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## Tangible Object

1. Describe a gift you that would like give to someone. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Well, a special gift that I would like to give to someone is Kindle—an

E-book reader. To begin with, the kindle is an e-reader, but it is also a portable bookshop. You are accessible to abundant reading materials, from scientific journal to mathematical theories, which is really helpful to expand our knowledge. In addition, it's favorable to protect our eyes. Its special design of the screen makes our eyes comfortable when reading books on it. Finally, unlike the tablet computer, its simplicity is conducive to protecting us from various internet distraction. The only function of it is to provide us with excellent platform to enjoy the world of reading.

2. If a foreigner comes to your country, what kind of food would you like to recommend to him or her and why?

For foreign people who come to China for visiting, I would recommend Sichuan food, which a very unique spicy food for three main reasons. Firstly, While there are a number of spicy foods in China, Sichuan food is the most special and certainly the most famous, because Sichuan dishes contain plenty of pepper, which is different from chili. Also, when they travel around the country, it is very easy to find a Sichuan restaurant in any city. The sensation of having a hot and tingling tongue is unforgettable. Moreover, there is a cultural element in this food because some restaurants give traditional performances to diners.

## Media

3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Watching television is not a good way to spend one's time.

It is undeniable that watching TV has negative impact on people. To start with, watching TV for a long time not only causes harm to our eyes and bodies, it may even dull our wits. For instance, my elder brother, who are indulged in watching TV shows, would spend almost

4 hours every day on watching TV. It hurts his eyesight significantly. Also, spending too much time on TV programs can reduce our communication with our friends and families. Finally, people who spend too much time on TV are easily distracted by lots of entertainment shows. These shows usually bring no benefits to people. On the contrary, it leads young people to spend less time on studying and have worse school performance.

4. Some people like to listen to audio books. Others like to read paper books. Which do you prefer and why?

I think listening to audio books has several advantages that reading books does not have. Firstly, it saves time because you can listen to an interesting story while doing something else. Also, we can learn something new during the trip. However, reading paper book needs high concentration. Besides, audio books can be listened when you are on the way to other places. For example, audio books can make your driving less boring. Finally, a lot of children's literature comes with audio versions, and it's a great idea to invite kids to listen. It helps children develop imagination and creativity, and cultivates children's learning interest.

## Technology

5. Which technology has made the greatest impact on people's life in your country: airplane, computer or television?

While airplane and television are surely important inventions, I believe computer is probably more helpful in people's life. For one thing, computer helps people so much in their studies since it allows people to write research papers and

create PowerPoint presentations with higher efficiency. You know, in the past, students had to rewrite their paper which costs them bunches of time. But now they only need to do some minor edit with computer. For another, so multifunctional and powerful is computer that most of people's need can be fulfilled by clicking the mouse. For instance, computer can be utilized as a convenient and efficient tool to communicate with others. People now have been accustomed to chat through online communication tools such as Skype, QQ and so forth.

6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Cell phones have greatly improved people's lives.

I agree that on many counts, cell phones have substantially improved people's lives. The obvious reason is that we can use cell phones to connect with family, communicate with friends and even run a business. For example, I would like to chat with my friend through a

cell phone application called Weixin. Also, new technological advances have provided us with new ways to use cell phones such as listening to music, watching movies and surfing the internet. On the contrary, without cell phones, people had to perform these tasks by computer or other electronic devices respectively. It is generally recognized that cell phones are such powerful multifunctional device that synthesize many electronic devices into one.

## Intangible Object

7. What kinds of music do you like the least? Give reasons why you do not like this kind of music.

Honestly speaking, listening to hard rock is really suffering and I can hardly stand it. First of all, they are so loud that I can't concentrate at all with such noisy music in the background. Also, I can't understand some hard rock singers, and the way they speak, behave and the clothes they wear are so weird. They might have their ears, noses and even lips pierced which are not traditionally tolerated. Some of them might even be addicted to drugs, which are definitely bad examples for teenagers. More importantly, there are a good number of teenagers who lost their hearing by listening to this kind of music all day.

8. What type of movie do you think is not enjoyable to watch: action, romance or science fiction? Give details and reasons in your response. From my perspective, compared with other two types, action movie is not so enjoyable to watch. Firstly, this kind of movies is often full of violence and crimes, which may mislead people, especially the children with weak sense of judgment. Secondly, its plot is tediously familiar to the audience. More often than not, we will know what the end will be from the beginning. This leads us to feel the type movie lacks innovation. Finally, it can hardly present any practical significance. That is to say, the theme it shows is often far away from our real life so too much watching of this type of movie may be just a waste of time.

## Money

9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Government should spend money on certain projects that encourage citizens to lead healthier lifestyles.

Yes I agree that government should provide financial support for some projects to help citizens live in healthier lifestyles. First of all, since government takes the lead of a country, they have the moral responsibility to ensure citizens healthier life. The health quality of citizens has close relationship with the development of a country. Secondly, there are still many projects that remain to be established for common people to do physical exercises. For example, in small cities, many communities don't have the basic exercise facilities to be used by citizens. Finally, only government

has the ability to pool resources to strengthen some infrastructure construction, because it organizes the whole society.

10. Some people think that money and power are the symbol of success. Do you agree or disagree with this view?

It is true that money and power are attractive, but I don't think they are the definition of success. It must be admitted that having money and power can easily be considered as successful by the public. For example, common people might regard Mayun as one of the successful people simply because he is on the Top 500 fortune list. However, there are so many people who are wealthy and have a good job, but can't be defined as success because they are selfish and do not like to help others. Meanwhile, I've seen many other people who are not rich but they like to share what they have with others and I think that's what success means.

## People

11. Describe your favorite teacher. Explain why you like him or her so much.

My high school sports teacher, James, is my favorite teacher because he is funny and skillful, living a wonderful life. James has a great sense of humor, and he likes to tell us a lot of interesting stories, from books or from his personal life. In addition, he often organizes field trips and outdoor activities. I still remembered that last summer, he invited the whole class to climb the only mountain in Shanghai, named Sheshan. During the process of climbing, he taught us some basic skills of camping, hiking and so forth. At the age of 40, he still remains single, so he spends his long summer holidays traveling around the world, exploring jungles and rainforests and making friends with all sorts of people.

12. Among the following three professions, which one do you think makes the greatest contribution to society: teachers, farmers or doctors?

Compared with other useful professions, I believe that teachers make the greatest contribution to our social progress. In every school, college or university, it is the sacred duty of teachers to disseminate knowledge among their students, who then apply what they learn to play different roles in society. Also, teachers have undeniably strong influence on students and sometimes become role models during their formative years. For instance, my high school teacher Peihua Liu is such a diligent person that she was my role model at that time. So I make every effort to follow her steps and keep working hard since then. In addition, it is generally recognized that education is the foundation of national success, so teachers are the pillars of modern society.

## Place

13. Do you prefer to eat in a fast food restaurant or do you prefer to have food in another kind of eating place?

If I have adequate time and money, Japanese restaurant, instead of fast-food chain store, would be my prior choice. First of all, a fast-food restaurant is too noisy, with a great amount of people coming and going. Though the food offered there are much cheaper and fast, the quality of the food is incomparable with that of other restaurants. On the other hand, eating in a Japanese restaurant is enjoyable because of its slow pace and quiet setting. Food is carefully and elegantly presented, and the tea ceremony connects me to the essence of Japanese culture. Almost every Friday afternoon, I would invite my colleagues to have a snack in Japanese restaurant.

14. Describe your favorite place to shop for clothes. Explain why you like to go there to buy clothes.

If I want to shop for clothes, my favorite place is a large shopping mall where I can spend a whole day. One advantage

is that there are a variety of stores to choose, from popular brands such as H&M to boutique shops to luxury items, so even doing some window shopping is fun. Also, a large shopping mall frequently offers great discounts in clothes, shoes and other fashionable items. The discounts can be up to 80 percent off. Finally, the services are great. You can try on a lot of clothes for free, and you can do returns or exchanges as you wish. Last time, I return a T-shirt just because I dislike the color after I took it home.

## Event and Activity

15. Describe an important day in your life. Explain why it is so important to you.

Well, for me, the most important day of my life was the day of my 18th birthday. Before that day, I never expected I could receive such a great amount of gifts and best wishes from both my friends and my families. For instance, my father gave an iPad which I had dreamed of for a long time and my best friend sent me a hello kitty computer bag. After eating the birthday cake, we went to Karaoke to enjoy singing and cheering until we were all exhausted. In addition, I realized that from that day on, I would lead a new life because I was already an adult and have to behave more independently.

16. Describe an event in history that you would like to learn more about. Explain the reasons why you want to learn about it.

In modern Chinese history, the Cultural Revolution is both a significant event and a mystery, so I want to learn more about it. Firstly, Cultural Revolution is a period stretching for almost 10 years, and I heard that many famous people died for some ridiculous reasons that make no sense at all. Second, the country suffered a lot in terms of economic development, social progress and technological inventions. It is said that during these 10 years, China retrogressed at least 20 years. Finally, what makes me most curious is the fact that the government is still unwilling to be honest about those terrible mistakes, covering some important facts.

## Life

17. Some people prefer to solve a challenge all by themselves. Others prefer to depend on other people's help. Which way do you prefer and why?

In my view, I would like to depend on others' help to cope with a challenge for the following reasons. It must be admitted that people should be independent and try to solve problems on their own. However, as the saying goes "a good guy needs three fellows", it is always beneficial for people to listen to others' advice. For example, I had to make a detailed plan for a field trip last summer and by listening to the voice of all the people attending this trip, the plan was elaborated in a more concise and comprehensive way. In addition, others can always help us get to the core of problems by looking at things from a different perspective.

18. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The way people dress themselves reveals their personality.

Well, in many situations it is true that people use their clothes of different colors and styles to show their personality. Clearly, color says a lot about one's personality. People who like bright colors are generally open-minded and carefree, while those who wear drab colors are serious and reserved. Besides, as to styles, T-shirts and old jeans reveal a casual attitude, and suits, ties and polished shoes reveal great care to details. Of course, the age is another factor that affects the dressing style, for example, a 30 years old female won't dress like a 20 years girl. Finally, a growing trend is that people are wearing special clothes such as leather pants full of holes to show their individuality.

## Culture

19. In your opinion, should people be encouraged to visit science, art and history museums?

It is advisable that people of all age groups should visit science, art and history museums to broaden their horizons. First of all, a visit to a science museum helps us to gain a deeper understanding of our physical world, especially the universe, because we can see the concrete objects not only the abstract words on books. Secondly, it is a good idea for young children to appreciate works of art in an art museum as they start to realize that there are many other important things besides their academic studies and to cultivate their aesthetic sense. Finally, visiting history museums reminds us of our traditions, customs as well as the failures and achievements in the past.

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

Personally speaking, I definitely believe that a city should keep its old building. First because the old buildings are the symbols of history, and also the sprites of a city. Just like the Louvre Museum in Paris, thousands of artwork in it make Paris the well-known city of art. And also, these old buildings are places of historical interests, which could promote the tourism in a city. For example, the Forbidden City in Beijing witness more than 5 million tourists every year. It definitely boosted the economy of Beijing to some extent.

## Assumption

21. As we are facing serious environmental problems, what suggestions would you give on how to save our planet?

It is a fact that the Earth is suffering from serious environmental problems, causing by the abusive use of fossil fuel, the over exploration of nature and discharge of polluted waste. To cope with this situation, I'd like to offer the following suggestions. First of all, as water shortage is a universal problem in the world, I suggest that everyone should conserve fresh water resources by reducing our daily consumption. For example, we could flush the toilet by water used to wash our face. Second, big cities in the developing world are the victims of severe air pollution, so decreasing the usage of private cars is a way out. We could take public transportation such as metro, bus and the like. Lastly, as to widespread deforestation, I urge the government to step up law enforcement and prohibit unplanned logging.

22. A social group wants to do something to protect the environment. What suggestions would you like give them?

I would like to give three pieces of advice to a social group which is dedicated to environmental protection. Firstly, they should launch their own website to do some publicity and recruit more members because having more people involved helps it to achieve long-term goals. Currently, a lot of environmental groups have already post advertisements on their own websites and by this way, some of them gain support from individuals. Also, it is suggested that they do a series of road shows to promote the public's awareness and raise some funds. Finally, as government plays a vital role in environmental issues, it would be wise for the group to work closely with it.

## Education

23. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students should always study in a quiet place.

In my view, it's absolutely necessary for students to study in quiet places for the following reasons. Firstly, students can concentrate on their books better in quiet places, which means their learning efficiency can be promoted. Otherwise, they may be distracted by trivial things like noise triggered by renovation of the new classroom. I still remember that

when I was preparing for my biology exam last semester, there were some students speaking loudly beside me. It turned out that I spent twice the time as usual to accomplish my exam review. Also, as the saying goes "still water runs deep", it is beneficial for students to soak up their study in quietness. With less distractions, they tend to probe into more dimensions of the same subjects, having deep understanding of each of them. In addition, according to research, the students who study in quiet places are more likely to get great scores in the exam.

24. Some people think students in the future will have classes on the Internet, but others think students will still have classes in buildings. What is your opinion on this issue?

I think online education will become a growing trend in the future, but the majority of students will still choose classroom learning. It must be admitted that taking classes on the Internet has twin advantages of convenience and flexibility. Students do not need to commute to the school; instead, they can take the class wherever they want as long as there is internet connection. However, the disadvantages of distance learning are distinct in that the interaction is of a non-face-to-face nature, so it is hard for teachers to hold their students' attention online. Moreover, students who use the Internet for education are easily distracted by lots of online entertainment, such as YouTube, Facebook and so on.