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## Part 1. Short conversation

### 1 Geography

1. How do you like geography?(how do you like = what do you think of)

I think geography is boring. because there are so many theories you have to remember, like names, statistics, locations, and I find it difficult to apply in my daily life.

1. Do you think geography is useful?

Although I don’t like it, I have to admit that this discipline is useful to society. It can help us understand some interesting phenomena around us. For example, how tornadoes and earthquakes are formed, and why seasons change.

1. Have you ever learned geography?

Yes, I have. Because when I was a student in high school, geography was one of the compulsory courses. That means all students had to learn this subject.

1. Do you want to be a geography teacher?

No, I am afraid not. Because I major in computer science which is not related to geography at all. Besides, I may not be able to be patient enough to explain a simple theory for many times.

### 2 Fishing

1. Is fishing popular in your country?

Yes, it is. Because it’s seen as a peaceful and relaxing hobby and so many people enjoy it. Besides, it is also a good way of getting closed to nature, so this activity is attractive to the people in cities.

1. Do you like eating fish?

No, I don’t. Because the fish bones may get in my throat. Besides, fish may be dangerous because of the environmental pollution.

1. Have you ever been to a place where there are lots of fish around you?

Yes, I have been to a local fish market where there were different types and sizes of fish. The atmosphere was bustling and vibrant, but the smell, I felt, is so terrible.

其他选项：水族馆/浮潜/捕鱼

1. Have you seen any movies with lots of fish?

Yes, I have seen the movie “Find Nemo” which is animate movie. What this movie impresses me the most is the depiction of the ocean where there are different species of fish and other creatures, like sharks, jellyfish, and sea turtles[ˈtɜr(r)t(ə)l].

### 3 Helping others

1. Do you usually help people around you?

Yes, I do. I am willing to lend a hand whenever I can, no matter it is a simple act of showing kindness or participating in community services.

1. How do you help people around you, such as neighbors, family and friends?

For my friends, I provide emotional support and knowledge sharing. When my friends are in times of emotional distress, I always provide a listening ear and words of encouragement. On the other side, I am a computer engineer and I help my friends by sharing useful computer techniques on solving problems.

1. Do your parents teach you how to help others?

Yes, they do. One of the most valuable lesson I have learned from my parents is that when you have opportunity to help others, you should do so without expecting anything in return.

1. Did your parents help you a lot when you were young?

Yes, they did. My parent gave me a lot of help, both emotionally and practically. They offered words of encouragements and comforts whenever I faced challenges and setbacks. They also actively participated in my study, they assisted with my homework.

1. What have you done to help the elderly?

I often carry the heavy stuff for my old grandmother and clean her house /haʊs/ when I have leisure time. Because she is too old to do it and you know, household chores are not very time-consuming, so it is east for me to afford this.

### 4 Gifts

1. Have you ever sent handmade gifts to others?

Yes, I have. When I was a student in high school, I made origami boats(折纸船) as one of the birthday gifts for my classmate. I thought homemade gifts were more heartfelt and meaningful than store-bought items.

1. Have you ever received a great gift?

Yes, I have. I received a great, cozy blanket from my friend when I suffered from insomnia, and I found it helpful because the soft and soothing texture can help me feel relaxed, promote a calm and peaceful state of mind.

1. What do you consider when choosing a gift?

Well, it always involves two aspects. The first is the relationship, for example, gifts for family members and friends may vary in terms of intimacy. The other is the budget because the amount of money spent on the gift can also convey a message the importance or depth /depθ/ of the relationship

1. Do you think you are good at choosing gifts?

No, I don’t. Because I find it difficult to read emotions or understand needs of my friends quickly. As a result, I am always not sure whether my gift align with the preference of relative recipient.

### 5 Robots

1. Are robots important?

Yes, they are. Because robots play significant role in modern society especially when it comes to the dangerous and repetitive tasks, like rescuing and printing. Plus, robots can be a useful tool to improve the efficiency of manufacturing.

1. Would robots affect people’s lives?

Yes, they would. Robots can help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities or those who require assistance with daily living activities. This includes robotic exoskeletons, hearing aids, and other forms of assistive technology that help individuals regain mobility and independence.

1. Have you ever watched a movie about robots?

Yes, I have. The first movie that comes to my mind is “Wall-E” and what this movie impress me the most is the conflict relationship between the captain of spaceship and robots in the distant future that the surface of Earth is buried by rubbishes.

1. Should we let a robot drive for us for long journeys?

No, we should not. Because robots are programmed for specific tasks and may struggle to handle unexpected situations or unfamiliar road conditions. As a result, there would be safety issues if you rely on a robot drive for long journeys.

1. What can robots do for you at home?

Robots can perform various tasks at home. For example, robotic vacuum cleaners can effectively clean floors and carpets while saving time and effort. Besides, surveillance can monitor movement and sound to detect potential intruders.

### 6 Running

1. Do you go running a lot?

Yes, I go running two or three times a week. Running not only builds up muscle strength of my body, but also provides me a excellent way to refresh my mental state.

1. Where do you usually go running?

I tend to go running in the park where is closed to my house. Because park tends to have a lot of greenery and trees, which filters the dust in the air and make it fresh. Besides, the park is equipped with soft surface of runway and it does less damages to my legs and knees

1. When was the last time you went running?

I went for a run just yesterday morning. Running has become part of my daily routine as I find it helpful to boost my energy levels for the rest of the day. Exercise stimulates the release of endorphins(内啡肽), which can improve my mood, increase focus, and enhance productivity.

1. What do you think of running as a sport?

I think running is a fantastic sport. Because it requires minimal equipment that it can be done almost anywhere. Besides, regular running builds muscle strength, lung functions, and overall stamina(耐力), allowing individuals to perform better in various activities.

### 7 Films

1. What films do you like?

I’m a fan of dramas. Because the plots can be relatable to our life, so it can offer guidance and insights into making some difficult decisions, such as how to choose a career or live a good life.

1. Did you often watch films when you were a child?

No, I did not. Because I grew up in a small and remote village where there were almost no recreational service at all. As a result, I rarely had the chance to watch movies in cinema when I was a child.

1. Did you ever go to the cinema alone as a child?

No, when I was a little child, I was so worried about my safety because I was unable to protect myself properly. So I did not want and did not go to the cinema alone.

1. Do you often go to the cinema with your friends?

No, I don’t. I am not big fan of movies and cinema is not on my hobby list. I like outside activities with my friends because in comparison to cinema, it allows more interaction with friends

1. Do you think going to the cinema is a good way to spend time with friends?

No, I don’t think so. Because going to the cinema means a long period when you can not talk with your friends. It does not involve any interaction so I think it is not a good chance to bond. If there are other choices, I would not spend time in cinema with friends.

### 8 Tea or coffee

1. Do people like tea and coffee nowadays?

Yes, they do. Tea is the traditional drink that Chinese people have been drinking since ancient time, and coffee is pretty popular among young people due to the exposure of western cultures.

1. Do you prefer to use tea or coffee to serve your guests?

I’d like to use tea to serve my guests. Because the tea is consider to be healthier. Besides, it has a deep connection with the Chinese culture. So it is natural for Chinese people to serve guests using tea.

1. When was the last time you had a cup of coffee or tea?

Well, I had a cup of tea just yesterday morning. I usually start my day with a hot cup of tea as it helps me feel more awake and energized, and I think it is a great way to kick-start my day and get ready for the tasks ahead.

1. Do you usually buy your coffee in a coffee shop?

Yes, I do. Because coffee shops often provide a cozy and comfortable ambiance where I can relax and enjoy my cup of coffee. Besides, I enjoy the experience of exploring different flavors and having a barista (/bɑːrˈiːs.tə/) prepare coffee for me.

### 9 Noise

1. Do you like to stay in a place with a lot of noise?

No, I don’t. Because I am a computer engineer whose main work is to think problems seriously and noise can be a huge distraction to my thinking process. As a result, I need a quiet surrounding to make sure I can think about issues effectively.

1. What kinds of noises are there in the area where you live?

I live at eastern part of Pudong district in city Shanghai where is noisy. Sometime it is overwhelming. For example, I can hear the honking of cars and people arguing on the street.

1. Do you want to move to a quieter place?

Yes, I do. Because quiet environment can be a good surroundings for thinking and sleeping process. Besides, I can get better focus on what I should do, like learning English, programming and other things like that.

1. Do you think there is too much noise in today’s world?

Yes, I do. Because the city is expanding and more and more people move to cities. As a result, the urban environment tends to be nosier for crowded traffic and frequent construction and increased population density.

1. Is making noise one of people’s rights?

Well, I'd say people do have the right to make noise, but it's equally important to respect others' rights as well. As a result, I agree you can make noise as long as does not bother other people.

### 10 Music instruments

1. Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?

No, I have not. My parents never taken me to any musical lessons. The main reason for this, I guess, was the tough economic situation of my family and my parents could not afford the musical course fee

1. What musical instruments do you enjoy listening to the most?

Well, I would like to say piano. Because many popular songs in China are performed using piano and it really stirs up my interest. Besides the music played by piano is so unique from other instruments like violin, guitar. The sound of the piano is quite soothing to me

1. Do you think children should learn to play an instrument at school?

Yes, I do. Because playing musical instruments can foster one’s creativity and self-expression. It provides children medium to convey their emotions.

1. Do you think music education is important to children?

Yes, I do. Because voice is the basic and fundamental way of expressing one’s idea and feeling, musical education provides students the great perception into the emotion behind voice, which plays a crucial role in teamwork and communication.

### 11 Chatting

1. Do you like chatting with friends?

Yes, I do. Because chatting with friends can be an excellent stress reliever, especially after a long day at working place. Whether we discuss our life experience or simply talking the sports events, it’s always a pleasure.

1. ~~What do you usually chat about with friends?~~

Well, most of time we share personal stuff, like our plans and dreams for the future. Sometimes we also talk about our works and discuss some issues we faced in our career, like how to get promotion in our situation.

1. Do you prefer to chat with a group of people or with only one friend?

I prefer talk with only one friend. Because it allows us to really focus on what each other is saying and it always a deep, meaningful conversation, like what is real beauty.

1. Do you prefer to communicate face-to-face or via social media?

Although I recognize social media is convenient and I use it often, I still prefer face-to-face communication. Because I feel like I can express myself better when I can see the other person’s reactions directly, such as body languages, face expressions.

1. Do you argue with friends?

Yes, I do. Because it is a common phenomenon that friends have disagreements with each other. I always try to avoid serious arguments because I believe that as long as personal interest does not get involved, there is no need to argue.

### 12 Maps

1. Do you often use a map on your phone? How often?

Yes, I do use the map on my phone quite often, especially when I’m trying to find my way around new place. I would say I us it at least a couple of times a week. Every weekend when I go out to hang out with my friends, I use the map to navigate my destination where I meet my friends.

1. Have you ever used a paper map?

Yes, I have. Many years ago, when I was traveling to other city where I was not familiar with, I used a paper map to navigate the hotel I booked before. I had to say, the paper map was hard for me to use because I find it difficult to pinpoint my location quickly.

1. Would you ever put a map on the wall in your home when you were a child?

Yes, there still a map in my home. Actually, when I was a student in high school, geography was one of compulsory courses and I needed to remember so many geographical statistics, names and locations. Putting a map on the wall could be helpful for me to memorize it.

1. Do you find it easy to read maps?

No, I don’t. Because I can not even find my current location on a piece of paper map, especially if there are no clear detail information about directions.

### 13 Clothing

1. What kind of clothes do you like to wear?

I'm a big fan of casual clothes, particularly those that are comfortable and practical. For instance, jeans and t-shirts are always my go-to outfits because I find them not only stylish (l/r) but also suitable for both my office life and leisure time.

1. Do you prefer to wear comfortable and casual clothes or smart clothes?

I actually prefer wearing comfortable, casual clothes. I place the comfort as my first priority, and I spend a lot of time on hanging out with friends. As a result, the comfortable and casual clothes are more suitable for me.

1. Do you like wearing T-shirts?

Absolutely, I'm quite fond of wearing T-shirts. It feels cooler to wear t-shirts, especially during hot summer days. Besides, T-shirts are made of soft and breathable materials, like cotton and flax, so it feels comfortable.

1. Do you spend a lot of time choosing clothes?

No, I don’t. Actually, I usually plan my outfits the night before or have a general idea about what to wear based on the weather condition or activities planned for the day. Besides, most of cases I am usually so busy that I don’t want to pay so much attention to it.

### 14 Work or studies

1. What work do you do?

I am a computer programmer now and I am working in developing a great software to improve the efficiency of semi-conductor manufacturing.

1. Do you like your job? & Do you want to change to another job?

Yes, I do. The first reason is natural, it offers high salary. Besides, being a computer programmer means that most of time I am coding and I don’t have to deal with concrete complex communication with my colleagues. Meanwhile, programming is also a challenge activity which leaves me a sense of achievement.

1. Do you prefer to study/work in the mornings or in the afternoons?

Actually, I have no clear preference. I think working in the morning or afternoon are just doing things in different time, and I am confident that I can adopt to any one of these two patterns, so I feel there is no difference for me.

1. What did you choose to do that type of work(or that job)?

Actually, the points that I choose my job can be listed as two points. The first one is that the salary can cover my living cost. I think this is the natural and basic. The next is the responsibility of the job must be challenging, so it can leave me a sense of achievement.

1. Do you miss being a student?

Part of it. I miss the period because I could pay all my attention toward my studies and I would never be bothered by other things like money and relationship with colleagues. But I don’t want to lose economy independence which makes me feel free in some critical decisions even facing my parent’s disagreement.

1. What technology do you use at work?

I am a computer programmer and in my ordinary work I often use Google search engine to quickly get some information I need to solve problems. Besides, I often use FTP software to transmit big files from one computer to another computer.

1. Who helps you the most? And how?

It must be my team leader. During the period of time when I was trying to be familiar with my job responsibility, he guided me through the whole working procedures also details I need to pay attention to. And for some problems in my program which I can not figure it out, he was willing to help me debug it.

1. What changes would you like to see in your school/work?

I hope there would be clear regulations to working procedure in my company. Because I found that so many times when I took part in a meeting to get the program’s requirement or function expectation, the product engineers in my company are not sure about the expectation that we aim at developing.

### 15 Hometwon

1. Where is your hometown?

My hometown is city Gangzhou, Jiangxi province which is a small place and locates in southern part of China

1. Is that a big city or a small place?

It's quite a small place with only a few main streets, but it has everything you need to survive like banks, supermarkets, schools and leisure centers as well.

1. Do you like your hometown / What do you like most about your hometown / Is there anything you dislike about it?

Well, part of it. Environment in my hometown is wonderful, the air is fresh and the water is clean, and there is no any industrial pollution. But in my hometown there are many mountains, as a result, the transportation is not so convenient in comparison to other places in plain.

1. What’s your hometown famous for?

It is famous for the great view of mountains. There are so many mountains which places setbacks to the industrial development and also protects the environment from pollution. So the mountains in my hometown is wonderful and it is filled with trees and suitable for relaxation.

1. Did you learn about the history of your hometown at school?

Yes, there was a special lesson focusing on the history of my hometown, which involved some critical history events and famous artists. I had to say, I felt a little boring because we shared nothing except for the place for living, the time almost changes every thing.

### 16 Home & accomodation

1. Can you describe the place where you live?

At the moment I live in a residential area in Pudong district of city Shanghai and I shared a flat with two roommates. The flat has five rooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and three bedrooms, and it is almost enough to cover all my life needs, like a place for sleeping and a room for cleaning body.

1. How long have you lived there?

I have lived there about half a year. About six months ago, I changed my job and moved to this place because the prior place I lived at is far away to the company that I work in.

1. Who do you live with & Do you live in a house or a flat?

Currently I share a flat with two roommates. Because housing price in Shanghai is very high, sharing a flat can be more affordable for me, and roommates sometimes are helpful to get rid of loneliness feeling because you can talk with them.

1. What’s the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?

Actually, there are no obvious difference for me. Before I move into this place, I lived in another similar residential area in PuDong district. The surrounding of place I live may slightly different, like the neighbor supermarket is more far away, but these kinds of thing does not make me feel uncomfortable.

1. What part of your home do you like the most?

It must be the desk where my computer lies at. Every time I feel stressed and exhausted, I would like to sit in front of desk, turn on my computer, and watch a movie or play games, which really helps me stay calm and makes me feel relaxed.

1. What do you usually do in your flat?

It could be various activities, like sleeping in my bedroom, cooking in kitchen room, and cleaning my bedroom floor using a mop.

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

I hope I could still live in a flat shared with one or two roommates. Because the housing price in Shanghai is very high, and it does not need lot of time in house cleaning and maintenance.

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

I have no such plan. Every time I change my job, I need to move to the other place where is neighbor to my working office. Besides, I may move to other places for the change in my life, like getting marriage.

1. Please describe the room you live in

Since I have share a apartment and my bedroom is small. My bed on the leftside of room and on the other side, there is a big window and by the side it is a desk where I do entertainment

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1. Are the transport facilities to your home very good?

The public transportation facilities are great. I only take about 15 minutes to the bus station, there are multiple bus lines and the buses can almost reach everywhere of this cities

1. What’s your favorite room in your apartment/house?

It must be the bedroom. Because this room is only owned by me, that means I can stay in here to escape something out of room that I don’t like, such as the fierce competition in modern society, and stressful relationship with colleges.

1. What makes you feel pleasant in your home?

Playing computer game with my friends, like League of Legend. We are do teamwork to destroy the home of other group players

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

Yes, I do. I am a programmer and most time I need a quiet and comfortable environment to make sure that I am efficient enough in thinking problems.

### 17 The area you live in

1. Are the people in your neighborhood nice and friendly?

Yes, they are. My neighbors are nice, we try our best to keep the environment clean and do not make noise in sleep hours, and we do greet every time when we meet each other.

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

Yes, I do. Because it is convenient. My house is only a walking distance to the basic facilities such as parks, banks and bus stations. Besides, there are lot of greenery in the area I live in, so most of time the surrounding is wonderful because the trees can block out most of the noise and dust.

1. Where do you like to go in that area?

It must be the park in front of apartment complex I live in. There are many people who are doing sports together, like running and basketball, and they are also nice people so I am glad to join them to get away of loneliness.

1. Do you know any famous people in your area?

No, I have been living in there almost half a year, and I know my neighbors well. The area I live in is really small. My neighbors and I never ever hear about any celebrity.

1. What are some changes in the area recently?

No, since I live in kind of an old residential area, things don’t change really quickly here. According to my neighbors saying, It has been almost the same for the past 3 years.

1. Do you know any of your neighbors?

Yes, I do. I have been living half year and I know a friendly neighbor who is a junior human resource manager, and last time we have conversation was two days ago, he planned to have a break to balance his life.

### 18 Riding a bike

1. Did you have a bike when you were young?

Yes, I did have a bike when I was young. I remember my first bike was a birthday gift from my father when I turned six. It took me two weeks to learn how to ride it, and after that, I would often ride my bike to school.

1. Did you ride a bike when you were little?

Yes, I did. When I was a little kid, my grandfather, he was a craftsman, designed a special bike that was made by wood. I really enjoyed riding it because this bike had training wheels which could help me keep balance

1. Did you ride a bike to school?

Yes, I did. When I was a student in high school, I rode a bike about half of an hour from my home to school. Every time when I arrived at school, I felt exhausted. So the last year in high school, I replace it with an electric bike.

1. Do you ride a bike when you go out now?

If it is a short trips, I would ride a public bike. In Shanghai you can find public bikes almost anywhere, so you don’t have to wait the bus or subway. If it is long-distance trips, I would go out by subway or bus.

### 18 Sunglasses (New)

1. Do you often wear sunglasses?

Yes, I do wear sunglasses quite often, especially during the summer months when the sun is particularly strong. I find that they not only protect my eyes from harmful ultraviolet rays, but also add a stylish touch to my outfit.

1. Do you spend a lot of money on sunglasses?

To be honest, I don't think I have spent a lot of money on sunglasses. I usually look for good quality sunglasses that are reasonable priced. However, I do believe that investing in a good pair of sunglasses is important as they not only protect your eyes, but also are used longer than cheaper ones.

1. Do you give sunglasses as a gift?

Actually, I have given some glasses as gifts before. I think they make a great present for friends or family members who enjoy spending time outdoors. I usually try to achieve a stare that suits their personality and taste and make sure to include a protective case to keep your sunglasses safe while not in use.

1. ~~Why do you wear sunglasses?~~

Because they are both functional and stylish. During hot summer days, the sunlight is really strong in the city where I live in and I need wearing sunglasses to protect my eyes. Besides, the sunglasses can be seen as a fashion accessory, wearing sunglasses makes me feel like a cool film star.

1. Have you ever lost your sunglasses?

Yes, I have actually lost my sunglasses once while I was on an overseas trip. I completely forgot about them and left them at the hotel. It was quite disappointing because they were my favorite pair.

### 19 Social media (New)

1. when you started using social media?

I started using social media when I was in high school, around the age of 16. At that time, Facebook was the most popular platform and all my friends were using it. I created an account and started using it to connect with my friends and family. Since then, I have been using social media regularly and have also explored other platforms like Instagram and Twitter.

1. Do you think you spend too much time on social media?

To be honest, I do think I spend a considerable amount of time on social media. However, I try to limit my usage and set a specific time frame for it. I believe social media can be a great tool for staying connected with people and keeping up with the latest news and trends, but it's important to use it in moderation and not let it consume too much of our time.

1. Are your friends on social media?

Yes, most of my friends use social media. In fact, I think it's rare to find someone who doesn't use it these days. We often use social media to plan events, share photos and updates, and stay in touch with each other even if we're not in the same city or country.

1. What do people do on social media?

Well, people use social media for a variety of reasons. Some use it to connect with friends and family, while others use it to network with professionals in their field. Additionally, many people use social media to stay informed about current events and to share their own opinions and perspectives on various topics.

### 20 Video game(New)

1. Do you play video games?

Not very often, but I do play video games occasionally. It's usually when I get together with friends and we decide to have some fun playing games together.

1. What kinds of video games do you like to play?

I'm really into puzzle games, you know, the ones that really make you think and strategize. But I also enjoy playing team games, especially when I'm with friends or family. It's a great way to bond and have fun together, especially during gatherings.

1. Is it good for young people to play video games?

Well, like many things in life, playing video games has its pros and cons. It can be good for young people if done in moderation, as it provides a way for them to relax and be entertained. However, if they become addicted to gaming, it can have negative impacts on their lives.

1. Would you watch others play video games?

Yeah, definitely! I often watch my friends play video games, and it's really interesting. It's fun to see how they strategize and navigate through different levels. Plus, it's a great way to bond and cheer them on!

1. Do you think people spend too much time playing video games?

Well, I do think that spending too much time playing video games can be excessive. It's important to find a balance between gaming and other activities, especially outdoor ones. Going outside and experiencing the real world can help broaden our horizons and provide opportunities for social interaction, which are equally important for personal growth.

1. Do you prefer playing video games alone or with others?

Personally, I enjoy playing video games with others, especially with friends. It not only allows us to bond and spend quality time together, but also promotes teamwork and cooperation. Additionally, the competitive aspect of playing with others adds an extra level of excitement and challenge to the gaming experience.

### 21 Colors (New)

1. What is your favorite color?

I would say that my favourite colour is green. I love how it represents nature and growth. It's a very refreshing and rejuvenating colour that makes me feel energized and alive. I also think that green is a very versatile colour that can be used in many different ways, from decorating a room to creating a beautiful landscape.

1. Do you usually wear clothes in your favorite color?

Not necessarily. It depends on my dressing style for the day. I might go for black or light colors, so it's not necessarily my favorite color.

1. Are there any colors that have a special meaning in your country?

Absolutely, red is a standout color in China. It symbolizes passion and happiness, and you'll see it everywhere during festivals and weddings. The Chinese flag, with its striking red background, is a tribute to the martyrs /ˈmɑːrtərz/ who sacrificed so much; it's as if it's been dyed with their bloodshed to remind us of their bravery.

1. Do you think different types of people like different colors?

Absolutely, different strokes for different folks, right? I reckon people's personalities really play a part in the colors they gravitate towards. Some might be drawn to deep, bold hues, while others prefer light and airy shades. Each color has its own unique charm that appeals to different individuals.

1. What is the color you dislike? Why?

I have no such feeling toward colors. If I had to choose a color, I would say black because it represents the night time and I can not see anything and lose the direction.

1. What colours do your friends like most?

I have no idea, but if I had to guess, I would say white. Every time we go out together, one of my friend almost always wearing a white jacket or pants.

1. What color makes you uncomfortable in your room?

I'm not a fan of having too much black in my room. It tends to make the space feel gloomy and uncomfortable. I prefer lighter and more vibrant colors that create a sense of warmth and positivity.

### 22 Cake / refreshment(New)

1. Do you like eating cakes?

Yes, I'm quite fond of cakes. They serve as a comforting treat for me, particularly during low moments. My go-to choices are typically ice cream cakes or fruit cakes because I find the blend of creamy textures and delicate sponge layers truly delightful. However, I try to limit my intake as much as possible to maintain a healthy diet.

1. Do you know how to bake a cake?

Oh, yes! I know how to whip up a cake. I've tried my hand at baking one before. It's all about following a good recipe and having the right ingredients like eggs, milk, and sugar. It can be a bit tricky, but I enjoyed the process of baking a cake.

1. When do you usually eat cakes?

Well, I usually eat cakes when I want to relax, like when I'm watching new variety shows or TV dramas and enjoying a slice of cake. Sometimes, when I'm under high stress, I even indulge in binge-eating cakes. It helps me calm down and provides relief from stress. For example, recently, while I was searching for a job, I spent two days editing and sending out resumes while devouring a six-inch mango cake.

1. What is your favorite kind of cake?

Well, when I was a child, my favorite kind of cake was definitely chocolate cake. But now, I find it a bit too heavy and rich for my taste. However, I absolutely love fruit cake because it offers a variety of seasonal fruits that make it incredibly refreshing and delicious. Plus, it feels like a healthier option too.

1. Do you like to have dessert after a meal?

Oh, absolutely! I have a weakness for desserts, especially indulging in a delicious Tiramisu after a meal. It's the perfect way to satisfy my sweet tooth and end a meal on a delightful note.

1. Do you like to eat cakes or other sweet foods?

Actually, I prefer eating candy over cakes. It's more convenient to have candy with you, you can just keep it in your pocket and grab one whenever you feel like it. But with cakes, you need to find a place to sit and eat, and the cream tends to get messy.

1. Did you like to eat cakes as a child?

Absolutely! I used to love eating cakes as a child, especially on special occasions like birthdays or celebrations. It always made me so happy to have a slice of cake. I have a bit of a sweet tooth, so it was definitely a special treat for me.

### 23 Memory (New)

1. Why do some people have good memory while others just don’t?

There are many factors that can affect memory, such as genetics, age, lifestyle, and environment. Some people may have a natural predisposition to good memory, while others may struggle due to various factors. However, memory can be improved through practice and techniques such as repetition, association, and visualization.

1. Why do more people rely on cellphones to memorize things?

Well, I think more people rely on cellphones to memorize things because they are convenient, smart, efficient, and simple. With a cellphone, you can easily store and access information whenever you need it. It's like having a portable memory bank in your pocket.

1. Are you good at memorizing things?

Students can be good at memorizing things, especially if they have effective study habits and techniques. However, some students may struggle with memorization due to factors such as learning disabilities or lack of motivation. It's important for students to find a study method that works best for them and to practice regularly.

1. Have you ever forgotten something that was important?

Yes, I have. I once forgot to bring my ID card, and it was so important because I needed it to board the high-speed train. As a result, I missed the train and it caused a delay in my important trip. It was such a terrible experience!

1. Why do you need to remember in your daily life?

In my daily life, I need to remember special occasions and keep track of important dates like birthdays, deadlines, and festivals. It's important to me to remember these dates so that I can celebrate and show my loved ones that I care. Plus, it helps me stay organized and plan ahead.

1. How do you remember important things?

I rely on using tools like a calendar, planner, and reminders to track important dates and tasks. These tools help me stay organized and ensure that I don't forget anything crucial. By setting reminders and jotting down important events, I can easily keep track of what needs to be done and when.

### 24. Losing things (New)

1. Do you often lose things?

No, I don't. I'm quite organized and tidy, so everything has its own place and follows a systematic arrangement. I rarely misplace items because I always keep track of where I put them. I believe in keeping my surroundings clutter-free /ˈklʌtər/ to avoid losing things.

1. What can we do to avoid losing things?

To avoid losing things, it's important to organize and keep things in a systematic manner. One effective way is to label items so that they can be easily identified. Additionally, cultivating good habits like putting things back in their designated places can help prevent misplacing them.

1. Why do some people tend to lose things more often than others?

Well, I think some people tend to lose things more often than others because they have developed bad habits of being careless or disorganized. They may not place enough importance on keeping track of their belongings or may not have had a big lesson that taught them the value of being mindful and organized.

1. What will you do if you find something lost by others?

Well, if it's something that's not valuable, I would usually take it to the nearest service desk and leave it there for the owner to come and seek. However, if it's something valuable, I would choose to report it to the authorities and seek police assistance in finding the owner.

### 25 Music (New)

1. Do a lot of people like music?

Yes, I believe music is a universal language that appeals to people of all ages and cultures. Music has the power to release the stress of people's daily lives and work. Moreover, there is such a variety of music types that everyone can find the one they like.

1. What kind of music do you listen to?

I have a diverse taste in music, but I particularly enjoy listening to rock bands such as Arctic Monkeys and The Strokes. Their unique sound and meaningful lyrics always manage to captivate me and leave me feeling inspired.

1. Is it easy to learn music?

I don't think it's easy to learn music. It requires not only talent but also a lot of effort, especially for ordinary people. For example, when I was in middle school, I tried learning to play the guitar. It was easy at first, but to truly master it, it took a lot of hard work.

1. Do you have music lessons at school?

Yes, when I was in elementary school, we did have music lessons. It was a fun and interactive class where we learned about different types of music, played musical instruments, and even sang songs together. It was a great way to explore our creativity and appreciate the beauty of music.

### 26 Collecting things (New)

1. Do you collect things?

Yes, I do have a hobby of collecting things. One of the things I collect is letters from my classmates. It's really interesting to see how our communication has evolved over the years, from handwritten letters to digital messages.

1. Are there any things you keep from childhood?

Yes, there are definitely things I keep from my childhood. One of them would be the drawings I made in art class. Even though I've moved homes twice, I never threw them away because they hold memories and they serve as a record of my growth.

1. Where do you usually keep thing you need?

Well, my bedroom is where I usually keep things I need. Although I have run out of extra space, I try my best to declutter and organize regularly to make room for new items.

1. Would you keep old things for a long time? Why?

If it's something that holds a lot of sentimental value, I would definitely keep it for a long time. It's because it preserves the emotional attachment I have towards it, which has built up over a significant period.

### 27 Advertisement (New)

1. ls there an advertisement that made an impression on you when you were a child?

Yeah, I remember this public service advertisement from my childhood that left a deep impression on me. It featured a little boy who would fetch water and wash his mother's feet. The image of that scene was really touching to me back then.

1. Do you see a lot of advertising on trains or other transport?

Oh, definitely! I'm constantly bombarded /bɒmˈbɑːdɪd/ with advertising on trains and other forms of transport. There are catchy slogans and eye-catching visuals everywhere, trying to stick in my mind. Sometimes, I even feel like there are subliminal messages hidden in those ads!

1. Do you like advertisements?

Not really, to be honest. There are ads everywhere you look, and most of them are just uncreative and repetitive. It's hard to find advertisements that actually catch my attention and make me interested in the product or service being promoted.

1. What kind of advertising do you like?

I really enjoy food advertisements that use vibrant colors and visually appealing visuals to attract attention. When an advertisement can stimulate my desire and make me crave the product, it's definitely a winner. I find it enticing when the advertisement has an allure that is hard to resist. Persuasive advertising really gets me interested.

### 28 Feeling bored (New)

1. Do you often feel bored?

Not really, because I'm more of an introverted person and I actually enjoy my own company. I find solace in spending time alone, pursuing my hobbies or simply relaxing. So, boredom isn't something I experience frequently.

1. When would you feel bored?

I usually feel bored when I have finished watching a TV series. It's like this sense of emptiness settles in, and I find myself searching for something else to fill the void.

1. What do you do when you feel bored?

It's hard to say because I like to shake things up a bit. I might hit the gym or hang out with my friends to beat the boredom. If I'm at home, playing the video games or listening music are my go-to. On the flip side, I see boredom as a chance to enjoy some 'me time' and just be with my thoughts.

1. Do you think childhood is boring or adulthood is boring?

Well, I reckon it really depends on how you look at it at different stages of life. As a kid, I often felt bored, just twiddling my thumbs /ˈtwɪdlɪŋ maɪ θʌmz/, you know? But adult life is a whole different ball game—it's chock-full of /tʃɒk fʊl əv/ excitement. Then again, when the grind of studies and work gets to me, I can't help but think my childhood was jam-packed with fun and adventure.

### 29 Crowed places (New)

1. ls the city where you live crowded?

Yeah, the city I live in is a tourist city, so it's crowded all year round. It's always packed with people, and sometimes it's even hard to get on the subway because it's so crowded.

1. ls there a crowded place near where you live?

Yes, I live in the city center, and there is a big shopping mall nearby. It's always crowded at any time of the day, which sometimes makes it difficult to go out.

1. Do you like crowded places?

Well, I'm not really a fan of crowded places. It can be quite frustrating to have to queue everywhere you go, and the constant noise can be overwhelming. Plus, there's a lack of privacy in crowded places, which makes me feel a bit uncomfortable.

1. Do most people like crowded places?

Well, it really depends on the person. Some people prefer quiet places where they can have their own space and enjoy some solitude. On the other hand, there are also individuals who thrive in social settings and enjoy the energy of crowded places. It all comes down to personal preference and the need for enough space.

1. When was the last time you were in a crowded place?

The last time I was smack-dab in the middle of a crowd was on New Year's Eve at the cinema. We were all there to catch Taylor Swift's The Eras Tour movie. Over 400 fans in the audience, all singing and dancing in unison. It was a total blast, and the vibe was just through the roof!

### 30 Money (New)

1. How do you save money?

Well, when it comes to saving money, I try to set aside a fixed amount each month. To control my spending, I have two cards - one for daily expenses and the other for savings. Additionally, I make an effort to practice rational consumption and think twice before making purchases to determine if I truly need them. I also compare prices from different vendors to find the best deals. Overall, although I'm not particularly good at saving, I strive to spend sensibly and save a fixed amount each month. I hope these methods will help me save more money for the future.

1. Do you prefer save money or spend money?

I believe it's important to strike a balance between saving money and spending it. While saving money is crucial for future security and financial stability, it's also important to treat myself every now and then. You never know when a rainy day might come, so it's wise to have some savings. However, I also believe in enjoying the present and not depriving myself of small pleasures.

1. Do you use a payment app on your mobile phone to buy things?

Yes, I often use a payment app on my mobile phone to buy things. It's so convenient and makes transactions faster. Plus, I don't have to worry about dealing with change. It's also a secure way to make payments, and it's a step towards a cashless society.

1. Do you use a credit card to buy things?

Oh, absolutely! I love using a credit card for shopping. It not only helps me increase my credit but also gives me a higher spending limit, which acts as a buffer for any financial pressure. Plus, it's a great way to save money. Nowadays, credit cards come with rewards programs and promotions, so I can earn points and get free gifts. Additionally, there are often discounts and special offers available when using a credit card, which greatly reduces our expenses.

1. Do you think cash will still be popular in the future?

Not really, I believe cash won't be as popular in the future. It's not very convenient to carry around a large amount of money, especially with the rise of mobile payment methods. Nowadays, people are more inclined to use smartphones for transactions, making cash less necessary.

### 31 Celebrities (New)

1. Who is your favorite celebrity in your country?

Oh, I am a huge fan of Jay Chou! He is not only a talented singer but also an iconic figure in the music industry. His versatility and multitalented skills never fail to impress me. Moreover, his charismatic /ˌkærɪzˈmætɪk/ personality adds to his overall appeal.

1. What kind of famous people do you often see in the news?

Well, I often see news about A-list celebrities in the entertainment industry. They are the ones who attend red carpet events and are constantly followed by paparazzi /ˌpæpəˈrɑːtsi/. The tabloids are always filled with stories about their lives, scandals, and gossip. And of course, nowadays, their social media presence is also a big part of the news.

1. Do you pay attention to famous people in the news?

Oh, definitely! I'm always interested in what famous people in the field of artificial intelligence and technology are up to. I pay close attention to the news to see what new projects or advancements they are working on.

1. Do you believe that the news about famous people in the media is true?

Well, I think it's important to take the news about famous people in the media with a grain of salt. Sometimes, the stories can be sensationalized or based on gossip rather than actual facts. While there might be a grain of truth in some cases, it's also common for the news to be exaggerated or hyped up for attention. So, it's best to approach these news stories with a neutral mindset.

1. Would you like to be famous?

Well, you know what they say, "人怕出名豬怕壯", which means people and pigs are afraid of becoming famous and fat. Personally, I think fame comes with its own set of challenges and pressures. I would rather focus on living a fulfilling life and making a positive impact on those around me, rather than striving for fame.

### 32 Singing (New)

1. Do you like singing? Why?

Yes, I absolutely love singing! It's such a great way to relax and unwind. Especially when I go to KTV with my good friends, it's always a blast and we have so much fun singing our hearts out.

1. Did you learn to sing at school?

Yes, I did learn to sing at school during my elementary years. We had music classes where we were taught basic singing techniques and practiced singing different songs. It was a fun and enjoyable experience that helped me develop my love for music.

1. Who do you want to sing for?

I would want to sing for my family and friends. They are the people who have supported me throughout my life and I would love to share my passion for singing with them. Additionally, singing for them would allow me to express my emotions and connect with them on a deeper level.

1. Do you think singing can bring happiness to people?

Oh, definitely! Singing has the power to emotionally move people and brighten up their day. When people are doing chores or working, adding some music can really help relax and lift their spirits. It's amazing how singing can bring positive energy and allow people to express their emotions. It's definitely a great way to feel happy!

## Part 2 & 3. Academic conversation

### 1 让你开心的照片

Describe a photo that makes you feel happy

You should say:

When and where you took the photo

What the photo is like

How often you look at the photo

And explain why it makes you feel happy

Part 3

1.Do you think people are taking too many photos these days?

2.What kinds of photos do people like to take?

3.Do you think people take more photos now than in the past?

4.Do you think equipment is important for photography?

5.Do you think being a professional photographer is a good job? Why?

6.Why do some people like to post their photos on social media?

### 2 有趣的地方

Describe a place in your country that you think is interesting

You should say:

Where it is

How you knew it

What special features it has

And explain why you think it is interesting

Part 3

1.How can people access travel information?

2.Do people have different personalities in different regions of your country?  
3.What causes the differences between different regions of your country?

4.ls it just youngsters who like to try new things, or do people of your parents'

age also like to try new things?

5.ls a great tourist destination also a good place to live?

6.Why do people who go to live in small towns think these towns are more

interesting than the big cities?

### 3 喜欢烹饪的人

Describe a person who enioys cooking for others

You should say:

Who he/she is

How you knew this person

Who he/she usually cooks for

And explain why you think he/she enjoys cooking for other people

Part 3

1.What do we need to prepare when we need to cook?

2.Do you agree that food is an important part of Chinese festivals and

ceremonies?

3.Which dishes are a must at festivals?

4.Should students learn to cook at school?

5.Do you think cooking should be a compulsory or an elective course? Why?

6.Are there any differences between cooking today and in the past?

### 4 想见的有趣的人

Describe an interesting person who you have never met, but would like to know

more about

You should say:

Who this person is

How you heard about this person

What interesting things he/she has done

And explain why you'd like to know more about this person  
Part 3

1.Are there any differences in the relationship between you and your friends and

between you and other people?

2.Do people feel lonely in crowded cities?

3.Where and how can people get to know new people?

4.Can clothing tell and reveal a person's personality?

5.Why do individuals from the same family have different personalities?

6.How does society influence a person's personality?

### 5 擅长说中文的外国人

Describe a foreigner who speaks Chinese very well

You should say:

Who this person is

Where he/she is from

How he/she learns Chinese

And explain why he/she can speak Chinese well

Part 3

1.What foreign languages do Chinese children learn?

2.Why do Chinese children learn English?

3.Why are so many people learning English?

4.How can you help children learn English?

5.Do you think the way people learn English today is the same as in the past?

6.What are the benefits of the Internet for people's learning?

### 6 一幅画

Describe a drawing/painting that you like

You should say:

When you first saw this painting

What the painting is about

Who drew/painted it

And explain why you like this drawing/painting

Part 3

1.What are the differences between painting and drawing?

2.Why do some people keep a painting for a long time?

3.How does building style affect people's lives?

4.Should children learn to draw and paint?Why?

5.How do young people share arts with others?

6.Do you think the objects we use in our daily lives should be beautifully

designed?

### 7 城里的公园或花园

Describe a park or a garden in your city

You should say:

How often you go there

Where it is

Who you often go there with

What it is like

And explain why you like to visit it

Part 3

1.Do young people like to go to parks?

2.What do old people like to do in parks?

3.What benefits can parks bring to a city?

4.What are the benefits of going to the park for young people and old people?

5.Why do some people like planting flowers?

6.Would you say people should help maintain public parks and gardens?

### 8 聚会

Describe a party that you enjoyed

You should say:

When and where the party was held

Who attended the party

What kind of party it was

What you did in the party

And explain why you enjoyed this party

Part 3

1.Why do people like parties?

2.Why do some people not like going to parties?

3.Do you think those who tend to stay at home are less healthy than those who

often attend parties?

4.Do you think music and dancing are a must at a party?

5.What would you do if you were disturbed by a neighbour's party?

6.What are the differences between holding a party at home and in a public

place?

### 9 感觉累的活动

Describe an activity that made you feel tired

You should say:

When and where it took place

Why you took part in it

What the activity was

And explain why it made you feel tired

Part 3

1.Does studying and learning make people tired today?

2.When do people usually feel tired?

3.What do you think about striving for learning and striving for sports?

4.Do people have fewer holidays now than in the past?

5.What are the differences between feeling tired after studying and after

exercising?

6.How can people solve the problem of old people easily getting tired?

### 10 改变人生的时期

Describe a time when something happened that changed your life in a good way

You should say:

When and where it happened

What happened

How you felt about it

And explain how this changed your life in a good way

Part 3

1.Do you like new things or changes in life?

2.Why do some people quit and change jobs?

3.How do you adapt to changes in life?

4.Who can adapt better to changes, children or adults?

5.When things like getting married or moving home happen, what kinds of things

would you consider?

6.What are the disadvantages when people keep making changes?

### 11 学校/工作中的重要规则

Describe a rule that is important in your school or at work

You should say:

What the rule is about

What happens when people break the rule

Why you think it is an important rule

And explain how you feel about the rule

Part 3

1.What rules should children follow at home in your country?

2.On what occasions can children be forgiven if they don't follow some rules?

3.What rules should people follow when using public transport?

4.What kinds of rules do people need to follow in public places?

5.What are the reasons that cause people to break rules?

6.When people break rules ,how would they be punished in your country?

### 12 感兴趣的科学领域

Describe an area of science(Biology, Robotics, etc.)that you are interested in

and would like to learn more about

You should say:

Which area it is

When and where you came to know this area

How you get information about this area

And explain why you are interested in this area

Part 3

1.Why do some children not like learning science at school?

2.ls it important to study science at school?

3.Which science subject is the most important for children to learn?

4.Should people continue to study science after graduating from school?

5.How do you get to know about scientific news?

6.Should scientists explain the research process to the public?

### 13等待美好事情

Describe an occasion when you waited a long time for a nice thing

You should say:

When it happened

What the nice thing was

How long you waited

Why you waited for a long time

And explain how you felt about the experience

Part 3

1.On what occasions do people have to wait for a long time?

2.What do people do while waiting?

3.Are most people patient while waiting?

4.Do you like to wait for a long time? Why?

5.Why do most children have difficulties waiting for a long time?

6.Do people queue consciously while waiting for the subway train?

### 14 糟糕服务

Describe a bad service you received in a restaurant/shop

You should say:

When and where it happened

What happened

How it was solved

And explain how you felt about the experience

Part 3

1.What kinds of service are bad services?

2.Why do some people choose to remain silent when they receive bad services?

3.Who should be responsible for bad services?

4.As a boss, what would you do to prevent bad service?

5.Does providing good employee training always lead to good customer

service?

6.Why are some people often dissatisfied with customer service?

### 15 钦佩的运动员

Describe a sportsperson you admire

You should say:

Who he/she is

What you know about him/her

What he/she is like in real life

What achievement he/she has made

And explain why you admire him/her

Part 3

1.Should students have physical education and do sports at school?

2.What qualities make an athlete have?

3.ls talent important in sports?

4.ls it easy to identify children's talents?

5.What is the most popular sport in your country?

6.Why are there so few top athletes?

### 16 有用的广告

Describe a good advertisement that you think is useful

You should say:

Where you can see it

What it shows

Why you think it is useful  
And explain how you feel about it

Part 3

1.What do you think of online advertising?

2.Are there any great online advertisements?

3.What do people usually buy?

4.Why does buying new things make people happy?

5.Do people watch useless advertisements in this day and age?

6.Do you think there is too much advertising in our daily lives?

### 17 电脑罢工

Describe a time when you had a problem with using the computer

You should say:

When it happened

Where it happened

What the problem was

And explain how you solved the problem at last

Part 3

1.What do people use computers for?

2.Should students be allowed to use computers at school?

3.What do you think of people who are addicted to playing computers?

4.Do you think computers make our life simpler or more complex?

5.Why do people often have problems when using new products?

6.Does relying on technology prevent children from learning skills?

### 18 克服困难而自豪

Describe a difficult task that you completed at work/study that you felt proud of

You should say:

What the task was

How you completed it

Why the task was difficult

Why you were proud of the completion of the task  
Part 3

1.What are the things that make people feel proud?

2.Do people often feel proud of themselves when they complete a difficult task?

3.What challenges do young people face today?

4.How do young people handle difficult or challenging tasks?

5.What kinds of rewards do people receive from work?

6.What are the most difficult jobs that people do?

### 19 好建议

Describe a piece of good advice that you gave to someone

You should say:

Who you gave the advice to

What the advice was

Why you gave the advice

And explain how he/she followed your advice

Part 3

1.Do you think parents should give their children advice?

2.Should teachers give students advice?

3.Do you think it is necessary for us to listen to friends' advice?

4.How do people give young people and old people advice?

5.Who are more willing to listen to advice? And who are less willing?

6.Have you ever received any advice from professional people, like a doctor, a

lawyer or a teacher?

### 20 美丽城市

Describe a beautiful city

You should say:

Where the city is

How you knew about the city

What buildings the city has

What it is famous for

And explain why you think this city is beautiful  
Part 3

1.What are the differences between modern towns and modern cities?

2.Why do some people like to visit historical sites?

3.How can people preserve historic cities and historic buildings?

4 .ls it the government's responsibility to preserve historic cities and historic

buildings?

5.Does historic preservation contradict economic development?

6.What do you think will happen to historic places or buildings in the

future?Why?

### 21 成功商人

Describe a successful businessperson you know(e.g. running a family business)

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her

What business he/she does

And explain why he/she is successful

Part 3

1.What factors lead to success?

2.What do people need to sacrifice for success?

3.Which is more likely to be successful,family businesses or large corporations?

4.ls it easy for a business to be successful without affecting the environment?

5.Can you provide some examples of family businesses in your country?

6.What qualities should be considered when recruiting employees?

### 22 想法有趣的人

Describe a person who always has interesting ideas or opinions

You should say:

Who this person is

What this person does

How you knew him/her

And explain why you think his/her ideas or opinions are interesting  
Part 3

1.When do you think children start to have their own opinions?

2.Are children's opinions influenced by their parents?

3.Who are smart children likely to be influenced by?

4.How do inventors or philosophers come up with new ideas?

5.Are there only old ideas from books or previous writers?

6.What kind of people have lots of great ideas in your country?

### 23 感兴趣的历史时期

Describe a period in history which you are interested in

You should say:

When it was

What happened

How you first heard about it

And explain why you are interested in this period of history.

Part 3

1.Should everyone know history?

2.In what ways can children learn history?

3.What are the differences between learning history from books and from

videos?

4. ls it difficult to protect and preserve historic buildings?

5.Why is it important for people to remember personal events from the past?

6.Why do some people think it's wrong to let the past influence their decisions?

### 24 刺激的活动

Describe a time when you did an exciting activity with other people

You should say:

What the activity was

Where you did this activity

Why you did this activity

And explain how you felt about it.

part 3

1.What kinds of exciting activities that young people like to do in your country?

2.Why do people choose to do exciting activities, such as extreme sports?

3.How do people benefit from trying new things?

4.Why are some people reluctant to try new things?

5.Are people less willing to try new things as they get older?

6.Should people engage in dangerous stimulating activities?

### 25 成功的同学

Describe someone you studied with who is successful in his/her life

You should say:

Who this person is

Where you studied together

When you studied together

And explain why you think this person is successful in his/her life.

Answer: I'll start by saying that I've been lucky enough to study with a lot of brilliant people, but there's one person who really stands out. Her name's Ming. We studied together at Tongji University, one of the prestigious(/prɪˈstɪdʒəs/ 有声望的) universities in China, and we became fast friends, bonding over late-night study sessions and shared academic interests.

Our paths crossed when we both enrolled in the same finance course during our sophomore year, around 2018. From the get-go, Ming was incredibly focused and ambitious(/æmˈbɪʃəs/ 有雄心的), always keen to learn and push herself further.

Ming achieved exceptional academic results throughout our university life, often outperforming the rest of us. But that's not the only reason why I consider her successful. You see, success is not just about getting high grades or landing a high-paying job, but also about personal growth. Ming was extremely diligent(/ˈdɪlɪdʒənt/ 勤奋的), juggling multiple responsibilities with ease, like managing academic research and leading our student council simultaneously.

She was an inspiring leader, always supportive and encouraging. Despite having so many tasks on her plate, she never seemed stressed or overwhelmed. That, I believe, comes from genuine passion and a positive attitude. Besides, she had a knack(/næk/ 本领，才能) for networking, she never lost an opportunity to meet professionals in her field and learn from them.

What's even more impressive is that she started a small online business during her college years. She cleverly utilized social media platforms to market and sell handicrafts(/ˈhændɪkræft/ 手工艺品) made by local artisans(/ˈɑːrtɪzən/ 手艺人), her intention was not just to earn, but also to promote regional craftsmanship.

In my eyes, Ming represents success because she has found her passion, worked tirelessly towards her goals, and managed to maintain a perfect balance between her career and personal life. I believe that's what truly defines success.

Part 3

1.What do students need to do to succeed in school?

2.Is it easy for students to succeed in school these days?

3.Why do some people think money is the best way to measure success?

4.Is success in school the most important thing for young people?

5.What sacrifices may people need to make in order to achieve success?

6.Is it harder for people to succeed today than in the past?