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#### TASK1

1. Parents should teach their kids to learn how to manage money, and do you think what the most important thing is for it, and explain why it's important.

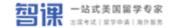
Teaching children some basic knowledge to manage their money is far more important than many people think. It's a practical skill for children. They need a plan about the use of their money. Maybe listing the stuff they need most before purchases will reduce the waste. They can apply this skill to their future career. Also they can relieve their parents of the financial burden in a long run. If they go abroad to study, they can support themselves by investing the spare money or make the best use of their limited budget.

- 2. There is going to have student TV show. which show would you like to watch. Please Give your reasons.
  - A. Interview school leaders
  - B. Student debate on political and social topics
  - C. Comedy about school life

In my opinion, I would definitely prefer a debate on political and social topics. Primarily, as a modern global citizen, it's always important for us to be informed about the international hot spot. Through this kind of debate young students get to know the background of the ongoing global affair. It's rather essential for us to get a bigger picture of the ever-accelerated development and modern society. What's more, the debate enables students to expand their scope of knowledge and widen their horizon, which aids them to have a better understanding of their academics and major. Those kind of soft skills will help a lot in their career life later on.

3. Describe a change in your school that was initially considered by students as having negative effects on their life but later proved to be positive?

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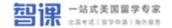
policy, coz we were so busy, always bombarded with various examinations, papers, presentations, club activities etc; we thought this change would only overburden our already tight schedule; however, one year later, everyone feels grateful to it, which not only helps us to enlarge our social circle and broaden our horizon, but gives us a great sense of achievement after doing those volunteer work, like teaching kids English, and helping senior citizens to clean rooms etc.

4. Some people think that libraries will disappear with the development of technology and Internet. Others think libraries are always necessary. Which opinion do you support and explain why.

I believe that libraries will gradually disappear. As a student, I could not remember when was the last time I went to a library to look for information needed for my work. More and more students now use Internet for information at home or at school; many of us even have our own laptop. It is so convenient to search for information online with search engines like google and yahoo, and with online virtual libraries, which contains resources from all over the world. Besides, students are so busy nowadays. Thus, going to a library for information is just too slow for the fast-paced modern society.

5. Which of the following three would you choose to do in summer vacation? Working as a librarian, painter in an art center, or life guard in the moratorium?

Well, I would choose to work as a librarian in summer vacation. First, I have an intimate feeling for books since I was a little girl; Books are always my best pastime, and my favorite place on campus is always the school library. Thumbing through those novels, poems, and magazines after finishing schoolwork brings me the most joy and pleasure. Second, I am quite introverted, and I really admire a quiet work environment. If I can work as a librarian, I could have the ideal working environment and at the same time, helping others to check out books certainly makes me proud.





- 6. The university international office is going to hold a social events. Which one of the following choices do you think is the best?
  - A. international food fair
  - B. international music festival
  - C. international film festival

My preference goes to the International film festival. To start off, watching films and movies is actually an alternative form of learning. There surely will be some carefully selected works in the international film festival and they are featuring different cultures. Students can have a glimpse of the historical and political setting of a certain country. For example, the award-winning film The King's Speech exactly offers a quick look at the British monarchy. Also, compared to the other two kinds of fairs, the film festival is supposed to be relatively quiet and nice, which I favor much more.

7. Teachers may make mistakes, including those experienced teachers. Describe one of the mistakes teachers may commit.

Well, L think a common mistake that even an experienced teacher tend to make is fail to take every student uniqueness into account. Like my math teacher in the primary school always thought everyone got what he meant, but actually only a few top students understood, and this resulted in truly bad grades. Also, there are times that teachers can be sort of impatient especially students ask questions that they are supposed to handle well. This way students seriously get upset and lose confidence. Perhaps they will not inquiry again and leave the important points until the test comes.

- 8. Which one of the followings would you like to choose for your final project?

  Use examples and details to support your idea.
  - (a) Presentation (b) writing paper (c) making video.

Personally, I'd like to choose presentations for my final project. They are great because you can dwell on the important aspects of your discussion with pictures and





good captions. I remember last semester, our group chose to do a presentation instead of taking a final exam for the linguistic course. We spent like a month to select materials, take video clips of interviewees, design our power point presentation and stuff. And it turned out that our presentation was a great success and has left a deep impression on our professor and classmates. Until now, My professor is still proud of us.

### 9. Describe a change in your school that was initially considered by students as having negative effects on their life but later proved to be positive.

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#### 10. Which one of the following qualities do you think a good school should have? Students who like to help each other, knowledgeable teachers or strict rules?

In my opinion, a good school should definitely have students who like to help each other because those young adults always have problems, academically or in their lives, and it's much more convenient to ask their schoolmates for help. Also I believe the purpose of education is not just about offering students enough knowledge. It's more about cultivating qualified citizens, and the willing to help other people is a great part of the qualities. So I think great teachers and strict rules would make a school, but students who are helpful make a good one.

11. Is it important to have good manners in your interactions with other people?

Give details and explanations to support your response.





Yes, I believe it is important to be polite to other people. Good manners are a necessary part of interacting with other people. Manners make it easier to communicate with people. If you are rude to people and interrupt them while they're speaking, you may never actually hear what they want to communicate with you. For example, there is a boy in my class who continually interrupts my teacher when she is giving directions. He interrupts her so much, that he often doesn't understand the directions she has given us and later he usually gets in trouble for not completing the assignment properly.

#### 12. There is going to have student TV show. which show would you like to watch.

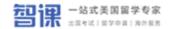
Please Give your reasons.

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Compared with the other two choices, a comedy is more amusing and relaxing for audiences, especially because it is more related to students' daily life. Only in this way would the students feel for it after watching. Meanwhile, in the process of shooting the comedy and post-production, more students are able to get engaged in the activity, which is likely to cultivate their interest in movie production and develop a sense of achievement after finishing it. However, only a few people will be involved if the other two programs are chosen.

## 13. What do you think about the fact that robots finish so many tasks for human beings? Is it a good thing? Please give your answers with specific reasons and details.

Well personally speaking, I do not think it is a good thing for us. first off, even though robots are capable of doing things, like washing the dishes or taking the garbage out, but they may not understand people, so when they are finishing the tasks, they are just following the programs. Secondly, robots are so expensive and not affordable, especially in some developing countries like China or India, so when people can always





rely on the robots but they are too expensive for people to afford, the life efficiency will be decreased. So, that is why I think it is not a good thing.

### 14. Which of the following do you think is the most important for maintaining good health? Doing exercises, eating healthy food, or going to bed early?

I would say doing exercises is most important for maintaining good health. Especially aerobics like swimming, jogging, and even do some running on a treadmill, it helps your cardiovascular system. When you sweat a lot, it helps your system to get rid of the poisonous stuff within your body. Secondly, by doing exercise, you can burn lots of fat in your body, and you do not have to say to delicious food and snacks, like ice cream, hamburgers and stuff like that.

### 15. Describe what your life would be like if you were banned from using your cellphone for a month. Give specific details and examples in your response.

In daily life, cell phones are scheduling and communication devices. Without them, we would be total wrecks. Apps like calendars, notes and alarms are responsible for reminding people of important dates and events, or waking them up in the morning. However, living without cell phones can also have some benefits. Phones overschedule and over regiment our lives, which robs us of opportunities. Without them, we don't feel compelled to check our phones every minute. We can once again simply live in and enjoy the moment.

# 16. When having class discussion, some people prefer to give their opinions immediately. Others prefer to wait and listen to others' opinions before giving their own. Which one do you think is better?

I prefer to give my opinions immediately. For one thing, my opinions shouldn't be influenced by others. Towards one event, whether right or not, whether reasonable or not, whether acceptable or not, I have my own opinions. I don't need to follow others' ideas. For another thing, first expressing may give me the advantage. When having class





discussion, if always listening to others first, other people may be likely to say what I would like to say next. When it comes to me, I may have nothing to say or have to repeat others. Sometimes I may feel uncomfortable.

### 17. Describe the differences between two cities that you have visited before. Give details and examples to support your response.

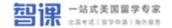
Though New York and Paris are both world-famous cultural centers for their respective regions, there are some big differences between them. For one thing, building heights differ dramatically between the two. New York is famous for its sprawling skyline, but in Paris, a building's height is officially limited according to the street it borders--this gives you a good view of the sky no matter where you are. Life also seems more leisurely in Paris; while in New York you have people jogging in place at stoplights, in Paris someone is more apt to break out a cigarette.

# 18. Which of the following library volunteer would you want to choose to do? Helping people find the right material, read to kids, or keeping bookshelf organized.

As for me, I guess I will choose to read to kids. When I was younger, I really loved reading fairy tales. Every night, I would beg my mom to read bedtime stories for me. It was the warmest moment of the day. So I really want to share the happiness of reading with other kids. Besides, I think this work will benefit me from the long run. When I build a family, I will have my own children. Without any experience, it could be challenging, since I don't know how to get along with kids. But reading to kids can provide me an opportunity to know them.

## 19. When you take a trip, do you prefer to just look around, or do you prefer to take pictures and keep a journal?

I prefer to take pictures and keep a journal. Often, I'm having such fun and everything happens so fast, it kind of becomes a blur. I would hate to forget the funny





old bookstore I spontaneously visited for five minutes. Taking photos helps me keep the events organized and the memories clear. What also helps is keeping a travel journal. At the end of each day of my trip, I like to jot down quick notes about the moments of my day. That way, I remember everything. It makes the events read like a story. Years later, the fun details of my trip will still be crystal clear.

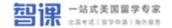
#### 20. Do you agree or disagree? People should always tell the truth.

I suppose I disagree. Honesty, of course, is very important in life. However, I don't think it is wise or realistic for people to tell the truth 100% of the time. Little white lies, for instance, are sometimes necessary. Telling your sister that you like her new house that she bought, even if you think it is freezing and in a bad neighborhood. To spare your sister's feelings, you lie a little. Maybe eventually you'll bring up questions of safety in the neighborhood, but not immediately. And sometimes, when you're waiting for the right time to tell the truth, a slight lie is okay.

#### TASK2

1. Some people prefer to solve problems with friends directly face to face, while others prefer to do so by e-mailing or texting. Which one do you prefer and explain why.

As for me, if I have disagreement with my friends, I definitely prefer to have face-to-face conversations with them to straighten things up. First, sometimes the emotions we want to express can be distorted by poor language use. I remember when I did something and upset my friend Sally, I texted her 30ish messages to explain yet I received few response. So, I invited her to dinner and asked for forgiveness in person. I think it was because I showed my full regrets that she finally broke the ice with me. What's more, texting messages or emails can be easily ignored if people don't check their cellphones and laptops frequently.





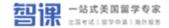
2. Some people prefer to use their extra money to buy objects like clothes or electronic products, while others prefer to use the money to enrich their experiences like going to a concert or a vacation. Which one do you prefer and explain why.

As for me, I am an avid traveler and concertgoer. I travel abroad at least once or twice annually, let alone if I got some extra money. This summer vacation, I paid my visit to UK with the money I earned working part timely. I went to several of my favorite sightseeing spots like Sherlock Holmes museum on 221B Baker St. I even squeezed my time to enjoy Phantom of the Opera at Her Majesty's Theatre. During the trip, I met a bunch of people from all over the world who shared the same interests with me and we exchanged our different perspectives on matters. Those precious moments are far more valuable than owning some e-products like iphones and ipads.

3. Some people think that those children who do not want to keep learning a musical instrument course should be required to keep learning the course; while others think that those children should be allowed to make decisions by themselves. Which opinion do you support and explain why.

I prefer the second choice. To begin with, children are mature enough to make their own decisions. They know what they want since they have independent thinking ability. Even though they are young, they have the rights to choose whether to keep learning the course or not. If parents take care too much on them or arrange all the way to them, it may cause bigger problems in the future. In addition, Children are tired of being watched over for years. When they are forced to do things they don't want to, they will be unhappy and not study hard. As a result, no progress could be made and it is a waste of money and time for both children and parents.

4. Which would you prefer: start a project as early as possible or wait until the deadline?





I would try to start a project as early as possible. Because an early-start leaves us sufficient time and energy to improve and revise, so the quality of the project could be better guaranteed; an early start also allows us to follow a systematic plan and enjoy an unhurried schedule. Actually, I used to procrastinate a lot, and a lousy time management only leads to bad consequence. I remember I was once invited to attend a high-level school presentation contest. So many things were distracting me at the time and I waited until the night before the deadline to start writing my speech, and the result was a nightmare. My mind went blank automatically when I was on the stage, which was totally embarrassing.

## 5. Some people prefer to own cars; others prefer to mainly use public transportation. Which do you agree with? Explain why.

Personally, I would like to take public transport like bus, subway and train. First off, if everybody takes public transport, there will be less traffic jams and people will not get stuck on the road forever. At the same time, taking public transport can reduce exhaust fume discharged into the air and reduce air pollution. Additionally, owning a car can be very costly since I have to pay gas money, insurance, and maintenance fees. Lastly, too many cars will take up so much valuable space, especially in the city, where land is so precious.

### 6. Some people believe that we should not discuss about the private activities of the popular people, like movie stars and singers. Do you agree? Why?

I disagree with the statement. Coz first, general public are thirsty for the information of personal lives of celebrities or movie stars. Their life style, hobbies, way of dressing, and family life are influencing the trend in general. In a word, those information spice up ordinary people's lives; second, a lot of celebrities or movie stars set good examples for the general public, especially young people. For example, they may attend or even sponsor philanthropic or social welfare activities; some of them adopt orphans or do volunteer activities in extremely poverty stricken

areas.

#### 7. Do you think it is important to learn the history of the city where we live in?

Well, I think the situation depends. It always helps if we know more about the city where we live in, like its culture, tradition or history, so we can have more emotional attachment to it, and introducing it to our friends especially from another country will make us proud, but in today's fast paced society, the city where we currently live in is not necessarily our hometown or the place we want to settle down for a long time, so if we know much about the city where we are now, maybe it will become the obstacle of moving to a new place.

#### 8. Do you agree with the statement that it is easier to be an adult than to be a child?

I think being an adult wouldn't be easier. Sure, children have assignments and study pressure to deal with everyday. But the thing is youngsters are protected by school-a closed, rather fair environment. However, for an adult, there's a lot more to face. To begin with the job market is impossible, there're different classes, obstacles that can't get overcome only with hard effort. Plus what the kids experience would become that adult's experience. If the kid is painful, so is the adult, and the adult already has enough social pressure at hand. So how can being an adult a piece of cake?

## 9. Some people think the first impression is important when making friends while others think it's more important to know each other over time. What do you think?

Well, I think to know each other over time is more important. Firstly, most people won't show their real personality to strangers at first encounter nowadays. So the first impression is not as reliable as it was before. What we see and what we hear are probably what they pretend to express. Only by interacting with





people more often later can we get to know them more clearly. What's more, many people make friends by exploiting common interests, and I think they can get to know each other more deeply through long-term interaction.

## 10. Some people like participating in performance like theatrical or musical show. Others prefer to be in audience watching those plays. Which do you prefer?

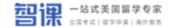
I prefer to be in the audience because I think in order to perform in those theatrical and musical shows, you need to have years of training, your acting must be really good because it's all live and you can't go back and do it again. That's why theatrical and musical actors are the best in the industry. Plus, there's probably a lot of dancing in these shows, and I'm like a zombie when I try to dance, I just can't do those moves, I'm just really the last person people wanna see in those shows, but I do enjoy watching some really good theatrical and musical performances.

## 11. Do you agree or disagree that young children should leave home to stay with relatives and friends for a short period of time?

In my opinion, it would bring young kids many benefits when they stay with their relatives or friends for some time. The first reason is that it provides a great chance for youngsters to live independently. They gotta get away from their loving parents who might spoil them unconsciously and take care of themselves. Another benefit is that kids will learn how to communicate with others in this case. You know, not everybody can understand or stand a child in the way that his parents do. When the child is living together with his relatives or friends, he will need to listen to them and talk nicely.

# 12. Some would like a job that requires frequent communication with others, others prefer to get job that does not require any communication. Which one do you prefer?

Personally, I am an extremely extrovert and easygoing person and will be really





bored if I get a job without any communication with others. I really cannot imagine a position that is repetitive and boring; I do not think I can be productive and efficient at all. Apart from that, there are numerous benefits when interacting with other, like you can have new perspective on things, and human beings are at least social being. The last but the not the least, lots of job require communication and cooperation with other department in order to make a profit and help others.

# 13. Some people prefer to buy innovative high-tech products like cell phones and computers when they first came out, others would buy them after the price has been decreased. Which do you prefer and why?

I would say I like to buy innovative high-tech products after the price goes down, and I have a few reasons for support. First and foremost, products with cutting edge and state of the art technology are usually very expensive when they first come out, and as a college student I do not have lost money to waste on that, cuz I have to pay college tuition, textbooks and stuff like that. Additionally, we consume technological products for its convenience and they will be as valuable and convenient as they firstly show up in the market, so it is more advisable to buy that after a while.

## 14. Some people like to collect old things such as newspapers. Others throw things away after they have used them. Which do you prefer and why?

I am the kind of person who likes to keep old things. These things help me to document important milestones and memories. Particularly about the newspapers, newspapers record lots of major event in sports, politics and even the entertainment. I am a big basketball fan, and I follow the NBA very closely, I clip out the stories covering NBA finals every year and I collect them. I keep these precious documents not only for myself but also for the next generation to come. For these reasons and more, I find it very interesting to hold on to things from the past.





#### 15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement that people's personalities will change when they grow older?

Personally, I am in favor that people's personalities change overtime. This happens because throughout one's lifetime one has lots of experience, including success and failures, as no one grows up in a vacuum. For example, Things that were important to you when you were a kid are not so important when you are older. Like, you might be afraid to be judged and finger pointed when you were a kid, however, as you grow older, you might gain self-confidence gradually and don't care about others' judgment anymore.

## 16. Some people prefer the traditional way of working, like going to the office settings while others prefer to work at home, which one do you prefer and why?

Personally, I prefer to work in an office. First and foremost, when you work in an office, you wear professional suits and feel like you are very professional, and will be more confident about your job, thus you can improve your working efficiency. Plus, you got lots of coworkers who are also working in the same office, and you will feel the competitive and cooperative working atmosphere, which is also likely to boast your productivity. In sharp contrast, you will feel sleepy and tend to slack off when working in your comfy home.

## 17. Do you agree or disagree with the statement that people will read fewer books in the future than they do today?

Personally, I agree with the statement. To begin with, people especially city dwellers seem to be busier than ever before. Professionals and students alike are under constant pressure; sales people are busy closing deals with their clients, and students have endless assignments to finish. All these combined leaves them no time to read books. Additionally, in the past, books are the major source for knowledge. However, in sharp contrast, people nowadays tend to retain information through all kinds of media. It seems that books no longer play a big role in people's lives.



# 18. Some students like to choose university with a high reputation but no scholarship, others prefer to choose a university with scholarship but less reputable. Which one do you like to choose?

Well, personally, I would prefer to study in a less well known university with a scholarship. To begin with, the university tuition can be really expensive, and getting scholarship can help me to relieve my financial pressure. Consequently, I can concentrate on my study. Additionally, most of the time, one needs to be research assistant upon receiving the scholarship. These experiences will be very helpful for my future, like when I plan to apply for a graduate school and even future jobs, and I will get a better to achieve my dreams in the future.

### 19. Some people want to change their appearance, even by surgery. Do you agree or disagree? Give your reasons.

Well, I totally think it's a bad idea. The reasons are as follows. First of all, it will cause many problems if we change it. Indeed, many people have changed their appearance successfully, but there are still many others who suffer from the failure of surgery. They were even hurt seriously both physically and mentally. What beauty means if we aren't healthy any longer? Secondly, there is a famous old saying goes, nature is beauty itself. Man-made beauty would vanish sooner or later. We'd better love and cherish the unique body inherited from our parents.

### 20. Which one do you agree? Children born with talent should be treated in a different way or they should be treated in the same way as average children.

Personally, I agree that children born with talent should be treated in a different way. Because they are the potential experts in various fields in the future, so they should be put together in a specific institute for special training, which will inspire their potential to the best. I remember that my younger cousin showed a talent in drawing when she was little, so her father, my uncle, sent her to a school that focus





on enhancing the ability of painting. Now she became a famous interior designer in Guangzhou and has created some brilliant projects.

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