does technology help people tell stories?

With so many digital tools at our disposal, we can now create multimedia stories that are more engaging and powerful than ever before. Digital storytelling is the use of digital media to tell a story. It's a way of using technology to create an immersive experience that can transport the viewer into another world. Digital storytelling can take many different non-traditional story forms, but it always involves using digital tools to create a narrative.

17.2 Do you prefer to read e-books or printed books?

Ebooks represent innovation, portability and technological concepts that apply to how the people from this generation are reading. For some people, it is more convenient to read these since we don't have to carry more heavy stuff in our bag packs. We just have to turn on

our tablets or phones, go to which ever application that support ebooks (iBooks or Amazon Kindle), and then start reading whatever we have in our library. Another very interesting fact is that we do not have to go bookstores anymore. Again, for some people this might seem such a waste of time because some bookstores are overwhelming packed with books. However, we can get all of the books that we want through the app without having to dedicate an specific time to go the bookstore.

17.3 Why are mystery novels so popular nowadays?

The mystery novel is one of the most popular genres in the world. Mystery readers are intelligent people. The mystery story appeals to their sense of curiosity. They enjoy action. So that's why it's getting more and more popular.

17.4 What kinds of novels are suitable for a film adaptation?

Novels that are written in a cinematic style, with short chapters and a focus on action, are often the most successful when adapted for film.

Part 2

18. Describe a popular place for sports that you've been to.

You should say:

Where it is

When you went there

What you did there

And explain how you felt about this place

I like to talk about a swimming pool near my home. It is actually a community sports center with a swimming pool on the ground floor and a gym on the first floor. It is very popular because every time I go there it is filled with residents from all ages. So, last year I finally decided to learn how to swim, and I found out that there were swimming classes in that center so I signed up for it immediately.

The classes were taken place in the shallow area of the pool and there were eight students including me. All adults. The class for children were set on a different date so it wouldn't be that crowded and messy in the pool.

I think that was very nice and the coach was really friendly and professional. He first helped us to choose some suitable equipments for beginners. You know like nose clips or ear plugs and a floating board. And then he told us how to take a breath while swimming. We

learned breaststroke because that was considered to be the easiest style of swimming. Actually that was not easy for me, I couldn't keep the right movement and I always choked on water. But the coach you know he was really patient, He helped me to practice step by step and He really built up my confidence by comforting and encouraging me a lot.

So after several classes gradually I got used to the feeling and I was able to swim by myself. Now I will go to that swimming pool to practice my swimming skills from time to time. I really like that place because that's where I learned swimming.

Part 3

18.1. Do young people like to do sports?

Yes, young people love sports because they're a lot of fun and playing sports is very important for their health. I find that sports are also a great way to spend time with friends.

18.2. What are the benefits of sports for children?

There are many merits of children doing sports. As a starter, sports can benefit both children's physical and mental health. For example, running and jumping are prone to strengthen kids' bones and muscles, which can help them to grow stronger and taller. At the same time,

doing sports can be relaxing and stress-busting. Additionally, it can help improve children's social ability, especially in some team sports. For example, playing football games or table tennis can bring kids opportunities to meet new friends.

18.3. Is it necessary to build public sports spaces?

Of course, it is. The construction of public sports facilities is an important element in building a public service system for national fitness, and is a basic condition for people to participate in national fitness. If corresponding sports facilities are not effectively provided, most sports and fitness programs are difficult or even impossible to carry out. A complete public sports facility is conducive to driving the masses to physical fitness and promoting the sustainable and healthy development of the national fitness cause.

18.4. What do you think of companies donating sports venues for poor children?

The companys' donation will bring up more loving people to pay continuous attention and care to the education and spiritual growth needs of children in poor areas, giving them a healthy personality, spiritual enlightenment and abundant thoughts. With the passage of time and the accumulation of their experiences, its long-term effects

will be magnified step by step, going beyond their immediate solid life and projecting into their future life, bringing magical changes to the development and construction of their homes, mountain villages and hometowns.

Part 2

19. Describe a problem you had while shopping online or in a store.

You should say:

When it happened

What you bought

What problem you had

And explain how you felt about the experience

The problem I'll describe is about being harassed by customer service staff from an online store. It was about two months ago. The cleanser I was using was running out and the store where I always buy skincare products was out of stock, so I decided to find another store.

I came upon a store with a huge fanbase on Taobao and a high rating for product quality, after-sale service and logistics. I also read the comments left by other customers, especially the ones that were not so good to gain a full picture of the possible reasons for complaints. There were only a few such negative comments and people who gave them all left pretty good follow-up comments after using the products for a few days, so they didn't cause any concern and I bought a Clarins foaming face wash from that store.

When I received the product a few days later, I compared it with the one I was still using, which I'm 100% sure is original, and I found the packaging was flimsy, the product was watery and the scent coming out of the container was totally different from the old one.

It's counterfeit no doubt. So I posted my disbelief and disappointment online and also talked to the customer service staff, who suggested a full refund in exchange for the deletion of my comment. I was furious. I mean, what kind of solution was that! And so I refused to do what she proposed. What happened for the next two days was their team harassed me by phone calls and text messages for god knows how many times.

I wasn't gonna give in, because it's not my fault and now I know where those good follow-up comments come from.

Part 3

19.1. What kind of customer service do you think is good?

Well, I guess a good customer support agent needs to be a product expert. They should believe in their product. And they should be able to discuss the product features in an insightful way. And not to mention troubleshoot anything that is not working right. So the good customer service can help the customers get the most out of their purchase and feel like they got true value for their money.

19.2. What are the differences between shopping online or in store?

Well, the most apparent distinction is the price. If you buy something online, it's usually way cheaper. And that's so true when it comes to books. There could be at least a 40% discount online compared with the brick-and-mortar stores. Another difference is the attitude. Offline shopping can be pleasant due to the hearty smile and attentive service. But online customer interactions are not face to face. It's easy to misinterpret the tone of written communication, which can come across as cold.

19.3. What problems do customers often have while shopping?

The biggest problem is to find the best product within their budget. They have to find the middle ground between the cost and the quality. Another problem is that the shop owner will exaggerate the features of the products and twist your arms to buy what you don't need. Sometimes the customers will have to choose from the products which don't live up to the hype.

19.4. What do you think customers should do when there are problems with products bought online?

They should find the customer support agents and inform them of

the issue. It's a way to identify whether the malfunction is innate or because the user didn't follow the instructions. And then, if the problem lies in the product, customers can submit a complaint and get a refund.

Part 2

20. Describe a disagreement you had with someone.

You should say:

Who you had the disagreement with

What the disagreement was

What happened

And explain how you felt about it

Well, usually I don't like to have any argument with other people, but when it comes to this topic, the first that I experienced out of mind, it was something that happens when I was in university.

That was quite a long time ago, if I'm not mistaken, when I was a sophomore in the university at that time, the president of the Student Union and University wanted to make a new policy and he proposed that maybe our students should actually do some morning exercises, which is actually something extra.

Maybe they should go to the playgrounds. It's about 7 a.m. and probably run for about 30 minutes. Immediately, I know his intention was actually quite good because he feel like the students nowadays we don't have enough sufficient exercises. So health is the foundation of everything. So if you can do more exercises, it's going to help us to be stronger and it can benefit us in the future.

However, at that time I cannot totally agree with him. So, in the meeting, I just also stated to my disagreement. We actually had a debate. My point is that it is not really that reasonable to do that.

First of all, the morning time is not the best time for people to do exercises, you know, if you are waking up at an early morning and did exercises, maybe when you go to classes you could be really sleepy and drowsy. Well, those of you in the class say what influence your study, you will feel extremely fatigued.

And another reason is that maybe the morning is not really healthy for us because sometimes we have smog issues. The air pollution was still quite serious, so it may lead to some health problems.

Last, but at least, I told him that I think our own freedom to do some extra, you know, exercises. Some people have to do this in the morning. Some people would like to do this in afternoon or evening. So I think they should not force us to do that at the same time.

So after some negotiation and the debate, finally he just decided to just dropped idea. So I feel like if you have some disagreement with someone is better for you to sit down and to have a peaceful conversation and talk. Maybe people will understand how you feel.

Part 3

20.1. What do you do if you disagree with someone?

when I disagree with someone, I adjust my communication styles to increase empathy and build a lot more patience when dealing with this situation. This way, no constant disagreements are popping out.

20.2. How can we stop an argument from escalating into a fight?

During an argument, the only thing we can realistically control is our own emotions and behaviors. Anger, guilt, and pride are overwhelming emotions which, if left unchecked will dominate the conversation and make us say things we ordinarily wouldn't. When we notice things heating up, stop for a moment and take a deep breath. Ask for a five-minute break to clear our head.

20.3. Who do you think should teach children to respect their teacher?

I think it is the parents who should teach their children that they should respect their teachers. Parents are the first teachers of their children, and their subtle and physical actions will influence the way their children behave.

20.4. What disagreements do parents and children usually have?

I think it is boundary conflict disagreement. This occurs when

parents attempt to set limits with their children. Limits are an important part of creating structure for children. But, setting limits can create tension between parent and child, resulting in an emotional disconnect in the relationship. The key to staying in connection during these limit-setting interactions is to align parents with their child's primary emotional state.

Part 2

21. Describe a person you know who loves to grow plants (e.g. vegetables / fruits / flowers etc.).

You should say:

Who this person is

What he/she grows

Where he/she grows them

And explain why he/she enjoys growing plants

Gardening is becoming a very popular hobby in my country in recent years. I know many people who like to do gardening. However, today I am going to talk about my grandfather because I learnt about growing plants from him.

My grandfather started this hobby after retirement. He retired from China Agricultural University as a lecturer, so he had pretty good knowledge about plants. However, he never got much time, before retirement.

His house has a big backyard, so there is a lot of open space to grow plants. He started with flowers like roses and jasmine. Then he planted some fruit trees like apples, oranges, and pomegranates. Now, he has a kitchen garden, and he grows all his vegetables by himself.

There are a lot of pesticides and chemicals being used in farming nowadays. So, he doesn't like to buy vegetables from the market. Although organically grown vegetables are also available in the market nowadays, their prices are too high currently. I also feel that the vegetables grown by him have a different taste. Maybe it is because instead of using chemicals, he uses kitchen waste as compost.

I guess I don't have much of a green thumb, every year I plant cabbage, beans and sweet corn in my backyard but all I ever get is a lot of weeds. During corona time, however, I had a lot of free time and so I learnt a bit of gardening from my grandpa. That's when I came to know about his love for gardening and how much knowledge he had. For example, he taught me how to safely and naturally deal with common pests, diseases, and weeds that can wreak havoc on the garden.

In the beginning, I started with just a few tomatos. But with grandpa's guidance, now I can do really well in planting, caring for, and harvesting several kinds of vegetables. I guess this is the most fulfilling part for a gardener.

Part 3

21.1. Are there many people growing their own vegetables now?

Growing your own produce in your garden is a simple way to ensure you always have fresh, delicious fruits and vegetables at your fingertips. The cost of living crisis has prompted some people to cut food bills by growing their own fruit and vegetables. Main idea: Developing a green thumb is a way to pass the time for some people.

21.2. Do you think it's good to let kids learn how to plant?

Planting activities foster the spirit of exploration. For children, the natural environment can more directly support their independent exploration, and planting activities are real and natural, vibrant and varied. Planting activities foster a sense of responsibility in children, and they are happy to see the seedlings grow up. At the same time, when they see the seedlings growing worms, they can actively think of ways to protect the bean seedlings, which is their sense of responsibility and love, and through this method they can develop their sense of responsibility.

21.3. What do you think of the job of a farmer?

Farmer is an ancient occupation, and it is one of the ancient occupations for the survival of early human society. Human survival necessitated the need for food, and human development was largely determined by the ancient occupation of farmer.

21.4. What are the differences between traditional and modern agriculture?

Agriculture is a huge industry that has evolved throughout time. Agriculture includes the art and science of cultivating plants, animals, fungi, and other life forms with natural resources such as water, soil, air, and sunlight to provide food for humans. Traditional agriculture relies on methods such as crop rotation or hand weeding which can be difficult to maintain in today's world where there are more than 7 billion people on Earth vying for increasingly scarce land and resources. Modern agriculture uses mechanized equipment like tractors and combines to harvest crops quickly which saves labor costs but may not produce food as efficiently or environmentally friendly as traditional farming methods.

Part 2

22. Describe a time when you received money as a gift.

You should say:

When it happened

Who gave you money

Why he/she gave you money

And explain how you used the money

Ok, giving a gift on some occasions, such as birthday, anniversary, wedding, is considered as one of the most important traditions in my country. I received special gifts many times, but here I'd like to talk about when I was always gifted in the form of money. It was my grandpa who constantly used to give me money as a gift.

I can vividly recall from my 6th birthday until 15th birthday, my grandpa used to give me money. Even though his intention of giving money was buying a gift as per my choice, I never spend spent it, rather I saved in order to buy something big for my grandpa. However, after saving money for a few years, he passed away and whatever I had thought all my plan ruined.

If I can understand him, I used to give me money as a gift because he could have thought that his chosen gift I will not like. Perhaps, his intention was to allow me for buying what I love. Or may

because he might have thought that I need money for personal experiences. However, it wasn't the case, you know, all money that I saved I finally donated to welfare charity.

Overall, I can say that I will never forget my grandpa's gift how valuable was it for me. I will always remember his memories that he spent with me.

Part 3

22.1. Why do people rarely use cash now?

Well, consumers are paying by credit cards or online payment methods because they are convenient and safe to use. Not to mention, many merchants nowadays don't even take cash anymore.

I think this is the result of the prevalence of credit cards and digital payments, both of which are far more convenient than paying by cash. You just swipe your card during purchase or show the payment code on your phone instead of having to count out cash. In fact, a lot of hotels, airlines and rentals no longer accept cash for transactions.

Besides, there're many benefits of paying by credit card, such as building up a strong credit score and earning points and rewards like shopping discounts, hotel stays, and frequent flyer miles. With more

and more people ditching bills and coins in favor of credit and digital payments, cash may disappear completely as a form of currency one day.

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

I have no idea, probably 5 to 6 years old when they begin to be given allowance? I mean by this age children should have become aware that one has to pay money for something before taking it out of the store. Before this, they might only understand the quantities of money but not their value. For example, they may mistakenly think that two dimes worth more than a quarter. Then, if parents educate their kids the value of money and cost of goods at an early age, their children probably get the idea earlier than kids without such education.

22.3. Should parents reward children with money?

Yes. It's a good way to motivate children to do things like housework. At the same time, kids can learn about making money through working. It is also a good opportunity for parents to teach basic financial literacy, such as controlling spending and saving money for a rainy day.

Although some parents may think that rewarding kids with money will simply spoil them, I believe financial rewards actually work fairly well to encourage kids to repeat positive behaviors, such as completing chores and following rules, and these financial incentives can provide a great transition into money management and financial literacy.

For this to work, though, parents must know how to properly use these types of rewards. For example, rewards should be pre-planned and discussed in some detail before rolling them out, and any sort of reward should target a specific behavior or action the child performs. Also, financial rewards shouldn't be overused because when we incentivize everything, it becomes less effective.

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

Yes, the concept of saving for a rainy day must be passed on to children from an early age. Teaching children how to save is an important step to help them become financially responsible adults. There's many benefits of teaching kids to save money. It helps children to understand the difference between 'needs', 'wants' and 'wishes'?

For example, the food they eat every day is a need whereas a shiny new bike is or a want and the latest tablet are wants that they need to save for. At the same time, it will instill the thoughts of goal setting – saving certain amounts of money as a goal to get what they want. Most importantly, they develop patience and discipline. Saving money will show them nothing is easily available, they need to earn it.

Part 2

23. Describe a time when you saw a lot of plastic waste (e.g. in a park, on the beach, etc.).

You should say:

Where and when you saw the plastic waste?

Why there were a lot of plastic waste?

What did you do after you saw it?

Explain what your thoughts were about this?

Introduction

While plastic has many valuable uses, we have become addicted to single-use plastic products — with severe environmental, social, economic and health consequences. Today, I am going to share my experience of handling plastic waste in my town.

When and where you saw the plastic waste?

I live in Amritsar and it's a tourist hub. Last week, I encountered a huge pile of plastic waste not too far from the Golden temple. In fact, tourism in my city single-handedly generates a large amount of single-use plastic waste which poses a problem for the local disposal system and environment.

Why there was a lot of plastic waste?

The two reasons why a lot of plastic waste was there are – Firstly, the site lacks basic facilities, especially dustbins. Secondly, the youngsters conduct parties and dump liquor bottles and food waste near the premises. Lastly, the lack of spreading awareness was widely visible since there were no signboards or anything.

And not just Amritsar, even other tourist destinations have been facing a serious threat of plastic pollution.

What did you do after you saw it?

As soon as I saw the pile of plastic waste, I sent the picture to the city mayor's Twitter handle. Within hours, the Municipal Corporation removed the plastic dump from the place and thanked me for being a good citizen.

Not just that, in an initiative to keep the environment of the city clean, a 'Plastic-Free Amritsar' campaign was launched by the Mayor in the week following. The objective of the campaign was to free city dwellers of plastic. All the residents of the city had been invited to bring plastic waste and get gifts in return.

Explain what your thoughts were about this?

My first thought was how could somebody be so irresponsible? So I committed myself to the cause and associated with a local NGO to clean my city.

Of the seven billion tonnes of plastic waste generated globally so far, less than 10 per cent has been recycled. So I think its our moral duty to recycle more, use jute or cloth bags when to go for shopping.

Concluding the Cue Card

Protecting the environment has become a need for our survival. The people should also contribute towards this campaign for the betterment of the country.

Part 3

23.1. Do you think we should use plastic products?

It's definitely not a good idea to encourage plastic usage. Our plastic addiction is already having a devastating impact on our oceans, our wildlife, and our health. The simplest practical way to prevent this from happening is to use less plastic.

23.2. How can we reduce our use of plastic?

To decrease our use of plastic, we can perform a variety of easy, everyday actions. For example, Carrying a reusable bottle is a great way to cut our plastic use and save money too. Bringing our own cloth bags to the grocery store is another task that can help reduce plastic usage.

23.3. What kinds of plastic waste are often seen in your country?

The most prevalent kind of environmental plastic waste in India is small plastic fibres found in the filters of cigarette butts. The next most popular things are stirrers, plastic bottles, plastic bottle caps, plastic supermarket bags, and plastic food wrappers.

23.4. Why do people like to use plastic products?

Plastic is a popular material because it's strong, light, and cheap to make. That's the primary reason why people like to use it. From bicycle helmets, child safety seats and airbags in automobiles to cell phones, televisions, and computers; plastics can be found everywhere.

