

## 21: Pets and animals (9-12 月新题)

### 1. What's your favorite animal? Why?

- 1) My favourite animal has to be dogs! I love dogs because they are so kind and loyal! When I was a small child, my parents got us a pet dog, a lovely little dog with a sweet personality. Ever since then, dogs have been my favourite animal. I believe that dogs are one of the only animals that have a really close and personal relationship with humans.
- 2) If I had to pick my favourite animal, it would have to be cats. I have always loved cats because they are both sweet and cuddly (令人想拥抱的) but also fierce and independent. Unlike dogs, you do not have to give a cat a load of attention every day. Cats are very individual animals and can look after themselves. However, they are still so lovely and affectionate (充满爱的), so this makes them my favourite animal.

### 2. What is the most popular animal in China?

- 1) The most popular animal in China has to be the panda. Pandas are almost emblematic (象征性的) of China and Chinese culture. We think they are wonderful animals, so much so that (到这种程度以至于) we have even given pandas to the zoos of other countries as diplomatic gifts! Pandas are such wonderful and silly animals, which is why everyone loves them so dearly. It is impossible to not<sup>8</sup> find a panda cute!
- 2) Even though I am a cat person (喜欢猫的人), the most popular animal in China is probably the Chow Chow. A Chow Chow is a small and very fluffy dog! They have very sweet personalities and look utterly adorable! It is no surprise to me that these are one of the most popular animals in China. They are very cute and so cuddly. (可自行替换为其他品种的狗)

### 3. Have you ever had a pet before?

- 1) Yes, I had a pet puppy (小狗, 一岁以下的) when I was a young child. When I was around seven years old my parents got a puppy because we had just moved to a large house with a garden, and they had always wanted a dog. A pet is a lot of responsibility but completely worth it. We had to feed the dog and walk the dog every day, it required a lot of attention, but it was such a loving and sweet animal!
- 2) No, despite the fact that I really love animals I have never had a pet before. I currently live in a high-rise building and the landlord does not allow pets. I have always wanted to have a pet cat as they are really low maintenance but also loving animals. Sadly, I will not be able to have a pet until I move into a different flat!

### 4. Where do you prefer to keep your pet, indoors or outdoors?

- 1) Personally, I prefer to keep my pet outdoors. The reason for this is because I have a pet dog and we are lucky enough to have a garden he can play in. Dogs require a lot of exercise and like to run around constantly. Therefore, if you keep the dog indoors then he will get bored and run around and break things. It is much better to keep dogs outside where they can run around and play freely.
- 2) I believe that pets should be allowed indoors! I plan on having a cat one day and I would definitely let my cat stay indoor and live in my flat. I understand that for some big pets such as big dogs it is not possible to keep pets indoors. However, for small pets like cats I think it is right to let them live indoors rather than make them brave the cold of outside.

<sup>8</sup> 惯常用法

## 22: Public garden and parks (9-12月新题)

### 1. Would you like to play in a public garden or park?

- 1) No, I do not like playing in a public garden or park. I am not a fan of playing in public places or playing sports at all to be honest. When I am in a park, I like to do relaxing activities rather than competitive games or sports. So, I would not like to play in a public garden or park.
- 2) I absolutely love playing in public gardens and parks! I am a very sporty and competitive person, so I often spend my weekends meeting with my friends and playing sports with them in public gardens and parks. I think playing games with your friends is a great way to stay active and to destress (减压)!

### 2. What do you like to do when visiting a park?

- 1) When I visit a park, I like to do relaxing activities such as reading a book in the shade of a tree or enjoying a picnic with my friends. I think parks are beautiful and idyllic (田园般的) places, therefore I like to be as peaceful as possible when I am in a park. Sometimes I may even bring a small speaker and listen to classical music as I read.
- 2) When I visit a park, I spend most of my time playing games and sports with my friends. Most of the time we will play football together. We have all played football since we were small children and have great fun playing friendly games against each other. However, sometimes we do not have the energy for a full game of football, on days like this we will throw a frisbee (飞盘) around instead!

### 3. How have parks changed today compared to the time when you were a kid?

- 1) Parks have changed a lot nowadays compared to when I was a child. When I was younger there were far fewer parks and many of them were full of litter and overgrown plants. Since then, the local government has invested loads of money into parks and public gardens, so now they are all beautiful and wonderful places to relax!
- 2) In my opinion, parks have not changed all that much compared to when I was a kid. For sure, parks are a lot nicer now and there is better gardening but in general they are very similar. When I was a kid, my friends and I would meet up at the weekends to play football in the park. Nowadays, my friends and I still meet up at the weekends to play football in the park. So to us, they have not changed that much at all!

### 4. Would you prefer to play in a personal garden or public garden?

- 1) In my opinion, I would much rather play in a personal garden than a public garden. I am quite a peaceful and reserved person; therefore, I only like to play games with my closest friends. I get quite self-conscious (不自在的) if I am playing games in a public garden surrounded by strangers I do not know. Therefore, I much prefer private gardens, however I do not have access to a lot of them, so it is definitely a treat (看法)!
- 2) In my opinion, I think it is far more fun to play in public gardens than to play in personal gardens. In public gardens you never know who you are going to meet, which is very exciting! Sometimes we will be playing a game of football and a group of strangers will come over and challenge us to a game. Often, we meet people this way who become very good friends of ours! This is something you can only experience in public gardens!

## 23: Weather (9-12 月新题)

### 1. Do you like the weather in your country?

- 1) The weather in my country varies greatly dependent on where you are! It is far different in the north of China compared to the south. I am from South China and for the most part I like the weather here! But it can get very humid in the summers which is uncomfortable.
- 2) The weather in China is very different dependent on if you are from the north or the south! I am from the north of China, and I detest the weather here! In winters it is absolutely freezing! It often falls below zero degrees and snows heavily. I do not like the cold, so I do not like the weather in my part of the country.

### 2. What kind of weather do you like most?

- 1) My perfect weather is a mild and sunny day! I like hot weather, but I do not like it when it is too hot, especially when it is awfully humid as well! So, I prefer when it is sunny and warm. On days like these I can go out in nice clothes and have a lovely time with my friends. It is neither too hot nor too cold!
- 2) The kind of weather I like the most is an incredibly hot day! I love it when it is almost 30 degrees Celsius, and the sun is shining incredibly strongly. I love to lay on the grass or go to the beach on days like this and soak up the sun. It can never be too hot for me!

### 3. Have you been to a place that's got a weather different from where you live?

- 1) Yes, I have visited Beijing in the winter which has a weather completely unlike where I live! In the south of China, the winters are mild and manageable. In contrast to this, winters in Beijing can be very **harsh** (极端的)! Often the temperature falls below 0! When I visited Beijing in the winter there was snow and cold winds, which was a new experience for me!
- 2) Yes, my family and I once went on holiday to the city of Sanya on Hainan Island. It was an incredible place with glorious beaches and wonderful weather. It was sunny and hot every single day, which is the complete opposite of what the weather is like in the north of China! I had such a great time; it was nice to have a break from the cold weather up north.

### 4. Do you think people who live in a place with good weather are happier?

- 1) I definitely think that people who live in a place with good weather are happier. My mood is highly affected by the weather. On sunny and bright days, I am happy and in good spirits. But when the sky is grey and the winds are cold I am normally **miserable and grumpy** (难受的和脾气暴躁). Therefore, I think people who live in a place with good weather must be happier.
- 2) I do not think people who live in a place with good weather are happier. I live in a place that is cold and sometimes very snowy, but I am a very happy person! Happiness is affected by a lot of factors, not just the weather. It is possible for people to be upset in places with beautiful weather and it is possible for people to be happy in places with awful weather!

## 24: Concentration (9-12 月新题)

### 1. Is it difficult for you to stay focused on something?

- 1) Sometimes I do find it difficult to stay focused on something. Particularly if the thing I am focusing on is boring. I personally find mathematics very boring, however, it is important for me to do well at school and, therefore, I must concentrate on studying mathematics. Unfortunately, I often find myself daydreaming or falling asleep when I study mathematics.
- 2) I have never had any problems staying focused on things. When I was a kid, my father taught me the importance of concentration. He said I should always finish what I am doing before moving onto a new task, otherwise I will never get anything done. Because of his great advice, I do not struggle to stay focused on things.

### 2. Can you concentrate in a noisy environment?

- 1) I find it very tricky to concentrate on things in a noisy environment. Concentration requires a clear mind and a lot of focus. So, if you are in a noisy environment then you are surrounded by distractions which break your concentration. I end up spending half of my energy trying to ignore the noise around me which makes it very hard to focus.
- 2) I do not find it difficult to concentrate on things in a noisy environment. I am very good at focusing and drowning out the distractions of my environment. When I am focusing on a task, it is almost like I stop listening to the world around me. So, I do not even notice noisy environments when I am trying to concentrate!

### 3. What do you do to help you concentrate?

- 1) There are a few things I do to help me concentrate. The first thing I do is remove any distractions from my environment. For example, when studying at home I ensure that the television is off and my phone is on silent, this way there is no risk of being distracted by these things. Furthermore, I always ensure I have water and snacks as becoming thirsty or hungry can be very distracting when one is trying to focus.
- 2) The main thing I do to help me concentrate is consume caffeine. Whether this is tea, coffee, or in some rare cases energy drinks, I always make sure I have had a good amount of caffeine whenever I need to concentrate. Without it, I feel very tired and sluggish. But just one cup of hot tea and I am completely alert and ready to concentrate!

### 4. What may distract you when you are trying to stay focused?

- 1) There are many distractions in the modern world which I sometimes find difficult to avoid. I think the biggest distraction to my focus comes from my mobile phone. I have many games and social media apps on my phone that often distract me when I am trying to focus on my studies. What makes a mobile phone a particularly bad distraction is that it beeps at you with new notifications every few minutes.
- 2) When I am trying to stay focused, I find the biggest distractions in my life are my friends. When I am in the library trying to concentrate on some work, it is always my friends who come and distract me. Anyone who walks past always stops for a chat and sometimes they even invite me out to grab some food or a drink with them. I am not good at saying no to my friends, so I always end up very distracted by them when I am trying to stay focused.

## 25: Science (9-12 月新题)

### 1. When did you start to learn about science?

- 1) I started to learn about science from a very young age, even before I went to school! My father is quite interested in science and the development of technologies and so **subscribes** (订阅) to a few science magazines. I remember when I was a young child he would often teach me interesting things he had learned in his magazines.
- 2) I did not start learning about science until it was a compulsory lesson at school. In primary school, we had basic science lessons, but I did not concentrate a lot in class, and I do not think I learned a lot. Then when I was older, science lessons became much more complicated, and I had to focus and learn a lot more!

### 2. Which science subject is interesting to you?

- 1) The science subject I am most interested in is physics, particularly astrophysics. I like all aspects of science, but nothing fascinates me as much as astrophysics and outer space. I love learning about the **cosmos** (宇宙) and distant **planetary systems** (行星系统). The universe is such a huge place and there is so much we don't know about it which I find **enthralling** (迷人的)!
- 2) To be honest, I do not find any subject in science interesting but if I had to choose one, I would say biology. I like biology because it is essentially the study of lifeforms. This means in biology we learn about all different sorts of animals and species which I find very interesting. I love learning about exotic and strange creatures.

### 3. Is it easy for you to learn science subjects?

- 1) I find it quite easy to learn science subjects. In my opinion, learning something is always easy if you find the subject interesting. Science is full of wonders and the answers to complicated questions, which I find utterly fascinating. Therefore, I do not have any difficulty learning science subjects.
- 2) I do not find it easy to learn science subjects at all! I think science is a very complicated and confusing subject. Whenever I am starting to think I have got a grip on it, science subjects become more complicated and confusing. I don't think I will ever be good at learning science subjects; I will always find it difficult.

### 4. What kinds of science subjects are closely related to our daily lives?

- 1) I would say the kind of science subject that is most closely related to our daily lives has to be biology. Chemistry and physics are both complicated subjects, but biology is just the study of life! Therefore, everything in our daily lives, such as exercise, nutrition, and medical care, is related to the science of biology.
- 2) I think the science subject that is the most closely related to our daily lives is the subject of chemistry. The thing about chemistry is that it teaches us about the basic building blocks of life. Everything we do can be broken down into chemistry, from the food we eat to the medicine we take. So, I think it is the subject most related to our daily lives.

## 26: Shoes (9-12 月新题)

### 1. Do you like buying shoes? How often?

- 1) I love buying shoes! I consider myself quite a fashionable person and good footwear is a very important part of fashion. A beautiful pair of shoes can make a huge difference to an outfit and to a person's general appearance. I always notice when people have a good pair of shoes on.
- 2) I do not really like buying shoes. I only buy shoes for practical reasons; I am not really into fashion. Therefore, I find buying shoes a little stressful because I am not sure which shoes look good and what is fashionable. So, I only buy shoes when my old shoes are broken, and I need a new pair.

### 2. What kinds of shoes do you like?

- 1) I like all sorts of shoes, but my favourite type of shoes would have to be trainers! I think trainers have become such a **versatile**(多功能的) type of footwear. There was a time when trainers were only worn by athletes and teenagers. However, nowadays, they sell high quality designer and professional looking trainers. These are my favourite type of shoes.
- 2) The type of shoes that I like are smart or practical shoes. I like smart shoes which are acceptable for work and formal occasions, but I also like strong and sturdy shoes such as boots that I know I can rely on for all walking conditions. I do not care about designer shoes and fashionable shoes; these seem silly to me.

### 3. How much money do you usually spend on shoes?

- 1) To be honest, I spend far too much money on shoes. I like to buy expensive and designer shoes and can spend up to 800 yuan on a single pair of shoes, and I will do this regularly! I fortunately have the money to do this, however, I still realize I should stop spending so much on shoes!
- 2) I do not spend a lot of money on shoes. I only buy shoes when I need them, for example when my old pair of shoes are worn out or broken. Therefore, I only buy new shoes every several months or so. When I do buy shoes, I try to get a decent pair so I will spend around 800 yuan, but as I said, I do not do this very often!

### 4. Which do you prefer, fashionable shoes or comfortable shoes?

- 1) I much prefer fashionable shoes to comfortable shoes. I understand comfort is important, but it does not matter that much to me! I would rather wear beautiful and eye catching shoes and then rest my feet in the evening when I get home! I think shoes are always an important part of an outfit, so it is important that they are fashionable.
- 2) I completely prefer comfortable shoes to fashionable shoes. I think it is ridiculous to wear a pair of shoes that hurt your feet just because you think they look pretty. Shoes are meant to protect your feet from the environment and make walking more comfortable. If they do not do this, then they are not good shoes, no matter how fashionable they are!

## 27: Headphones (9-12 月新题)

### 1. How often do you use headphones?

- 1) I use headphones all the time! I love to listen to music and do so at any opportunity. So, I use headphones when I am commuting around my town, when I am working in cafes and libraries and even when I am relaxing at home. Nowadays they make powerful headphones with incredible sound quality, so I love to listen to music through them.
- 2) I do not use headphones that often. I know nowadays a lot of people use headphones quite frequently, but I find them to be annoying. I prefer to listen to the world around me than to close myself off with music or audiobooks. I think the world is full of interesting sounds and conversations, but you do not have access to these if you always have your headphones in your ears.

### 2. Are headphones popular in your country?

- 1) Yes, headphones are popular in my country. I would go as far as to argue that most people consider headphones an essential gadget to have in the modern world. We take our smartphones everywhere we go and often we have to listen to things on them. Therefore, it is always important to have a pair of headphones.
- 2) I would not say headphones are more popular in my country than they are anywhere else. Obviously, we all own headphones because they are an essential gadget in the modern world. However, in my country often people will have conversations with each other on the train instead of just putting on our headphones and ignoring each other.

### 3. Are headphones comfortable to wear?

- 1) I think headphones are comfortable to wear! In the past, headphones used to be really uncomfortable. Most headphones were made from hard plastic and if you used them for too long your ears would become sore. Nowadays, most headphones are padded with (用…填充) really soft material and far more comfortable.
- 2) I think headphones are incredibly uncomfortable to wear. I find that after wearing headphones for any longer than ten minutes, my ears become sore, and I become very irritated. Moreover, if the music is playing loudly then it can be an even more unpleasant experience. I much prefer listening to music out loud than listening to it with headphones.

### 4. In what conditions you won't use headphones?

- 1) I will not use headphones when I am hanging out with my friends or family. There are many people who will have their headphones in their ears even when they are socializing with their friends. I find this incredibly rude and it is something I would never do myself. It is becoming far more common nowadays, especially since Bluetooth earpods are becoming so popular.
- 2) I will not use headphones when I am going out on a walk by myself. I know many people like to listen to music when they are walking through parks or through the city, but I prefer to listen to the sounds around me. There are so many beautiful and interesting sounds when you are surrounded by nature or surrounded by the city. So, I never wear headphones in these conditions so I can focus on my environment.

## 28: Handwritings (9-12 月新题)

### 1. Do you prefer handwriting or typing?

- 1) Personally, I prefer typing to handwriting. I think typing is far more effective than handwriting. For one, it is a much quicker way of writing and also it is always legible (易辨认的). Often, people have very poor handwriting, and it can be impossible to read what they have written down! This is not a concern with typing.
- 2) For me, I prefer handwriting to typing. I feel that there are so many advantages to handwriting that you cannot attain when typing. For one, handwriting is very personal, and I find the process of writing on paper inspires me to come up with better ideas. Also, as long as you have a pen and some paper you can write anywhere! To type something up you need a laptop, which is cumbersome.

### 2. Do you write more now than you do when you were a child?

- 1) I write less now than when I was a child. When I was younger, I would have to write every day when I went to school. Every class I took required me to have a notebook in which I answered questions and took notes. Therefore, I would write loads every day! Nowadays, I only write every once in a while.
- 2) I think I write more now than when I was a child. When I was a child, I did not have a lot of ideas and did not have a lot of things I wanted to say, so I did not write that frequently. Now that I am more experienced, I am full of ideas, and I constantly write things down. So, I definitely write more now than when I was a child.

### 3. What is the difference between handwriting and using a keyboard?

- 1) There are so many differences between handwriting and using a keyboard. For one, handwriting is very personal, everyone has unique handwriting and a different style. When using a keyboard the font comes out uniform and the same for everyone. Also, when handwriting you cannot make mistakes or else you have to cross it out and start again. With typing you can always change a word or sentence.
- 2) I would say the biggest difference between handwriting and using a keyboard is speed. The main reason people use keyboards instead of handwriting nowadays is because keyboards are a much quicker and more efficient way to write. You can write thousands of words with a keyboard very quickly without straining your hand. Writing thousands of words by hand is very time consuming and tiring.

### 4. What are some of the things that require handwriting?

- 1) There are some things that require handwriting, such as writing letters to family or thank you notes to friends. There are certain occasions where it is important to take the time to write something by hand rather than type it up. Handwritten notes are far more personal and show that you care and value the person you are writing to.
- 2) I do not think anything requires handwriting anymore. Everything that we used to write by hand we now type up instead. Letters to friends and thank you notes are normally done by email nowadays. And even shopping lists are often written on the notes app on our phone rather than on a scrap of paper. We can even sign documents electronically nowadays! So, I do not think there is anything that requires handwriting anymore.

## 29: Spending time with others (9-12月新题)

### 1. Do you like talking with people?

- 1) I like talking to people very much. I have always been told that I am a confident and outgoing person, many people even call me an extrovert (性格外向者). So, for these reasons I love talking with people. I love learning about new people and discovering all there is to know about them!
- 2) I do not like talking to people. To be honest, I am quite a shy and reserved person. I find social interaction stressful, and I do not like having conversations with strangers. I do not mind talking with my friends, but even then, it can be tiring for me. I prefer my own company.

### 2. How do you like spending time with your friends?

- 1) I like spending time with my friends by going into town and doing fun activities. There is a variety of stuff we like to do together, from going to the cinema together to trying new and exciting restaurants. I like to do things with my friends that are exciting and fun!
- 2) When I hang out with my friends, we like to pass the time doing cultural things or educating ourselves. We like to go to museums and galleries to see new art and learn new things. Sometimes, we will simply meet at a café or in a park to read together. My friends are not the type of people who like to party.

### 3. Would you prefer to study alone or with others?

- 1) Personally, I prefer to study alone than to study with others. The problem is, I am a very social and friendly person, so when I am with others, I want to talk to them and hang out. This is not good for my productivity when I am trying to study. So, I like to study alone.
- 2) I like to study with others rather than study alone. I am quite an introverted person, so I spend a lot of time on my own. Because of this, when I study, I like to do it with my friends to have some company. We are all very focused and hardworking people, so we do not get distracted by each other.

### 4. Do you remember a time when you need to cooperate with others?

- 1) The most recent time I had to cooperate with others was when my family and I decided to throw a fancy party for my grandfather's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. This was a very big party that involved my entire extended family so there were many different people and groups of people that I needed to cooperate with to ensure the whole event was a success.
- 2) I do not often cooperate with other people because I prefer to do things by myself. However, there was one time I had to complete a group project with some of my classmates. We had to create a presentation together and present it to the class a week later. It was a very stressful experience and not something I want to do again any time soon.

## 30: TV programs (9-12月新题)

### 1. What kinds of TV program do you enjoy watching?

- 1) Nowadays, the kinds of TV programs I like to watch are documentaries or historical TV shows. I like to watch things that do not feel like a waste of time. I like learning new things and expanding upon my knowledge. Therefore, I find documentaries interesting and highly educational.
- 2) The kinds of TV programs I enjoy watching are things that make me laugh. So, I watch a lot of comedies and variety shows with funny characters and eccentric personalities! I watch TV to relax and unwind after a stressful day, so I do not like to watch things which are too serious or complicated.

### 2. Did you watch too much TV when you were a child?

- 1) I did not watch too much TV when I was a child. My parents were very strict with me and only let me watch TV at certain times and only after I had finished my homework and my chores (家务) around the house. Therefore, on some days I wouldn't watch any TV at all and on other days I would only watch about an hour of TV.
- 2) I think I probably did watch too much TV when I was a child. I loved TV and had loads of favourite shows that I would watch every day. Each day when I finished school, I would rush home and watch hours of television before dinner. In retrospect, I do not think this was very healthy behaviour.

### 3. Do you like the TV program you enjoy watching as a child?

- 1) I still like the TV programs I enjoyed watching as a child, they bring me a great sense of nostalgia (怀旧之情). When I was a child, I watched a lot of anime and nowadays when I watch anime it fills me with a childlike sense of excitement. I think most people feel nostalgic about the TV programs they watched as a child.
- 2) I no longer like the TV programs I enjoyed watching as a child. When I was a child, I used to watch a lot of silly and trivial shows that had simple plot lines and were not very interesting. As a child I found these very entertaining but nowadays I just find them boring and sometimes I even find them irritating.

### 4. Do you think children nowadays watch too much TV?

- 1) I think some children nowadays watch too much TV. Obviously, all children are different and there are some children who only watch a little bit of TV. However, there are some who watch hours and hours of TV every day and this is not good for them! They should be spending that time productively or socializing with friends.
- 2) I do not think children nowadays watch too much TV. In my opinion, children have always watched a lot of TV. When I was a child, we watched loads of TV and it is no different for children now. Many people I know who watched loads of TV as a child have grown up to be productive and successful individuals, so I do not think this is something to be concerned about.

## 雅思哥版的常考题（仅供参考，建议以前面的题库为准）

### 1: Study

#### (1) For those who majors in Business (商科身份)

##### 1. Why did you choose that subject?

I am majoring in economics. I chose my major subject of study based on my aptitude in studying economics, accounting, and languages, as well as my interest in travel, and advice from my parents and teachers. I felt this major area of study would prepare me for a career that I would find interesting and that I could be successful in.

##### 2. Is it interesting?

I truly enjoy my courses because they are really interesting to me. Though economics is a highly theoretical (理论的) subject, my tutor uses practical (实际的) examples to explain the theory to us. So, as I learned more about it, the more interesting I found it was.

##### 3. What subjects are you studying?

This year, I'm taking advanced (高级的) classes in Finance, Macroeconomics, English, and Information Technology. I am also taking a class in Modern European History because I thought this would be interesting.

##### 4. Do you prefer to study in the morning or in the afternoon?

I prefer to study in the afternoon. I feel more alert (更专注) in the afternoon than I do in the morning or the evening. I seem to be able to read, and comprehend more, in less time.

##### 5. Are you looking forward to working?

I am definitely looking forward to using the things I have learned in school in my career. I'm also looking forward to making money to support myself.

##### 6. Do you like your subject?

I love my subject because it is so interesting. I find the more I learn, the more I find interesting about it! I think everything I am learning will be useful in my career and my daily life. I am very happy that I chose to study economics, a subject that is very dear to me.

#### (2) For those who majors in Social Science (文科身份)

##### 1. Why did you choose that subject?

When I was applying for Universities, I chose to study Literature and Language. I chose to study this because I had a strong passion for both reading and writing so I wanted to develop my literary skills. I would like to construct a career based around literature so a good understanding of its history and development will be very useful for my future.

##### 2. Is it interesting?

I find what I study very interesting. One of the perks (优点) of my study area is that it is not completely

based on facts. Studying literature allows me to explore and form personal opinions which are based on literature. It gives me a sense of freedom when I am doing my studies.

### 3.What subjects are you studying?

There are two parts of my studies, literature and language. For the literature modules, we mainly focus on European literature, studying poetry, prose (散文) and drama (戏剧). For the language modules, we study the fundamentals and advanced theories of language and grammar.

### 4.Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoon?

I prefer to study in the mornings. After waking up from a good night's sleep, I normally have a lot of energy and motivation. I find it enjoyable to study as the sun rises and then make myself a nice breakfast to keep my energies up.

### 5.Are you looking forward to working?

I am looking forward to working because I hope to continue working in the same area of my studies. In the work place, I will have definite goals to accomplish and I think achieving them will be very satisfying. I look forward to being part of a team and working together to achieve a common end.

### 6.Do you like your subject?

I like my subject very much as it is very interesting, and it also allows me to be creative and to immerse myself into (全神贯注于) a good book. I often enjoy what I am studying so much that I even forget it is a piece of work. It feels like what I would choose to do for recreation as well.

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

### 1. Why did you choose that subject?

I loved choosing computer technology as my subject at school. I believe that AI will change the world in many aspects of our lives. Furthermore, many job opportunities will be taken off by AI. However, with the knowledge of programming AI, I can be employed to program (编程) robots to work for human beings.

### 2. Is it interesting?

Yes. I find that computer technology is an interesting subject. It involves a lot of logical and critical thinking (逻辑思维和批判性思维), which I find challenging and exciting to learn. I enjoy logical reasoning (逻辑推理). This made me feel more confident and gave me a sense of accomplishment during my study.

### 3. What subjects are you studying?

I am learning Math, Chinese, English, Physics, Chemistry and Computer Technology. And computer technology is my favourite and is the most exciting subject I have ever had during my school study. I would like to pursue (追求) a computer programming as my career path.

### 4. Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoon?

I prefer to study in the morning because I feel refreshed (精神倍爽) after a good sleep during the night. And my memory is better in the morning than that in the afternoon. I can concentrate on my school study the best at that time. In the afternoon, I usually feel a bit sleepy after lunch.

### 5. Are you looking forward to working?

Yes. Compared with studying at school, I am looking forward to working as soon as possible. Even now, I am working in a part time computer related job in a small game company near our school. I have a lot of passion for computer technologies.

## 6. Do you like your subject?

I do like science more than arts. And computer technology is the subject that I like the most. Since I am good at logical and critical thinking, I feel that this subject is the perfect fit for me. And I enjoy learning and applying computer-related knowledge to my part time job as a computer programmer.

# 2: Work

## (1) For those who majors in Business (商科身份)

### 1. What work do you do?

I recently started as a research assistant at a large international advertising firm(广告公司). It's an entry level (入门级、初级的) position where I find statistics about the likes and dislikes of different age groups in a specific country that our client is looking to do business in.

### 2. Why did you choose to do that type of work?

While this is not the final job that I was hoping for, it is a solid (可靠的) entry-level position in a firm that does the kind of work I am interested in. I enjoy gathering the statistics knowing that they will be used to make important decisions in marketing our client's product. I feel there is a lot of room for promotion here in this company as well.

### 3. Do you miss being a student?

Sometimes I will but now I am very satisfied with my job and I am grateful to have it, it is a big change. I am meeting new people and learning new responsibilities. Though school days are fun and memorable but I think each of us should look forward and enjoy our lives right now.

### 4. Is it interesting? / Do you like your job?

It is really interesting and I really enjoy my job. I think the work is interesting and look forward to learning more. I like all of the people I work with. There are two other research assistants who were hired the same time I was and I enjoy working with them.

## (2) For those who majors in Social Science (文科身份)

### 1. What work do you do?

Now I am working as an assistant in an English educational institute called New Channel. It's an entry level position where I need to help other teachers prepare for lessons and revise the examination papers. Though these are simple and easy jobs, I still learn a lot from it.

### 2. Why did you choose to do that type of work?

I chose to go into education as my profession. The reason why I chose this type of work is that I have a real love of language. Moreover, education is a very stable job and can be quite lucrative (挣钱多的) in the long term, so I think it is a good idea for my future prospects.

### 3. Is it interesting?

Personally, I think it is a very interesting job. I believe this because I have access to many different and interesting students through the job. They are vibrant (有活力的) and clever. Therefore, I find my job very exciting on some days.

### 4. Do you miss being a student?

Sometimes I miss being a student because it was a very different sort of life. As a student, I had more freedom to explore what I found interesting and exciting. Nowadays, I must follow and explore what is good for the company in the work place and not only my own desires, which means occasionally I must do things which I am not very interested in. At moments like this, I miss being a student.

### 5. Do you like your job?

Yes, I really like my job. It is not only that I find the work inspiring and interesting, I also have a very good relationship with everyone I work with in the company. People in my company are very funny and kind. So, being surrounded by them makes it difficult to dislike my job.

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

### 1. What work do you do?

I am a computer programmer in a technology company. My job is mainly related to creating the codes for software applications and operating systems, which convert (转变、转化) the design into a set of instructions (指示) computers can follow.

### 2. Why did you choose to do that type of work?

I have a passion for computer-related knowledge. After doing research on the current and future job market, I found that Artificial Intelligence is the trend leading the world's future. To me, being a computer programmer is a very challenging career which I decided to pursue in my life.

### 3. Do you miss being a student?

I do not miss being a student. I was not a bookworm (书呆子), and a lot of subjects seemed boring to me. What's more, the workload (工作量) of the study was too much for me. This made me hardly sleep during the night.

### 4. Is it interesting? / Do you like your job?

It is very interesting. I love my job as a computer programmer because I am really keen on (喜爱) the computer related field and have the passion for continuing the study of software coding technology. Not to mention, this is a well-paid job that can possibly offer an over-the-top salary (高薪).

## 3: Hometown

### (1) For those who live in northern of China

#### 1. What's (the name of) your hometown?

The name of my hometown is Beijing, it is a huge, vibrant city and the capital of China. I have lived here

from a very young age and feel very comfortable in my hometown. As one of the most populous (人口众多) cities in the world, Beijing has a large population. Therefore, there is a vast array of different people and cultures which keeps my hometown constantly interesting.

## 2. Is that a big city or a small place?

As it is the capital of China, Beijing is a very big city. So it is the industrial and economic heart of the country, and throughout history many people have migrated (迁移) here from other parts of the country seeking opportunity. Therefore, there are currently over 20 million people living in Beijing so it has to be very big to accommodate everyone.

## 3. How long have you lived there?

I have lived in Beijing almost all my life. I was actually born in Tianjin but my parents moved to Beijing when I was a very young child, only a couple of years old. So it feels like I have lived in Beijing my entire life, so almost two decades. I could not imagine living anywhere else.

## 4. Do you like it? /5. Do you like living there?

I really like my hometown. Because it is such a huge city, there is a very diverse range of people and entertainment. Every day you see someone new and I enjoy the vast array of life I get to witness when I walk around. There are also so many different restaurants and shops to choose from and experience so I never get bored in my hometown.

## 6. Is there anything you dislike about it?

One thing I really dislike about my hometown Beijing is the air pollution. It worries me very much as it has been proven that the air pollution is very harmful to people's health and there is very little you can do to prevent being affected by it. Furthermore, it is very ugly to look at especially in winter when there is a heavy smog in the air.

## 7. What do you like (the most) about your hometown?

The thing I like the most about my hometown is definitely the people of the city. People in Beijing are very friendly and enthusiastic (热情的). The people create a very nice environment to live in and everyone is kind and helpful to each other. I think this makes my hometown a very pleasant place to live and prevents me from feeling lonely in such a big city.

## 8. Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?

Yes, I love this city and I think I will continue to live there for many years because I have got used to the climate and the lifestyle of the city. Also, it is an international city and has a sea of working opportunities. So, I am going to work there when I finish my further education.

## (2) For those who live in southern of China

### 1. What's (the name of) your hometown?

I am from Guangzhou, capital city of Guangdong Province China. It is called "Flower City" where flowers are blooming (盛放) in all seasons of the year.

### 2. Is that a big city or a small place?

Well, Guangzhou of course is a big city. Actually, it is the fourth largest city in China. And it is the political, economic and educational center of southern China. It's an international city. It is busy and exciting and yet you can find quiet places to spend time too.

### **3. How long have you lived there?**

Since I was born, I have been living in Guangzhou for about 20 years. This is the place where I live and study. I love this city and I think I will continue to live there for many years because I have got used to the climate and the lifestyle of the city.

### **4. Do you like it? /5. Do you like living there?**

Sure. I enjoy living in Guangzhou because I have got used to the climate and the lifestyle of the city. It's an international city. It is busy and exciting and yet you can find quiet places to spend time too. I grew up there so that's one reason I like it. Another reason is its delicious Cantonese cuisine which is the food I am familiar with.

### **6. What do you like (the most) about your hometown?**

Guangzhou is well-known for its Cantonese cuisine which enjoys great popularity all over the country. In Guangzhou, people like to gather at the restaurants for their morning tea every day. It is the food culture I like the most in Guangzhou.

### **7. Is there anything you dislike about it?**

I really dislike the traffic jams in Guangzhou. With more and more private cars in Guangzhou, traffic jams are the crucial (至关重要的) problem for the city. Every morning, buses and cars are stuck on the main road and the bridges which cause more pollution in the city.

### **8. Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?**

Yes, I love this city and I think I will continue to live there for many years because I have got used to the climate and the lifestyle of the city. Also, it is an international city and so it has a sea of working opportunities. So, I intend to work there when I finish my further education.

## **4: The area you live in**

### **1.Do you like the area that you live in?**

I do like the area I live in. I live in Beijing and I have lived here all my life, so I know the city well. Many people would find a city daunting and perhaps scary, but to me I am very comfortable here. I know how to get around in all parts of the city and I am never worried about getting lost. It is nice to feel so connected to the area that you live in.

### **2.What are some changes in the area recently?**

As I live in a large urban city it is constantly changing and developing to keep up with modern developments. The city is always expanding as new suburbs are developed on the outside and more of the inner city is improved and modernised. There are always new shops and new restaurants popping up all over the city, so it is hard to keep up with the changes. I like this because it makes it feel like the city is constantly brand new.

### **3.Do you know any famous people in your area?**

I do not personally know any famous people in my area but I am sure there are many around. This is because only about fifteen minutes away from where I live, there is a very rich and luxurious part of the city. I do not know exactly who lives in these beautiful houses but there are many **rumours (传言)** about different famous musicians and actors who may possibly live there. I find this very exciting.

#### 4. Where do you like to go in that area?

My favourite places are the bookstores and the cafes. There are some lovely bookstores where I live. Some small bookstores sell old but pretty second-hand books. I often like to go in these shops to buy an old book and then go to a café to have a look through it. There are many cafes to choose from and I could not really say that I have a specific favourite.

### 5: Home(accommodation)

#### 1.What kind of housing/accommodation would you like to live in?

I quite like the idea of living in shared accommodation. I think it would be nice to experience living with some flat mates in the future. There are a lot of TV shows and sitcoms that are based on the adventures of flatmates and I have a very romantic idea of living in a flat with some friends **that are my age (与我同岁)**.

#### 2.Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?

I prefer living in a flat to a house because it is what feels more natural to me. In China it is far more common to live in a flat than living in a house, so this is what I am used to. In a flat, you can **make the most of (最大限度利用)** all the space you have, and you are **close with (关系紧密)** the community of people who live in your neighbouring flats. I really like this and feel that living in a house would be a more **isolated experience (孤独的经历)**.

#### 3.(if you answer you haven't lived there long) What's the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?

My family and I have recently moved north in the country, quite far from where we used to live. We moved to a new flat in a bigger city, the flat is also a little bigger which is quite nice. The biggest difference is the view from the flat which is very high up and overlooks the massive city. We did not have a view like this in our old flat and I find it very exciting.

#### 4.Can you describe the place where you live?

I am living with my parents in a quite big apartment in the city center. For one thing, it is convenient for me to go every corner in my city. For another, it is a little bit noisy to live in the city center. So, I like to go hiking or go the suburban area to have some fresh air and fun in the weekends.

#### 5.Which room does your family spend most of the time in?

My family spends most of the time in the living room. This is a large room in the flat with comfortable chairs and a large table. We often take our meals together in this room. When I return from my studies and my parents return from work, we like to spend time together in the living room telling stories about our day.

#### 6.How long have you live there?

We moved in here quite recently, only about a month ago. So, we have not lived here for a long time. I am still getting used to the area and discovering new things about the city I live in. So, the flat does not really feel

like home yet, but I think it will do pretty soon. The more time I spend there, the more comfortable my new home feels like to me.

### **7.What do you usually do in your house/flat/room?**

I spend most of my time reading in the flat, most of my reading is for my studies but I also like to read for pleasure when I can find the time. Aside from this, I eat my meals at home with my family and sometimes I like to just enjoy the view over the city that I can see from the flat.

### **8.Do you plan to live there for a long time?**

I do not plan to live here for a long time. I am going to leave the city to attend university in about a year, so at that point I will leave this flat and find a new place to live. As a matter of fact, I do not think this is a sad thing as I have not known the place very long, so it is not too hard for me to leave.

### **9.Are the transport facilities to your home very good?**

The transport facilities in my city are very good. The entire city has access to a very reliable network of bus and subway services. My favourite form of transportation is the subway as it is much quicker than the bus and there is no chance of getting stuck in traffic. However, one must be careful with taking public transport as if you get caught in rush hour, it can be a very busy and uncomfortable journey.

### **10.What part of your home do you like the most?**

My favourite part of my home is definitely the kitchen. I am very passionate about food and love to cook, so I like to spend lots of time in my kitchen learning new recipes and skills. My flat has a big and very nice kitchen, so I always have a very enjoyable time when I am in that room.

### **11.Who do you live with?**

I live with my family. My family consists of my parents, my sister and my grandma. We all love each other very much. Maybe I will move out soon because I am planning to get a master's degree in a foreign country.

### **12.Please describe the room you live in?**

My bedroom is only 10 square meters. But it is well-furnished. First of all, I have a king size bed, and I often lie there to read comics and novel. Next to my bed is a bookshelf where I put hundreds of books there. In addition, there's a large desk in front of the window. My room is quite bright; it's a nice place to relax.