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Part1

9-12月考试的话该怎么复习？

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Part1 素材使用须知：

素材内容是以国内背景所创作，以尽可能适合国内考生使用。

首先，一般来说 Part1 的回答只需要简单的 1-2 句，不需要长篇大论。准备时间紧张的童鞋可以简单回答即可。想冲高分的同学可以多说一些，不过说太长的话考官会主动打断你。

而我们的素材里面有部分题目是写得相对长一些的，亲亲可以选择性的准备。

其次，Part1 的前四个话题：工作/学习，你生活的地方/家乡是必考题，两者中二选一。也就是说如果考官选择 Work and Study 提问，那他就不会问你 Where you live/Hometown。

如果考官选择 Work/study，那么他会先问你：Do you work or are you a student? 所以 Work 和 Study 你只需要准备其中之一即可。

如果考官选择 Where you live/Hometown，那他会直接选择两者之一，不会让你选，这跟 work/study 不一样哦！

再而，考官会剩下的 Part1 环节继续提问大概两个话题，每个话题会提问 3-4 个小问题。

关于常考题的误区：

特别说明：我们通过大量考生反馈以及考官小本本发现，被大多数机构视为常考题必考题的 Work and Study; Hometown; The area you live in; Home (accommodation)，他们其实没有被正确地归类以及整理。包括雅思哥在内的众多机构都会把这四个话题放在每个季度的题库里，其对应的题目也不变。

其实 Part1 的常考题只有 Work/Study 和 Where you live/Hometown 这两个，而且其对应的题目也是会在每个季度替换的！

下面就是我们总结出来的常考题，大家按照这个版本复习即可。同时我也会把“雅思哥版”的常考题附在最后。对我们的发现持怀疑态度的童鞋可以看雅思哥版的。但我建议大家按我的题库进行复习哦！

关于口语考试流程

安娜曾通过自己的渠道拿到考官的绝密提问小本本，也就是口语考试中，考官手上拿的小本本。里面有详细的口语考试流程，考官需要说的话，以及每个部分的具体提问内容。

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操作好了之后把对应截图在微信发给店主，店主会给您发小本本。直接问的一律不回复。

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最后吃亏的还是广大考生们。

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如果我觉得素材有错怎么办？

我们的素材都是经过店主 Anna 和外教一起编写和检查过的哦！ 您可以放心！

其实外国人在生活中有一些常用的口头上的表达，看起来很奇怪但实际并没有错的，国内老师也不会懂这些。所以呀！如果你觉得素材有错，我们是非常欢迎您来询问我们滴！千万不要觉得不好意思哦！

下面举两个例子：

“Anna is two years my elder.” 安娜比我大两岁。 “She is four months my younger” 她比我小四个月。

这是一种比较现代的说法，当然我们平时都会讲 “Anna is two years older than me” 和 “She is four months younger than me.” 但其实外国人都会用前者多一些的。

“The majority of the girls were content discussing about how handsome or how affluent their boyfriends were.” 女孩子们都在热烈地讨论他们的男朋友有多帅。

这是现代英语的另一个特征，就是现在外国人在口头上都常常会省略掉介词。这里就把 were content with discussing 的 with 去掉了。这在口语上是没问题的，但大家在写作中就尽量要避免哦。

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Work / Study (二选一)

考官会先问你是学生还是已经工作了的。你回答学生的话，考官就只会问 Study 的问题，反之亦然。
所以 Work 和 Study 二选一准备即可。

1: Work (常考题)

这个话题写了三套答案，分别是商科、文科和理工科专业。

(1) For those who majors in Business (商科)

1. What kind of job do you do? (必考题目)

I am currently a marketing assistant for an internet and telecommunications company. My job entails (需要) collaborating with the advertising team and the data analysts to work on new marketing strategies to increase the number of customers and sales for the company.

2. What do you do while working?

As a marketing assistant, the majority of my work involves small tasks and errands (差事) I run for the chief marketing executive (主管). The executive team make all of the major decisions and the assistants perform the essential tasks such as emailing new clients, scheduling meetings and coordinating events. These are some of the things I do while working.

3. Did you use any technology at work?

Yes, we use a lot of technology at my work. Modern day marketing is all done online. The internet and social media particularly are fantastic places for advertising and brand development. As a marketing assistant, my job involves trying to market and advertise wherever it is most effective to. Thus, most of my work is done on computers and smart technology.

4. Why did you choose this job? [Why/ Why not?]

I chose this job because it pays well, and I want to have a comfortable life. Some people care about having a job that is meaningful or makes a difference in the world, but that sounds too stressful for me. I just want something that pays the rent and leaves me with enough money to afford nice things. I want to go on holidays, go to nice restaurants and buy expensive clothes. This job lets me do that.

5. Will you keep on doing this job in the future? [Why?]

I have no intentions to change my job in the future. I really enjoy the place at which I work. I have a great team of colleagues to work with, the job is not too difficult or stressful, and it pays very well. I am not an ambitious person with lofty (崇高的) aspirations, so I am more than happy remaining where I am at my current job. Changing jobs can be a very stressful experience and I do not want to take that risk.

(2) For those who majors in Social Science (文科)

1. What kind of job do you do? (必考题目)

I am an English teacher in a middle school, I teach English language to students between the ages of eleven and fourteen. It is a very interesting and rewarding job.

2. What do you do while working?

Most of my workday is spent teaching classes. I work at a very busy middle school and so I have classes from 8am in the morning until 5pm in the afternoon, with a break around midday for lunch. Therefore, while working I speak to students, teach them new things, correct their mistakes and prepare them for their examinations. It is a very rewarding work.

3. Did you use any technology at work?

Yes, I do use some technology at work. When I was a child, my teachers simply used a blackboard and chalk to teach the class. Nowadays we use **interactive** (互动的) whiteboards which are essentially large computer screens at the front of class which the teacher and students can write and draw on. They are very effective resources for teaching and this technology has greatly improved my work.

4. Why did you choose this job? [Why/ Why not?]

I chose this job because I believe that teaching is one of the most important and essential roles in society. I take great pride in being a teacher because the education of future generations is a critical job, and it will have a huge impact on society. Children in education today will become the future doctors, lawyers and even presidents of our country!

5. Will you keep on doing this job in the future? [Why?]

I will continue doing this job **long into the future** (一直长久下去). I love the school I work at and have developed great relationships with the other teachers here and with the parents in the local community. I feel very connected to my work and proud of what I do, so I have no intention of leaving this job. It is true that teaching is not the highest paid profession, but that doesn't bother me!

(3) For those who majors in Natural Science (理工科)

1. What kind of job do you do? (必考题目)

I am currently a programmer for an **up and coming** (前景良好的) software development company. The company I work for designs websites and apps for corporations to improve their public image and the quality of their services. Therefore, I spend most of my time writing code and testing programs for these corporations.

2. What do you do while working?

While working I spend most of my time writing thousands of lines of code while developing new software. It is quite a quiet and **solitary** (孤独的) job, so while I work, I often listen to music or podcasts which keep me relaxed as I write very complicated code. Sometimes, I wish that my job was more active as most days I spend 8 hours sat in the same chair working at my computer.

3. Did you use any technology at work?

Yes, my job would be completely impossible without technology. As a programmer and software developer, my job involves writing the programs that technology use to complete functions and objectives. Therefore, it would clearly be impossible to do this job without technology. I write all of my code on computers and

software programs.

4. Why did you choose this job? [Why/ Why not?]

I decided to become a programmer for a number of reasons, but one of the key reasons is because I am not a very social person. I find the idea of working in an office with a lot of people and conversations very stressful. What is nice about being a programmer is that you do most of your work by yourself, simply writing lines of code for hours on end (持续地), which suits me very well!

5. Will you keep on doing this job in the future? [Why?]

I will continue working in software development, but I do not think I will keep on doing this specific job in the future. Programming and software development is a rapidly growing industry which changes all the time. New companies are created, and old ones go bust (倒闭) on a yearly basis. Therefore, it is in my best interests to change companies a lot and make sure I am working in a successful business.

2: Study (常考题)

这个话题写了三套答案，分别是商科、文科和理工科专业。其中商科的描述比较笼统，可以套用于任何专业。

(1) For those who majors in Business (商科)

1. What is your major? (必考题目)

My major is business studies, which I think is a very exciting thing to study. In business studies we are taught about the practical and theoretical aspects of running a business. This includes topics such as finance, management, negotiation (谈判), and many others. There are so many new things I learn all the time and I find it thrilling.

2. What do you usually do as a student?

As a student I spend most of my time working on projects with other students. Business studies is quite a group orientated (团队导向的) major. There are many projects and assignments that we must complete in small groups of 3 or 4 people. This is to prepare us for working with our teams in future businesses.

3. Did you use any technology in school to learn

Yes, I do have to use some technology in school to learn. For my major, I must give presentations and business pitches. To aid me in these pitches (为了帮自己的忙), I will often create digital presentations like Microsoft Powerpoint. I will use either a projector or an interactive screen to display my presentation as I give my pitch (做陈述、推广). The technology is really useful.

4. What is the most interesting thing about the subject / major you are in? [Why?]

The most interesting thing about my subject is the people I meet through it. At my college, they frequently bring in entrepreneurs, prominent (杰出的) businessmen, and self-made millionaires. These people are incredibly interesting and share fascinating stories about their lives and their paths to success. This is my favourite aspect about studying business.

5. What can you do in the future with your degree? [Why?]

There are many possibilities for what I can do with my degree in the future. Business studies¹ is one of the most versatile degrees that opens up a huge range of career options. I could do anything from working in marketing, working in human resources, I could even start my own business! However, I think I am going to go into e-commerce.

(2) For those who majors in Social Science (文科)

1. What is your major? (必考题目)

My major is English Language. It is the study of the foreign language to a very high degree of knowledge. At university level, it is not good enough to simply speak the language well. We must study the English language so thoroughly that we are able to read and comprehend complex works of fiction such as Shakespeare's plays. It is a very challenging major.

2. What do you usually do as a student?

As a student I spend most of my time studying in the library or reading. The English language is a difficult thing to master, especially at higher level. Therefore, I spend most of my time reading articles and novels in the English language. During my free time I like to hang out with my friends and visit the sites around the city.

3. Did you use any technology in school to learn

I did not use a lot of technology in school to learn. My major is not a subject that uses a lot of technology, for learning the English language our most useful resources are textbooks and English tutors. However, there are some websites nowadays that pair (把…组成一对) you with native English speakers to practice your conversational skills. I used these from time to time.

4. What is the most interesting thing about the subject / major you are in? [Why?]

I think the most interesting thing about my subject is the wealth of literature and foreign culture it opens up to me. To study the English language at a higher level involves reading a huge amount of classic Western literature. These are not only good stories, but also fascinating ways to learn about the history and culture of English language speaking countries.

5. What can you do in the future with your degree? [Why?]

There are a couple options I can do in the future with my degree, the most obvious of which are to become an English teacher or a professional translator. There are many areas of the professional world that require effective translators from English to Chinese and vice versa (反之亦然), translators are needed in business, politics and even in the entertainment industry. So, there are a lot of options in this respect (在这方面).

(3) For those who majors in Natural Science (理工科)

1. What is your major? (必考题目)

My major is computer science. Computer science is the study of programming and software development. In my major I learn many different coding languages which can be applied to the development of websites and apps. It is a very useful skill to have.

¹ 这是个名词，单数

2. What do you usually do as a student?

As a student I spend most of my time in the computer labs working on software development and writing code. Programming is a very time-consuming major. It takes hours to write all the code and check whether it is functioning properly. Moreover, if the code doesn't work properly, it can take ages to locate the problem in the code. So, I spend most of my time in the computer labs.

3. Did you use any technology in school to learn

I used a lot of technology in school for my major. Programming is pretty much exclusively a technology-based subject. All our projects are completed on computers and everything we are taught we are taught² on computers. There is no use for programming outside of technology, therefore we used a lot of technology in school to learn programming.

4. What is the most interesting thing about the subject / major you are in? [Why?]

Personally, I think the most interesting thing about the subject I am in is the amount of things in the world that require software development. When I was a kid, I thought programming was only useful for big tech companies. However, my subject has taught me that software development is needed in almost every aspect of modern society. I find this fascinating.

5. What can you do in the future with your degree? [Why?]

There are a few options for what I can do in the future with my degree. The obvious choices would be to go into app development or website development for huge corporations as that is very well paid and reliable work. However, there are also some options which are far more fun such as going into video games developments or working on improving AI!

² 惯用说法，没错的。如果觉得绕口，可以改为 everything we are taught is taught on computers

Where you live / Hometown (二选一)

“Where you live” 和 “Hometown” 这两个话题考官会随机二选一直接问。

随机二选一！随机二选一！跟 Work 和 Study 不一样，考生没得选择！所以都要准备！

小技巧：

如果问了 “Where you live”，那基本上 Part2 和 Part3 就会问 9-12 月保留的旧题

如果问了 “Hometown”，那基本上 Part2 和 Part3 就会问 9-12 月的新题。

3: Where you live (常考题)

这个话题写了五套答案，分别是住别墅，大城市的公寓，小城市公寓，海边的学生宿舍，内陆的学生宿舍。

(1) Living in a house

1. Do you live in a house or a flat? (必考题目)

I am fortunate enough to live in a large house rather than a small flat. I live out in the country; therefore, it is much easier for me to live in a house. There is a lot more space in the country, so there are very few flats here. Most people live in houses.

2. What is your house or apartment like?

My house is a large and spacious house in the suburbs just outside of the city. It is my family home and has been in the family for generations. Therefore, it is an elegant and traditional looking house with a very old style. I love my home and I would not change a single part of it!

3. What kind of house or apartment do you want to have in the future?

In the future I would like to have a house very similar to the one I live in now but one that is right in the city! I love my current house but at times it is very boring out here in the suburbs. So, I would like a large and traditional house in the centre of the city. But I know a house like this will be very expensive!

(2) Living in a flat (In a big city)

1. Do you live in a house or a flat? (必考题目)

I currently live in a flat in the inner city of Beijing with my parents. Most people in my city live in flats because the city is very dense. There simply would not be enough space for everyone to live in houses here.

2. What is your house or apartment like?

I live in an average size apartment located in the large city of Beijing. The apartment is near the centre of the city and is located on the 12th floor of an apartment block. It is a very comfortable apartment with two bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen and a large living room. I am very happy here.

3. What kind of house or apartment do you want to have in the future?

In the future, I would like to have a slightly larger apartment. I am hoping to start a family one day but I love

living in the centre of Beijing so it is unlikely I could afford a house here. Therefore, I want to move into a larger apartment with many bedrooms and bathrooms that can house a large family!

(3) Living in a flat (In a small city)

1. Do you live in a house or a flat? (必考题目)

I live in a quite big flat in Shantou, which is a small city in Guangdong Province. Shantou city is a very ancient city and so my flat is a **renovated** (翻新的) building. It used to be a house which has been converted into two flats. I think it is a very comfortable place to live in.

2. What is your house or apartment like?

I live in a large apartment in the small city of my hometown. The apartment is wonderful with many bedrooms, a large and beautiful kitchen as well as two living rooms for relaxing in and entertaining guests. I feel very fortunate to have such a nice apartment, and housing is quite affordable in the smaller cities.

3. What kind of house or apartment do you want to have in the future?

In the future, I would like to live in a smaller apartment in a big and exciting city. Honestly, in some ways my current apartment is too big for a person like me who does not have a large family. I would be more comfortable in a smaller apartment more suited to a single person. Also, large cities are far more fun than small ones!

(4) Living in a flat (School accommodation near the sea)

1. Do you live in a house or a flat? (必考题目)

I live in a flat as I am a student at Xiamen University. The university owns many buildings in the city which they rent out to students as student accommodation. Thus, I live in a student flat with a few other students on my course.

2. What is your house or apartment like?

I currently live in student accommodation at my university. I have a nice room, with a bed, shelves, and a desk to work at, as well as an **ensuite bathroom** (套房). There is a communal kitchen that is shared with the students on my floor and some communal spaces to hang out and play games together. There is a great energy and a lot of **bustle** (热闹) where I live!

3. What kind of house or apartment do you want to have in the future?

In the future I would love to live in a **studio** (公寓) in a cool city. It is a lot of fun in student accommodation right now, but I am the kind of person that really values **their³** own private space. Therefore, I hope to live in a nice studio apartment one day that I can decorate and make my own. I am excited to have a kitchen that I do not have to share with 7 other students!

(5) Living in a flat (School accommodation inner city)

1. Do you live in a house or a flat? (必考题目)

³ their 在这里作为第三人称单数

I live in student accommodation in Wuhan. Wuhan is a large inner city, so student accommodation is typically large apartment blocks where students share flats. Thus, I live in one of these flats with a group of students.

2. What is your house or apartment like?

The apartment I live in is very basic, but it is suitable for my needs. I live with good flatmates, so the apartment is always clean and tidy. My bed is comfortable, and the shower is hot so there is nothing to complain about! However, the lack of air conditioning means that it gets very hot in the summer months!

3. What kind of house or apartment do you want to have in the future?

In the future I would like to have a nice big apartment that I share with a couple of friends. It is fun to have so many flatmates at the moment, but I would rather live with a couple other people than share my space with 6 flatmates. So, I want to live in a large apartment with a good kitchen and multiple bathrooms! I hope this happens one day.

4: Hometown (常考题)

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如果问了 “Hometown”，那基本上 Part2 和 Part3 就会问 9-12 月的新题。

(1) Grown up in a big city and like it

1. Tell me about your hometown / where is your hometown?

My hometown is Shanghai, the largest city in China found on the central coast. It is a huge, metropolitan city and one of the global financial hubs. It is a very beautiful city with a famed waterfront promenade called the Bund (外滩) which attracts a lot of tourists and sightseers every year!

2. Do you like your hometown? / Do you want to move to the countryside in the future?

I do like my hometown very much. I think it is an utterly beautiful city with so much to offer in terms of job opportunities, good restaurants, and a thriving nightlife. Sometimes I wonder about whether I would want to move to the countryside in the future, but I think I would simply be too bored in the countryside!

3. Do you think your hometown is a good place for children to grow up in?

Many people think large cities such as Shanghai are not good places for children to grow up in, but I disagree. I think there are so many things offered to children from large cities that they do not have access to in the country. Shanghai has some of the best schools in the country, fantastic museums and a lot of different cultural influences which are important for developing well rounded (全面发展的) children!

(2) Grown up in a big city and don't like it

1. Tell me about your hometown / where is your hometown?

My hometown is the city of Shanghai, which is one of the largest cities in China, found on the central coast. Shanghai is a huge and sprawling city, full of massive high-rise buildings and densely packed grey streets. There are some beautiful areas such as the Bund, but these are incredibly expensive and very few people can afford to live there!

2. Do you like your hometown? / Do you want to move to the countryside in the future?

I do not like my hometown at all! I feel incredibly confined (受限制的) growing up in Shanghai. The streets and public transportations are always so busy and full of people. I found it very overwhelming. It is impossible to get anywhere quickly! I really want to move to the countryside in the future. I would like to live where it is quiet and peaceful

3. Do you think your hometown is a good place for children to grow up in?

I don't think Shanghai is a good place for children to grow up. It is a very multicultural place, which means that children can be influenced by unpredictable factors. Like some cultures of violence or unhealthy ideas. I think a simple and traditional environment will have a positive effect in promoting the growth of children.

(3) Grown up in a small town and like it

1. Tell me about your hometown / where is your hometown?

My hometown is the small town of Shantou, found on the eastern coast of Guangdong. Shantou was originally a trading port and therefore the docks and ships are a very important aspect of the town for me. When I was a kid I would go down to the docks and sit for hours watching the ships go by.

2. Do you like your hometown? / Do you want to move to the countryside in the future?

I love my hometown very much! I think Shantou is a very beautiful town with incredible views of the sea from the docks. It is also a thriving town that has a good economy and great education, Shantou University is famed and excellent and has helped my hometown develop even further! I have no desires to move away to the countryside in the future.

3. Do you think your hometown is a good place for children to grow up in?

I think Shantou is a brilliant place for children to grow up in. In my opinion, the countryside is too isolated and rural for children to have a proper socialized upbringing (教养), yet on the other hand very large cities are too overwhelming and dangerous. A small town like Shantou is the perfect place to bring up a child, it has the best of both worlds!

(4) Grown up in a small town and don't like it

1. Tell me about your hometown / where is your hometown?

My hometown is the city of Shantou, a small prefecture (县城) on the eastern coast of Guangdong. It is a sizeable and small town, with a population of over five million people. It was originally a trading port, and a lot of our economy is based on our history of maritime (海上的) trade.

2. Do you like your hometown? / Do you want to move to the countryside in the future?

I really do not like my hometown. I have always found Shantou an incredibly boring place. I am not interested in most of the things this town has to offer. I would much rather live out in the countryside in the middle of nature surrounded by beautiful scenery. I am hoping that one day I can leave this town and go live somewhere far more rural.

3. Do you think your hometown is a good place for children to grow up in?

I do not think Shantou is a good place for children to grow up in. I think it has all the worst traits of the city and the countryside with none of the good. In the countryside children have access to nature and a peaceful life, in the big cities children have access to a wealth of culture and experience. In Shantou, they get neither of these things.

轮换题：

5: Advertisement

1. What kind of advertisement do you watch?

- 1) I watch many kinds of advertisements. I often see advertisements for clothing lines, perfumes and jewelry, technological products such as smart phones, restaurants and businesses, and even tourism advertisements for visiting different countries! Nowadays, there are adverts for everything and I see them everywhere!
- 2) I do not watch a lot of advertisements; I try to avoid them as much as I can. I find advertisements very annoying and do not enjoy people trying to sell me things. When I do see advertisements, they are normally for the largest companies in the world. International companies such as Apple, Huawei, Douyin and Google have adverts all over the place.

2. Where can you see advertisements?

- 1) Predominantly (主要的) I see advertisements most commonly on my smart phone. There are loads of (非常多) advertisements on the most popular apps on my phone. For example, advertisements often pop up when I am using Douyin. I also see advertisements on the television and on billboards around my home city. Truly, there are advertisements all over the place!
- 2) As I try to avoid advertisements, I mainly see advertisements when I am taking the metro. I am good at avoiding advertisements on my phone and on the TV but when it comes to huge billboards and poster ads in the metro stations, they are pretty unavoidable.

3. Have you bought something because of its advertisement?

- 1) Yes, I have definitely bought products because of their advertisements. Nowadays, apps on smartphones and websites offer personalized advertisements based on your personal data. This means advertisements are much more targeted and thus I often see advertisements for things I want. Just the other day, I saw an advert for an amazing phone case and bought it immediately because I needed a new one!
- 2) No, I have never bought anything because of its advertisement. I find advertisements extremely irritating so in most cases an advertisement makes me want to buy a product less! When I need to buy something I do research and ask for recommendations rather than look at advertisements.

4. Do you watch advertisements from the beginning to the end?

- 1) I don't always watch advertisements from the beginning to the end. Often websites will allow you to skip an advertisement after the first few seconds of it playing. Most of the time I skip adverts as soon as I can. It takes a really captivating(吸引人) advert to get me to watch the whole thing from beginning to end.
- 2) If I do end up watching an advertisement I will watch it from beginning to end. Since I try to avoid most advertisements, I only watch them if I am genuinely interested in learning something about the product or service that is being advertised. Therefore, I will watch it from the beginning to the end to learn as much as possible.

6: Special costumes

1. Do you like to wear special costumes?

- 1) Wearing special costumes is a lot of fun and it is something I like to do, even if I do not do it often. At university my friends would sometimes throw special costume parties where everybody had to dress up in fun and unusual clothing. There were always great nights full of fun!
- 2) I am not a fan of wearing special costumes. I find it **silly and idiotic** (愚蠢的) to dress up in special costumes. In my opinion it is something that should be done by young children and nobody else. I lose respect for adults when I see them dressed in special costumes.

2. Did you try any special costumes when you were young?

- 1) When I was young I did not often try on special costumes. However, my brother was a big fan of anime and often bought special costumes of the characters in his favourite shows. So, he tried on a lot of special costumes when we were young, but I did not.
- 2) When I was young, I tried on many special costumes, because it is an appropriate activity for a young child. I would often go to birthday parties with my friends at school where we would all dress in silly special costumes and it was a lot of fun.

3. When was your first time to wear special costumes?

- 1) The first time I ever wore a special costume was when I was in primary school. My school put on a school play in which I was given one of the lead roles! For this role I had to wear a special and dramatic costume. It was a lot of fun to wear as a child and I felt very special!
- 2) The first time I ever wore a special costume was when I attended the birthday party of my best friend when I was a young child. It was a Star Wars themed birthday party and we all attended dressed in different Star Wars costumes. I remember it as a very happy time.

4. Do you ever buy special costumes?

- 1) I do not often buy special costumes but I have done so on certain occasions. Sometimes, my friends will decide to host a costume party where the guests are supposed to arrive dressed in costumes that match a theme, such as ‘under the sea’ or ‘in the jungle’. For these occasions I have to buy special costumes.
- 2) I never buy special costumes. I believe it is silly and inappropriate for adults to wear special costumes, therefore I never buy any. I think the next time I will buy a special costume will be when I have kids of my own and if they want to dress up in special costumes. But until then, I never buy special costumes.

7: Flowers

1. What kinds of flowers do you know?

- 1) I am no expert in⁴ flowers, but I do know a few of the most common flowers. My mother loves flowers and would often buy lilies or orchids (百合和兰花) to put in vases (花瓶) around the house. These are my favourite flowers but I also love cherry blossoms and peonies (樱花和牡丹). I love the beautiful colours and delicacy of flowers.
- 2) I do not know any flowers at all! I know the really obvious flowers that everybody knows such as the dandelion (蒲公英), but apart from flowers like this I have no knowledge on the subject at all. It would be nice to be able to recognize and identify all the flowers but I do not think it is important knowledge.

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

- 1) Yes, there are many flowers that have special meanings in China. For example, the lily represents good fortune and happiness and it is often given to people in difficult situations. The lotus (荷花) flower is also very significant due to its links with Buddhism (佛教) and is a symbol of wisdom, purity and peace.
- 2) I know that flowers have special meanings in China, but I have never learned any of them. A lot of people nowadays think the idea of flowers having special meanings is outdated. This is an opinion I believe in myself. To me, flowers are just pretty and should be enjoyed for that and no other reason. There is no need to give all these flowers special meanings.

3. Have you planted any flowers?

- 1) I have not personally planted any flowers, as I am not a gardener, however, my mother has planted many when I was growing up. I am not very good at looking after plants, so I do not plant flowers as I know they will die when I forget to water them enough. I like to leave flower planting to the people who are good at it like my mum.
- 2) I have planted loads of flowers in my life. When I was a small child, I would visit my grandparents and help them with the gardening. The job they gave me was putting the seeds in the ground and watering them as it is an easy job for a child to do.

4. Have you sent flowers to others?

- 1) I have sent flowers to others. I think sending flowers to others is a beautiful way to show love or affection in times of celebration or need. I have sent flowers to sick relatives or flowers to cousins when they did well in their exams. I think flowers are a beautiful gift and appropriate for many situations.
- 2) I have not ever sent flowers to others. I think it is an outdated practice and besides flowers are very expensive. I think it is silly to spend all that money on something that will die and have to be thrown away. I prefer to buy my friends gifts that will last longer.

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8: Barbecue

1. Do Chinese people like barbecue?

- 1) Barbecue is incredibly popular in China and the Chinese people like it very much. Unlike in the Western world, where barbecues are generally large social gatherings, barbecue in China is a much more common sort of food. Many of the most popular and common street foods in China are barbecue and people will eat them every day at night.
- 2) Barbecue is quite common in China but for the younger generations it is becoming less popular. For young people nowadays, they are very interested in foreign foods and would rather go to an Italian restaurant than to a restaurant serving classic Chinese barbecue.

2. What kind of food do you like to eat for barbecue?

- 1) My absolute favourite type of food to eat for barbecue is kebab. My favourite foods are meat and especially beef and mutton, so a stick of (一串) roast beef or mutton is always my go to barbecue food (最喜欢的烧烤食物，常用说法). I have friends who grew up in coastal regions and prefer dishes such as barbequed squid (烤鱿鱼), but this sort of cuisine is not for me.
- 2) I am a bit of a rare case when it comes to my favourite food for barbecue. Most people love barbecued meats but I much prefer barbecued vegetables. I love to eat peppers and aubergine that have been roasted on the barbecue. I love the smokiness of the vegetables.

3. Would you like to have barbecue with your family or your friend?⁵

- 1) I love to have barbecue with my friends over my family. The reason for this is that I have friends from many different regions in China and therefore when we have barbecue the food is more interesting and there are loads of different dishes. This is better than eating with my family where we all eat the same cuisine.
- 2) I much prefer to have barbecue with my family rather than with my friends. I have had barbecue with my family ever since I was a young child and we have many traditions and special dishes which we like to share together. Barbecue without my family is just not the same.

4. Did you have barbecue when you were a child?

- 1) Yes, I had a lot of barbecue when I was a child. My father was a great fan of barbequed meat, so it was a type of food that we ate very frequently. I always loved when we would have barbecue together as a family, it felt like such a special treat every time.
- 2) No, I did not have barbecue a lot when I was a child. In my family, barbecue was quite a special occasion that we would only do once in a while (偶尔). However, I am not upset by this as it meant that every time we had barbecue it was a very exciting and special time.

⁵ 这句话看似问的是 family 和 friends 二选一，但外教老师认为这种问法通常是视 family and friends 为一个整体，只是在疑问句中 and 需改为 or 而已。当然，你回答 family 和 friends 二选一从原则上讲也没有错。

9: Relax

1. What would you do to relax?

- 1) My favourite way to relax is by listening to calming music as I drink a fresh pot of tea. I find both tea and classical music incredibly relaxing and I will do this every day I get home after a long day of work. Sometimes, I may even read a book as well. This is my favourite way to relax.
- 2) When I need to relax, I like to spend time with my friends. I think the best way to unwind (放松) is to meet up with the people you love and have fun and enjoyable conversations. It is also an opportunity to talk about recent stresses which is a good way to get over them.

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

- 1) I think for some people doing sports is a good way to relax. Sports are a great way to let off steam (宣泄情感、发泄怒火) and to release pent up frustration (窝囊气), so for certain people it is very relaxing. Personally, sports make me very competitive which is not relaxing at all. So, sports are not a great way to relax for everyone!
- 2) I think sports is a very good way to relax. When you play sports with your friends it is a great bonding experience, and it strengthens friendships. Sports allow people to have fun and compete in a lighthearted (轻松的) way which is very relaxing in comparison to the stress and serious competition of the modern world.

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

- 1) Vacation is a great time for me to relax! Relaxation is all about taking time away from the stresses and work of day to day life. For most people, their stress comes from their job or their studies. Therefore, the best time to relax is when you are on vacation away from work or studies!
- 2) In my opinion, it is important to try and relax all the time and not only during vacations. It is not good to spend most of the year with pent up stress (积累的压力) only relaxing during the brief vacations. People need to make time to relax every week or else their health will get very bad.

4. Do you think students need more relaxing time?

- 1) Relaxation is a very important aspect of one's studies. Currently, students do not have enough relaxing time. If students work too hard and do not give themselves proper breaks, then they will burn out (身心疲惫). This means they will not produce work to the best of their abilities. Therefore, I think it would be better if schools gave students more relaxing time alongside their study time.
- 2) I do not think students need more relaxing time. I believe that students work very hard but they also have ample (充足的) opportunity to relax and take time off. Compared to people working in the corporate world, students have a lot of relaxing time.

10: Car trips

1. Do you like to travel by car?

- 1) I do like to travel by car because it is the most personal and private form of transport. In a car you get to control exactly where you are going and you do not have to share the journey with strangers. Therefore, it can be a lot of fun travelling in the car with your family or close friends.
- 2) I do not like travelling by car. In my opinion, cars are a very environmentally unfriendly mode of transport and on top of this they are rather inefficient as well. Travelling by car always involves being stuck in traffic for hours and hours. So, car travel is my least favourite mode of transport.

2. When do you travel by car?

- 1) I travel by car for short journeys outside of the city. For most cases (大部分时候), if I have to travel very far I will take a train or a plane as these are much quicker. On the other hand, I will usually travel by metro within the city. However, for short trips just outside the city my favourite way to travel is by car.
- 2) I only travel by car when all other options are unavailable to me. For example, if there is construction work being done on the metro and I cannot take it into the city then I will get a taxi instead. But aside from rare cases like this, I will always try to find an alternative to travelling by car.

3. Where is the farthest place you have travelled to by car?

- 1) When I was a child, my father once decided to take us on a long trip by car to visit my grandparents in Shanghai. We lived in Beijing, so it was a very long drive! We left early in the morning because the journey was going to take us over 12 hours!
- 2) Honestly, I have never travelled that far by car. When I am travelling a long distance, I will take a train or a plane as it is an easier and more efficient mode of transport. So, the furthest I have ever travelled by car is probably just across the city of Guangzhou!

4. Do you like to sit in front or back when travelling by car?

- 1) I like to sit in the front when I am travelling by car. I like to sit in the front because the view out of the front window is the best in the car! My favourite part about driving is all the scenic views you get to watch as you drive along the roads. Therefore, the front of the car is my favourite place to sit.
- 2) I like to sit in the back when I am travelling by car. I like to sit in the back because there is normally a lot more room in the back and I find it more comfortable than sitting in the front. Especially if you are the only person sat in the back, then you have 3 seats all to yourself!

11: Environment protection

1. Is there education about environmental protection at school?

- 1) Yes, education about environmental protection is becoming much more common at schools. Most of the time, education about environmental protection happens in the science classes. This is because climate change and environmental conditions are part of scientific knowledge. Teachers often use this time to also explore manners in which individuals and society can work to protect the environment.
- 2) No, there is not a lot of education about environmental protection at school. Environmental protection is a social issue but one that is not discussed much in classrooms at the moment. Most of the discussion around environmental protection happens in the news or by politicians.

2. How do we protect environment?

- 1) There are many different ways to protect the environment as there are many things we need to protect the environment from. For example, not littering and recycling properly helps with the waste issue on our planet. While investing in environmentally friendly public transport is a good way to combat (对抗) the increase of greenhouse gases.
- 2) The single biggest problem we face at the moment is our reliance on fossil fuels. We need to invest in alternatives (替代品) such as solar power and wind farms or else we will never be able to combat climate change. There are many other issues that also need to be faced but none are as important as our dependance on oil and gas.

3. Do you think you have done enough to protect environment?

- 1) I do not think I have done enough to protect the environment. The past few hundred years of global industrial development have put a large strain (负担) on the environment and a lot needs to be done to protect the world from the effects of climate change and pollution. So, I could definitely do more!
- 2) I think I have done more than enough to protect the environment. I am very conscious of my energy usage; I always take public transport rather than driving a car and I rarely fly in planes. I think if everyone did a little bit more, we would be able to protect the environment much more effectively.

4. Would you like to work in a company related to environmental protection?

- 1) It would be an honour to work in a company related to environmental protection. Environmental protection is very important work and I would find it incredibly meaningful to be able to work in an occupation that actively tries to save the planet from the effects of climate change.
- 2) I do not personally want to work in a company related to environmental protection. It is such a huge and difficult job that I think I would find it too overwhelming. I would rather leave this sort of work to the experts and people who feel passionate enough to make a difference.

12: Primary School

1. How did you go to your primary school?

- 1) Growing up I was lucky enough to live close to my primary school. In the mornings, my mother would take my brother and me and we would all walk to the school together. It was a short walk of about 15 minutes and we were never late to school!
- 2) When I was a child I lived quite far from my primary school. I lived on the outskirts of town and my school was in the centre. Therefore, my father would have to drive me to school every day. It was about a 30-minute drive, but I enjoyed these drives with my father.

2. Do you like your primary school?

- 1) I liked my primary school a lot. For one, the people were very nice there. The teachers were lovely and caring. Also, the students were friendly and I made many friends there who I still know to this day! I was a good student and interested in my lessons, so I had a good time at primary school.
- 2) I did not like my primary school. Although it was a good school and I learned a lot while I was there, the teachers were very strict and unfriendly. I would often leave class feeling upset and annoyed with the strictness of my teachers. So, I did not like my primary school at all.

3. What did you like to do the most when you were in primary school?

- 1) My favourite thing to do when I was in primary school was to learn history. The history classes in primary school were so much fun because they explored really interesting parts of ancient Chinese history. I was always so excited to learn about distant Chinese leaders and cultures.
- 2) Honestly, my favourite part of primary school was the recess (课间休息). I did enjoy lessons and learning things, but it was always so much fun to go to recess and play with the other kids. We would play sports or games such as tag and I remember having so much fun when I was a kid.

4. What did you do in your leisure time in your primary school?

- 1) During my leisure time at primary school, I would normally play sports with my friends. Growing up we were all really into football and played it almost every day during any leisure time we got. Because of this, I still like to play football with my friends to this day.
- 2) During my leisure time at primary school, I would either talk or play games with my friends. Often, I would find the days at school very draining, so any leisure time I got I would like to spend by myself relaxing.

13: Wild animals

1. Do you like to watch TV programs about wild animals?

1) I love watching TV programs about wild animals. I find documentaries (纪录片) really interesting, and I love animal documentaries that go to exotic (异国情调的) and far off places such as Antarctica or the African savanna. It is so interesting to learn about exotic animals like penguins (企鹅) and lions.

2) I do not like watching TV programs about wild animals. I think documentaries (纪录片) on animals are really boring and they are all very similar. They mainly show the animals hunting or being hunted and these shows get very repetitive after a while. I would much rather watch a good film or a dramatic series.

2. Did you learn something about wild animals at school?

1) There were not a lot of classes that taught about wild animals at my school, but every once in a while (偶尔) we would have a science class where we would learn about animals from different countries. We would learn about how these animals could survive in very hot or very cold climates and it was really interesting.

2) The only thing I remember learning about wild animals at school is that they are dangerous. We did not have any classes specifically on wild animals but I remember being warned as a child that wild animals are very dangerous and if you are not careful they may attack you if you are out in the wild.

3. Where can you see wild animals?

1) The easiest place to see wild animals nowadays is at⁶ the zoo. However, these animals are not really wild as they are kept in captivity. If you want to see really wild animals, then you have to travel to wild places like the jungle or the rainforest and look for animals there.

2) I am not sure exactly where you can see wild animals but I think they are pretty much everywhere. Of course, it makes most sense to visit forests and jungles to see wild animals. However, there are even wild animals in the big urban cities such as wild dogs and birds.

4. In which country do you think you can see many wild animals?

1) I know that you can see lots of wild animals in South Africa. South Africa is famous for its reservations and wildlife safaris (野生动物狩猎). These are places where you can drive around and watch groups of wild animals roam (漫步) around the country. You can see lions, giraffes, hyenas (鬣狗) and hippos just to name a few!

2) When I think of a country that has a lot of wild animals the first that comes to mind is Thailand. Thailand is famous for its wild elephants and there are many places where you can go travelling and follow the elephants to watch them in the wild.

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14: Wallet

1. Do you use a wallet?

- 1) Yes, I use a wallet. I like to keep all my important cards and information in one place and a wallet is a great way to do this. If I ever need my bank card or my ID I know exactly where to find it. Wallets are also a safer place to keep your money as it is less likely to get pickpocketed (被偷).
- 2) No, I do not use a wallet. I think wallets are becoming quite outdated and unfashionable nowadays. In the modern world, fewer people use money and more people make all their purchases with debit cards and credit cards. Therefore, you can keep everything you need in your phone case and there is no need for a wallet at all!

2. Have you ever lost your wallet?

- 1) Yes, I have lost my wallet before. When I was younger I once accidentally left my wallet on the metro as it had fallen out of my pocket onto the seat. When I got home and realized what had happened, I cancelled all my cards and phoned up the metro to see if anyone had handed in my wallet. Sadly, it was never returned to me.
- 2) No, I have never lost my wallet. I only used a wallet for a brief period when I was younger, and I was always very careful with it. Nowadays, I don't carry a wallet and keep all my cards in my phone case (手机套). Because of this, I never lose my things because I am always very careful with my phone, as it is quite expensive.

3. Have you ever sent a wallet to someone as a gift?

- 1) I have not sent a wallet to someone as a gift. I feel like a wallet is a very personal thing and it is hard to know what sort of wallet your friends like. Therefore, I think it is a risky gift to buy someone. People only need to use one wallet, so they will only want one that they really like.
- 2) I have once sent a wallet to someone as a gift. A few years ago, it was my father's 50th birthday and I wanted to do something special for him. Therefore, I bought a quite expensive wallet for him. It was a famous brand item and it cost me almost three hundred Yuan. My father was very happy to receive it as a gift.

4. Do most of your friends use wallet?

- 1) Yes, most of my friends use a wallet. It seems quite irresponsible and reckless (不负责任和不计后果的) not to use a wallet. Most of my friends are responsible and sensible people, therefore, we all use wallets to keep our important cards and money in. We all use our wallets every day.
- 2) No, most of my friends do not use wallets. Since most of us use debit or credit cards to make all of our purchases we do not see the point in carrying wallets. Wallets are quite large and bulky (笨重的) and so are annoying to carry. It is much easier to keep all your cards in your phone case.

15: Sky

1. Can you see the moon and stars at night where you live?

- 1) I live in Beijing. There are very high levels of pollution which almost completely obscure (使…模糊) the night sky. Most nights, it is still possible to make out the moon as the moon is very bright. However I seldom see more than a handful of stars on any given night (任意一晚).
- 2) Yes, I live in a small village on the outskirts of Guangdong and thus there is very little light pollution or large buildings which obscure my view. Therefore, on a clear night with no clouds I can see thousands of stars and a very bright moon. It is a beautiful sight.

2. Do you prefer the sky in the morning or the sky at night?

- 1) I would have to say that I prefer the sky in the morning than the sky at night but it is a very hard choice. The night sky is very beautiful and I love to look up at the stars when I am in an area with clear skies. However, I just think the burning colours of a sunrise are more beautiful to me than any starry (布满星星的) night I have seen in my life.
- 2) I much prefer the sky at night than the sky in the morning. Although the sunrise is a beautiful thing to watch, it hardly compares to the majesty of the night sky. The night sky filled with thousands of stars and planets is such a mesmerizing (迷人的) and awe-inspiring (令人敬畏) thing to see.

3. Is there a good place to look at the sky where you live?

- 1) I have a favourite place to look at the sky where I live. I live very close to a small park which is at the top of a hill which is one of the highest points of the city. Therefore, I can overlook almost the entire city from a bench in this park. Therefore, in the evenings, I go there to watch the sunset as there are no buildings to obscure my sight. It is very beautiful to see such a large amount of sky and my entire city underneath it.
- 2) As I live in a small town with very little light pollution and no tall buildings to block the sky, most places are a good place to look at the sky. However, my favourite spot is just on the edge of town in a small clearing before a forest. There are no distractions apart from the sounds of nature. So, it is my favourite place to look at the sky.

4. Do you want to live on other planets?

- 1) I like the idea of living on other planets, but I wouldn't actually want to do it. Planet Earth is the perfect place! It has loads of oxygen and is not too cold or too hot. In contrast to this, most other planets are incredibly inhospitable places. Even Mars is a pretty terrible place to live! Mars has almost no atmosphere, so the surface of the planet is very radioactive. Other planets are very dangerous places to try and live on.
- 2) I would love to live on another planet! I have always loved sci-fi movies and TV shows, therefore, ever since I was a young child I have fantasized about the idea of living on another planet. I think it sounds like such an exciting adventure.

16: Holidays

1. Where did you go for your last holiday?

- 1) During my last holiday I went to Shanghai with a small group of my friends. I have always wanted to go to Shanghai because it is such a modern and metropolitan city. I had a great time there with my friends.
- 2) For my last holiday, my family and I went to the Nanling National Forest Park in Guangdong province. It is a huge and beautiful forest full of mountainous terrain (山岭区). We spent the holiday taking many walks and looking at the beautiful scenery.

2. Do you like holidays? Why?

- 1) I love holidays. Holidays give you the chance to forget your stresses for a short time and relax with your friends and family. Holidays also are a great way to visit new places and experience new cultures which are exciting things to do. I have always loved going on holiday!
- 2) I do not like holidays very much. In my opinion, holidays are often very stressful and people set their expectations too high! Often if I am on holiday with my family there will be many disputes and squabbles (纷争和争吵) about silly matters such as what restaurant we should eat at.

3. Which public holiday do you like best?

- 1) My favourite public holiday is the Spring Festival! The Spring Festival is one of the most important public holidays in China and the whole country throws festivals and parties to celebrate! There is so much good food and I always have a lot of fun!
- 2) My favourite public holiday is the Moon Festival also known as the Mid-Autumn festival. I love this festival because I think the ceremony of lighting paper lanterns is beautiful and also because I love eating the mooncakes we make to celebrate the holiday.

4. What do you do on holidays?

- 1) On holidays I like to try new things! Sometimes I am interested in trying new foods and cuisines in different countries. Other times I like to try new activities I don't get to do at home, such as fishing or mountain climbing.
- 2) During the holidays I like to relax and take some time off. I spend most of my days doing loads of activities and work which I find very stressful, so during the holidays I like to spend my time doing very little (什么都不做) and relaxing.

17: Festival

1. How do you celebrate festivals in your country?

- 1) Festivals in my country are a really important occasion for everyone! Dependent on the festival we will celebrate it by decorating our houses and the streets, making delicious meals and feasts, offering gifts to each other or taking part in special activities like setting off fireworks or releasing lanterns.
- 2) Celebrating festivals in my country is a time where the whole nation comes together. Every city and village will throw special celebrations and events depending on what festival it is, and the entire population will attend and celebrate together.

2. What special food and activities do you have for these festivals?

- 1) There are many special foods and activities we have for our festivals! There are certain foods eaten during certain festivals such as sweet rice balls which we eat during the Lantern Festival. Then there are traditional activities such as **setting off firecrackers** (放烟花) or putting up Chun Lian.
- 2) Every festival is different and comes with different activities and foods. There are too many different foods to count, with different regions in China honouring the festivals with their own specific street food. There are also many activities which are different for every festival. Such as the Lion Dance for the Spring Festival or lighting paper lanterns for the Moon Festival.

3. How do you celebrate Spring Festival?

- 1) I like to celebrate the Spring Festival with my family. We always go to watch the dragon dance and the lion dance. We stay up all night and eat dumplings together. When eating the dumplings, we wish for wealth and prosperity in the coming year.
- 2) In the past, I always celebrated the festivals with my family or relatives. We would gather together to have a nice dinner or great conversations. But in the future, I want to spend my time with my friends during the festivals because it is absolutely much more interesting and fun.

4. What is your favourite festival?

- 1) My favourite festival has to be the Lantern Festival! This is my favourite festival because the lanterns are always so beautiful in the sky! Ever since I was a young child I have always been **mesmerized** (着迷) by the sight of so many beautiful lights filling the sky. It is my favourite day of every year!
- 2) Out of all the festivals my favourite is probably the Moon Festival or the Mid-Autumn festival. The main reason it is my favourite is because I find the mooncakes so delicious! I would love to eat them all year round! But it is also nice that we save them for such a special occasion.

18: App (9-12 月新题)

1. What apps have you recently used?

- 1) I am not a very tech-savvy (精通科技) person, so I only use apps that I really need. Therefore, the only apps that I have recently used are my messaging apps, my GPS navigation app and an app that is used to log the hours I have worked at my day job. I find these apps very convenient and useful, but I do not have time for game apps or social media.
- 2) I am constantly downloading new apps on my phone! I am an avid player of mobile games, so, I am always looking for the next fun game to come out on the app store. Recently I have found loads of strategy and competitive sport games which are available on my phone. So, I have been using these apps recently.

2. What kinds of apps are you usually interested in?

- 1) I am interested in apps which have a practical use and make my life easier. So, navigation apps, taxi apps, food delivery apps and other apps of this nature are the sort of apps I am interested in. I like apps which make my day to day tasks possible with a click of a button. It is so much easier to order a taxi through an app than to call up a local taxi service and order one over the phone!
- 2) I am interested in apps that are fun and well designed! I love mobile games and get thrilled when I find one with great design and which is a lot of fun (有趣的)! There are so many new apps made⁷ all the time and many of them are low quality and not that fun, so it is brilliant when you find an incredible new mobile game.

3. What was the first app you used?

- 1) The first app I ever used must have been the GPS navigator (navigation 也可以) app on my phone when I first got a smartphone. This was when I was back in high school and I still wasn't completely sure how to use my new phone! I was trying to get home from the centre of town and decided to try out the maps app on my phone. It was incredible how easy it was to find my way home using the app!
- 2) To be honest, the first app I ever used was WeChat. I imagine this is true for a lot of people my age. When I first got a smartphone, WeChat was the number one app out there. Everyone was on it, and everyone used it. Honestly, that is still true to this day. So, the first app I used was WeChat when I added all my friends to my phone.

4. What kinds of apps would you like to use in the future?

- 1) In the future, I think I would like to try out an app that helps with my daily planning. I see adverts for apps all the time which are meant to help you organize your day and build healthy living habits. I would love to start exercising more frequently, eating healthier and drinking more water. So, I am hoping to find an app that helps me develop these habits.
- 2) I think I would like to start using more social media in the future. At the moment I mainly use my phone to play games. However, all my friends are now on TikTok and they constantly tell me about videos and clips they see which are hilarious or entertaining. It seems like there is a lot I am missing out on by not using TikTok, so I am going to download it soon!

⁷ 惯常用法

19: Colours (9-12月新题)

1. What's your favourite colour?

- 1) My favourite colour is yellow! I love the colour yellow because it is so bright and full of life! When I see the colour yellow it makes me think of bright sunny days or fields full of beautiful flowers. It is such a bright and wonderful colour! I find it impossible to be sad if I am wearing yellow clothes!
- 2) It is an unorthodox(不常见的, 不正规的) choice, but my favourite colour is the colour grey. I am quite a calm and reserved person, for this reason I am not a big fan of bright and garish(花俏的) colours such as yellow and orange. I prefer colours like the colour grey which I find peaceful and relaxing to be around. Most of my clothes and the things in my room are grey, black or white.

2. What's the colour you dislike? why?

- 1) I really dislike dark blues and purples. I do not like colours that are not bright and are not full of light. I find these sorts of colours very dull and depressing. It is hard to be excited and full of energy when you are surrounded by such boring and dark colours such as dark blue and purple.
- 2) I absolutely cannot stand the colour yellow! I find bright colours like the colour yellow completely garish and unpleasant. It honestly hurts my eyes to be surrounded by such bright and overwhelming colours.

3. What colours do your friends like most

- 1) I would say that the colours my friends like most are bold(大胆的、夸张的) and bright colours such as bright red and bright blue. My friends are all energetic and outgoing people. They like to dress in bold and eye catching colours. So they like to wear deep reds and bright blues when going out downtown. Wearing our favourite colours fills us with so much confidence!
- 2) My friends are very similar to me, they prefer calm and subtle colours rather than bright and vivid ones. So, my friends like pale blues and dark greens. The sorts of colours that blend into(融入到) the background and do not stand out(突出). We all believe that less is more when it comes to colours and would much rather be surrounded by pale and dark colours than bright and bold ones!

4. What colour makes you uncomfortable in your room?

- 1) If I had to pick a colour that makes me uncomfortable in my room I would have to go with the colour brown. Personally, I find the colour brown so disagreeable! It is not aesthetically pleasing at all! I like to fill my room with bright and wonderful colours such as bright yellows and reds. The colour brown completely clashes(冲突) with my favourite colours! So, it makes me very uncomfortable in my room.
- 2) The colour that makes me the most uncomfortable in my room is the colour yellow. I find the colour yellow completely overwhelming. So much so, that(以至于) if I am surrounded by the colour yellow I often develop headaches and even migraines(偏头痛)! I am seriously made uncomfortable by the colour yellow and you will never find a yellow item in my room!

20: Getting lost (9-12 月新题)

1. Have you ever lost your way?

- 1) I often lose my way. I have never had a good sense of direction (方向感) and I easily forget directions I have been told. Therefore, when I go to visit my friends or meet up with people in town I often end up in the wrong place and completely lost! I always have to rely on my navigator app to get me to where I need to be!
- 2) I do not lose my way very often. I have a very good sense of direction and I know my city very well. Therefore, it is not often that I have lost my way. Obviously, it has happened once or twice but usually I quickly get my bearings (把来龙去脉搞清楚) and figure out where I am.

2. How can you find your way when you are lost?

- 1) When I am lost and I need to find my way, I always do the same thing. I use the GPS navigator on my phone to get to the correct location. It is so easy to use, and it never takes me to the wrong place. As long as I know the address of where I am going, the navigator will show me the correct route to get there.
- 2) In my opinion when you become lost, the best way to find your way is to get directions from a local person. Nowadays everyone uses the navigator apps on their phones to figure out where to go, but I do not think this is the best way. Local people always know the quickest routes and shortcuts through the city, so you can get much better directions from them than from an app on your phone.

3. Can you read a map when you get lost?

- 1) To be honest, I am not very good at reading maps. Whenever I get lost, I use my navigator app to find where I have to go. The navigator app shows me exactly where I am and plans the direct route I have to take to get to my destination. Therefore, I do not really have to read the map at all. When somebody hands me an old school map I am completely at a loss as to (完全不知道) how to read it!
- 2) Yes, I have always known how to read a map when I get lost. When I was a child, my parents taught me how to read a map because they thought it would be an important skill for me to learn. They did not grow up with smart phones and navigator apps, so they considered this knowledge to be essential. I am very happy that my parents taught me how to read maps, it has come in useful many times in my life.

4. Have you ever helped someone who got lost?

- 1) I have never helped someone who got lost. My own sense of direction is so poor that I know I would be of no help to someone who is lost. If I tried to give someone directions, I would probably just confuse them or send them the wrong way. So, I know it is best to leave giving directions to the people who are good at it!
- 2) Yes, I have helped a number of people who got lost and needed help finding their way. I have a very good sense of direction and I know my hometown very well, so I never shy away from giving people directions. Often, I will see tourists who are clearly confused and in need of help. I will always go over and offer them what assistance I can.