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## Part 1 必考题（供参考，强烈建议自己做语料，真实为主！）

### Work or studies

#### 1. **Do you work or are you a student?**

Well. I'm a full-time college student at xxx university. I'm planning to study abroad, and that's why I'm taking the test today.

#### 2. **What subjects are you studying?**

I'm majoring in Accounting because I want to become a CPA, certified public accountant, and have my own accounting firm **down the road**. I have to say, the courses are much more complex than I expected. But, I'm **hanging in there**.

#### 3. **Do you like your subject?**

Absolutely, like I said, I want to become a CPA in the future because I think that using my technical knowledge to **help businesses thrive** is very **rewarding**. All the courses I have taken at college are super useful, and are building up my foundation to **achieve that goal**.

#### 4. **Why did you choose to study that subject?**

See 2&3.

#### 5. **Is it very interesting?**

Absolutely, accounting is much more than crunching numbers. In fact, it's the foundation of all business operations. It allows people to analyze the business's health condition and make better decisions.

#### 6. **Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoons?**

I must say I'm not a morning person and I'm way more efficient at night. It's quite and I can really set my phone to **"do not disturb"** and concentrate on the work that needs to be done. There are just too many distractions in the morning such as traffic, eating breakfast, watching news and etc.

#### 7. **Are you looking forward to working?**

Yes, of course. I cannot wait to **apply my theoretical knowledge into practice**. Also, I have spent so much of my parents' money throughout my education. It's time to make some money and perhaps **give back to them**.

#### 8. **What technology do you use when you study?**

In terms of hardware, I use my laptop the most. For software, MS Excel. In accounting, we are dealing with spreadsheets and numbers all the time, and in this age, no one is recording numbers on paper anymore. Everything is digital.

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#### 9. **What work do you do?**

- 10. Why did you choose to do that type of work (or that job)?**
- 11. Do you like your job?**
- 12. Is it very interesting?**
- 13. Do you miss being a student?**
- 14. What technology do you use at work?**
- 15. Who helps you the most? And how?**

## Home/accommodation

### **1. Do you live in a house or a flat?**

I live in a three-bedroom apartment. I mean, most Chinese people live in an apartment. Because we have such a large population, living in apartment buildings that are closer to work is the ideal option. You can rarely find any houses in the city.

### **2. Can you describe the place where you live?**

Well, I live in a medium city called XXX with a population of 2 million. It's a fast-growing city with lots of opportunities.

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

I have been living there for 20 years. I left XXX because of going to university. I want to work in XXX once I have graduated because it is a **fast-growing city** with lots of opportunities.

### **4. Please describe the room you live in.**

I have a small room about 10 square meters in size. There is a queen bed, a desk, my gaming chair, and that's about it. It does not have a walk-in closet due to its small size. Oh, and there isn't any poster or mirror because my mom does not allow me to hang anything on the wall.

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

Definitely the living room. We just upgraded our TV to a 75 inch 8k OLED TV which cost us thousands of dollars. Sitting on our **comfy** leather couch and watching our favourite movie with my parents is super enjoyable.

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

I'm still a student, so I live with dorm mates during the semester. On holidays, I will live with my parents and spend valuable time with them. However, I'm pretty sure I would want to live by myself once I'm graduated and able to afford a place. I value privacy a lot.

### **7. What room does your family spend most of the time in?**

See 5.

### **8. What do you usually do in your flat?**

See 5.

**9. What kinds of accommodation do you live in?**

See 1.

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

See 6.

**11. Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?**

I'm not so sure about what it is like living in a house because I have never lived in a house before. But I do feel that there is lots of housework to do living in a house, like mowing the lawn, maintaining fixtures, shoveling the snow, just to name a few. You don't need to worry about any of those living in a flat since the strata will take care of it. As a busy person myself, I'm not ready for all those extra housework.

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

Not really. And it's not just my home that does not have good transport facilities; in my city, people can't rely on public transportation because the system is not that well designed. The schedule is unreliable and bus stops are old and dirty. I think there is lots of room for improvement.

**13. What kind of house or flat do you want to live in in the future?**

I want to live in a modern apartment with all the bells and whistles, all the most up-to-date technology like home automation. I think having a smart home can really make me feel like that I'm a boss at home because I can simply ask the virtual assistant to turn on and off a certain appliance.

**14. What's your favorite room in your apartment/house?**

See 5.

**15. What makes you feel pleasant in your home?**

Spending time with family for sure. I'm studying far away from home, so I only visit family during the holidays. I already feel that I'm spending so little time with my parents, and they are getting lonely when I'm not around. Now, I really treasure our movie nights at home!

**16. What's the difference between where you are living now and where you lived in the past?**

We moved a couple of times throughout the years because of my father's work arrangement. The apartment we used to live in was twice the size of the one we live in today, but it was so far away from the city centre. I remember the daily commute was two to three hours long every single day which was awful. I prefer the place we have right now because of its proximity to everything.

**17. Do you think it is important to live in a comfortable environment?**

No doubt! This question is weird. Why on earth would anyone want to live in an uncomfortable environment? A comfy place will allow you to focus better and make you calm, and more importantly, happier!

## Hometown (The area you live in)

### **1. Where is your hometown?**

My hometown is a small industrial city called XXX with about 2 million people. **It's an inner city located in northern China** that does not have any beautiful scenery. But we do have very nice people, so I still like living there.

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

The geographical area is quite large, but people all live in the city centre which is quite small. The rest is just farmland.

### **3. Do you like your hometown?**

See 1.

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

The people! People in my hometown are super **welcoming, hospitable, and laid-back**. They enjoy their **low cost-of-living** and **slow-paced lifestyle**. You can easily find people having a good time dancing in parks.

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

Although the city has been growing quite rapidly in recent years, there aren't many **high paying jobs**. Most people make about 5,000 RMB a month which is about \$1,000, so it's still quite difficult to save enough money for a car or a house.

### **6. How long have you been living there?**

Since I was born. My parents have very stable jobs, so we just stayed in our comfort zone and never considered leaving the city.

### **7. Do you like living there?**

See 1.

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

See 6.

### **9. Please describe your hometown a little.**

See 1&4.

### **10. What's your hometown famous for?**

See 4.

### **11. Did you learn about the history of your hometown at school?**

Absolutely. My city used to be the capital of our province and given the fact that we are the closest bigger city to Beijing, the city experienced **lots of glory and war disasters**. The most shocking thing was how people in my city tried so hard to protect Beijing during WWII.



**12. Do you like the area that you live in?**

See 4. 把city改成my neighborhood 就行。

**13. Where do you like to go in that area?**

See 4. Parks.

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

Not really. As I have said, it's a small city that does not have many high paying jobs because there aren't many big companies. I really cannot recall any nation-wide popular names from my hometown.

**15. What are some changes in the area recently?**

There is a stadium that was recently renovated. It is the landmark of the city; the exterior and its surrounding area remain **illuminated all night** which makes the city centre stunningly beautiful!

**16. Do you know any of your neighbors?**

Not so much. Although we never moved to other cities, we did move many times within the city. The last time we have moved was about 5 years ago. At that time, I was so busy about my study, and then I moved to another city for university, so I never really have the time to know my neighbors.

## Part 1 新题

### Music

**1. What music do you like?**

Well, I don't really have a particular preference on music **genres**. I have hip-hop, R&B, classical, pop in my daily **playlist**. I love the lyrics in a rap verse which is **catchy** to sing with. I also love the fact that classical music can usually **help me unwind**.

**2. What music do you dislike?**

Definitely heavy metal. It is an **in-your-face** kind of music with **screamed vocals**. I understand why people may be attracted to it, but it's not my things. It's simply **too loud for my ears**.

**3. Do you often listen to one type of music?**

See 1.

**4. What music do your friends like? Do you enjoy the same type of music?**

Actually, I do have a few really good friends who enjoy heavy metal and that is why I know that I definitely hate it. Some of them say it's just the band that isn't good, but honestly, after listening to their favorite bands, I ensure 100% that it is just not for me.

### **5. What's the most popular type of music where you live?**

Pop music, **hands down**. I think pop music, in general, just has **mass appeal** and can be enjoyed by people of all ages, backgrounds, and cultures. That is probably why it is called "Pop music" as popular music.

### **6. Which singer or musician would you like to see in person?**

Jay Chou for sure. I literally listened to his music growing up. But, because I'm **born and raised** in a small city, I haven't gotten a chance to go to his concert to meet him in-person. It's going to be **a dream come true** for me to see him face to face.

## Chocolate

### **1. Do you like eating chocolate? Why/why not?**

Absolutely! I love all kinds of milk chocolate. They are simply pleasurable to eat! I love the rich, smooth, and creamy texture of chocolates. Not to mention, I simply feel happier after eating chocolates, the unique flavor is just so appealing to me.

### **2. How often do you eat chocolate?**

Although I'm a big fan of chocolate, I only eat it once in a while, probably once every week. The reason is simple, it is high in calories and can contribute to weight gain if consumed in excess. I'm busy with my studies and have little time to exercise, so I have to pay close attention to my daily diet to keep in shape.

### **3. Did you often eat chocolate when you were a kid?**

No, my mother only allows me to eat chocolate once a week because chocolate contains caffeine which is bad for children. Not to mention that chocolate is high in calories and sugar and can contribute to weight gain and tooth decay. I think every parent should limit the amount of chocolate that children consume.

### **4. Why do you think chocolate is popular around the world?**

See 1.

### **5. What's your favorite flavor?**

Milk chocolate, hands down. They are so smooth and creamy, which is such a pleasure to eat. Occasionally I do consume some variation of flavors such as mint, they are quite refreshing to have, but not as good as milk chocolate.

### **6. Do you think it is good to use chocolate as gifts to others?**

I don't know about history, but it is a tradition that people give chocolate to their significant other on Valentine's Day. Other than that, I would say chocolate may not be a good gift choice because many people have dietary restrictions that prevent them from eating chocolate or certain types of chocolate. For example, many people are allergic to nuts, dairy products, or alcohol, which many chocolates have them as part of the ingredient.

## Weekends

### **1. Do you like weekends?**

Of course, I do. There is lots of stuff on my plate right now and weekends are typically the only time I can unwind. Also, all my good friends have busy schedules too, so we could hang out on the weekends.

### **2. What do you usually do on weekends? Do you study or work?**

For me, it's really about having a good night's sleep to recharge and hang out with friends and family. We all like the outdoors, so in the winter we would go skiing and we would go hiking in other seasons.

### **3. What did you do last weekends?**

Last week, I went to shopping mall with my family for some Chinese New Year shopping. We bought some new clothes for each one of us, and some holiday decorations. There were so many people that you cannot believe, but we had a really good time together.

### **4. Do you make plans for your weekends?**

Absolutely, since all my friend and myself have busy schedules, I always look forward to the weekend and plan ahead. For instance, the road trip we went last month was actually planned about three months ago.

## Happy things

### **1. Is there anything that has made you feel happy lately?**

Messi finally got his World Cup Champion! Although I'm not a super soccer fan, I do know he is one of the most talented players in the past decade. I'm so happy he finally realized his dream and won all the big titles.

### **2. What made you happy when you were little?**

Oh, lots of things. Childhood is such a magical time that any little things can make your day. To me, I really enjoy the time spent with family during Chinese New Year holiday. My grandparents, my parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins will get together and exchange gifts and red pockets. Everyone is happy and have smile on their face!

### **3. What do you think will make you feel happy in the future?**

Honestly, I don't know. I think that is the sad part of growing up. I think have accomplished many things, but I only have a second of excitement and then I will move on to the next goal. It's a **rat race** of everything, you want to **get promoted**, make more money, buy a better house so you can offer a better life for your family, and **the race is endless**. So, will the bigger house actually make me feel happy? Maybe yes, but it's just a moment of pleasure.

### **4. When do you feel happy at work? Why?**

I'm certain that I feel so much happier at work when I'm around with good colleagues! There are always works to do, but nowadays teamwork is essential to get anything done.

Good colleagues who are **competent, diligent, respectful, and humorous** will make the work more **satisfying**.

### **5. Do you feel happy when buying new things?**

See 3. Well, like I have said, I will, but just for a very short moment. I still remember how excited I felt couple of years back when I got a new MacBook, I will try every single possible function at the night I bought it. It was like a treasure. But this year, I got an even better MacBook, it is beautiful and very capable. But I didn't get that excitement. I took a picture of it and shared it on Instagram, and that was about it.

### **6. Do you think people are happy when buying new things?**

I would say so. Material goods are still what most people are chasing for. That's just the reality. You can see how excited people are when they have just bought **a big-ticket item** such as a new car, a house, or maybe just a luxury bag. People are so happy because got what they have worked hard for, and they feel that they have achieved something.

## Jewelry

### **1. Do you often wear jewelry?**

Not really. I'm **on the fence** of whether wearing jewelry, **for people my age**, is proper or not. Wearable technology like Apple Watch is more popular for our generation. Jewelry is for someone like my mom.

### **2. What type of jewelry do you like?**

Like I have said, I don't wear them, and I have no interests in them. So, I have no idea. But if mechanical watches are considered jewelry, I would say I will want to wear a Rolex when I'm attending some important events. Well, I might have to borrow it from my father because I cannot afford one right now.

### **3. Do you usually buy jewelry?**

See 2. Not a fan, no interests in it!

### **4. Why do you think some people wear a piece of jewelry for a long time?**

There are many reasons why people might wear a piece of jewelry for a long time. Some people may have **sentimental attachments** to the piece, such as it being a gift from **a loved one**. Others may find the jewelry to be a meaningful symbol or reminder of an important event or person in their life.

## Keys

### **1. Do you always bring a lot of keys with you?**

Yes, I always carry lots of keys such as the key for my home, my car, mailbox, storage, key fob for the garage and key fob for my workplace. They are all essential to my daily life, so I can't really leave any of them at home.

## **2. Have you ever lost your keys?**

Never. I'm a really organized person and I don't lose anything. I always double check my belongings and making sure that I have all of them before moving to the next place.

## **3. Do you often forget the keys and lock yourself out?**

See 2. Like I have said, I never do that. I have seen my neighbor did that once, and they had to call the locksmith to help them open their door which cost them hundreds!

## **4. Do you think it's a good idea to leave your keys with a neighbour?**

Well, if you can trust the person, I think it's totally fine for a period of time. I always leave my mailbox key to my neighbor and ask them to help me clean my mailbox every week when I'm away from home on a vacation. It's safer that way because then people won't really know that you are away from your home.

## Library

### **1. Do you often go to library?**

It is a must! I always get distracted when I'm studying in my dorm or home because I would want to talk to my friends or play video games. So, if I want to get things done quicker, for instance if I have a deadline approaching, I will go to the library in my university in early morning with water and snacks and stay there until I finish my work. I'm 500% more efficient there!

### **2. What do you usually do in the library?**

Honestly, I don't read many books. I go to library for one thing and one thing only, study and finish projects! When I'm in library, I can **power through** anything on my list!

### **3. Did you go to library when you were a kid?**

Not so much. I'm **born and raised** in a small city and there aren't any good public libraries. I often go to the bookstore and read the latest comic books there.

### **4. Do Chinese kids often go to library?**

I have no idea, since I have never visited libraries in other cities. Well, who would visit a library when you are travelling anyways? I think most people would just go to the bookstores because it is very common for people to sit on the ground and just read whichever book they want.

## Art

### **1. Do you like art?**

It's not **my cup of tea**. I don't have any talent in it...

## **2. Do you like visiting art galleries?**

Well, I would love to visit one, but there aren't any in my city. Apart from that, I'm still a student with a heavy workload and no money for traveling. I think I would visit one once I got a job after graduation.

## **3. Do you want to be an artist?**

Well, as I have mentioned, I have no talent in it. That's why I'm majoring in STEM other than art. I rather do math problems than drawing. So, definitely, I won't become an artist any day in my life.

## **4. Do you like modern art or traditional art?**

As I have mentioned, I'm not talented in art nor interested in it. I'm not even sure what's the line distinguishing the two. But I'm usually able to **appreciate** the traditional Chinese art called **ink and wash painting**. Those paintings are quite fascinating because they do not necessarily illustrate the actual scenery the painter is facing; it usually express certain feelings of the painter.

## Outer space and stars

### **1. Have you ever learnt about outer space and stars?**

I think I have on some physics or science classes, but I'm not really a fan, so I forgot most of the things I've learnt already. I know the Sun is the star at the center of the Solar System, and the earth, which we live on, orbits around the sun.

### **2. Do you like science fiction movies? Why?**

Absolutely! They are very **appealing** to me. I really enjoy the **futuristic** worlds and technology depicted in these films. They also provide a form of **escapism** that allows me to **temporarily step away from the real world** and experience something different. I'm always impressed by these filmmakers' imagination.

### **3. Do you want to know more about outer space?**

I'm **on the fence about this**. I think we should explore a bit more to know better about what is out there, but at the same time, that could be dangerous. If there were aliens out there, our exploration might bring their attention. And if they had more advanced technology, we might lose the war against them.

### **4. Do you want to go into outer space in the future?**

Maybe, that sounds pretty cool. The billionaires like Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, have done it. If I had the chance, I would do the same. It would be an interesting experience and something to share about with anyone.



## Schools

### **1. Where do you go to school?**

I'm studying at xxxx university, which is located in Beijing which is quite far away from my hometown. Studying in such a big city allowed me to have greater access to resources and opportunities and exposure to different cultures. I'm enjoying every moment here!

### **2. Do you go to a good school?**

Yes, absolutely. I think I'm getting a first-rate education from my university. My professors are **well-known in their own field**, and my peers are top students from their hometowns. We have the latest technologies and equipment in our labs, and my school wins competitions across the country every year. I'm proud to be a student here!

### **3. Do you like your teachers?**

Oh ya. Like I have said, the professors are well-known subject matter experts. Not only that, but they are also very passionate about teaching, and they encourage critical thinking and creativity rather than memorizing facts. They also provide regular, constructive feedback to us so we can improve quickly. I'm so fortunate to be a student of these good teachers!

### **4. Do you like your current learning atmosphere?**

See 2 and 3.

### **5. What are the differences between your school and other schools?**

I think the universities around mine are quite similar in terms of education quality, faculty expertise and facilities. Maybe certain majors from one university are better than the other ones, but I think overall, they are very close to each other.

### **6. Is there anything you want to change about your school?**

Actually, I think my university is nearly perfect. But if I have to pick one, that might be to renovate the dorm because some of the beds are too old that some students don't feel safe sleeping on them.

## Small business

### **1. Do you know many small businesses where you live?**

Of course. **Small businesses are the backbone of our society**, and they can be seen everywhere in China. I think the most common small business is restaurants. I don't usually eat at **chain restaurants** because they all taste the same. The locally **family-owned** restaurants are the ones that offer unique flavors.

### **2. Do you prefer buying things in big companies or small businesses?**

Even though I have mentioned that I prefer small restaurants over **large chains**. I do prefer buying most things in big companies because they usually offer **better quality and variety**. Moreover, due to **economies of scale**, in many instances, the same goods are cheaper in big companies.

### **3. Have you ever worked in small businesses?**

Yes. I had a summer job at a local advertising company before starting my first year of university. Although there isn't much formal training, the family-like atmosphere and the opportunity to have a direct impact on the company's success made the work experience very satisfying.

### **4. Have you ever thought about starting your own business?**

Definitely. I actually own a private tuition company providing tutoring services to first year university students who are struggling with university courses. I'm not planning to do it full time because I still want to work at large companies to gain a better understanding of how the world functions. But I do think the flexibility of "being your own boss" is very enjoyable.

## Staying up

### **1. Do you often stay up late?**

Unfortunately, yes. I just **have too much on my plate** right now, both studying and work. I'm almost working and studying 15 hours a day right now, which is quite a lot. And **life is more than just work and studying**, so I must chat with my friends and read something I enjoy late night.

### **2. Did you stay up late when you were a kid?**

Yes and no. At that time, sleeping at around 11pm is considered staying up late. And yes, I sometimes do sleep later than 11pm due to the heavy workload. However, 11pm for me at this age now is like a really early sleep. I don't consider anything before 1:30am as late.

### **3. What do you do when you stay up late?**

See 1. All kinds of things. That's the time for myself. I usually surf the internet, check my social media accounts, watch videos or play video games. It's the time for me to unwind.

### **4. What does it feel like the next morning if you stay up late?**

I don't really feel anything anymore because it's **part of my daily routine already**. A cup of coffee will **boost my energy level** for the day. However, occasionally, if I had an early good night sleep, I do feel much better in the morning.

## T-shirt

### **1. Do you like wearing T-shirts?**

Oh ya, all the time. They are just so comfortable to wear because they are made from soft and breathable materials. So, even if I wear a suit and tie for some special occasions, I will still wear a T-shirt underneath the shirt.

### **2. How often do you wear T-shirts?**

See 1. All the time, the only time I'm not wearing a T-shirt is during a shower or a bath. Or swimming too.



### **3. Do you like T-shirts with pictures or prints?**

Neither of them. I like **plain color T-shirts**. I like the **comfort and simplicity** of them. For T-shirts with pictures or prints, the pictures or printed areas are usually made from a **screen with ink**, which is an **unbreathable material** which sticks to your body after a period of time.

### **4. Do you think older people who wear T-shirts are fashionable?**

I think they are because T-shirts are essentially very **versatile and timeless**. They **never go out of style**, especially the plain color ones, so old people who wear these appear to be younger than their age and fashionable.

### **5. Would you buy T-shirts as souvenirs on vacation?**

Yes, I do. I buy them to have a tangible reminder of the memories and experiences I had. Overall, they are good souvenirs because they are **relatively inexpensive** and **practical** compared to other options such as artwork or jewelry. Not to mention, T-shirts with designs or logos specific to a certain location or attraction can serve as a conversation starter and a way to show off where I have been.

## Part 1 保留题

### Technology

#### **1. What technology do you often use, computers or cellphones?**

Both of them. They are all **essential to my daily life**. I use computers to write assignments and complete tasks that are more complex, and use cellphones to get the latest new updates and connect with my friends and family.

#### **2. What electronic devices have you bought lately?**

I just **upgraded** my iPhone to iPhone 13 about a month ago; I think the **features** and **specifications** are already kinda **overkill** for my daily use. I have no plan to upgrade other electronic devices in the next two years or so.

#### **3. Are there any technology you want to buy?**

I always want to purchase the **latest tech products with the newest features**; for example, the folding smartphones are pretty cool. But, let's face it, they are expensive, and I really don't need those features.

#### **4. What are the benefits of technology? Do you think it is important in your life?**

There are numerous advantages of technology on our lives. It allows us to **have an ease access of information**, saves time on transportation, and allows us to **communicate with others instantly**. I **cannot live without** technology!

## Weather

### 1. *What's the weather like where you live?*

The city I live in has a **continental climate** which means it has **distinct four seasons**. Temperatures could vary a lot; it could go up to 40 degrees Celsius in the summer and could reach minus 20 in the winter months. Most people like the weather, but I think it's too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter. Actually, I'm thinking about moving to another city.

### 2. *Do you prefer cold or hot weather?*

Neither. I **hate about sweating** when it's hot outside, and I also hate about the lack of green and colorful **in the middle of freezing winter**. I like **mild weather** with **plenty of sunshine**. There is a saying that describes this kind of weather as "all four seasons are like spring".

### 3. *Do you prefer dry or wet weather?*

If I have to choose one, I will go for dry weather. I have lived in both dry and **humid** places; the humid weather makes my clothes always stick on my body, and I feel like I **have to work harder to breathe**. Dry weather isn't the best, but I think it's much **more manageable**. A **humidifier** at home and **body creams** can mostly solve all the negatives.

### 4. *Do you get in the habit of checking the weather forecast? When/How often?*

I don't really have the habit. I only check the weather forecast when I'm planning a trip, especially in the winter. I need to make sure that **I'm not taking the risk of driving in winter storms** without proper tires and equipment.

## Public transportation

### 1. *What kind of public transportation do you usually take?*

Well, I'm not sure if **shared bikes** are a type of public transportation or not, but I do use that very often, it is very convenient to travel between different places on campus. For other times, I don't use buses because **the system in my city is poorly designed**. **Bus schedules are not reliable**. I take **uber rides** instead.

### 2. *When do you usually take public transportation, in your everyday life or when you are travelling?*

When I'm travelling, for sure. From my experience, I was able to take public transportation to most **tourist attractions**. And it's just much cheaper to take buses or trains than to **hire a cab** or **rent a car**.

### 3. *Do most people prefer public transportation in your country?*

I can't say for the entire country, but from my understanding, most people would love to take public transportation **if it is feasible**. Unfortunately, at least in my city, people can't rely on public transportation because the system is not that well designed. I think there is **lots of room for improvement**.

#### **4. Did you take public transportation when you were a kid?**

Almost every day. I lived quite far from the school I went to, so I had to take buses to go to school every day. I still remember how crowded it was on the bus and **the weird smell that made me sick**. It was like a **nightmare**.

### Birthday

#### **1. What do you usually do on your birthday?**

**Nothing special** really. My friends will host a birthday party for me. I will receive some birthday presents, and we will enjoy a good meal and a cake together. That's about it.

#### **2. What did you do on your birthday when you were young?**

See 1.

#### **3. Do you think it is important for you to celebrate your birthday?**

For myself, it is not important at all. I used to love celebrating my birthday when I was a kid because I could receive presents and eat cakes, and I really wanted to grow up. Now, **I don't want to remind myself that I'm getting older**, and I also could not enjoy my cake because I'm trying to lose weight.

#### **4. Whose birthday do you think is the most important to celebrate in China?**

Mostly children's birthday. Everyone loves to see **the genuine smile on children's face**. Apart from this, the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday is quite important for people in the Chinese culture because **60 years makes a cycle of life**, family members will get together and celebrate this special birthday and **wish the person a long life**.

### Writing

#### **1. Do you write a lot?**

Yes, I do. I write hundreds if not thousands of words **on a daily basis** because I have multiple long essays this year which constitute a big portion of my grade. Apart from essays, I write my diary everyday.

#### **2. What do you like to write? Why?**

I love writing diaries because it **keeps my thoughts organized**. Life is short and busy, so I really need the 20 minutes **to reflect on my day** and writing diaries is the best way to do that. I also **set goals** and **monitor my progress** in my diary. It's a really good tool that I would recommend it to everyone!

#### **3. Do you think the things you write would change?**

Of course, as I'm getting into different **life stages**, my priorities will change. For instance, I used to write about celebrities a few years back, but now I'm writing a lot about **career planning** because **I'm about to graduate and join the labor market**.

#### **4. Do you prefer typing or handwriting when you are writing?**

Typing, 100%! I can type way faster than writing by hand; also, I could save my writing to the cloud so I can have access to it from multiple devices. Not to mention, it saves paper!

### Names

#### **1. Does your name have any special meaning?**

I don't think there is any special meaning for my name. My grandpa picked this character from an ancient dictionary based on the time I was born.

#### **2. How would you choose names for your next generation?**

I'm not sure. Maybe I will **name my child after someone I admire**. For example, I think Henry Ford is a great man, so I might name my son Henry. But I still need inputs from my **significant other** before making the final decision.

#### **3. Are there any differences between how Chinese name their children now and in the past?**

Definitely, you can sometimes easily tell people's **rough age** by their names. Many **baby boomers** are named "Jianguo" which means establish the country or "Jianjun" which means establish the army. Those names are very popular partly because their parents went through the World War II. Now, children's names are a lot more creative and unique.

#### **4. Does anyone in your family have the same name as you?**

No. Like I have said, my name just represents the time I was born. No one was born at the same time as me, so no one shared the same name as me.

### Snacks

#### **1. What snacks do you like to eat?**

Anything sweet... I must say **I have a sweet tooth**. I know it's not the best for me, so I'm **substituting** cakes and cookies **for** Greek Yogurt and fruits. I eat it every day during the afternoon **coffee break**.

#### **2. Did you often eat snacks when you were young?**

Yes. I probably ate too much, so I had **cavities** when I was a kid. But they are just too delicious; they are still **irresistible to me**.

#### **3. When do you usually eat snacks now?**

See 1. (It can be after lunch, after breakfast, during coffee breaks in the morning, etc.)

#### **4. Do you think it is healthy for you to eat snacks?**

Depends on what kind of snacks. Potato chips and **processed meat** are unhealthy because they have **an excess amount of sodium, sugar, and fat**. On the other hand, mixed nuts, yogurt, and fruits are healthy snacks that provide **good nutrition and energy** in the middle of the day.

## Singing

### 1. Do you like singing? Why?

No... Although I really love listening to music, I just can't carry a tune. Sadly, I don't have a good singing voice either. People always laugh at me when they hear me sing.

### 2. Have you ever learnt how to sing?

Actually, yes, I have. But the teacher told me that I just didn't have the talent. She thought I'm tone-deaf and told me to stop wasting money on learning it.

### 3. Who do you want to sing for?

Nobody... People always laugh at me when they hear me sing. I only sing when no one is around, mostly in the shower.

### 4. Do you think singing can bring happiness to people?

Yes, of course. I feel more relaxed and less anxious when I sing. I remember that our brain releases a kind of happiness hormones which makes us feel good. So I think singing is a wonderful thing, without being judged by others of course...

## Geography

### 1. Do you like geography?

Personally, I don't find geography engaging. I'm a math person and I hate subjects that require a lot of memorizing. So, I stopped taking any geography courses after grade 10.

### 2. Have you ever studied geography at school?

Yes. It is mandatory until grade 10 when my high school asked us to choose 3 out of 6 subjects to study. I did not go for geography because I think it's very boring from my previous learning experiences.

### 3. Are you good at reading a map?

I haven't read a physical map for a long time because I always use the navigation on my smartphone. I can read the digital maps without any problems; they are very intuitive, and I can zoom in and out the map back and forth with my fingers. I think most people can read them easily.

### 4. Would you visit a country because of its geographical location?

Yes, that's very important if you want to experience different scenic views and climates. I would love to visit Alaska because it is super up north and close to the North Pole. This geographical location allows visitors to see the Northern Lights and glide past icy glaciers there.

## Social media

### **1. Do you or your friends like using social media?**

Absolutely! It's so essential to our lives because everyone is using social media platforms, which means that you must be on there to connect with your friends and family. I can easily spend three hours a day on various social media apps.

### **2. Do you think you or your friends use too much social media?**

I'm definitely a **heavy user**. Like I have said, I often spend more than three hours on those apps every day, which is **like the time of a part-time job**...I sometimes feel anxious when I **stop checking and scrolling through** social media for just a few minutes. I should really seek help to **beat this addiction**.

### **3. Do you want to work in social media? Why?**

Not really. I love getting information from social media, but I'm not interested in the social media industry. I studied accounting and wish to become a public accountant helping clients **optimize** their taxes.

### **4. What's the most popular social media in china? Why?**

It must be WeChat, an instant messaging app with many social media features. There are more than a billion people **actively using** this app on a daily basis. People can use this app to get news updates, check friends' timelines, transfer money with friends and so much more. It's truly a **super app** that every Chinese people uses.

## Puzzles

### **1. Did you do puzzles in your childhood?**

Yes, I love all kinds of puzzles such as **jigsaw, crossword, and sudoku**. I really like **finding patterns** and solving problems and my mother really supported me on it because she thought it was better for me to do puzzles than play video games.

### **2. When do you do puzzles, during your trip or when you feel bored?**

Mainly when I feel bored. I'm an active person and I like playing sports with my friends much better than doing puzzles alone at home. It's a good way to **kill time** when I have nothing else to do.

### **3. Do you like doing word puzzles or number puzzles? Which is more difficult for you?**

I like number puzzles better because I really like solving math problems. **Every time I've solved the puzzle, life seems to work better**. I would say word puzzles are more **challenging** because I don't know enough vocabulary.

### **4. Do you think it is good for old people to do puzzles?**

Absolutely! Old people usually have a lot of free time so they might feel bored all the time. Doing puzzles can not only **improve their brain functions** but also **kill time**.



## Housework and cooking

### 1. Do you do some cooking/help your family cook at home now?

Yes, I do. Although I'm not a very good cook, I enjoy preparing ingredients for my mother. Chopping green onions into tiny thin pieces is so satisfying!

### 2. Did you do some house cleaning when you were young?

All the time! I earn \$1 every time I wash all the dishes, and \$2 if I mop all the floors, so I took all the chances I could to make money to buy the latest comic books.

### 3. Do you have breakfast at home everyday?

No, I rarely eat breakfast at home. I really don't have the time for it on weekdays. I normally just eat a muffin or sometime simple on my way to school. And on weekends, I usually wake up at lunch time, so no breakfast is needed.

### 4. Do you want to learn how to cook well?

Yes, absolutely! I'm about to study abroad and I really cannot afford to order Chinese food everyday. So, I want to make sure that I can cook all my favorite dishes before I step onto the flight.

## Morning time (视频讲解在：保留题完结补充)

### 1. Do you like getting up early in the morning?

Not really. I'm not a morning person. I prefer to be a night owl there is just too many distractions during the day. I can only focus on the things I really wanna do at night.

### 2. What do you usually do in the morning?

Well, on weekdays, I will just be doing my morning routines like brushing my teeth, making the bed, checking my emails briefly, and grabbing a cup of coffee on the way to school, etc. I don't follow the same routines because I usually wake up at noon on the weekends.

### 3. What did you do in the morning when you were little? Why?

Simple things like brushing my teeth and making the bed. Well, I did eat breakfast everyday because it was essential for my growth during my primary and secondary school years.

### 4. Are there any differences between what you do in the morning now and what you did in the past?

See 3.

### 5. Do you spend your mornings doing the same things on both weekends and weekdays? Why?

See 2.

## Part 2/3 地点类

### 地点类 – 新题

#### 嘈杂地

Describe a noisy place you have been to

You should say:

Where it is

When you went there

What you did there

And explain why you feel it's a noisy place

思路：这个题目可以几乎完全串用保留题中的《运动场所》，连小题的问法都是一样的。只需要解释到为什么那个故事里面的运动场很noisy就行。注意蓝色字的部分来做衔接。

I live in a major city and it's busy everywhere! So, I think most places are noisy, but today I would like to talk about my city's recently renovated sports stadium, which is a noisy place because it is a very popular place. The stadium is mainly used for several sports-related activities and even professional competitions. I have been to this stadium several times, and I would like to share my opinion about it. The stadium is located at the city centre because it was the landmark of the city decades ago. I remember that it can accommodate over 20,000 spectators at a time.

I have been to this stadium twice to watch soccer competitions in the past few years and watched a concert once. I have to say, during these events, this place was jam-packed! I think it is a noisy place because it is always full of people. I don't think the noise is a bad thing, it shows how energetic the city is. It's just a great place for local people to get together and exercise! I think this stadium is really well operated by the local government and I wish more facilities like this can be built!

### Part 3

#### 1. Do you think it is good for children to make noise?

Depending on the age. Young children mainly the ones that are 2 years and younger should make more noise because they are curious and learning how to speak. However, for older children, they should know about appropriate times and places to make noise and to respect the needs of others.

#### 2. Should children not be allowed to make noise under any circumstances?

See 1. No. Although excessive noise or noise that is disruptive to others may not be appropriate, it is more important to teach children about appropriate times and places to make noise and to respect the needs of others rather than forbidding it.



### **3. What kinds of noises are there in our life?**

Any sound that is unpleasant and disruptive is considered noise. So, noise could be honking from cars, people chatting in a library, or the sound from the fan. It's really depending on the circumstances.

### **4. Which area is exposed to noise more, the city or the countryside?**

Definitely the city. The population density is much higher in the city and people make noise for all kinds of reasons. Traffic is worse, so the start, stop, honking from cars will make a lot of noise as well. Whereas in the countryside, it's usually really quiet after the rush hours.

### **5. How would people usually respond to noises in your country?**

It's not a secret that there are so many people in China, so there are lots of noises. I think people, over time, just become accustomed to most noises and no longer find them to be bothersome. However, if the noise is made very inappropriately, such as answering phone calls in movie theater, people will get mad and ask the person to leave.

### **6. How can people consider others' feelings when chatting in public?**

People just need to be mindful of the location. They should avoid having loud or personal conversations in quiet spaces such as libraries and museums. Also, keep the volume of your voice down. Speak at a moderate volume so that you don't disturb others around you who may be trying to focus on other things.

## 空气糟糕之地

Describe a place you visited where the air was polluted

You should say:

Where the place is

When you visited

Why the air was not good

And explain how you felt about the place

思路：此题比较特殊，虽然看起来可能跟事件类保留题《塑料废品》可能有相关之处，但实际上并不适合串题。故单独制作故事以便于记忆（不好串还不如直接重新背一个好记的故事）。

Air pollution is a big problem in China, at least before the pandemic hit. I visited Beijing, the capital of China, a few years back, and I was surprised at how bad the pollution was. I think it was the year 2019, my friend and I planned to visit the Great Wall and also to attend a concert in Beijing. We flew to Beijing because air tickets were cheaper than traveling by high-speed rail at that time for whatever reason. Once we landed in Beijing, we immediately noticed how foggy it was. At that time, nobody wears a mask, but I really hoped I could have one because the air smells like **burning coal**.

We weren't sure whether it was just a foggy day or the air pollution, but we soon confirmed that it was the pollution when I washed my face in the hotel. There was literally dirt on my face! So, I did some research about why the air was so bad. Apparently, Beijing air pollution is mainly caused by **vehicle emissions** and **the burning of coal** to produce electricity. Other factors that influence air quality in Beijing include the manufacturing industry and population growth.

I had to say Beijing is such a magical place which has so many historical buildings and modern arts and architects. However, the air quality is just unbearable for me. Fortunately, once the pandemic hit, air quality in Beijing improved a lot. I hope this could continue because good air quality is essential to people's health!

### Part 3

#### **1. Is there more pollution now than in the past?**

Definitely now. There is more pollution now than ever before due to **increased human activities**. As **quality-of-life** increases, **carbon emissions** increase at the same time because more people are consuming more energy to heat, cool, and move around. Although the world is paying more attention to climate change now, it will take years for overall pollution to start decreasing.

#### **2. In what ways can air pollution be reduced effectively?**

Air pollution can be reduced in a variety of ways. Encouraging the use of public transportation, carpooling, and biking, and promoting the use of electric vehicles can help reduce emissions from cars and trucks. Government should also educate people about the health risks associated with air pollution, encouraging them to reduce their own emissions and encouraging them to support policies and programs that aim to reduce air pollution.

#### **3. Do you think the city is cleaner or dirtier than the countryside? Why?**

It depends. I would say most cities are dirtier than the countryside because there are just way more people in the city. And people litter, that is just the reality. However, some countryside has no one to clean public areas which could accumulate more trash overtime.

#### **4. What can factories and power plants do to reduce pollutants?**

Factories and power plants can be required to use **cleaner technologies and processes**, and to **install equipment to control emissions**. At the same time, government should encourage the use of **renewable energy sources** such as solar, wind, and hydro power to help reduce emissions from power plants.

#### **5. Do you think many companies have been forced to reduce pollutants?**

Yes. There is a term in business called "ESG", environmental, social, governance. Basically, companies especially the large public companies are rated on the ESG factors, a better score usually increase the value of the company. Therefore, more and more companies are now try to reduce pollutants to improve both their image and their value.

## 6. Do you think the wind has any effect on pollution? How?

I think so. Wind can help to **disperse pollutants**, such as those from industrial facilities, power plants, and vehicles, which can help to reduce their **concentration** in the air and improve air quality. Although the pollution is still there, as it's less concentrated, it is not so harmful for people in a specific area anymore.

## 居住地发展

Describe a new development in the area where you live (e.g. shopping mall, park...)

You should say:

- What the development is
- When/where you noticed it
- How long it took to complete it
- And explain how you feel about it

思路：继续使用运动场所，我们本来就说的这个体育场是最新翻修过的。这里要注意的是，虽然大体思路是一样的，部分内容仍需要进行稍微修改来包含到这个话题的小题。

My city is growing at a rapid pace, and there are new developments everywhere. There is a recently renovated sports stadium **which is very close to my home that I want to talk about**. It is mainly used for several sports-related activities and even professional competitions. It is now one of the **landmarks** of the city and I remember that it can accommodate over 20,000 spectators at a time.

I noticed this development about a year ago because I can see the progress of renovation from my room. I think it took about half year or so to complete the project which I think is quite impressive considering how big it is.

I have been to this stadium twice to watch soccer competitions and watched a concert once. **Because it is newly renovated, the facilities are really nice**. I have to say, during these events, this place was **jam-packed**! **I think it is a good development** for our city for many reasons. Firstly, it brings people from all parts of China which is good for the local economy. Secondly, as it is a landmark of the city, the exterior and its surrounding area remain **illuminated all night** which makes the city centre stunningly beautiful. Finally, citizens can use all the **top-notch facilities** for free during daytime when no events are running. It was a great place for local people to get together and exercise! I think this stadium is really well operated by the local government and I wish more facilities like this can be built!

## Part 3

### 1. What transportation do you use the most?

I usually use a bike and subway because I live in a crowded city where traffic is jammed all the time. It is much quicker to ride a bike to the subway station, take the subway, then ride another bike to your destination than driving. There are lots of shared bikes, so you don't need to own your own bike which made this process much easier.

## **2. Is public transportation popular in China?**

Yes absolutely. It's cheaper, and often quicker, especially in big cities. Most use public transportation for their daily commute.

## **3. What can be improved in public transport services?**

There are many areas can be improved. For instance, government can increase the **frequency and reliability** of services to reduce waiting times and make it easier for people to plan their trips. At the same time, they should make sure that public transport services connect well with other modes of transportation, such as **bike-sharing services**, to make it easier for people to make **multi-modal trips**.

## **4. What leisure facilities can be used by people of all ages?**

I think the most popular ones are parks and community centres. People like to exercise in parks and walk their dogs. Many community centers offer a variety of activities, such as fitness classes, art classes, and social events, that are accessible to people of all abilities.

## **5. Do you think young people in your country like to go to the cinema?**

No anymore. Going to the movies can be expensive, especially for young people who may be on a tight budget. Also, most young people nowadays may prefer to watch movies and shows with friends and family in their own home rather than in a public setting. The situation is worsened after the pandemic because people no longer have the habit to go to the cinema.

## **6. How is the subway system developing in your country?**

I'm not super sure about the technical aspect of it but I know there are continuous development of the subway system. We usually have one or two more lines built every five years, and now the lines cover most high traffic areas already.

## 放松的地方

Describe your favorite place in your house where you can relax

You should say:

Where it is

What it is like

What you enjoy doing there

And explain why you feel relaxed at this place

思路：可以使用保留题里面《常去的熟人之家》里面的内容，但是要注意这时候我们描述的房子变成了你的房子。蓝色字体的部分进行了稍微的铺垫，为了更顺畅过度为这是你的家。

**My** family moved to this new house a few years ago which is located in the suburban area. I must say, it is a great place to escape **the hustle and bustle of the city**, and to be close to nature. I still live with my parents because I want to save for my own place. **If I move out**

and rent a place, I will be spending too much of my income towards rent expenses not savings. Well, honestly, I can't afford a nice place like my family house anyways. Haha.

It's a modern house, with all the high-tech features such as home automation. For the interior, it has wooden floors in most rooms, carpets in the bedrooms for extra comfort. And **the icing on the cake** is that it has a gym!

Since I study and work really hard during the day. Once I got home, I really enjoyed spending time in the gym. I can ask the smart assistant to change room lighting and music to fit my mood. I must say, working out in a private gym is perhaps the best way to relax. I don't need to wear earphones and can crank up the volume as much as I want because it is my house! However, sometimes I still need to pay attention to the time because I don't want to make too much noise at night which could affect my parents' sleep. I hope one day I can afford a house like this so I can just enjoy my own time!

### Part 3

#### **1. Why is it difficult for some people to relax?**

Some people have **high levels of stress and anxiety** which can make it difficult for them to relax, as they may be **constantly worried about things that could go wrong**. It is so common for people to develop anxiety nowadays because of the high competition in our society. I think this is really unhealthy to anyone.

#### **2. What are the benefits of doing exercise?**

Reduce stress and keep body in shape are the big ones. Most people sit in front of their desk all day, but our body is designed to be moving. Therefore, our body will feel more energetic and empowered while doing exercise and building core muscles. The empowerment will also help people to relax and feel happier.

#### **3. Do people in your country exercise after work?**

Yes, it is really common to see people either running or dancing in parks or working out in gyms. People nowadays pay close attention to their own health, so they want to at least exercise 30 mins per day to keep them fit and healthy.

#### **4. What is the place where people spend most of their time at home?**

I think it is typically the living room. The living room is often considered the heart of the home, where people gather to spend time together, relax, watch TV, read, and entertain guests. It's often the most versatile and comfortable space in a home, designed for both relaxation and socialization.

#### **5. Do you think there should be classes for training young people and children how to relax?**

See 1. Yes. People need to have access to those trainings to maintain a good mental health.

## 6. Which is more important, mental relaxation or physical relaxation?

Both mental relaxation and physical relaxation are important for overall well-being. **It's important to note** that both mental and physical relaxation are interconnected, and they have a **mutual influence** on each other. For example, physical relaxation can help to reduce mental stress, while mental relaxation can help to reduce physical tension and pain.

### 他城的短暂停留

Describe another city you would like to stay for a short time

You should say:

Where the city is

Why you want to go there

Whom you will go there with

What you will do there

And explain why you will stay there **just** for a short time

思路：完全可以用保留题中《向游客推荐本国旅游地》里成都的例子。段落顺序进行稍微调整来满足回答题目的小题。由于第三题问你想跟谁去，我就把我们故事中“跟朋友去过”，改成“想跟这个朋友去”。这些小题里面唯一比较需要注意的是最后一题要讲一下为什么你只想呆短期而不是长期。这点一定不能丢！

If I would choose a city to live for a short time, maybe just a few days or weeks, it must be the city of Chengdu. Chengdu is the capital city of Sichuan Province which is in Southwest China. I got to know this place firstly from a textbook at first. It is a popular tourist city in China. There are so many Tik-Tok vloggers and food reviewers visit Chengdu for different hot pot restaurants and its scenic beauty. **These made me really want to visit the city!**

Personally, I would want to visit Chengdu with my friends **Yuna because she really likes to try out new things which will make the journey more fun. I think we will visit the Nature Reserve Park for Giant Panda; I saw those fluffy creatures on TV are super adorable!** Of course, we also will need to try hotpot, a traditional Chinese cuisine, originated from here, made by cooking meat and veggies in boiling spicy broth and dipped in a variety of sauces. I think they are simply **mouthwatering!**

I think Yuna and I will definitely **have a blast** there, but we won't want to stay there for long because it's really far away from our hometown. At least I would like to live close to my family, so I will not consider moving to Chengdu even though it seems like a nice place to live!

## Part 3

### 1. Why do people sometimes go to other cities or other countries to travel?

People like to experience new things and traveling to other cities or other countries is the best and easiest way to do that. It's exciting for people to experience new culture and meet new people in a new place.



## 2. Why are historical cities popular?

Historical cities often have a **rich cultural** and **historical heritage**, and offer a **glimpse into the past**. Also, they often have unique and **well-preserved** architecture that is not found in modern cities. The charming and unique atmosphere can make for a more interesting and enjoyable experience than a modern city as well.

## 3. Why do places with historical sites develop tourism industry more actively?

Because people like to visit them! Historical sites cannot be copied, and people will always want to experience the real heritage. At the same time, historical sites are usually **more costly to maintain** for the local government, so building an active tourism industry helps **reduce the burden** on the government.

## 4. Do you think tourists may come across bad things in other cities?

Yes, absolutely. While traveling can be a fun and exciting experience, it's important to be aware that every city has its own set of challenges and potential dangers. Particularly, tourists may be **at a higher risk for theft, pickpocketing, or other types of crime** due to their unfamiliarity with the area and their **tendency to carry valuables**.

## 5. Do most people like planned travelling?

I think the preference for planned or unplanned travel **is a personal choice**, and I'm not sure how many people actually like the one or the other. Some people, especially the ones with young children may require more planning than a trip with a group of friends or **travelling solo**. It really depends on the situation.

## 6. Why is the noise pollution worse in tourism cities than in other cities?

Because the population density is much higher due to the popularity of tourism cities. Additionally, tourists tend to make more noise as they might not behave as appropriately as they would in their hometown because they feel their bad behavior will not result in any bad consequences.

## 地点类 – 保留题

### 向游客推荐本国旅游地

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

You should say:

What it is

Where it is

What people can do there

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

思路：如果你之前学过我们的 5-8 月保留题，完全可以用（有趣的城市）里成都的例子。我进行了非常微量的修改，之前背过的同学可以稍微看一下。新学的同学直接学就行啦！

If I would recommend an interesting place for visitors, it must be the city of Chengdu. Chengdu is the capital city of Sichuan Province which is in Southwest China. Apart from the city's rich history, it is mostly famous for two things among young Chinese, the giant panda, and hot pot, a traditional Chinese cuisine, originated from here, made by cooking meat and veggies in boiling spicy broth and dipped in a variety of sauces. I highly recommend people to experience these two things!

I got to know this place firstly from a textbook at first. It is a popular tourist city in China. There are so many Tik-Tok vloggers and food reviewers visit Chengdu for different hot pot restaurants and its scenic beauty. Personally, I visited Chengdu with my friends last summer, and I must say that the food is truly **mouthwatering**! We also visited the Nature Reserve Park for Giant Panda; those fluffy creatures are super adorable! We just had a blast there! I think it was probably the best trip that I've ever had. The traditional architecture, food, panda, and friendly locals **created a lasting impression**. I truly recommend everyone to visit this wonderful place!

### Part 3

#### 1. *Is it important to take photos while traveling?*

Absolutely! I'm a very busy person so I don't travel often. When I'm on vacation, I want to make sure that I'm **capturing every beautiful moment** to **help me remember**. Nevertheless, I think my family and friends also want to see my vacation photos.

#### 2. *Can you trust other people's travel journals on the Internet?*

You want to be cautious about it. Many online travel journals actually have **paid sponsorships** which means the content might **be biased**. I would say that you want to **cross-checking** difference sources before making travel decisions.

#### 3. *What factors affect how people feel about traveling?*

Oh, there are lots of factors. The weather, the quality of hotel rooms, **human interactions**, just to name a few. To me, human interactions affect travel experiences the most. You can't have a good experience if you **encounter rude people** during your trip. They can ruin everything!

#### 4. *Will you go to a foreign country to travel because of the distinct landscape?*

这个题目在 P1 Geography 有类似题目，在此做稍微修改。

Yes, I would love to visit Alaska because it is **super up north** and **close to the North Pole**. Because of this, I could see the **Northern Lights** and **glide past icy glaciers** there. I simply cannot experience these in my own country.



## 运动场所

Describe a popular place for sports (e.g. a stadium) that you've been to

You should say:

Where it is

When you went there

What you did there

And explain how you felt about this place

思路：注意题目是a place for sports，所以gym应该是不太合适。这里题目给了stadium运动馆，我就顺着这个场所来做一个语料，如果你有自己常去的，感觉自己做语料会更好讲一些，我的语料供大家参考。

My city has a recently renovated sports stadium, and it is mainly used for several sports-related activities and even professional competitions. I have been to this stadium several times, and I would like to share my opinion about it. The stadium is located at the city centre because it was the **landmark of the city** decades ago. I remember that it can accommodate over 20,000 spectators at a time.

I have been to this stadium twice to watch soccer competitions in the past few years and watched a concert once. I have to say, during these events, this place was **jam-packed**! This is an important place for our city for many reasons. Firstly, it brings people from all parts of China which is good for the local economy. Secondly, as it is a landmark of the city, the exterior and its surrounding area remain **illuminated all night** which makes the city centre stunningly beautiful. Finally, citizens can use all the **top-notch facilities** for free during daytime when no events are running. It was a great place for local people to get together and exercise! I think this stadium is really well operated by the local government and I wish more facilities like this can be built!

### Part 3

#### 1. Do young people like to do sports?

Yes. Young people are energetic and have lots of free time to play sports with their friends. Many of them also play **extreme sports** like **high diving** and rock climbing which elderly people can hardly participate in due to **deteriorated physical conditions**.

#### 2. What are the benefits of sports for children?

Playing sports can **strengthen their muscles** and **learn valuable social skills** such as **teamwork**, **respect of others**, and **leadership**. The **competitive nature** of sports allows children to practice **innovative thinking** to win games as well.

#### 3. Is it necessary to build public sports spaces?

Public sports facilities have **played a very important role** in **promoting physical activity and participation in leisure sports activities**. Therefore, there have been significant efforts to continue to pursue the improvement of service quality of public sports facilities by cities around the world.

#### 4. *What do you think of companies donating sports venues for poor children?*

As we all know sports are tremendously beneficial for children's development, physically and socially. Any company making such donations are very generous and contributing to the society in a positive way. However, rationally speaking, I think the money will **be much better spent** on building more schools and recruiting better teachers because education is perhaps the only one way to **lift them out of poverty**!

#### 常去的熟人之家

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

You should say:

Whose home it is

How often you go there

What it is like

And explain how you feel about the home

思路：可以使用 5-8 保留题里面（想住的公寓或房子）里面的内容，因为这道题主要讲的其实不是你朋友，而是你朋友的房子，基本上都可以直接套用。我对其进行了一些微调。

I sometimes visit my friends' houses for private dinners and parties. But the only house that I visit every month is Yuna's. She's my childhood friend and my best friend. We grew up together and spent some good 15 years together.

Her family moved to this new house a few years ago which is located in the suburban area. I must say, it is a great place to escape **the hustle and bustle of the city**, and to be close to nature. She still lives with her parents because she is an online fitness influencer, and they have a gym in the house.

It's a modern house, with all the high-tech features such as home automation. For the interior, it has wooden floors in most rooms, carpets in the bedrooms for extra comfort. And like what I have said before, **the icing on the cake** is that it has a gym and an indoor swimming pool! Yuna is now my personal trainer, and that is why I visit her house at least once a month. Everytime I come to her place, I feel like I'm living like a millionaire. I think her home, both the views and the facilities, is top-notch! I think it's a wonderful and quiet place to think about life. I strongly wish I could have a home like this!

#### Part 3

##### 1. *What are the differences between buildings in the city and in the countryside?*

Cities are crowded with people which means each inch of land is precious. As a result, there are lots of **high-rises** in city centres built very close to each other. It's a totally different story for the countryside; you can hardly see any tall buildings taller than 4 stories. Because the land is cheap in the countryside, they **tend to build out, not up**.

## 2. Do you prefer to live in the city or in the countryside?

As a young person who is **in my 20s**. I would prefer living in the city because it's close to work and other amenities. But I can imagine that once I become older and want to start a family, living in a bigger house with a backyard in the countryside seems to be a better option.

## 3. What safety risks are there in residential buildings in cities?

So many...The major one is fire. As it can be difficult for someone to get out of the building when there is a fire. Large apartment buildings now have **built-in fire alarm systems** to detect smoke and fire. They are regularly maintained and will **warn residents of danger**.

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

I guess so. I haven't been renovating my place for a long time, but I heard that prices are going up because of **labour shortages** and **supply chain disruption**. Well, I have to say, I really don't have much experience and knowledge in this. I must ask a friend for advice before starting such projects.

## Part 2/3 人物类

### 人物类-新题

#### 想要一起学习/工作的人

Describe a person you have met who you want to work/study with  
You should say:

Who this person is

How you met this person

How long you have known him/her

And explain why you want to work/study with him/her

思路：如果你背过 9-12 的保留题，可以直接套用《想要共事的家人》。基本上整个题目都可以完美涵盖到，只需要注意要用至少一句带过第二和第三个小问题（蓝字），以保证所有题目都涵盖。

I have an interesting uncle who I would love to work with in the future. He is a law professor teaching criminal law at one of the elite law schools in my city. **His is not my father's sibling but rather a cousin. So, I actually met him when I was in Grade 12, he helped me with deciding what university major to choose. And then we became good friends because we share similar interests, so we knew each other for about 4-5 years now.** 这里已经把前三问题回答完，后面内容就比较自由的可以进行拓展了。

In his spare time, he posts educational videos on social media platforms. Several of his videos went **viral** on the internet and one of them was a short section of his criminal law lesson which was super engaging and entertaining. **And this is kind of the reason why I really want to work with him, because I want to also create educational videos which utilize my financial literacy to educate people to better manage their personal finances.** Just like my uncle who posts videos about ethical theories to the public, particularly to young Chinese which really benefits the society as a whole. My videos can offer lots of value to the public as well. As he has a large base of followers already, it would be very beneficial to kick-start my channel by creating collaborative videos with him. **主要就是想抱大腿，让他带带流量！**

### Part 3

#### **1. Why should children be kind to their classmates?**

Well, not only children should be kind to their classmates, but people should also be kind to everyone. Kindness helps children to build positive relationships with their classmates, which can promote self-esteem. It is important for children's **social and emotional development** as well.

#### **2. Can children choose their deskmates?**

Depending on the teacher. Some teachers allow students to choose who they want to share a desk with, and some teachers don't. I think children should not be choosing their deskmates so they can have opportunities to learn how to make friends with someone they don't like.

#### **3. What matters most about a colleague's personality?**

Nowadays teamwork is essential to get anything done. So, I think good colleagues who are **competent, diligent, respectful, and humorous** will make the work more **satisfying**. And therefore, these traits are **highly valued** in workplaces.

#### **4. Are good colleagues important at work?**

See 3.

#### **5. What kind of people are popular at work?**

There are so many **traits** that could make a person popular at work. But what I value the most is someone who has a **positive attitude** because work can be boring and hard at times, those people can bring positive energy to everyone around them.

#### **6. Are knowledgeable people popular at work?**

Not necessarily. People generally don't like **the smartest person in the room** because these people are perceived as **arrogant** and **unapproachable**. It really comes down to the people skill; a knowledgeable person can be popular if they are positive, humorous and reliable.

## 有趣的老人

Describe an interesting old person you have met

You should say:

Who this person is

When/where you met this person

What you did with this person

And explain why you think this person is interesting

思路：这个题你可以选择用保留题《拾花弄草之人》，因为里面是讲的爷爷（老人）。串用时候注意一下第二小题，一句话带过你们怎么认识的就行。同时，这个题目还可以用9-12的保留题《有趣的邻居》≈《想要共事的家人》来串，把里面的uncle改成邻居，保证定义他为一个老人就行。有趣的点在于他做网红。

Most Chinese people live in apartments, so many people don't even know their neighbors. The same holds true for me for a long time, but I do know my new neighbor who just moved into the building a few years ago. **He is an old man, in his 60s, a law professor** teaching criminal law at one of the elite law schools in my city. 前面有改动，对邻居进行定义，回答完第一第二小题

It's quite funny that I first heard about him from a **viral** video he posted on social media. It was a short section of his criminal law lesson which was super engaging and entertaining. Once I started following him and watched several other videos he posted, I realized he was probably the new guy who just moved into my apartment compound. So, I directly messaged him on social media and asked if he was my new neighbor and he said yes. 这里稍微改动说出我是如何认识他的

I knocked on his door and invited him over for a cup of tea, we chatted for a long time because we share the same interests such as philosophy. He often quotes theories from Aristotle and Plato about their ethical theories when we hang out. He also posts videos about these theories to the public, particularly to young Chinese. I have never known a person in real life who is able to explain those theories in such an interesting way. I believe he is doing something valuable for the Chinese society because learning ethics is good for a nation's development. He encouraged me to try posting stuff online as well and he even showed me how to edit videos. What an interesting person whose career is supposed to be boring for most people! 你会看到他这个人仍然是一个法学教授，发视频，然后讲哲学，对社会有贡献。这些点是不变的，是这个人的画像，我们要变的只是编故事把他衔接到新题目中来。

### Part 3

#### 1. *Do you think old people and young people can share interests?*

Definitely. **People of all ages** can have a wide range of interests and hobbies, and there is no reason why these cannot be **shared across different generations**. For example, older people are curious about social media which younger people often have an interest in.

## 2. What can old people teach young people?

Life experience is a **big one**! Older people have lived longer and have gone through a wide range of experiences, both good and bad. They can share their wisdom and insights with young people, helping them to navigate the challenges of life and make better decisions.

## 3. Is it easy for young people and old people to make friends with each other?

See 1. If they share interests, they can become friends easily. Age is never the issue.

## 4. Are there benefits when one person is interested in another person? Why?

I'm not quite sure what this question is really asking about. But I guess when someone is interested in another person, he or she will **identify the strengths** of the other person and therefore could learn from that person. Learning is always beneficial for anyone.

## 5. Do you think people are more selfish or self-centered now than in the past?

Well, I think this is quite a difficult question to answer because the degree of selfishness is really subjective. However, I do support the idea that people are generally more selfish now due to urbanization and the increasing focus on individualism in modern society.

## 6. What benefits can people get if they are self-centered?

They don't have to feel guilty about taking away other people's opportunities. Actually, that can be very advantageous in the short term, self-centered people usually are **less worried** about other people's feelings and therefore can **make decisive decisions**. However, they generally won't have good friends, so, **in the long run**, that could prevent them from being really successful.

## 聚会上遇到的人

Describe a person you met at a party who you enjoyed talking with

You should say:

What party it was

Who this person is

What you talked about

And explain why you enjoyed talking with him/her

思路：是不是可以在聚会上认识一个《有趣的老人》？直接继续用上面的语料，注意第一小题party的覆盖（蓝字），最简单的Party就是表哥/姐的婚礼，容易遇到老人。

Party isn't really a popular thing in China. I would consider a wedding ceremony to be a common party that someone can get to meet new people. I attended my cousin's wedding a few years ago and met an interesting person who is a law professor teaching criminal law at one of the elite law schools in my city. 前面有改动，对 Party 进行定义，回答完第一第二小题



It's quite funny that I actually first heard about him from a **viral** video he posted on social media. It was a short section of his criminal law lesson which was super engaging and entertaining. So, on the wedding, I realized he must be the funny law professor on social media. So, I approached to him directly and asked if he was the professor online and he said yes. [这里稍微改动说出我是如何认识他的，并顺带回答了第三题](#)

We chatted for a long time because we share the same interests such as philosophy. He often quotes theories from Aristotle and Plato about their ethical theories when we hang out. He also posts videos about these theories to the public, particularly to young Chinese. I have never known a person in real life who is able to explain those theories in such an interesting way. I believe he is doing something valuable for the Chinese society because learning ethics is good for a nation's development. He encouraged me to try posting stuff online as well and he even showed me how to edit videos. What an interesting person whose career is supposed to be boring for most people! [你会看到他这个人仍然是一个法学教授，发视频，然后讲哲学，对社会有贡献。这些点是不变的，是这个人的画像，我们要变的只是编故事把他衔接到新题目中来。](#)

### Part 3

#### **1. In what situations would people be willing to get to know new people?**

For **introverts**, it must be an absolute need for them to step out of their comfort zone and meet new people. On the other hand, **extroverts** are ready to talk to new people at any moment and they can even gain energy talking to others.

#### **2. Where do people go to meet new people?**

People can get to meet new people in **work or school environments** where they spend a significant amount of time and may have common interests or goals. People can also attend **social events**. What's more, **social media**! People share their personal opinions and experiences with others on the internet, and many of them who share the same interests become good friends.

#### **3. How do people start a conversation?**

Asking a question is the easiest way to **break the ice**. People just love to talk about themselves, and something related to their interests. So, if you ask a good question which makes the other person feel you are interested in the topic as well, they will be happy to talk.

#### **4. Is it difficult for Chinese people to communicate with people from other countries?**

It can be difficult for Chinese people to communicate with people from other countries, as there may be **language barriers** and **cultural differences** that can make it difficult to understand **one another**. Although many Chinese people have been studying English as a second language, the system is focused on reading and writing over listening and speaking. So, most Chinese people cannot use English **proficiently** to communicate with others.

### 5. *Why are some people unwilling to have conversations with others?*

Some people are **introverts**, and they just don't like to have conversations with others unless they have to. For some, they might feel unsure about others' **intentions**, so they are unwilling to disclose any real information.

### 6. *Is it difficult for adults to talk with children?*

It could be difficult at times. Children are still learning about the world, and they look at the world in a very simple context. Therefore, adults must **be mindful of** the language to use to communicate with children effectively.

## 不寻常的一餐

Describe an unusual meal you had

You should say:

When you had it

Where you had it

Whom you had it with

And explain why it was unusual

思路：是不是在表哥/姐的婚礼上认识一个认识一个《有趣的老人》就很不寻常？直接继续用上面的语料！开头进行了一定的修改来更好铺垫内容，注意蓝字。

In China, we love food. However, having a meal with others, often times, is not to enjoy the food, rather to socialize. I attended my cousin's wedding a few years ago. It was held in a five-star hotel and its largest venue. There were probably 60 tables of delicious food. There are lobsters, steaks and all the other amazing dishes. Each table had 10 guests so you can imagine how much it would cost for 60 tables of fancy recipes. I was supposed to be sitting in the family table, but I switched to a table with all strangers because I want to meet some new people. 这里其实第一二三题全都回答完了。接下来故事就可以随便发挥了。

Interestingly enough, on my table, I met a law professor teaching criminal law at one of the elite law schools in my city. And it's quite funny that I actually first heard about him from a viral video he posted on social media. It was a short section of his criminal law lesson which was super engaging and entertaining. So, I approached to him directly and asked if he was the professor online and he said yes. 桌上遇到一个网红，够奇妙了！

We chatted for a long time because we share the same interests such as philosophy. I have never known a person in real life who is able to explain ethical theories in such an interesting way. And it was so cool that he even encouraged me to try posting stuff online as well and he even showed me how to edit videos. What an interesting person I met on an unusual meal! 你会看到他这个人仍然是一个法学教授，发视频，然后讲哲学，这些点是不变的，是这个人的画像，我们要变的只是编故事把他衔接到新题目中来。



### Part 3

#### **1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of eating in restaurants?**

Well, eating in a restaurant is convenient. Think about it, you lose so much time on preparing meals and cleaning dishes each day. Eating in a restaurant allows people to **enjoy a wide variety of menu options** while to be able to socialize with others. The major **downside** is the cost. With current high **inflation condition**, it's so expensive to eat in restaurants!

#### **2. What fast food are there in your country?**

There are Western fast-food chains, such as McDonalds, KFC, and Burger King, which are still very popular. However, Chinese people just can't be satisfied by eating burgers everyday. So, we also have our own fast food, such as dumplings and steam buns.

#### **3. Do people eat fast food at home?**

Occasionally yes. After a Korean Drama attracted public attention, people now prefer to eat **fried chicken with beer** at home while watching drama or reality shows. It's so unhealthy but so delicious. So, I **set a hard limit on myself** to only have that **combo** once a month.

#### **4. Why do some people choose to eat out instead of ordering takeout?**

The reason is so simple. Takeout food usually doesn't taste as good as food prepared and eaten fresh in the restaurant. Takeout food is often **prepared in advance** which means that the food may have been sitting for a while before it is consumed, which affects the taste and texture of the food. Since the price is the same, people technically have a better deal eating in the restaurant.

#### **5. Do people in your country socialize in restaurants? Why?**

Of course. I think restaurants, in general, provide a convenient and comfortable place to gather with others. It also gives people good **ice breakers** to talk about. People often wait for 15-30 minutes before their ordered food gets served, and during that time, most people would start chatting at least about the restaurants and food. Once the conversation gets started, people can get to know each other better.

#### **6. Do people in your country value food culture?**

Absolutely! Chinese people have a significant food culture, and food is often used to celebrate special occasions, mark milestones and strengthen relationships. There are also so many **regional cuisines** that locals are proud of. We often travel to other regions just to taste the authentic food there!

## 教他人做事

Describe a time when you taught a friend/relative something

You should say:

Who you taught

What/how you taught

What the result was

And explain how you felt about the experience

思路：这题可以直接套用9-12月保留题《工作建议》，如果是新同学，可以准备一下下面这个语料，在1-4月保留题完结补充里有一个《受到表扬》会使用下面这个语料来串。

对于背过之前的内容的同学，这个语料进行了稍微的修改，因为要从你得到工作建议变成你教别人怎么用Todo list。

下面提供一个实习经历的语料。

故事线大概是：我同事（也是friend）找我这个实习生求助- 他问我怎么时间管理 - 我教给他使用TODO list - 设立优先级并帮助减少拖延 - 他使用后发现很好 - 我感觉帮助到了他很开心

As a university student who just started internships to gather work experience, my fellow interns and I are learning rapidly every day. **Throughout my internships at a bank**, I have received a lot of **constructive feedbacks** from supervisors and managers. However, one time, my colleague who is also my schoolmate and friend, asked me for help. She said she was really impressed by the **steep learning curve**, and asked me how I was able to manage work and take courses at night while working full-time. I suggested her to make a To-do list before starting the day because writing things down can help her **set priorities for tasks** and **avoid procrastination**. I showed her my Todo list for the day and send her a template so she can make one to test out.

She quickly applied this piece of advice to her daily life and found it to be priceless. Now, she is able to have more control of her time because she can get essential tasks done with high quality early in the day. I'm very proud that I helped her improve her efficiency which ultimately improved her work satisfaction. I think it was one of the best things I taught to her that will **make a lasting impact** on her career!

## Part 3

### 1. *What practical skills can young people teach old people?*

Well, I think nowadays old people really want to learn how to use online shopping and online banking services. Young people are generally more familiar with online shopping and banking and can teach older people how to use these platforms to make purchases and manage their finances.

## 2. What skills can young people teach old people besides technology?

Well, I think young people generally have better foundation in science which allows them to better understand which medical advice seems more creditable. Old people often get scammed by misinformation, and this is something that young people can inform seniors.

## 3. How can young people teach old people skills?

By **demonstrating** it in front of their face. Old people like to learn things by practicing, and they don't really care about the theory behind it. Also, older people have **declined memory**, so younger generations must be patient and perhaps **write step-by-step notes** for seniors to use.

## 4. How can we know what to do when we want to learn something new?

Well, we can talk to **industry experts** or simply someone who has experience in it. Additionally, we can conduct online search, particularly on social media, because people like to share their knowledge and experiences. Once we get more insights from the "**insiders**", we can plan to achieve our learning goals.

## 5. Do you think 'showing' is a better way than 'telling' in education?

It depends on the **subject and complexity of the knowledge**. "Showing" can be particularly effective in areas such as STEM where hands-on learning and experimentation can help students understand **complex concepts**. "Telling", on the other hand, is more important in art subjects.

## 6. Do people in your country like to watch videos to learn something?

Absolutely! I think this is **a new trend** which only gets more and more popular every day. One of the main reasons is that people have a long daily commute which on average costs a person 2 hours a day. Since public transportation is very crowded, it is easier to watch videos than read a book. People then use this time to watch recorded classes to learn new knowledge.

## 爱豆的电影角色 (1/20 稳定版)

Describe a film character played by an actor or actress whom you admire

You should say:

Who this actor/actress is

When you saw the film

What the character was like in this film

And explain why you admire this actor/actress

思路：读题时要注意，讲的仍然是你崇拜的演员，只是你崇拜的演员演的一个角色。这里要注意，不是你崇拜的电影角色，而是这个演员！！！所以我们物品类里面哈利波特的例子不能用，因为那个你崇拜的是角色而不是演员（我都不知道演哈利那个人叫啥）。

这话题与大部分话题相差过远，尤其是小题也非常针对这个人演电影的（不是电视剧），故需要单独准备一个故事。如果你有自己特别喜欢的演员，可以尽情使用，建议自己做语料。如果没有的话，我准备了一个“刘思慕”的语料，他主演的漫威的尚气。主要这个人比较有意思在于他是中国土生土长，后来移民到加拿大，进入最顶尖的商学院，然后在四大的德勤工作，由于翘班去试镜被开除。总之这个人我感觉好玩的东西比较多，记忆点多。只需要在第三题用一句话讲一下“尚气”那个角色就行了。

I'm a big movie fan, particularly about Marvel superhero movies. There is a new actor called Simu Liu that I really admire. Born in China, Simu Liu immigrated to Canada when he was 5 years old. He is best known for his role as **the lead** in the Marvel Cinematic Universe film Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings. **第一回答完毕**

I watched this movie about a year ago at home because it was released during COVID. The Character Shang-Chi is the son of the bad guy in the film who raised him to be a warrior. He was unaware of his father's true nature and criminal activities until he was an adult. Shang-Chi eventually discovers it and turns against his father's criminal empire. **第二第三题结束**

Interestingly, I admire Simu not only for his talent as an actor, but also his talent in studying. Oddly enough, he went to the best Business School in Canada and then worked at one of the Big Four Accounting Firms after graduation. Most people would feel good about landing a good job, but he got **laid off** because he went to **auditions** without calling leave of absence. This shows how much he loves acting! I also admire him for his **activism and advocacy** for Asian representation in Hollywood and for speaking out about social and political issues. Overall, I think Simu Liu is a great actor with talents. I wish him all the best! **他的上学趣事，非常好记的故事**

### Part 3

#### 1. Are actors or actresses very interested in their work? Why?

Yes, I think most actors or actresses must really enjoy what they do. Being an actor or actress is not a stable job with **high uncertainty of income**. This job also requires people to practice and work extensive hours. So, people must be interested in their work, otherwise they will not work in this profession.

#### 2. Is being a professional actor or actress a good career?

It can be a **challenging but rewarding** career. Often, it is financially unstable and highly competitive, but for those who are successful, it can bring great fame and financial success. For those who **have a passion for acting** and are willing to work hard, it can be a **fulfilling** career.

#### 3. What can children learn from acting?

Acting can help children learn to **express themselves** more effectively, both verbally and non-verbally, which can be beneficial in many areas of life. It can also help children develop **empathy** and social skills by encouraging them to **put themselves in other people's shoes** and understand different perspectives.

#### 4. *Why do children like special costumes?*

Children often enjoy wearing special costumes because they allow them to become someone else for a while. Since they often watch cartoons and animations, they want to become their favourite character. This is why Halloween is so popular among children.

#### 5. *What are the differences between actors or actresses who earn much and those who earn little?*

Although talent is a big thing, I think luck is more important than talent. Most professional actors and actresses have gone through **extensive training and practices**, which means they are **equally qualified** for the **high-paid roles**. They person who got the right **part** could become famous suddenly and **out-earn** others.

#### 6. *What are the differences between acting in a theatre and that in a film?*

I don't know much about them, but in my opinion, acting in a theatre is more challenging and requires actors and actresses to perform perfectly because **the performance is live** in a theater and there is **no opportunity to redo a scene**. In film, the scene can be shot multiple times and edited to **get the best take**.

## 人物类-保留题

### 认识的不同文化的人

Describe a person you know who is from a different culture

You should say:

Who he/she is

Where he/she is from

How you knew him/her

And explain how you feel about him/her

思路：这个题目和下面「时尚人士」完全可以用同一个人来讲，我在这边创造一个韩国交换生(Yuna)的故事，她很喜欢K-POP，偶像是BLACKPINK（因为她们时尚），我们有相同的爱好，我们一起去逛街，现在疫情不方便，之后想一起去看BLACKPINK的演唱会...（有一些铺垫性的内容用橘色画出，如果你的语速比较慢，可以选择不说）

One of the best things about college is you get to know a lot of people, and I was very fortunate to know a transfer student from Korea, Yuna. **My university always had this transfer program with partner universities overseas, but because of COVID, this program is no longer that popular.** So how did I meet Yuna for the first time? It was because of BLACKPINK, a popular K-POP girl group. I remember that BLACKPINK just released a new song, and on the second day before one of the classes starts, Yuna was sitting beside me and listening to their new song. I instantly noticed it and started the conversation about it with Yuna. As soon as she started talking, I realized she must be one of the Korean transfer students because I can tell it from her accent. One thing about Korean students is that they



were all very stylish, and they always wore beautiful make-up and had very cool hair colors. **Yuna was no exception.** Through our conversation, we found that we share so much in common, we all love Korean BBQ, BLACKPINK, and a local fashion goods store that not so many people know about. She took me to her favorite Korean restaurants in town and told me a lot about their food culture. It was so fascinating and delicious as well! We promised each other that we would go to the BLACKPINK concert in Korea once COVID restrictions were all lifted one day. I can't wait to visit Korea with Yuna!

### Part 3

#### 1. *Where and how can we get to know people of different cultures better?*

China is a country with diverse cultures. Officially, there are **56 ethnic groups** in China, so it can be very easy to get to know someone who has a different culture, especially during college. One of my roommates was a Hui person and he does not eat pork because of his Muslim culture. I think we just need to **recognize and respect everyone's culture** and embrace the differences!

#### 2. *What are the advantages and disadvantages of cultural diversity?*

There are many advantages and disadvantages of cultural diversity. **I will just share one for each aspect.** On the one hand, the diverse cultural perspectives can **inspire creativity and drive innovation**, which is a good thing. On the other hand, the diverse cultures could **raise more conflicts in society** due to the differences each culture has.

#### 3. *How can traditional culture and other cultures coexist?*

I think that despite having many cultural differences, society can **effectively and peacefully** coexist, and people can do this by being open to cooperation, building on **common values**, and learning to respect the beliefs of other cultures. **Multiculturalism** makes our society a more interesting place to live.

### 时尚人士

Describe a person who likes to dress fashionably/well

You should say:

Who he/she is

What job he/she does

What kind of clothes he/she wears

And explain why he/she likes fashion

思路：仍然用Yuna这个人，她是韩国交换生，同时还是一个时尚博主（fashion influencer），每天在互联网上发视频教人穿搭（inspiring people's outfit choices）。我假设Yuna就是一个专门拍摄毛衣穿搭的人，这样讲第三个问题比较简单。这题比较难回答的其实最后一题，我这里简化一下，就是说时尚可以帮助他交到很多朋友（其实任何兴趣爱好都可以）。



Well, this person is my good friend Yuna. She's from Korea and she was a transfer student studying at my university. We knew each other because of a fashionable K-POP girl group, BLACKPINK. I noticed that she was wearing the exact same clothes as one of the singers. Once I got to know her more, I knew that she was actually in the fashion industry.

Outside of school, she is a fashion **blogger and influencer** with over 100,000 followers on Instagram. **She posts her daily outfits to inspire other people for their own outfit choices.**

She always wears different types of sweaters in all kinds of colors, particularly yellow, blue, white, and black, and her **minimalistic style has always spoken to me**. I think Yuna's **laid-back looks** plus the "always sweater" **makes her a unique icon**.

She told me that she got started with fashion two years ago when she received some online comments about her looking good in sweaters. She gained confidence and started to post her own taste of wearing sweaters. Now she thinks fashion is a magical thing because it has the ability to connect people, she personally made countless friends because of their interest in fashion. I think I have so much to learn from her, not only the fashionable tastes but also managing social media accounts.

### Part 3

#### **1. Do you think online shopping will replace in-store shopping in the future? Why?**

No, it won't. Despite online shopping being very convenient that allows you to purchase things **from the comfort of your home**, people often receive products that have terrible quality and return them back. This is inevitable given that people cannot see and touch the physical product before **making the purchase decision**. But the "buy and return" process produces so much waste from packaging, to transportation, to the product itself in many cases. This is definitely not **eco-friendly**, and people start to realize this and to shop in-store again.

#### **2. Why is fashion very important to some people?**

People who are serious about fashion probably think fashion is an art, and **a way of self-expression**. It is also **a way of life**. Fashion could help them be confident and **make a good first impression**.

#### **3. Are older people as fashionable as young people? Why?**

Not really. I know fashion is so subjective, and people can have their own fashion style. However, older people seem to be **uninterested in fashion and more interested in what looks good on them**. Fashion is more of a "following the latest trend" which young people are keener to do.

#### **4. Are women more fashionable than men? Why?**

Yes. Most women care deeply about their appearance. They **spend hours everyday doing their makeup, selecting outfits, and matching their bags, shoes and all other accessories**. On the other hand, most men wear similar clothes everyday and don't care much about being unique in styling.

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Describe a friend from your childhood

You should say:

Who he/she is

Where and how you met each other

What you often did together

And explain what made you like him/her

Yuna走起，她不再是一个Korean了，她就是从小住在你家小区里的小孩，还是小学同学，每天一起坐校车。BLACKPINK在你小时候肯定还没有，所以不能说了，就说 celebrities就行，喜欢追星。通常在一起看电视（0.0还珠格格）。最后一个问题还是挺不好回答的，我会觉得说小孩们哪有什么原因呢，不就是一块玩一块长大吗？所以我主要体现了我们就是爱在一起hang out，然后我们一起成长了，这是很special的经历。

I have a best friend who is actually a friend from my childhood; her name is Yuna. She was my classmate during primary school and she lived in the same **residential compound** as me. We meet everyday on the school bus, in classrooms, at the playground in our compound, and in our homes.

She was so into a drama called "Princess Huanzhu", and so did I. We watched the whole series so many times that we lost count of it. Normally, we would watch one episode together after school in her home because she had a 42-inch flat screen TV which was the flagship TV at the time. After watching the daily one episode, she usually went to my place for dinner because she loved my mom's cooking, and her parents were busy at work.

To be honest, I have never thought about the reason why I like to play with Yuna. She was a very kind, easygoing, **laid-back** person which everyone likes. I mean, we just loved hanging out together. After all, we knew each other **through all the growing pains and through those formative years**. We both experienced classes, play, and sports activities together. I feel so lucky to have a good friend like her in my life!

### Part 3

#### **1. Do you still keep in touch with your friends from childhood? Why or why not?**

Yes absolutely! They are my best friends that I can share everything with. Although we are busy with work and everything else, we still get together on national holidays because we are like family. They are the true friends that I know, and I treasure this relationship very much.

#### **2. How important is childhood friendship to children?**

It's super important. I think childhood friendship can benefit children by creating a sense of belonging and security and reducing stress which **ultimately contributes to children's quality of life and ability to adjust to changes within their environments**.

### 3. *What do you think of communicating via social media?*

使用的P1 Social Media里面的内容。It's so essential to our lives because everyone is using social media platforms, which means that you must be on there to connect with your friends and family. I like it because it's so convenient and affordable; I can instantly connect with my parents and grandparents who live in other cities basically **free of charge**. Cellular data is really cheap in China.

### 4. *Do you think online communication through social media will replace face-to-face communication?*

To some extent, it's inevitable. It's so unfortunate that because social media is so convenient and everyone is using it so frequently, many people have developed **social anxiety** of face-to-face interactions. Many people choose **social cocooning** as their desired lifestyle as well. If this trend continues, face-to-face communication will **lose steam** and eventually be replaced by social media.

## 侍花弄果之人

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

You should say:

Who this person is

What he/she grows

Where he/she grows them

And explain why he/she enjoys growing plants

思路：这个题其实可以跟保留题（有趣的邻居，想要共事的家人）一起用，保留题里面那两个话题仍是用的罗翔语料，如果你之前背过，可以看哪个用着顺手就用哪个。如果之前没有背过罗翔语料，就可以用这个题目的内容来串这三个题，几乎不需要任何修改（就是把人称适当修改就行，比如爷爷改成邻居）。故事其实很简单，种植的种类范围缩小到苹果和番茄，讲到了他不种任何花卉。

**Gardening** is a very popular hobby in China, and I know many people who like to do gardening outside of work. Today I am going to talk about my grandfather because I learned about growing plants from him. He used to be a law professor who taught thousands of students. I think he started growing things after retirement because he was very busy at work and didn't have a yard for growing plants.

Once he retired, he moved back to the old family house in the countryside which had a **sizable** backyard to grow vegetables and fruits. I haven't been to his place for a while because of COVID, but I remember he had some apple trees and tomato plants in his backyard. He told me that he used to be a farmer before he went to law school; actually, everyone was a farmer one way or another when he was growing up. I guess that's why he didn't grow any flowers; he probably only knew how to grow food!

He said he enjoyed working on his little farm because it reminded him of his childhood, a time when many people were short on food but everything they ate was **fresh without the use of chemicals**. He enjoyed his **organically grown** vegetables and fruits a lot and recommended me to grow some myself. I'm not sure when I could **have the luxury to do** such things. I'm already exhausted from all the studying and working.

### Part 3

#### 1. *Are there many people growing their own vegetables now?*

Maybe there are, but I don't know many people who have the luxury to do such things. Most of my friends are living in dorms where growing vegetables is prohibited. But overall, most people in China live in apartments; I think it's not going to be easy to **grow vegetables in a pot** or something, right? Maybe they can manage some flowers.

#### 2. *Do you think it's good to let kids learn how to plant?*

Absolutely! It's good to have children explore nature by gardening. A garden can be an **interactive playground** that will **engage all of their senses**, develop their reliability and responsibility, and **build self-confidence** because **nothing is more rewarding than the fruits of their own labour**!

#### 3. *What do you think of the job of a farmer?*

I think farmers are hard-working people who feed everyone else on the planet. Their service is so essential to society, yet they are doing one of the hardest jobs. Personally, I don't have the skills or the **temperament** to be a farmer, but I'm deeply respecting their **wealth of knowledge**. I think it's a good job that brings tremendous value to everyone.

#### 4. *What are the differences between traditional and modern agriculture?*

I'm not very familiar with this topic, but I think **modern agriculture practices** emphasize production, and **crop consistency**. To me, the way American farmers grow crops is a great example of that. They only grow one type of crop on their farm, but 3 people with many machineries can grow enough crops for a few cities. In contrast, traditional agricultural practices emphasize **localization**, and **biodiversity**. Each farmer is growing a much smaller piece of land, and they must grow many kinds of crops on that land to ensure local people have a **diverse choice of food**.

### 激励你做有趣事情的人

Describe a person who inspired you to do something interesting

You should say:

Who he/she is

How you knew him/her

What interesting thing you did

And explain how he/she inspired you to do something interesting

思路：这个你可以考虑用新题（时尚人士）里的Yuna或者保留题中（想要共事的家人）。这个“有趣的事”基本上就是拍影片，做网红。因为内容匹配度很高，不再此提供语料了，节省学习工作量。

### Part 3

#### 1. *What qualities make a role model?*

I always look up to leaders who are energetic, passionate about what they are doing, and **have the ability to inspire others**. I think these **traits** make a good role model because the positivity they bring to others is very powerful. Having a role model like this around is a very good thing for a person's growth.

### 争论

Describe a disagreement you had with someone

You should say:

Who you had the disagreement with

What the disagreement was

What happened

And explain how you felt about it

思路：由于事件类题目较多，且这话题跟人有一些相关，放入人物类。使用语料是基于5-8月保留题的（不喜欢的规则），之前准备过的同学会发现内容比较熟悉。

整体的故事就是我跟我的cousin争论疫情防控，他在国外留学，觉得疫情不重要了，我认为那是非常不负责任的想法，因为这会影响到很多老人的健康。（毕竟都被疫情折磨这么久了，相信大家背这种故事还是很快速的）

I don't normally argue with others because I think that's just a waste of my time. Most often times, I will simply say "ohhhh, for sure" to end the conversation. But there was one occasion that I really lost my temper and made my argument firmly with my cousin. The occasion happened about a month ago when my cousin flew back to China from Canada after his graduation. The quarantine rule in my cousin's city was quite harsh. Upon his arrival, he had to first **quarantine** at a random hotel for 14 days before traveling back to his own city and then self-isolate for another 7 days at home. He told me that he feels the rules are simply **absurd** and unreasonable because Canadians don't even wear masks anymore. He thought that people should no longer take COVID seriously.

This was the point that I could no longer hold my "okay" attitude. I argued back at him and said what Canada did wasn't necessarily the right thing because there were many more **deaths** in Canada even though Canada only has 3% of China's population. The rule in China is effective to keep infections low and nearly no deaths for a long time. COVID is dangerous, especially for the vulnerable groups such as seniors and children. I told him that he has a responsibility to keep our community safe. He was stunned by my argument for a few

seconds because he did not expect someone like me would have a disagreement with him. But in the end, he apologized for his misconception and agreed to my points. I think I made a reasonable argument and I appreciate his apology. At the end of the day, we want to keep our loved ones safe!

### Part 3

#### **1. What do you do if you disagree with someone?**

Most times, I don't argue with others, even if I don't agree with what this person is saying because I'm not very good at communicating my disagreement without hurting other's feelings. I'd rather **keep my thoughts with me** than speak out.

#### **2. How can we stop an argument from escalating into a fight?**

Well, most times, one of the parties must listen to the other party patiently and avoid **putting down the other party's idea**. Both parties should calm down and try to disagree with respect and **find common ground** by **putting themselves in the other party's shoes**.

#### **3. Who do you think should teach children to respect their teacher?**

Parents hold the ultimate responsibility of educating their children about respecting teachers. Parents must **lead by example** and be respectful to teachers themselves. Kids always imitate the actions of their parents. If they see their parents respecting their teachers all the time, they will do the same.

#### **4. What disagreements do parents and children usually have?**

Everything...From what to eat for breakfast to what to wear, when to do homework, etc. The disagreements are often caused by **poor communication**. Parents sometimes want their children to **obey their instructions** without necessarily considering what their kids want.



## Part 2/3 物品类

### 物品类 – 新题

#### 收到想要物品

Describe a time when someone gave you something that you really wanted

You should say:

What it was

When you received it

Who gave it to you

And explain why you wanted it so much

思路：和保留题《美丽物品》可以使用同一个故事。我们这边会讲MacBook Air. 你会发现，这个的小题都非常好答，是个生日礼物，妈奖励了一个就行了。然后最后为什么想要就是说他好用，漂亮就行。蓝字为改动部分。注意这个故事是发生在过去的，所以你可以讲很久之前收到的礼物！

As I have a busy life, I don't usually receive anything from others other than birthday gifts from my mom. And the product I want to share with you is also a birthday gift that my mom gave me about ten years ago. My first MacBook Air! 一口气把前三题全讲完了，后面就用我们缩减版的故事表达出对他的热爱就行了！

As an Apple fan, I really like the ultra-thin laptop, MacBook Air, because I think it is by far the most beautiful product that Apple has ever made! I first saw that laptop in an Apple Store probably ten years ago. Once I had a chance to get a touch on the physical laptop, I was stunned by how thin it was. At that time, most laptops were bulky with lots of ports and had plastic textures. On the other hand, the MacBook Air was made of aluminum and combined with the illuminated Apple logo on the front case makes it elegant and upscale. The minimalistic design of the black keyboards with white backlights had always spoken to me. I'm so stuck with the beautiful design! 这里一直在铺垫你怎么喜欢上这个电脑的

Interestingly, two months later, she bought it as my birthday gift! I was so excited! I never thought my mom would remember my reaction to the laptop while we were at the Apple Store. Actually, I was planning to ask her to buy me one, so I was studying really hard and got really good grade on exams. She must figure out my plan and just bought one before I open my mouth to ask. I must say she is the best mom on earth. And I love this MacBook so much because its unique design. 因为前面还有点段，这边添加了一些小剧情，就是说我本来努力学习想要以好成绩找母亲要这个电脑，结果她发现了我的小心思，直接当生日礼物给我了。

### Part 3

#### **1. Should employees have their own goals?**

Of course. Everyone should have their own goals. It's a competitive world and there is **only one way to security which is to improve yourself constantly** and seek better opportunities. Companies, no matter how good they treat you today, can abandon you anytime they want, so employees need to have their own goals to focus on and never rely upon the company.

#### **2. How should bosses reward employees?**

Bosses and managers should **express their appreciation** for employees' hard work on a regular basis, and provide constructive feedback, when possible, to help the employee grow. Other than verbal appreciation, **monetary reward** should be given as well because, **at the end of the day**, employees are here to make money, and they will get motivated by **seeing their hard work pays off**.

#### **3. What kinds of gifts do young people like to receive as rewards?**

Depends on the age group. For example, university students might like to receive the latest tech gadgets, while young professionals want promotion and a raise. It's important to know what people really want before giving out rewards.

#### **4. How should children spend their allowance money?**

Well, technically they should have the freedom to spend their money on anything they want. However, parents should educate their children to **build a habit of saving money** and **delaying gratification**. They should only spend on something they absolutely need or want.

#### **5. Why do people like shopping more now than in the past?**

Because people, in general, are wealthier than ever before. Nowadays, people just have more disposable income and many more options to choose from. Also, advertisements also **played a huge role** in motivating spending.

#### **6. Do you think shopping is good for a country's economy?**

Shopping can be good for the economy as it can **drive consumer spending**, which in turn can lead to increased economic growth and job creation. However, it's important to note that excessive consumer spending can also lead to issues such as high levels of debt, which can negatively impact individuals and the economy as a whole. Additionally, an **over-reliance** on consumer spending as a driver of economic growth can be **unsustainable** in the long-term.

### 科技产品（难用的）

Describe a piece of technology you own that you feel is **difficult to use**

You should say:

When you got it

What you got it for

How often you use it

And explain how you feel about it

思路：注意这个题目很不幸，不是很好跟上面《想要收到的物品》和后面保留题里《美丽物品》来衔接。因为你可以说那个MacBook 不好用，但是实际上从内容的角度，你基本上都要重新写。原本故事里描述它多好看的句子一个也用不上，所以我想出这个比较真实的例子，就是家庭影院，你可以想成家里买了一个特别高级的音响，但是你不会调，很不方便调，而且每次用都要重新设置，最后也不用了。

This is a hard topic, I think most technologies nowadays are very **user-friendly**, however, I do have a major complaint about my home theater system! I got a home theater system a few years ago from my parents, with the intention of using it to watch movies and play video games in my bedroom. I **envisioned** it would be easy to set up and use, but in reality, it **has proven to be** quite challenging.

I'm a big gamer, so I wanted to use it on a daily basis, but I found that it is so difficult to **navigate the various settings** and get the sound and picture to be just right. The remote control has too many buttons and that the instructions are not very clear. The setup was a **hassle** and I had to struggle a lot with connecting the different devices, speakers and wires. It took me multiple attempts to get the sound and picture right, and even now, I have to make adjustments every time I use it.

I feel very frustrated when trying to use it, so I just avoid using it altogether because of these issues. I feel that the technology is not **user-friendly** and it's **not worth the money**. I'm very disappointed with this purchase and will never buy a home theater system anymore.

### Part 3

#### 1. *What technology do people currently use?*

Technology is used everywhere in our lives. From electricity, to transportation, to mobile phones and internet. **The most predominant player** in **the past decade** must be smartphones. Everyone has a smartphone nowadays and use it to browse the internet and use various apps, such as for navigation, banking, shopping, and gaming.

#### 2. *Why do big companies introduce new products frequently?*

Well, it a competitive world out there. Big companies introduce new products to maintain market share and **keep ahead of competition**. Also, for many large companies that are like a monopoly, they introduce new products to increase revenue by encouraging existing customers to purchase more.

#### 3. *Why are people so keen on buying iPhones even though they haven't changed much from one iPhone to the next?*

Well. I'm an Apple fan so I do know the answer. People are used to the Apple and iPhone ecosystem. iPhone users probably have an iPad, a Mac and an Apple Watch as well. Those devices work perfectly together so there is no incentive to switch to another platform.

**4. Why do technology companies keep upgrading their products?**

See 2.

**5. What changes has the development of technology brought about in our lives?**

See 1.

**6. Does the development of technology affect the way we study? How?**

Absolutely! This has been tested even more during COVID. Under lockdowns, students were still able to study their required materials by having virtual classes and submitting homework assignments and completing exams online. The internet technology really changed the way people study.

不喜欢的广告

Describe an advertisement you don't like

You should say:

- Where and when you first saw it
- What type of advertisement it is
- What product or service it advertises
- And explain why you don't like it

思路：这个题目比较尴尬，如果是喜欢的广告，我们《美丽物品》里面讲到MacBook Air的内容里有讲到最初的广告。由于这个小题目涵盖也是有一定难度，经过我考虑，这个题目最好还是单独准备，考到才不会跑题。其实让人烦的广告很多，比如BOSS直聘那种，瓜子二手车那种。但是不太好讲，因为他讨厌的地方在于广告呈现。最容易讲的应该是这个产品你也很讨厌。所以，我们在这边讲一个减肥药的广告，

The advertisement I will describe is a weight loss supplement commercial that I first saw on social media a few months ago. It is a video advertisement that features a **before and after transformation** of an individual who claims to have lost a significant amount of weight in a short amount of time by using the supplement. The video **showcases the individual's journey** from an overweight, unhappy person to a lean, confident, and happy person.

The product being advertised is a weight loss supplement that promises quick and easy weight loss results. The advertisement is **misleading** as it implies that weight loss can be achieved **effortlessly**, which is not the case. Moreover, it promotes the idea that being **overweight is inherently bad** and that one should be **ashamed of their body**, which is not only untrue, but also harmful. Such advertisements also often make **unrealistic claims** and can be dangerous if people use the supplements without proper guidance and supervision.

I always hated this kind of advertisement because of those factors above. The worst thing is, there are always going to be people buying these products, and therefore these unethical companies can then use their profits to advertise their products more frequently. Authorities really need to **step in** and regulate this kind of harmful content!

### art 3

#### **1. What are the most advertised products in your country?**

Consumer electronics and electrical automobiles are some of the **most heavily advertised products** in recent years. I think it's simply due to the high demand for these products in China. **The competition is fierce** in these industries, and therefore companies must spend good budget on marketing to stay relevant.

#### **2. Which one is more effective, newspaper advertising or online advertising?**

Depends on the target market. Newspapers are read mostly by people over 50 years old, so it can be effective if that is the target demographic. However, for people with most purchasing will and power, online advertising, especially through social media, is more powerful and will yield a better return.

#### **3. What are the benefits of advertising?**

The major one is that it can increase brand awareness. In most cases, the more people know your product and services, the likely to have more customers. Also, it can help a business differentiate itself from its competitors by highlighting its unique selling points and benefits.

#### **4. What do you think of celebrity endorsements in advertising?**

I don't trust a word from them, not because they are liars; it's simply not their job. However, it is probably the most effective strategy to attract certain group of people who like this celebrity that are preferred target customers.

#### **5. Does advertising encourage us to buy things we don't need?**

Of course. To be honest, people don't buy what they need; **they buy what they want**. And advertising usually sells people a dream. For example, SUV commercials always show people about being outdoors, camping and travelling. That attracts city white-collar workers greatly because they want to have that lifestyle. But reality is, buying the SUV won't give them the time or environment to pursue such a lifestyle.

#### **6. What role does social media play in advertising?**

It's one of the most popular and effective channels to advertise. **The social aspect** of social media **builds trust** between consumers and brands. Influencers often have a great constant connection with their fans; therefore, their endorsement can be very effective.

### 常用网站

Describe a website you often visit

You should say:

What it is about

How you found out about it

How often you visit it

And explain why you often visit it



思路：大部分人都看过我B站视频，这个题目不讲B站天理不容了吧！很简单的内容，相信你有共鸣也就很容易记住！

The most often visited website for me is definitely Bilibili. I would describe it as the Chinese YouTube, but better in many ways. The website is known for its anime, manga, and gaming content and is particularly popular among young Chinese people, especially university students. However, to me, the most amazing thing I can do is to learn new skills on it.

I found out about Bilibili through **word-of-mouth** from a friend. As we were both preparing for the IELTS exam, he told me that there are some good contents on Bilibili that teach English speaking skills. I was always struggling with my English-speaking skills, and I listened to his advice and searched many good contents on there. Since then, I visit this website on a daily basis because there are just so many things I need to learn.

Additionally, **what separates it from other** platforms is that it has a **strong community aspect**, where users can interact with others who have similar interests. For example, many students who are also preparing for their IELTS exams or application to universities abroad share their experiences in the comment section. And most people are responsive to people's comments and replies, so you can actually find real people who are in your situation and give you some recommendations of how to better pursue your dream. I personally got advice on how to mentally prepare for taking the IELTS exam and found it very useful. It's not always about how much you know; it's more about expressing your real opinions freely!

### Part 3

#### **1. What are the most popular and least popular apps in China?**

WeChat is for sure the most popular one in China. It is a super app that all Chinese people are relying on to communicate with other, make payments and purchasing tickets. It's difficult to say which apps are the least popular in China, as the popularity of apps can change frequently.

#### **2. What's the difference between the internet and television?**

I think internet is a one level up to television because you can watch all television programs on the internet but not the other way around. Less and less people watch TV nowadays.

#### **3. Why do some people like to read the news on the internet instead of getting it from TV?**

I think **timing** plays a huge role in this. Reading the news online allows people to read it at their own convenience, whereas TV news is often scheduled at specific times. People are so busy nowadays, they don't have time to sit in front of the TV and wait for the news they want to appear.

#### **4. Is the library still necessary? Why?**

It's a heated topic for sure. Personally, libraries are still necessary as they provide access to a wide range of information at no cost or low cost to citizens. However, as free online



resources becoming widely available, libraries need to pivot to carry more social and community aspects other than just storing books.

**5. What kinds of people would still go to the library to read and study?**

For people like me who can easily get distracted sitting in my own bedroom. I want to play games, drink tea, check social media, etc. However, I will switch to study mode as soon as I step into a library. I think it's because of the atmosphere that motivates me to study.

**6. What are the differences between old people and young people when they use the internet?**

Younger people tend to use the internet primarily for entertainment and socializing, while older people tend to use it more for information-seeking and practical purposes, such as online banking and shopping.

## 物品类 – 保留题

### 有趣小说/故事

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

You should say:

When you read it

What the story or novel was about

Who wrote it

And explain why you read it

思路：此题目与喜欢看的电影可以合起来一起准备，我会讲Harry Potter，因为我们在P1保留题（books）中有提到过看哈利波特，如果考到，P1P2讲的都是哈利波特是保持一致的。哈利波特这个idea是非常常见的，但是不用担心，因为单纯的这个书和电影就是很受欢迎。

When it comes to my favorite novels that are interesting to read, Harry Potter is second to none! I have been a huge fan since childhood. I think I read my first Harry Potter books when I was in Grade 2 or 3. My mom bought me <the Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone> which was the first book in the series on my birthday, and it instantly caught my full attention. I guess because it was my first Harry Potter book, it actually became the one that I have read most times.

The book was written by British author J.K. Rowling who was one of the richest women in the U.K. due to the massive fortune brought by the Harry Potter series. I'm not that interested in her personal life, so I don't know too much about her other than her estimated net worth.

The book talks about Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts, an

English boarding school for wizards. There, he meets several friends who become his closest allies and help him discover the truth about his parents' mysterious deaths. Actually, all of the books were adapted into films which were tremendously popular around the world. The stories were almost identical, but I still feel that books offer a lot more details and room for my own imagination of the wizarding world.

This book was so special because it was the first novel I read in my life and my first contact with the wizarding world. As I was quite young and didn't know enough vocabulary, this book's direct, humorous language kept me interested till all finished. I read this book every now and then and watch the adapted film during each holiday season. I think it's a must watch for everyone!

### Part 3

#### 1. *How does technology help people tell stories?*

While technology allows people to include audios, animations and other things alongside their storytelling, it does not replace the fundamentals of storytelling. Technology helps **amplify their strengths** and make them **more accessible to anyone**. For example, people in the old days could hardly communicate with people in another language, but now they can do it by using translation apps which can **translate the speech in real-time**.

#### 2. *Do you prefer to read e-books or paper books?*

Physical books for sure. I love the convenience of e-books, but I just cannot keep focus on the content without being distracted by notifications and other things that I could do on the electronic device. Other than this, I also love **the scent of ink and paper** in paper books.

#### 3. *Why are mystery novels so popular nowadays?*

It's called mystery for a reason, right? And these novels are not just popular now; they were always popular because they **allow the reader to experience danger, suspense and fear while seated in a nice safe armchair**. All these experiences increase a type of hormone that keeps people excited.

#### 4. *What kinds of stories do children like?*

Stories that are simple and interesting with **distinct characters** which means the good guys and the bad guys can be easily identified. Children like these because they **lack the life experiences to understand sophisticated characters and stories**.

### 喜欢看的电影

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

You should say:

What type of movie it was

What it was about

Where you watched it

And explain why you would like to watch it again

思路：此题目使用上面哈利波特的故事，我进行了稍微的修改，主要是为了更贴合这里题目的问法，因为他的题目说你最近看过，还想再看，所以我们开头要进行一定的修改。整体来说内容相似度还是极高的！

I'm a very busy person who can hardly squeeze out two hours for a movie. However, there is a film that I do watch every now and then which I just watched it again a few days ago. The movie is called <the Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone> which was the first in the series. It's a fantasy film which I guess most people have watched this before because it was just too popular around the world.

The story talks about Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts, an English boarding school for wizards. There, he meets several friends who become his closest allies and help him discover the truth about his parents' mysterious deaths.

I watched it at home with my childhood friend Yuna before my fall semester starts. We are both huge fans of the Harry Potter series and we watch this first film every once in a while. I love watching this film because it takes much less time and energy compared to reading the book. Combining with the top-notch audio effects and cinematography, it fulfills all my imaginations of the wizarding world! I must say, it was always an enjoyable 2 hours of my life! I think it's a must watch for everyone and I will for sure revisit it again!

### Part 3

#### **1. Where do people normally watch movies?**

Well, I think the most common options are in a cinema or at home. But as people are busy with their work, many people in cities use their phones to watch movies on subways while commuting to work.

#### **2. What are the differences between watching movies at home and in a cinema?**

Well, they are both good options for certain types of films. I would say watching mystery and romance movies at home will be a better experience because you can have all kinds of snacks, food, and drinks with you beside your sofa. On the other hand, action or fantasy movies should be watched in a cinema; the bigger screen with expensive audio always makes a difference!

#### **3. Are actors or actresses important to movies? Why?**

An actor or actress' job is to **fully represent the character they are playing** and **to convince their audience that the character is real**. All actors and actresses combine to create a successful production that **engages audiences and draws them into the story**.

#### **4. Why are there fewer people going to the cinema to watch movies nowadays?**

One of the reasons is that people are much busier with work and everything; they simply don't have the time and mood or money to go to the cinema. Another major reason is that due to COVID, the cinema is frequently under **lockdown restrictions**, so people's watching habit has been changed, which is very **unfortunate**.

#### 喜欢的节目

Describe a program you like to watch

You should say:

What it is

What it is about

Who you watch it with

And explain why you like to watch it

思路：这里题目并没有具体到是电视节目还是网上节目，我们仍可以使用（想再看的电影）里哈利波特的内容，只需要在开头说你是看的一个奇幻电影频道，就是每周放不同的fantasy movie，其中你最喜欢看的一次是演哈利波特第一部，其余内容跟哈利波特语料的后半部分很接近。最后说一下，我喜欢看这个节目因为现在网上看电影要花钱，这个节目免费让我看到了哈利波特。

I watch lots of programs both on TV and online. But there was one TV program that I really enjoyed which is called "Fantasy film collection". As the name suggests, the program features a fantasy movie each week. I like this program because I can watch good fantasy movies for free. My favorite movie on this program was <the Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone> which was the first movie in the Harry Potter series.

The story was about Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts, an English boarding school for wizards. There, he meets several friends who become his closest allies and help him discover the truth about his parents' mysterious deaths.

I watched it at home with my childhood friend Yuna before my fall semester starts. We are both huge fans of the Harry Potter series, so we were super excited that this program was featuring our favorite movie. Nowadays, you can hardly find affordable options for watching Harry Potters, and the fact that I can watch phenomenal fantasy movies free of charge is why I really enjoy this TV program. As the Harry Potter series was so popular, the program broadcast it every now and then, which is wonderful for fans like Yuna and me!

### Part 3

#### **1. What programs do people like to watch in your country?**

Reality shows, singing competitions, talks shows, and news more importantly. 'The Voice' is one of the most popular shows in China. There are just so many talented singers on the show!

#### **2. Do people in your country like to watch foreign TV programs?**

It depends. Young people usually watch foreign soap operas and talk shows, particularly those ones from the U.S. and the U.K. Meanwhile, old people don't really care much about foreign programs.

#### **3. What's the benefit of letting kids watch animal videos than visiting zoos?**

Animal videos or TV programs usually explain the reasoning behind animals' actions better than their parents. At the same time, children usually pay more attention to narratives which means they can learn much more knowledge than visiting the zoos. In a zoo environment, children just blindly look at animals' interactions without thinking much.

#### **4. Do teachers play videos in class in your country?**

Yes of course. Every classroom has a projector that teachers use for presentation. They usually include lots of visuals to help children learn better, and video is one of the most popular visual aids that teachers use.

### 分享

Describe something you had to share with others

You should say:

What it was

Who you shared it with

Why you had to share it with others

And explain how you felt about it

思路：因为保留题里有（丢东西的经历），里面主要描述的是一个丢手机的故事，这边可以把人物反转，变成你把手机借给那个丢手机的人，让他给自己打电话。

在英语的语境中把你的东西给别人用一下也是属于share的。并不一定是你们一直共用一个东西。中文中的借一下，也可以是share。

我在下面对故事根据这个题目问题顺序进行了重组。主要把故事人称改了，把那个人认为手机很重要的部分放在中后段。

There are lots of times that I would share all kinds of things with others. For instance, I share my bike, phone chargers, pens, keys and many things with my dormmates. But there was one time, about three months ago, I shared my phone with a complete stranger.

It was a beautiful afternoon, and I was studying in the library for my final exam. Just when I was able to pack my stuff and leave the building because it was dinner time, a guy ran into the library and looked so anxious and frustrated. I recognized that he was the person sitting next to me a few hours ago and asked him if he lost anything.

He told me that he could not find his phone which is quite expensive and also contains a lot of his final exam review material. He looked around the place he sat that afternoon and did not find anything. He was so afraid that it was stolen by someone because that means he would literally have no chance of getting it back.

I shared his frustration and wanted to help. I told him that he should stop panicking and asked him if he had called his cellphone to see if the phone was still turned on. He said he totally forgot about doing that, and I just gave him my phone so he could make the call. Funny enough, his dorm mate picked up the phone. It turned out that he had his phone with him when he returned to his dorm and misplaced it on his dormmate's desk. He was probably worrying too much about the final exam, so he thought he lost it.

Overall, it was a funny incident, but I learned that I also need to unwind my mind from stress because if he can make this kind of mistake, I could definitely do the same and will not do well on the exam for sure!

### Part 3

#### **1. Do you think kids like to share? Why?**

Naturally they don't. The reason is simple; people are selfish. We learned to share things with others to be a nice person and build relationships. Kids are still learning how to behave, so they might not truly like to share their snacks or toys with other kids.

#### **2. How can parents teach their children to share?**

又一次来到了家长如何教育孩子，这种问题在题库p3非常爱考，搬回我们的言传身教！

Parents must **lead by example** and often share things with others. Kids always imitate the actions of their parents. If they see their parents sharing money, cars or other things with others generously, they will do the same.

#### **3. What do you think is the benefit of sharing for children?**

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



#### 4. *Is there anything that parents would persuade children to share with others?*

Perhaps **stationeries**. I wanted to say toys, but children may not have the chance to do such things given that many children don't have the time to play with toys already. They are either studying at school or at **private tutoring centres**, so the most frequent thing they could share with others is probably pencils and so on.

#### 漂亮物品

Describe an object that you think is beautiful

You should say:

What it is

Where you saw it

What it looks like

And explain why you think it is beautiful

思路：这个可以跟下面的（糟糕购物）放在一起准备。我个人是对美感没什么研究的，所以讲一个电子产品的例子（MacBook Air）。

Personally, I appreciate objects that are beautifully designed. And as an Apple fan, I think the ultra-thin laptop, MacBook Air, is by far the most beautiful product that Apple has!

I first saw that laptop in an Apple Store probably ten years ago. I remember that there were commercials running inside of the Apple Store which featured this thin and light laptop. The video was about how audiences were so excited about the product when Steve Jobs pulled the MacBook Air out of an envelope at the 2008 product reveal. I must say that the commercial really geared up my interest in this product.

Once I had a chance to get a touch on the physical laptop, I was stunned by how thin it was. At that time, most laptops were bulky with lots of ports and had plastic textures. On the other hand, the MacBook Air was **made of aluminum and combined with the illuminated Apple logo on the front case makes it elegant and upscale**. The minimalistic design of the black keyboards with white backlights **had always spoken to me**. I must admit, even after ten years, the original design of MacBook Air was still **one of the most iconic and forward-looking designs** of laptops. It is still more beautiful than most laptops on the market right now.

I actually bought one on that day because of the beautiful design. And I recently bought an updated version of it with a similar design language. I'm **stuck with** this beautiful design.

### Part 3

#### 1. Do you think there are more beautiful things now than in the past? Why?

I think yes. Most objects or buildings were primarily **designed to be functional at a lower cost**. Now people are much wealthier and are **demanding good aesthetic tastes** from everything, so businesses are adapting to this change.

#### 2. What beautiful scenery spots are there in your country?

China is a huge country with the most **diverse and breathtaking geography** in the world. There are mountains, deserts, lakes, rivers, waterfalls, forests, and so on. I mean, there are just **countless places** that have **stunning scenic beauty**. Personally, I love the Hukou Waterfall which is the world's largest yellow waterfall.

#### 3. Where do you think people usually come into contact with beautiful things?

In art museums for sure. I mean, **works of art** are **timeless masterpieces** that **are worth appreciating** all the time. Other than that, luxury department stores will have all the latest fashion goods with unique designs.

#### 4. Why do you think people create beautiful things?

Well, because we feel good when we encounter beautiful things. **The sight of an attractive product** can trigger the part of our brain, so that we want to reach out for attractive things. As a result, businesses create lots of beautiful things to attract customers.

### 糟糕购物

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

You should say:

When it happened

What you bought

What problem you had

And explain how you felt about the experience

思路：跟上面（漂亮物品）一样可以讲你去买新款MacBook Air。但是由于太火了，你排队了半小时才进去，进去后发现你想要的颜色店里卖完了，你在店里用电脑查了一下从网上下单要等一个月。非常的失望因为排了很久队伍但没有买到任何东西，感觉浪费了一整天。但最后还是通过店员订购了自己喜欢的配置。

About few months ago, my previous MacBook Air turned 10 years old, and I really needed to upgrade it because it could no longer meet my daily demand. Luckily, Apple announced the new generation of MacBook Air which has a brand-new design that is thinner, lighter, and much faster. So, I went to the Apple store in my city on the release date and tried to pick one up!

When I arrived at the Apple store, there were so many people already waiting in line at the front door. No doubt, the new update was obviously super attractive to many people. It took me 20 minutes to get into the store, and I finally had a chance to get a touch of the new machine. I was really impressed by all the updates and wanted to take one home right away. But unfortunately, it was sold out in the store, and it will take 4 weeks to ship if I purchase online.

I was super disappointed by this because I travelled all the way here and waited in line for so long. I felt that I had wasted all day for nothing. An employee saw my frustration and came to me for help, he said if I order it through his system, I could get the new laptop delivered to my door in three weeks which is much earlier than ordering online. Although I was still upset, I should have expected the high popularity of the new laptop. I took his advice and ordered it, and I have to say, although the shopping did not go smoothly as first, the product is wonderful!

### Part 3

#### 1. *What kind of service do you think is good?*

Great service is **quick, easy, personalized, and empathetic**. I think good customer service also means **consistently beating customers' expectations**. It's the **going above and beyond** that really **makes a lasting impression**.

#### 2. *What are the differences between shopping online and in stores?*

在人物类新题（时尚人士）P3有非常类似的题目。复制过来进行简单的修改如下：  
Online shopping is very convenient that allows you to purchase things **from the comfort of your home with just a click of a button**. The prices are usually lower than purchasing in stores because there are no store rental fees. Shopping in stores is a much safer choice, especially if someone wants to purchase clothing. It allows people to experience the physical product before making the purchase decision.

#### 3. *What problems do customers often have while shopping?*

There are many common problems both shopping in store and online. The major one is that the product they want is out of stock. It can annoy customers who are hoping to buy that product **here and now**. Another one is defective products. People often try out the demo and take home an unopened product; but on rare occasions, that one could be defective which **frustrates customers**.

#### 4. *What do you think customers should do when there are problems with the products they bought online?*

Often times they can simply **return it back for a full refund** because the law usually demands a **7-day return guarantee** to protect consumers. On rare occasions, people may need to sue the seller if they were scammed.

## 让你自豪的照片

Describe a photo you took that you are proud of

You should say:

When you took it

Where you took it

What is in this photo

And explain why you are proud of it

思路：这个题目可以串很多题的内容，比如地点类旅游，事件类里很多话题（庆祝过的活动，想参加的比赛，etc.）。也可以用人物类（侍花弄果之人），其实就是你拍摄一张自己在harvest收获果实的照片，在backyard的照的，里面你的tomato和apple都有果实了，你终于收获很开心。

这个题你的重点就是讲一个故事而已，可以选自己最熟悉的那个故事来讲。建议自己来用我们以上准备过的故事自己拿这个题来练一下手，你只需要在开头的时候先过度一下说你想讲一张照片...然后接那个故事就差不多了。最后别忘了说为什么自己proud就行（eg. 旅游/活动是我自己策划的，辩论比赛唯一一个国际生，收获自己种植果子很开心，etc.）。

### Part 3

#### **1. Why do some people like to record important things with photos?**

Well, the reason is simple; it helps them remember the things that are important. The camera in smartphones nowadays is very **capable of taking clear photos**; people can simply use their phones to capture any important message or moments at any time for things they want to remember.

#### **2. What can people learn from historical photographs?**

These photos help **modern-day people remember the past as to not repeat it or to be mindful of how history came to be**. But people should **be skeptical about** the truth behind the photos because it only captures one moment that may be biased.

#### **3. Is taking photos the best way to remember something?**

See 1+2.

It depends, people can simply use their phones to capture any important message or moments at any time for things they want to remember which is much faster than writing or drawing things down. But people should **be skeptical about** the truth behind the photos because it only captures one moment that may be biased.

#### **4. What do you think of beautified selfies?**

Today, more and more people, especially girls and women, are using **filters that "beautify" their appearance by sharpening, shrinking, enhancing, and recoloring their faces and bodies**. I think these selfies aren't anything new. People could have the same result if they were good at doing makeup. It is a reflection of people's **appearance anxiety**.

## Part 2/3 事件类

### 事件类 – 新题

#### 想学的技能

Describe something you would like to learn in the future

You should say:

What it is

How you would like to learn it

Where you would like to learn it

Why you would like to learn it

And explain whether it's difficult to learn it

思路：这题超级简单，看你哪个记得熟练，可以自行选择 人物新题《想要一起学习/工作的人》讲说学做视频。或者用事件类保留题（学到的重要技能），实际上就是人物类新题《教他人做事》，你只需要再把那个教别人的事（提升效率，make to-do list）变成自己想学的东西就行了。注意的点在于这里讲的是一个技能你未来想学，所以你现在还不会，或者学的不好。这边我们提供Todo list那个例子。

Time management skill is super important to a successful career. As I'm graduating and will be joining the work force, I really want to learn and practice time management skills in a professional setting. [这里答完了第一题和第三题，也稍微沾到了第四题。](#)

I'm currently working as **an intern** at a local bank. I have to say that I was really impressed by the **steep learning curve** and the fact that I was still taking courses at night while working full-time sometimes can be **overwhelming**. So, I learnt first-hand that I must learn how to manage my time better. After reading online and practice myself, I'm still struggling with the current workloads. So now I think I should just get some advice from the people who have made it, such as the associate manager, and learn from him! He is a master of time management who managed to work full-time, take care of a newborn, and finished his MBA at the same time. [这里其实答完了第二题（从别人身上学习）和第四题（因为工作量太大，不得不提高）。](#)

He suggested me to make a To-do list before starting the day because writing things down can help me **set priorities for tasks** and **avoid procrastination**. I quickly applied this piece of advice to my daily life and found it to be priceless. However, it's **easier said than done**, sometimes I get distracted easily and unable to finish my todo list. I think it is a challenging practice, however, I think I just need to better at implementing this skill since I have already start to see results. I believe, through my practice, I can become someone like him!

### Part 3

#### **1. What's the most popular thing to learn nowadays?**

Computer programmer, hands down. As we all know that we are living in a digital age, computer programmers are in high demand and earn top salaries compared with other professions. Therefore, lots of people are learning how to write code due to the fear of missing out. I don't think this is sustainable though, entry level programming will get replaced by AI in the coming years.

#### **2. At what age should children start making their own decisions? Why?**

I don't think there should be a specific age. It's more important for parents to encourage their kids to **think critically** and come up with ideas. Parents can guide their children to analyze **the pros and cons** of each option and make decisions based on their analysis.

#### **3. Which influences young people more when choosing a course, income or interest?**

In China, unfortunately, those decisions often are made by their parents on behalf of them because when the kids are young, they were **zeroing in** textbook materials. They were not given the opportunities to try new things, so they really don't know what they like and dislike. So, these decisions are heavily influenced by their parents' opinions.

#### **4. Do young people take their parents' advice when choosing a major?**

See 3. Yes. Most people have no idea what they like in China, and parents are often pushy with their Children which means they can forbid their kid to choose something. As a result, lots of young people just gave up and let their parents make the important decision. This often leads to unsatisfactory in life.

#### **5. Besides parents, who else would people take advice from?**

People should never rely on a single source of reference. They can do internet research, talk to people who are in their aspired industries, and critically analyse advice by themselves.

#### **6. Why do some people prefer to study alone?**

Well, I think most people are more productive studying alone. People are social, so if they are studying in a group environment, they can get distracted and want to chat with other about things that may not relate to their study which can be a waste of time!

### 让你骄傲的事

Describe something you did that made you feel proud

You should say:

What it was

How you did it

What difficulty you had

How you dealt with the difficulty

And explain why you felt proud of it



思路：简直不能再好串了，直接把上面《想学的技能》里面的故事拿进来。

What it was – 学会时间管理time management

How you did it – 查了资料都不管用，请教了副经理，让我用todo list

What difficulty you had – 一开始还是很容易被分心

How you dealt with the difficulty – 我继续坚持，现在不光可以完成full time 工作，还got A+ on all my courses，还ensure 8 hours of sleep every night.

几乎完全贴合，只是最后一些题稍微修改即可。前面开头根据自己语速情况，可以适当简短一些。

### Part 3

#### **1. Which one is more important, personal goals or work goals?**

Well, to me, both are important because I'm an ambitious person and I simply won't feel happy if I only focus my energy on family and friends. However, in recent years, the "lying flat" movement has become increasingly popular among young people, some call it "quiet quitting", which basically means that they no longer try hard at work, and they just want to reach their personal goals of being health and happy.

#### **2. Have your life goals changed since your childhood?**

Totally. My childhood dream was to become a scientist and inventor like Thomas Edison; however, I soon found out that I don't have the desire, diligent and talent to become one. I want to be in business, make money, and manage others rather than staying in a lab all day.

#### **3. Does everyone set goals for themselves?**

Not Necessarily. Many people have no idea what they like in China, let alone setting any goals for themselves. Their parents are often pushy with them, which means their parents set goals and make the important decision on behave of themselves. This often leads to unsatisfactory in life.

#### **4. What kinds of rewards are important at work?**

Bosses and managers should express their appreciation for employees' hard work on a regular basis, and provide constructive feedback, when possible, to help the employee grow. Other than verbal appreciation, monetary rewards should be given as well because, at the end of the day, employees are here to make money, and they will get motivated by seeing their hard work pays off.

#### **5. Do you think material rewards are more important than other rewards at work?**

See 4 最后一句话. Yes.

#### **6. What makes people feel proud of themselves?**

People feel proud of themselves mostly when they have achieved their personal or professional goals. The sense of achievement is extremely satisfying. In addition, people also

feel proud if they helped others and received appreciation because this makes them feel that they are important to other people and society.

## 喜欢做的日常事务

Describe a daily routine that you enjoy

You should say:

What it is

Where and when you do it

Who you do it with

And explain why you enjoy it

思路：这个题你其实可以直接用上面《想学的技能》，稍微改一下就行，你的daily routine就是在工作的时候make Todo list然后完成工作。注意第三题，你可以说你跟一个同事一起，也可以说你自己做。最后说一下，感觉用这个技巧可以很有效率（productive）完成工作，就感觉很满足和有成就感。

或者，如果你对种花那个话题记忆深刻，人物类保留题（拾花弄草之人）进行稍微修改也可以，就说你家住一楼，有个小院子，你每天给你的蔬菜浇水什么的。你自己做，很享受这个时光。看着蔬菜长大有成就感，还可以吃organic food有机的食品。

## Part 3

### 1. Should children have learning routines?

Absolutely! It's a competitive out there. Children these days must have a strategy to learn **both efficiently and effectively**; and forming a learning routine is one of the most important skills they should have. They should list a To-do list which prioritize essential learning targets, finish them before starting leisure activities.

### 2. What are the advantages of children having a routine at school?

See 1.

### 3. Does having a routine make kids feel more secure at school?

Oh yes. People, including school kids, feel most insecure when they are **procrastinating**. They will constantly be worried about missing the deadline. So having a routine to finish essential tasks at a specific time will give them more freedom to plan their free time and enjoy better childhood.

### 4. How do people's routines differ on weekdays and weekends?

Well, most people use the weekends to recharge and unwind from all the hard work during weekdays. Therefore, people will most likely **weak up** later, take time to prepare a good meal, and exercise. During weekdays, they will cut time for any of those activities in order to **get by** the busy work schedule.

### 5. *What daily routines do people have at home?*

Weak up, made the bed, brush teeth, get out to work, come back at late night, take a shower and then get some sleep. I mean, the real distinction is what they do on weekdays at home and what they do on weekends at home (see 4).

### 6. *What are the differences between people's daily routines now and in the last 15 years?*

I don't think there are a lot of changes though, people who are working are always busy and trying their best to catch up. However, one interesting trend is formed during the pandemic, that is **working-from-home**. **White-collar** workers nowadays have more chances to work from home for a few days during the week so they can avoid the rush hour traffic and get more personal things done during weekdays.

## 投诉

Describe a complaint that you made and you were satisfied with the result

You should say:

When it happened

Who you complained to

What you complained about

And explain why you were satisfied with the result

思路：这个题本来是觉得不太好串，不过我们刚好在物品类（科技产品-难用的）我们有一个非常有画面感的故事也就是那个“家庭影院系统”。这时候我们抱怨的部分已经很充足了，你只需要把第二题讲一下，你这个抱怨全是说给卖家听的（the manager at the electronics store）。然后这个manager不仅仅帮你立刻退货（refund），还给了你一个50元的优惠券（coupon）。你觉得他态度很好，等查好资料再来买适合自己的音响（speakers）。

## Part 3

### 1. *When are people more likely to make complaints?*

People always complain about things in life because they never really satisfy with their current situation. For example, people might complain about earning low salary, while other may complain about working long hours. However, I don't think this is necessarily a bad thing because people need to vent to unwind and maintain a good mental health.

### 2. *What do people often complain about?*

See 1.

### 3. *Which one is better when making a complaint, by talking or by writing?*

Talking is the most common. People just want to vent so they will feel better and move on. They know that what they are complaining about is not something that can be changed easily, or they can still tolerate. Honestly, especially for complaints about work, they don't

want their colleagues and superiors to know to begin with, so they will definitely not write them down.

**4. Who are more likely to make complaints, older people or younger people?**

Younger people for sure. Young people often face many challenges in life such as finding a good job, getting married, buy a car and a house, **just to name a few**. Since they are just starting out and may not be making much money, they will feel everything is out of touch so they will complain more often. Older people have already seen the ups and downs in life, so they are more tolerant to adversities.

**5. How would you react if you received a poor service at a restaurant?**

Well, it really depends on what kind of restaurant I was eating at. If I received poor services at a local, affordable, busy restaurant, I won't be bothered by it because I did not have a high expectation to begin with. However, if that is what happened in a fancy, expensive restaurant, I will definitely talk to the manager and complain about it.

**6. How do people often respond to poor customer service?**

See 5.

## 迟到

Describe a time when you missed or were late for an important meeting/event

You should say:

When it happened

What happened

Why you missed/were late for it

And explain how you felt about this experience

思路：简直和事件类保留题《失约》是一个模子里刻出来的，约了口语课结果忘记了，很抱歉。完全不用修改直接拿过来就能用！！

## Part 3

**1. Are you a punctual person?**

Yes. Being punctual is important for me because it shows respect for other people's time, it demonstrates that **I'm a reliable and responsible person**. Being late can lead to wasted time and frustration for everyone involved, and it can also **negatively impact my reputation**.

**2. Do you think it is important to be on time?**

See 1.

**3. Do you always avoid being late?**

See 1.

#### 4. *Why are people often late for meetings or appointments?*

I think most people want to be punctual and respectful. So, I think the primary reasons are traffic issues and **misjudging the amount of time needed**. It's a busy and complex world out there, so, there are lots of factors could **go wrong**. You have to set a huge **time buffer** to ensure being on time; however, that is just **not always practical**.

#### 5. *Are people in your country often late for meetings?*

Yes. See 4. Traffic is bad in China due to high population density.

#### 6. *Do you think people are born with time management skills or they can develop them?*

Time management skills can be developed by anyone, regardless of whether they are **naturally inclined** to be organized or not. Some people may have a **natural tendency** to be more organized and **efficient with their time**, but everyone can learn and improve their time management skills through practice. Making a To-do list is one of the easiest and effective methods of improving time management.

### 好消息（你熟人的好事）

Describe a piece of good news that you heard about someone you know well

You should say:

What it was

When you heard it

How you knew it

And explain how you felt about it

思路：这个题目很容易出现歧义，一定要注意断句，其实这道题是说“描述一个关于你熟悉的人的好消息”，从串题角度你最主要需要注意的就是人称的转换。懒人版其实可以借鉴事件新题《让你骄傲的事》，把里面的“你”改成YUNA（一个你的朋友），就说你前几天跟她聊天，听到她课程都拿A+还全职工作，为她高兴。

如果觉得不好串，勤劳的同学可以单独准备一个，难度不高。我在这提供一个很多人适用的跟留学相关的语料，突然拿到dream school的offer at the last minute.

Actually, I did receive a piece of good news which was just happened about two weeks ago from my best childhood friend Yuna. She got an offer of admission from her dream University in London! **第一第二题结束**

We always chat about how life is going because we are best friends, and I was the first person she contacted after finding out her offer. I'm so happy for her because I knew how stressful she was in the past few months. She applied to many UK universities, perhaps 10 universities, for her post-graduate studies because there were so many Chinese students applying this year! It's pretty crazy that there will be over 10 million Chinese university graduates in 2023, and nearly 40% of them will be applying to graduate schools either

domestically or abroad. The competition is very intense! 第三题结束，第四题其实也已经答了，但可以继续展开

Since Yuna has really good academic standing, she received conditional offers from most of the schools she applied to, but her dream University did not give her an offer. She was quite sad because the university has a rich history and is located in London which is the city she really wants to explore. Fortunately, she got the offer at the last minute! She thought it was probably because someone had rejected this offer. But still, it doesn't matter, what matters is she will be studying in London! I'm so happy for her! 这边继续把背景讲完，突出拿到 offer 的不容易 which 侧面证明这个消息是真的很好！

### Part 3

#### 1. *Is it good to share something on social media?*

In general, it can be beneficial in many ways, such as sharing interesting and informative content, and building a personal brand. However, people must also be mindful about what to share, for example, someone got killed because the criminal does not agree the person's political view which was shared publicly on social media.

#### 2. *Should the media only publish good news?*

Of course not. In a perfect world, the media should publish all news without biases, so people can obtain that facts and make judgements on their own. However, nowadays I think the media actually prefers to publish bad news because those headlines are more attractive to people.

#### 3. *How does social media help people access information?*

Social media allows more transparency because the information is published in a decentralized fashion. For instance, in the past, it is hard to know compensation for different job titles and careers because companies normally disallow their employees to share it. However, nowadays, past or current employees can publish that information online anonymously, so job seekers will have more idea about the posted job.

#### 4. *What kind of good news do people often share in the community?*

The most common ones are someone in the community got married, a newborn, or got accepted by a top university. People often express genuine congratulation to the family involved and attend parties if they are invited.

#### 5. *Do most people like to share good news with others?*

It depends on whom to share, like we have said about sharing good news in the community is really common. However, I would say people also like to share good news on social media but only if they are posting anonymously. People in China generally like to lay low.

#### 6. *Do people like to hear good news from their friends?*

Haha, that's a tricky question. Of course, people feel happy for their friends when their friends achieved something. However, deep down, that could also drive jealousy and anxiety. They might feel that their friends are doing better than themselves and feel the pressure to catch up.



## 童年喜欢的活动

Describe an activity you enjoyed in your free time when you were young

You should say:

What it was

Where you did it

Who you did it with

And explain why you enjoyed it

思路：首先，这个题目很简单，不仅仅是小题特别概括，讲什么都可以。同时，这个话题也很personal。最好的答案其实是你自己真实的经历。强烈推荐拿这个题目练手，自己写一篇！

However，懒人可以继续串题，我们可以使用人物类保留题《发小》将我和Yuna看还珠和在一起吃饭写作业。也可以用物品类保留题《喜欢看的电影》就说自己小时候 free time就看 哈利波特与魔法石，毕竟是个老电影，你小时候确实可以看，非常贴合。基本上不需要改什么。

### Part 3

#### **1. Is it important to have a break during work or study?**

Yes, it is important to take breaks during work or study. Taking regular breaks can help to **prevent burnout and fatigue**, increase productivity and concentration, and improve overall well-being.

#### **2. What sports do young people like to do now?**

I think for Chinese young people, sports are no longer as popular because people are just so busy. However, that does not mean people no longer exercise; they just prefer to go to the gym and **build the areas they want to focus on** which makes them healthier and in a better shape.

#### **3. Are there more activities for young people now than 20 years ago?**

I have no idea about what activities people did 20 years ago. But I assume the number of activities is pretty much the same. What young people nowadays prefers to participate in activities that has a digital combination. For example, young people play golf at simulators instead of on the field.

#### **4. Can most people balance work and life in China?**

For working class people living in large cities, it is almost impossible due to high competition, long working hours, and long commute hours. However, people who live in smaller cities can balance work and life quite easily since they don't have those issues.

#### **5. What activities do children and adults do nowadays?**

There are many activities that are popular, camping, hiking, biking, **just to name a few**. Particularly, camping has become so popular for children and adults in China recently. After

COVID, people realized that being surrounded in nature and **disconnecting from the digital world** can improve both their physical and mental health.

**6. Do adults and children have enough time for leisure activities nowadays?**

See 2. Not really.

## 开学第一天

Describe your first day at school that you remember

You should say:

Where the school was

How you went there

What happened that day

And how you felt on that day

思路：这个题目比较特殊，不要强求串题，乖乖准备一个就好了。这种题不太好写出什么花，会比较像流水账，我在里面把人物保留题《发小》里面Yuna拿出来帮助一下故事进展。

I still remember my first day of attending my primary school which is one of the top public schools in my city. My mom prepared a school bag with all necessary school supplies, such as notebooks and pencils the night before, and she drove me to school in the morning. [第一第二题结束](#)

As soon as I arrived at school, I was greeted by my teachers and classmates. I still remember that the teacher taught me Chinese introduced herself to the class and explained the classroom rules, routines and expectations. At that time, I thought she was the scariest person on earth because of her poker face and firm voice. She then showed our class around the school and told us where the different classrooms and facilities were located. Afterwards, she also gave us our timetable for the week and taught us how to read it properly. [先描述进了学校的场景和流程](#)

I remember that it was around noon after all those activities. I was starving, and went to cafeteria for lunch. I sit beside a person called Yuna who became my best childhood friend. We all had dumplings that day, and we started to chat about where we live and how do we feel about the teacher. Funny enough, we were living in the same residential compound! I felt I made a friend already and I was very chill and relaxed in the afternoon. [再把第三题完结并加入第四题的feeling](#)

Overall, the first day of school was a mix of excitement, nerves, and new experiences. I was just glad that I made a friend.

### Part 3

#### **1. What would parents prepare when their kids go to school on the first day?**

Well, parents will prepare a school bag with all necessary school supplies, such as notebooks, pens, and pencils. More importantly, a **word of encouragement** to help their child feel confident and excited about starting school.

#### **2. How do children socialize with each other?**

Children are super active, so they typically socialize with each other through a variety of activities, such as playing together during **recess(课间)** or free time. Many people also join clubs so they can meet new people from other classes and participate in club activities to build friendships.

#### **3. Is socialization important for children?**

Of course. It's super important! It helps children develop the skills and knowledge they need to **navigate and interact with the world around them**. Socialization helps children learn how to communicate, form relationships, and understand and follow **social norms**.

#### **4. What are the reasons for job change?**

The primary reason is to make a higher salary. Companies don't have **incentives** to increase employee salaries every year, so **job hopping** is essential for someone who wants to increase their **earning potential**. Usually they can get a 10-30% jump in pay by hopping to another company.

#### **5. Are big companies better than small companies? Why?**

Well, big companies usually offer a more variety of products at a fair price point, so this usually benefits consumers. However, unlike small businesses who care about being a good citizen of their local communities, big companies are responsible for their shareholders not the general public. So, sometimes they do harmful things in order to **maximize profits**. Overall, I like them all because both are essential to a better society.

#### **6. What are the advantages and disadvantages coming along with changing jobs?**

Some advantages include a better pay, and perhaps a **higher rank position** with **increased responsibilities and authorities**. However, some disadvantages are getting into a **toxic work environment**, and increased stress due to the higher expectations by the new employer.

### 和别人一起做的事情

Describe something that you did with someone/a group of people

You should say:

What it was

Who you did it with

How long it took you to do this

And explain why you did it together

思路：超简单，这种题目是最爱的，因为啥内容都可以串。最好用的应该就是事件类保留题《塑料废品》里面我们小组出去玩，后来一起清理垃圾。或者就是用事件类保留题《户外活动》讲我们去庆祝小组project结束。背好那个故事很好用呀！

### Part 3

#### **1. How do you get along with your neighbors?**

First, you must act respectfully to earn a good first impression. To strengthen relationships, I think one of the most effective ways is to ask for a favor, but make sure it is a small thing that can be easily dealt with, and offer something in return. This way, there are more in-depth interaction than just saying hi to each other.

#### **2. How do neighbors help each other?**

Well, it is common that neighbors help each other on cleaning mailboxes while their neighbors are away. It expresses a level of trust, and also it will make the community safer because then thieves won't really know that the house owners are away for a period of time.

#### **3. Do you think neighbors help each other more often in the countryside than in the city?**

Generally speaking, neighbors in the countryside help each other more often because communities are more stable with not many people moving in and out. So, people who live in the same community know each other for years or even decades which means they are likely to help each other. On the other hand, in cities, not only that people are constantly moving, but also that people are just busy with no time to even get to know each other.

#### **4. How do children learn to cooperate with each other?**

Most children learn it through playing team sports or group games that require cooperation and communication. During those activities, teachers will **praise** children when they demonstrate cooperation which **reinforce** cooperative actions.

#### **5. Do you think parents should teach children how to cooperate with others? How?**

Yes. Parents hold the ultimate responsibility of educating their children about cooperating with others. Parents must **lead by example** and be a team player themselves. Kids always imitate the actions of their parents. If they see their parents work together to complete things all the time, they will do the same.

#### **6. Do you think it's important for children to learn about cooperation?**

Of course. It's super important and perhaps essential in modern life! It is an essential skill for children to learn as it allows them to work well with others and **achieve common goals**. Cooperation also helps children learn how to **form relationships** which benefits their whole life.

## 历史时期

Describe a historical period/moment you would like to learn more about

You should say:

- What you are interested in
- When it happened
- What you know about it
- And why you would like to learn more

思路：没办法串题的一个题目，老老实实准备吧！虽然是让讲一个历史时期或者时刻，我认为这种东西只讲时期会讲的太大，太空，不如先找好一个像讲的人物，在围绕着这个人物讲那个时期。三国粉有足够功底的话可以自己准备自己喜欢的内容，我个人都不太灵，就准备一个朱元璋创建明朝的故事，毕竟他还是很有代表性的。

China has **the longest continuous history** of any country in the world. I must say that this country has been through a lot to become today's modern China. And there is a particular time period that I'm really interested in; that is the ending of the Mongol-led Yuan Dynasty and the formation of the Ming dynasty. **第一题结束**

This happened in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. China was under the ruling of the Mongolians. However, the Mongolians are true warriors but not great managers. During the Yuan dynasty, **famine, plagues and peasant revolts** increased across China. The founding emperor of Ming dynasty, Zhu Yuanzhang, was born to a family of peasant farmers. Famine killed almost everyone in his family except for him when he was 16 years old. Zhu became a monk and then a beggar and lived a few years of miserable life until he was around 24 years old; he joined one of the peasant armies fighting against the Mongol-led Yuan dynasty. He **rose rapidly in the ranks** and became a commander and started to conquer multiple cities and provinces from the Yuan. After about 15 years of fighting, he defeated the Yuan and **proclaimed himself emperor of the Ming dynasty**. **第二第三题结束**

I really want to learn more about this time period because I'm curious about how the strong Mongolian regime can eventually lose to a peasant-led army. What went wrong with the Mongolians, and what traits did Zhu have in order to make others follow his leadership? As a young person who will soon be joining the workforce, I want to learn the strategies to help build my career! **第四题结束**

### Part 3

#### 1. *Should everyone know history?*

Well, this is hard to say because it's **not necessary** for everyone to know every detail of history. However, having a general understanding in history can be beneficial for people because **history always repeats itself**, so they can still obtain valuable insights from learning history.

## **2. In what ways can children learn history?**

Children mostly learn history in a classroom setting because it is a mandatory class to learn in school. Additionally, they can learn history in more depth by watching documentaries which are more engaging and easier to understand.

## **3. What are the differences between learning history from books and from videos?**

See 2. Books tend to provide more in-depth and detailed information on historical events and figures, whereas videos can provide a more engaging and visual way to learn about history. I think for most people, a combination of both can be more beneficial.

## **4. Is it difficult to protect and preserve historic buildings?**

Yes. Historical sites are usually **more costly to maintain** for local government. As a result, many governments build an active tourism industry to help with funding which **reduces the burden** on the government.

## **5. Who should be responsible for protecting historic buildings?**

Everyone! Historic buildings are an important part of a country's **cultural heritage**, and as such, protecting them is a **shared responsibility**. Governments at all levels should provide funding to repair and maintain historic buildings. Citizens and tourists preserve the building by behaving appropriately in those buildings as well.

## **6. Who should pay for the preservation of historic buildings?**

Like I have said, the cost of preserving historic buildings can be significant and is typically shared among multiple parties. Governments at all levels will provide funding, however that money is majorly came from taxpayers; so, technically, all **taxpayers** are paying for the cost. Since they are popular **tourist attraction**, tourists also pay for it by purchasing tickets and **merchandises** at gift shops.

## 事件类 – 保留题

### 塑料废品

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

You should say:

Where and when you saw the plastic waste

Why there was a lot of plastic waste

What you did after you saw them

And explain what your thoughts were about this

思路：这个题目理论上可以从我们（庆祝过的活动）里面的农家乐来做背景，但是要注意，题目里的小题主要是再讲垃圾，所以农家乐的信息点到为止就好。



A few months ago, I organized an event called 'Village Joy' to celebrate the end of our final project with my team members. We decided to visit the village my grandparents grew up in called Sun Valley because it's a great place to relax and **escape from the concrete jungle!** 给出了第一小题的背景信息

We wanted to go there because there was a creek just behind the family house where we could set up grills for BBQ. But, when we arrived, we noticed that the creek was full of plastic bags, water bottles and other waste. The water was supposed to be **crystal clear**, but it was heavily polluted. I asked around, and a local person told me that because camping was getting popular in China, many tourists camped at the upstream of the creek. And because there weren't any authorities to manage or regulate the site, some **"bad apples"** didn't pack their garbage.

I was shocked by this situation and gathered my team to clean up the bags and bottles. We worked for the entire morning and finally saw some improvement. But I clearly understood that this won't permanently fix the issue as long as people don't act responsibly on their wastes. I then went to the local authorities and reported this issue; they said they had noticed it already and were working on fixing the issue. I think this was very unfortunate for the local community who didn't deserve their creek to be polluted. I hope the situation can get better soon!

### Part 3

#### **1. Do you think we should use plastic products?**

While plastic is one of the most affordable materials for making durable goods, we should ban the use of plastic because it is not eco-friendly. As far as I know, plastic bags have become **a major threat to the life of animals living on earth as well as in water**. Chemicals released by waste plastic bags **enter the soil and make it infertile** which will have a negative impact on human health as well.

#### **2. How can we reduce our use of plastic?**

Overall, I think plastic is still an essential material to our lives, but we can definitely do something to limit our plastic usage. We can avoid **single-use plastics** such as drinking straws. Also, we can take a cloth bag if we go shopping. Moreover, we can choose to only purchase products **made of recycled plastic** which means no new plastic was generated.

#### **3. What kinds of plastic waste are often seen in your country?**

Plastic bags are for sure the most common one in China. Although stores are asked to charge people money for plastic bags which was an attempt by the government to reduce the use of plastic bags, the price is set too low which is **negligible for most people**. Therefore, you can still see plastic bags easily on the street.

#### **4. Why do people like to use plastic products?**

Well, there are many practical reasons that have made plastic products so popular. They are **thermally resistant** so they can keep things hot or cold for longer than other materials. They are **lightweight and durable**. Not to mention that they are much more **affordable than the alternatives!**

## 克服困难终成功

Describe a time when you overcame difficulties in doing something and succeeded

You should say:

- What the difficult task was
- How you overcame the difficulties
- Whether you got help
- And explain how you felt when you succeeded

思路：这个跟保留题完结补充里面（用手机做重要事情）如出一辙，我们的故事就是你突然想到report上面有错误，但是你的困难是在于没有电脑，最终用手机完成了这个事情。

下面为《用手机做重要事情》内容：

**思路：**为了节省准备素材，可以使用事件类 庆祝过的活动 作为背景信息，讲一下你们到了village后突然想到上交的report可能有一个组员名字拼错了。there was an error in our submitted report. One of our group members' names was misspelled. 你们都没带电脑，所以用手机来进入LMS learning management systems 把report download下来看真的是打错了。还好有一个组员saved the word document on iCloud, so we changed the typo (错别字) on the phone and resubmitted.

We organized an event called 'Village Joy' to celebrate the end of our final project with my team members. We decided to visit the village my grandparents grew up in called Sun Valley because it's a great place to have fun with friends, **escape from the concrete jungle**, and take some fresh air!

The village is about 50km away from our university, and there are only a few hundred people living there. Just when we started to enjoy the local fruits that were just fresh off the trees, I realized that there was probably an error in our submitted report. One of our group members' names was misspelled, and the professor will definitely deduct lots of marks from our work. None of us had laptops with us because we were supposed to just enjoy the trip! Luckily, I can still use my phone to log onto our LMS, learning management systems, to download the report and give it a check. And I was right, we did make the mistake. Then, one of the members revised the typo on a Word document of our report she saved on iCloud, exported to one more time, and resubmitted the work. We would never have been able to do it without our phones since we didn't have a laptop and there was no WiFi around. It was so intense, and I will always remember this incident, recheck your work for at least three times!

### Part 3

#### 1. *Should people set goals for themselves?*

Setting **specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-based** goals is important for any individuals' personal development because they help **trigger new behaviors and guide people's focus**. Without goals, people waste lots of time doing nothing.

#### 2. *How do you define success?*

On paper, it's to accomplish a purpose. To me personally, it's not about wealth or fame. I think success comes from meaningful work, and strong relationships with friends and family. These factors are **the keys to happiness** which is the ultimate version of success.

#### 3. *How do we judge whether young people are successful?*

See 2.

Most people would judge young people's success based on their **academic attainment** or **career advancement potentials**. I think these points are valid, but the amount of people they have close to them that they would do anything for and in turn would do anything to them **should not be overlooked**.

#### 4. *Are successful people lonely?*

Depends on how you define success, right? My version of successful people would have close relationships with friends and family, so they won't be lonely. However, if the **so-called** successful people are the ones only have power and money, they can be lonely for sure since they could have never put relationships **at the top of their list**.

### 学到的重要事情

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

You should say:

What it was

When you learned it

How you learned it

And explain why it was important

思路：借鉴人物类新题（教他人做事）都是可以用基于Make TODO list的内容。这个思路肯定会了吧！

### Part 3

#### 1. *What can children learn from parents?*

Children will learn how to trust, seek friendships from others, and find comfort with others from their parents. Generally, they have to learn how to make and sustain relationships. These skills are started and strengthened with the family.

**2. Do you think some children are well-behaved because they are influenced by their parents?**

Of course. Kids always imitate the actions of their parents. If they see their parents behaving in a polite and generous manner, they will do the same.

**3. Is it necessary for adults to learn new things?**

Absolutely. **Lifelong learning** is essential in modern society. People should always be ready that their jobs will be **obsolete** in the next few years due to **technological advancements**. Therefore, adult should always embrace new skills that are required for jobs in the future.

**4. How can people learn new things?**

People can learn new knowledge and skills through **formal lectures** in a classroom setting. Or they can learn it through **on-the-job training**. It depends on the person's learning style and the type of knowledge to decide which method is more suitable.

## 收钱

Describe a time when you received money as a gift

You should say:

When it happened

Who gave you money

Why he/she gave you money

And explain how you used the money

思路：这个很简单，讲过年收红包就行了。很迅速就能把前三个问题回答出来，然后最后你用钱干啥了可以讲自己的内容，或者就我们语料里有过的旅游相关的，或者物品类买MacBook Air都可以。

Well, it's the Chinese tradition that on Chinese New Year, the younger generation who are normally still in school or unmarried will receive red envelopes or red pockets which contain money from seniors. The red color of the envelope symbolizes good luck and is a symbol to ward off evil spirits. So, as a young person, I received red envelopes from my grandparents when I visited them during last Chinese New Year, too. [这里基本上就回答完了前三个问题](#)

后面拿钱干了点啥就留给同学们自己练习，挑一个自己比较熟悉的或者想讲的内容就行了。为了省事的话直接把买电脑搬过来就行。

## Part 3

**1. Why do people rarely use cash now?**

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

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

Maybe once they turn 3 years old, an age that kids start to know ownership of goods. Because of this, they **grasp basic money concepts** by observing how toys were bought by money.

## 3. Should parents reward children with money?

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

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

Absolutely! It's important to teach them from a young age that money isn't just for spending. Learning to save isn't just an essential money habit; it teaches discipline and delayed gratification which are good habits for children's future development.

## 决意等待

Describe a time you made a decision to wait for something

You should say:

When it happened

What you waited for

Why you made the decision

And explain how you felt about the decision

思路：可使用物品类（糟糕购物）里面排队买MacBook Air结果买完了，预定3周，等了3周之后使用到，真的是很好的一个产品。只需要最后讲一下，the product is so good that it's worth the wait!就行了

## Part 3

### 1. Do people in your country like to take public transportation?

P1新题里有，复制过来：

I can't say for the entire country, but from my understanding, most people would love to take public transportation **if it is feasible**. Unfortunately, at least in my city, people can't rely on public transportation because the system is not that well designed. I think there is **lots of room for improvement**.

### 2. Why do some people like a slow-paced life?

People have different opinions about their way of life. **Life is not a sprint but a marathon**. Slow-paced life offers much less stress which makes one healthier. It also allows people to **concentrate on core issues** rather than chasing short-term gain or pleasure. I think people who purposefully choose a slow-paced lifestyle are very wise.

### 3. Is being patient good for people? Why?

基本上跟2的内容一致，突出减少压力和concentrate on core issues。

#### **4. Are people less patient now than people in the past? Why?**

Definitely. I think a part of it has to do with the introduction of media and electronics. People now are raised in a way that they can do things immediately, **with one click of a button**. Another thing is stress; people nowadays don't have much time **at their disposal** and are always under pressure, so they have less patience.

### 印象深刻的英语课

Describe an impressive English lesson you had and enjoyed

You should say:

What it was about

When you had it

What the teacher did

And why you enjoyed the lesson

**思路：**关于 English Speaking – 2 个月前，B 站，在家 – 老师介绍了很多提升口语的技巧，然后还提供了一个免费的与母语者练习的邀请码（referral code）- 喜欢这个课程因为老师讲的很细节，有趣，有很多例子，感觉自己学到了很多

Well, I would like to talk about an English lesson I had online that was very enjoyable. About two months ago, I was browsing the internet, and the website **popped up** a recommended video to me which was about how to effectively practice English Speaking at home. As I was preparing for the IELTS test which has a speaking test that is very important, I clicked the video to see if there was any useful information.

The teacher first introduced his background very briefly. Apparently, he lives in Canada and has been teaching English for almost a decade. He then shared his personal learning experience of practicing English without spending a ton of money. He said that one of the major reasons why Chinese students are struggling with speaking English is that they give too much focus on reading and memorizing vocabulary. In fact, students should focus on their listening to improve their speaking. I thought that makes a lot of sense, because if I listened to native speakers enough, I could imitate the ways they speak and improve my speaking skills.

The teacher then shared his own free resources for practicing speaking at home, such as watching soap operas like Friends, watching talks shows, self-talk, and an app that allows people to have conversations 1 on 1 with a native English speaker. He even shared a referral code that people could use to get a free 15-minute practice for the app. **I loved how he gave lots of good examples and explained the tips in an easy to understand and humorous manner**. The quality of the lesson was **above my expectation**, and I think I learned a lot from this lesson!



### Part 3

#### 1. *Why do people learn foreign languages?*

For some, learning another language allows them to study a new culture which helps them meet new and interesting people. But for most people, it's simply a mandatory course to learn at school.

#### 2. *What makes a good foreign language teacher?*

Learning a foreign language is difficult and sometimes uncomfortable, so a good teacher must keep students engaged. They should give lots of good examples and explain knowledge in an easy to understand and humorous manner.

#### 3. *Do you think grammar is important when learning foreign languages?*

Definitely. Grammar is the **groundwork** of clear communication. But I think vocabulary is much more useful to learn for beginners, since it's the basis of all language.

#### 4. *Is it interesting to be a foreign language teacher? Why?*

Well, I'm not sure. I'm still a student myself and don't have any teaching experience; **let alone teaching a foreign language**. But I guess it's an enjoyable career because there isn't anything more rewarding than seeing students' improvement.

### 信息搜索

Describe a time when you needed to search for information

You should say:

- What information you needed to search for
- When you searched for it
- Where you searched for it
- And explain why you needed to search for it

思路：可以结合上面（印象深刻的英语课）的内容，讲自己在准备雅思考试，但是自己的口语很差，不知道怎么样可以自己在家里练口语，所以在网上搜索....内容相当匹配，请自主练习~

### Part 3

#### 1. *How can people search for information now?*

Most people do research through **search engine** websites such as Google. Actually, the company name Google is now used as a verb for searching information online. People can access to millions of search results in less than a second which is **a game changer** compared with searching information from physical books in a library.

#### 2. *What information can people get from television?*

They can get all kinds of information by watching the designated TV channels. For example, they can learn about the earth on the Discovery channel, get real-time news updates from news channels, etc.

### **3. Do you think libraries are still important in the digital age?**

Important but not as important. Libraries used to be the gateway that provides access to huge resources of information and knowledge. Now, people can use Google for searching information. Libraries are now a place for local community recreation which still plays a fundamental role in society.

### **4. Does the development of the Internet have any impact on some disadvantaged people?**

Absolutely. Disadvantaged people used to be invisible to most people. But now, people can raise money around the world through the internet to help these disadvantaged groups.

## 失约

Describe a time when you forgot/missed an appointment

You should say:

What the appointment was for

Who you made it with

Why you forgot/missed it

And explain how you felt about the experience

思路：可以顺着上面题目的思路，讲跟那个app的母语者预约了一节课，但是由于你之前也没用过这个app，也有点太忙，手机也忘了给这个app开notification，所以app的提醒也没收到。不过我发现他并没有因为我缺席而扣除我的上课时数，反而是跟我重新约了课程时间，我感到很不好意思，很感激可以再约到，重新约时间后我设置了两个提醒来保证我不会再miss掉。

Well. As I was preparing for the IELTS test which has a speaking test that is very important, I watched a video online a few months ago that recommended me to use an app called Cambly to practice my speaking with a native English speaker. The video had a referral code which allowed me to redeem it on the app for a free 15-minute session. So, I booked an appointment with one of the 5-star tutors a few days in advance because her schedule was packed. But I completely forgot about it.

It was a super busy time for me because I had four project deadlines to meet and a lot of things to learn about. So, I **buried myself in a mountain of workload** at that time. Moreover, I had this habit of disabling notifications from apps that I didn't frequently use, which meant I blocked the reminder sent by the app as well.

I did not even notice it for many days until that same video was watched by my dorm mate who practiced one session using that app and recommended it to me. I pulled out my phone and opened the app and found that the tutor left me a message saying she did not deduct any time from my account and would love to reschedule a time with me. I must say, I was so disappointed with myself for forgetting the appointment. I felt bad because the tutor was treating me so nicely. I replied back to her message and apologized for my absent, then I reschedule the session and set two reminders on my phone, so I won't miss it again!

### Part 3

#### 1. How do people who are busy remember things they need to do?

Make TO-DO lists. Set reminders for important events. And record their meetings, appointments and other things on their calendar. Busy people must rely on these tools to keep their mind organized to better manage their time.

#### 2. Do you think people should remember family history?

I think family **milestones** are worth remembering. It is important to **remember the past as to not repeat it or to be mindful of how a family came to be.**

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

I don't think so. That's simply too rude to do. I mean, if they don't like the person, they can make more than 100 good excuses to cancel the meeting without keeping them waiting and **hanging them out to dry.**

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

Both are important. People should simply **keep their promise** and show up at the appointment. If they have **scheduling conflicts**, one should talk to them honestly and reschedule the meeting.

### 户外活动

Describe an outdoor activity you did in a new place recently

You should say:

Where and when you went there

What the activity is

Whether you asked for help in the activity

And explain why you attended the activity

思路：可以继续使用事件保留题（庆祝过的活动）的内容，这个outdoor activity就是所谓的农家乐一日游，我会把他定义为hiking（远足）。此题要注意第三第四问的回答，所以我们主要在第二段添加了一些新的定义性的内容。下面为大家提供基于那个语料修改后的内容。

I participated in a countryside hiking activity with team members of my final project to celebrate the end of the semester. We called this hiking trip "Village Joy" because we decided to visit the village my grandparents grew up in called Sun Valley because we thought it would be a great place to **escape from the concrete jungle** and take some fresh air! 第 1,2,4 题基本上都算涵盖到了

The village is about 50km away from our university, and there are only a few hundred people living there. There was a hiking trail alongside the main creek where we spent a good 2 hours hiking. Once we reached the end of the trail, I helped the team set up the grills for BBQ. The trail is quite easy without any dangerous wild animals around, so none of us needed to ask for any help. 这段把 1,2,3 又描述了一下

The creek was **crystal clear**, and the **bubbling sound** was super relaxing which was exactly what we wanted from this hiking trip. After enjoying our BBQ, we sat down beside the creek and shared our future plans. Many of us will be studying abroad in different countries, and we all look forward to what our future holds. Overall, it was a great team recreation which really helped us **rejuvenate** from all the hard work. I'm so happy that I have made good friends from this team project and this activity, and I wish them **all the best in their future endeavors**.

### Part 3

#### 1. *What outdoor activities are popular in China?*

So many. Hiking, skiing, and camping are among the most popular activities in recent years. China has the most **diverse and breathtaking geography**, so people can have a great experience outdoors.

#### 2. *Are those people who like dangerous activities more likely to be successful?*

I don't think the two have a direct link to each other. People who like extreme sports are **risk-takers**, but nowadays, being brave **doesn't necessarily translate into success**. The world has become so complex that **risk-adverse** people might **be better off** in the long run.

#### 3. *Do you think it's better for people to change jobs when there are new chances?*

Absolutely, **job hopping** is so common, and people should always look for better opportunities. But at the end of the day, it really comes down to your career planning. In many cases, the new chances in front of you might not be as good as you think.

#### 4. *Should young people try as many new activities as possible?*

I think so. They are still in their **discovery phase**, so it is worth taking some risk to try as many things as they can when they are still young. They'll learn more about themselves and their world, and learn to **get outside of their comfort zone** and grow. They'll discover what they like, don't like, what they are good at, and what needs improvement.

## P2/3 完结补充（季度题库终版完结后的调整题目）

### 保留题完结补充 – P2/3（在保留题完结补充 2 视频中）

#### 受到表扬

Describe a time you received positive feedback

You should say:

What you did

Who gave you the feedback

Why he/she gave you the positive feedback

And explain how you felt about it

思路：这个题目直接套用人物类保留题（工作中的积极建议）。只需要把故事稍微转变一下，原故事本来是我们是实习生，问领导如果时间管理；现在我们变成了很会时间管理的实习生（第一小题），我领导给的反馈（第二小题），因为我把任务都按时做完了（第三小题），我认为很开心得到了表扬....（第四小题）。

#### Part 3

##### **1. Do you think children need encouragement as they grow up? Why?**

跟人物类保留题（工作中的积极建议）的P3很像，复制过来。

Yes, to a certain degree. While encouragement helps children exhibit optimism and confidence, many parents nowadays spoil their kids. They encourage their kids no matter what they have done, which leads to bad habits in the long run. They should only praise and encourage their kids for the right things

##### **2. Which kind of feedback do people tend to believe, positive or negative feedback?**

That really depends on the circumstances and the person who is giving feedback. Some people always **praise others**, so people tend to not take his positive feedback too seriously. Some people are very **harsh on commenting** others, and their positive words actually mean something for the people who are receiving them.

##### **3. Do you think public recognition is important for people nowadays?**

Yes, absolutely. People nowadays need **a sense of accomplishment**, and having their contribution celebrated and appreciated by other can have a powerful effect on their motivation. Some even say that recognition, particularly in the workplace, is more important than giving a raise or a bonus.

##### **4. Do you think those who have received public recognition should take on more social responsibilities?**

Well. It depends on which kind of public recognition. For celebrities and famous figures, I would say they should behave more responsibly because they have great influence on others. For everyday people, their recognition usually happens at the workplace or at home, so they should not take extra social responsibilities.

### **5. Do you think positive feedback is more useful than negative feedback?**

See 2. It really depends on the person who is given the feedback. It's useful feedback as long as it is constructive and honest.

### 征求意见

Describe a time when someone asked for your opinion

You should say:

Who asked for your opinion?

Why he/she wanted to know your opinion?

What opinion you gave?

And explain how you felt when he/she asked for your opinion?

思路：这个可以串的内容很多，可以是讲地点类事件类任何旅游类的内容 – 尤其是户外活动village joy这些，也可以是人物类里（争吵）--问了你意见结果吵架。请结合自己掌握熟练的故事来套用。

### Part 3

#### **1. Why do some people dislike giving their opinions?**

Well, I think for some people, they are afraid of hurting others' feelings so they tend to avoid making remarks on things around them. And there are people who are simply just too shy to express their opinions. They feel awkward speaking up in front of others.

#### **2. Are there any apps designed for collecting opinions about products or services?**

Oh, there are tons of them out there. The one I used the most is Dazhongdianping, which is essentially an app that allows people to publish review comments on local businesses. I rely pretty heavily on this app to find good restaurants to visit.

#### **3. Why do people like to express their opinions on the internet nowadays?**

Well, people feel much more freely expressing their opinions anonymously on the internet. They don't have to be afraid of hurting others in front of their face, and they won't feel awkward speaking up in front of others.

#### **4. What are the advantages of sharing opinions on the internet?**

You can usually get more honest and diverse opinions on the internet since people don't have to pretend to be a nice person. Also, people can make their voice heard much more easily on the internet. For example, online fundraising is done much more efficiently through the internet.