

2018.9-12 B Section Part 1

1. Foreign food

1. Have you ever tried foreign food?

Yes, of course. (I did.)

I have tried many kinds of exotic cuisine because I consider myself to be a foodie and my favorite thing to do in my spare time is to check out new restaurant in my city.

2. Do you like to try new food?

... I am very adventurous when it comes to food

3. What kinds of new food have you tried recently?

I recently tried a very special kind of pizza made with Peking duck at a local pizza house and I think it is very unique and I do enjoy it very much.

Italian food: pizza, pasta (....),

Indian food : curry, nann, roasted chicken

Japanese food: sushi, sashimi, ramen, tempera, miso soup

Hong kong food: dim sum

stockings

American food: burgers, fries, sandwich, salad, hot dog, steak

4. What kinds of foreign food are popular in your country?

I think there are many kinds of foreign food that are well-liked in China.

For example, I think American fast food such as burgers and fried chicken are very popular in China because they are convenient and tasty.

Also, I think Japanese food are very well-liked in China because it is more similar to Chinese food and better for our health.

5. Do you think old people like foreign food? Why?

I think it depends on different people.

For example, I believe most old people in China are less likely to enjoy foreign food because they are more used to traditional Chinese food.

However, I am sure there must be some old people who are very adventurous when it comes to food and are willing to taste new things.

pork: pork belly, pork rib, pork chop, pork slice, pork stew, mince pork,

beef: steak (fillet, sirloin, T-bone), rare, medium rare, medium, medium well, well done, well done

lamb, mutton

fish: salmon, tuna, bass, sea bass, codfish, tilapia

chicken: chicken breast, chicken wing, chicken thigh,

chicken finger, chicken strips,

chicken nugget

duck

fin

2. Being bored/Getting bored

1. What will you do when you feel bored?

I would probably watch a movie because I find it very relaxing and I think I am more likely to have a good time because movies are usually very entertaining to watch.

2. When you were young, what would you do if you felt bored?

I would probably go and build a sand castle with my pals at that time because we lived near a beach and it was where I usually hang out in my spare time as a kid.

3. What kinds of things are boring to you?

I think doing experiments in the lab is actually quite boring to me because all I do is to follow procedures repeatedly.

4. Do you think young people get bored easily?

I think it has nothing to do with age but more related to personality.

For example, some young people are very likely to feel bored because they don't have any hobbies.

However, I believe most young people could always find something interesting to do with their time.

3. Going Out

1. When do you usually go out, in the daytime or in the evening?

I usually go out during the day on weekend because I usually need to take class on weekdays and it is safer to go out during the day.

2. What do you always do when going out?

3. Who do you usually like to hang out with?

I prefer to spend time with my friends because we share many mutual hobbies, which means we could always find something fun to do together.

4. Do you like to go out with a big group or just few friends?

I prefer hanging out with just a few close friends because I feel more comfortable around people I could trust.

4. Holidays

1. What kind of holiday do you like?

I like long holiday because I could go and travel to somewhere far, which could allow me to experience exotic culture and lifestyle.

2. What do you like to do when you're on holiday?

3. Do you have many tourists in your country?

Yes, I think so.

I think there are many tourists in China because there are abundant tourist resources available in China.

4. Do you like holidays? Why / why not?

Yes, of course.

I like holidays because I would be able to take a rest and recharge myself to prepare for the next phase.

5. Do you prefer to travel or stay at home during holiday periods? Why?

I think it depends on the length of the holiday.

For example, I prefer to stay at home if it's just a weekend because I think it is more relaxing to stay in town.

However, I prefer to go traveling to other places if it's a long holiday because I think it would be such a waste to not to do so.

6. What do most people do during their holidays in your country? Why?

7. When do you prefer to take your holidays? Why?

I prefer to take my holiday in the summer because I enjoy going to the beach to do many fun water activities.

8. Who would you like to go on holiday with?

I prefer to go on holiday with my friends because ...

9. Where do you plan to go for holiday in the future?

I am planning to go to Japan next summer with my best friends because we are all very interested in the Japanese culture and we could like to see the Fuji mountain in person.

5. Letters

1. Do you write many letters?

No, not really.

I rarely write any letters because I prefer to get in touch with others online, which is more convenient and efficient.

2. Do you prefer to write letters by hand or to use a computer?

I prefer to use a computer to write letters because it is more convenient and easier to edit.

3. What do you usually write about?

I would share my daily life and my concerns with my friends using letters when I was in primary school because we didn't have cell phone at that moment.

4. Do you think people will still write letters in the future?

I am afraid not.

I don't think people would write letters in the future because it is rather a very inefficient way of communication and it is much more reliable to contact others using the Internet.

5. Who do you usually write to?

6. Is it hard to think of what to write?

No, not really.

Actually I think it is quite easy to write a letter to my best friend because we know each other well and I feel very safe expressing my thoughts to him.

7. How do you feel when you receive a letter?

*I would feel curious when I received a letter **because** I would be eager to find out what it is about **since** people rarely send letters anymore.*

6. Map

1. Do you often use map?

Yes, of course.

I always use the map app on my phone because I need to use it for direction when I go out.

2. Who taught you how to use a map?

I taught myself how to use a map by following the tutorial on the app within five minutes because it is very straightforward.

3. Do you prefer electronic maps or paper maps?

I prefer E-maps because I think it is more convenient and easier to use.

7. Music

1. Do you like music? Why / why not?

Yes, of course.

I am a big fan of music because it is my favorite thing to do when I feel bored.

2. What kind of music do you listen to? Why?

I like pop music the best because they are usually very catchy and easy to learn.

music genre

folk

country

rap

rock

hip hop

jazz

blues

soul

EDM

gentle music

classical music

traditional music

3. Has the music that you listen to changed since you were young?

Yes, of course.

I used to like pop music when I was in primary school, but now I prefer Jazz because I have a more sophisticated/refined taste of music now.

refined sugar

brown sugar

4. Do you think older and younger generations prefer different types of music?

Yes, I think so.

generally speaking, I think young people are more likely to prefer pop music while old people are more likely to enjoy classical or traditional music.

5. Do you play any instruments?

Yes, of course.

I started to learn how to play the piano since I was 8 years old and I would still perform in front of the audience at parties now.

6. Have you got any hobbies or interests?

Yes, for sure.

I like playing basketball with my friends because we make a great team and it is a great way to keep fit.

7. When do you listen to music?

I usually listen to music when I go to bed because I think it is very relaxing and soothing.

8. How much time do you spend on listening to music every day?

I usually spend about an hour listening to music everyday because I would listen to music on my way to school and it takes me roughly around 30 minutes to get there.

9. What's your favorite kind of music?

10. Have you ever been to a concert before?

Yes, of course.

I recently went to Jay Chou's concert here in last October, which is a very memorable experience for me.

8. Plants

1. Do you grow plants at home?

Yes, of course.

I grow different kinds of fruit in our yard including oranges, grape, and watermelon.

I grow some flowers on our balcony and it would smell great in the summer.

No, not really.

*I don't grow anything at the moment **because** I don't think I have enough time to take good care of it **since** I am too busy with my study.*

2. What plants did you grow when you were younger?

I used to grow lilies when I was around 10 years old because it was my favorite flower as a kid and my mom helped me grow it on our balcony.

I used to grow cactus when I was in primary school because it was part of our school science project at that time.

3. Do you know anything about growing a plant?

Yes, I think so.

I have some basic knowledge about how to grow a plant healthily.

For example, I am aware that it needs water, sunshine and fertilizers to grow well.

4. Do people in your country send plants as gifts?

Yes, of course.

I think many people in China would send plants, especially flowers as gifts because they could convey special meanings for us.

For example, roses could be used to represent true love, which is a very common gift between lovers.

carnation gratitude

lily

sunflowers

daisy

daffodil

9. Punctuality = on time

1. Are you a punctual person?

Yes, I think so/I hope so.

I consider myself to be punctual because I think it is basic manner and it would show my respect for others.

I think I am very reliable when it comes to appointment

I am

2. How do you remind yourself to be on time?

I have several ways to do that.

For example, I would set up an alarm clock to make sure that I have enough time to get ready.

what's more, I would make sure that I have leave enough time to make sure I would get there on time in case of unexpected traffic situations.

3. Do you think it is important to be punctual?

Yes, I think so.

I think it is vital/crucial to be punctual because I think it is basic manner and it would show my respect for others.

4. Why are some people always late?

I think there might be several reasons for that.

For example, I assume that some people are constantly late because they are forgetful, which means they can't remember the arranged time clearly/accurately.

Also, I guess some people are routinely late simply because they are just rude, and they don't have enough respect for other people's time.

forgettable

Am I that easy to forget?

forgetful

he is very easy to forget things.

5. What would you do if you are waiting for someone?

I probably would do several kinds of things.

For example, I would play some games on my phone to kill time.

Also, I might listen to some music because I find that relaxing.

I think it depends on the length of the time.

For example, if it's just within 15 minutes, I would probably find something to do myself to kill time.

However, if it's getting too long, maybe over 30 minutes, I would try to reach that person, and leave because I don't want to waste my time in vain.

6. Do you think people these days are as punctual as in the past?

Yes, I think so.

Actually I believe people nowadays are more punctual than those in the past because we have better awareness of time now and the transportation is also more developed, which means we could make it to our appointment more easily.

10. Rainy days

1. Do you like rainy days?

No, not really.

Actually I hate rainy days because it is really inconvenient to go out when it rains.

For example, people need to either take an umbrella or a raincoat when they go out when it rains.

2. What do you do on rainy days?

I might do several things when it rains.

For example, I would listen to some music when it rains because music could make me feel better since I usually feel upset when it rains.

Also, I would find a romantic movie to watch when it rains because I think this kind of weather is perfect for a love story.

3. Do you often change your **plans** because of weather?

I think it depends on if it's feasible to make changes.

*For example, I would definitely **take a rain check** to my plan if it is possible because I think it is more convenient to go out when the weather is great.*

However, I would stick to the plan if it is inconvenient or impossible to make a change.

Actually I have mixed feelings about my major.

For example, what I like about my major is

However, I do find ... boring because

4. Do you prefer dry or wet living environment?

Actually I prefer to find a perfect balance between the two, a place that is neither too dry or too humid because I would feel most comfortable in an environment like this.

damp

wet – the rain got me soaking wet

humid

trick question

5. Does it rain much in China? (Where? When?)

I think it depends on the geographical location.

For example, I think it rains more in the southeastern part of China *because of* the influence of the ocean *since* many cities located in this area are coastal cities.

However, I think it rains much less in the northwestern part of China because

A since B.

A. the climate is drier

B. most of the cities are inland.

6. Is there any part of China where it doesn't rain much?

7. When (in what month/season) does it rain most in your hometown?

8. In which season does it rain most in other parts of China?

9. Can you remember any time when it rained particularly heavy in your hometown?

I still remember clearly that there was a huge rain in the summer of 2008, which even caused a flood in my hometown.

11. Save money

1. Did you save money when you were young?

Yes, of course.

I started to have the habit of saving money since I was 7 years old because my parents would give me pocket money (= allowance) regularly and I would save that money for something more valuable that I really wanted.

2. Do you save money now? **How** do you save money?

Yes, I do.

I would save about 20% of my monthly allowance to buy myself a gift by the end of the year.

3. Do you think saving money is very important?

Yes, I think so.

I think it is vital/crucial to have the habit of saving money because it could help me to spend money more wisely.

4. Do you think parents should teach children to save money?

Yes, I think so.

I think **it is vital for** parents to cultivate the habit of money saving for their kids as a young age because it could help me to spend money more wisely and benefit them in the long run.

5. Do parents give children pocket money in China?

Yes, I think so/believe.

I guess **most** parents in China would give their children allowance regularly because **it is a very effective way to** teach their children how to manage their money properly, which is a very important life lesson for the kids.

12. Teachers

1. Do you like any teacher of yours?

Yes, of course.

I really like my high school history teacher Miss Zhou, because she is very knowledgeable and humorous, and I really enjoyed her classes.

Why do you like the teacher?

2. Do you think you could be a teacher?

No, I am afraid not.

*I don't think I have what it takes to be a good teacher because I lack enough patience to deal with students **all the time**.*

3. Would you like to be a teacher?

No, not really.

I don't think I am a good fit for a position like teacher because I am too shy to talk in front of the public, which always makes me feel nervous and uncomfortable.

non-judgmental language

bias

gender

age

occupational

stereotype

cultural difference

subtle

4. What kinds of teachers do you like?

I like teachers who are knowledgeable and approachable because I could learn more things from them and it is easier to get along with them.

5. Do you think teachers should be angry at students or not?

No, not really.

I don't think it is inappropriate for teachers to lose their tempers in front of the students because I believe teachers should communicate with students more reasonably and rationally.

ration

6. Do you like strict teachers?

No, not really.

I don't like teachers who have unreasonable expectations of students because I would feel too pressured to talk to them and I would also grow a negative feelings about my study.

7. What's the difference between young and old teachers?

I think the major difference lies in the years of experience.

For example, I believe that most old teachers are more experienced than young teachers.

Also, I think generally young teachers are more approachable than old teachers because there is a narrower age difference between the teacher and the students.

8. Is it important for teachers to interact with students frequently?

Yes, I think so.

I think it is vital for teachers to get constant feedback from students because it could help teachers to adjust their teaching methods and progress accordingly.

9. What is the most important part in your study, teacher or classmates?

Actually I think they are equally important/crucial to me because I think teachers could offer me guidance while classmates could keep me company.

10. Do you have a favorite teacher?

11. Can you describe your high school teacher?

Generally speaking, I think most of my high school teachers are very knowledgeable and responsible, especially my favorite teacher Mr. Li, who is my high school math teacher and I like him because he is humorous and passionate.

13. Travelling/Trip

1. Do you like travelling?

Yes, of course.

I really like traveling because I think it is a great opportunity for me to relax myself and to gain new experience about different (= exotic) culture and lifestyle.

2. Do you make plans before the trip?

Yes, of course.

I would make a detailed travel plan before my trip because I think it could help me to arrange my trip more efficiently, which could save me a lot of time and money.

3. What is the most important thing about making plans?

I think the most important thing about making plans is to do enough research online to gather adequate information/data to put together a solid plan.

4. Where did you travel to in your latest trip?

I just went to Chongqing, which is a city located in the central part of China and about 3 hour's flight from here, and I really enjoyed my trip because I have tried many unique local food when I was there, which is very impressive for me.

deserve

a piece of work

14. Celebrity

1. Who is your favorite celebrity in China?

My favorite celebrity in China is Liu Xiang, who is an athlete/Olympic champion in China.

I like him because he is the first Asian to win a 110 hurdler in the Olympic, which is something very impressive.

talented and hardworking /diligent

2. Do you like foreign celebrities?

Yes, for sure.

Actually my favorite foreign celebrity is probably one of the most well-known pop singer and songwriter in the world.

I like her because I could really relate to many of her songs, especially those about her first love.

3. Would you like to be a celebrity in the future?

No, not really.

I am not interested in getting famous because I think it would cost me my privacy, and I think it is not worth it.

4. In general, **how** do people become famous?

I think there are many ways that people could become celebrities in China.

For example, I believe most people gain fame because of their talents, like singers are well-known for their music.

However, I think there are plenty of other people who are famous simply because they dare to be different, like being bold and talking about nonsense in public.

5. Do you think, to be famous, a person needs to have some special talent or ability?

Not necessarily./It is hard to say.

for example, ...

6. Do you think we should protect famous people's privacy?

Yes, of course.

*I think we should protect celebrities' privacy just as what we do for everyone else in our society because I think it is a basic human right and celebrities **are entitled to** it just like everyone else.*

15. Dream job

1. What was the dream job you had when you were a kid?

When I was a kid, I dreamt to be a writer because it could allow me to put my ideas into articles to influence the public.

2. Have you changed your mind on your dream job?

Yes, of course.

*I used to dream of being a singer as a kid because it was my biggest hobby at that time but now I prefer to work for a financial institution when I graduate **because** I would like to apply what I learnt in the university into practice **since** my major is economics.*

3. What do you plan to do in the future?

16. Space travel

1. Do you want to travel in the outer space?

Yes, I do.

I am very interested in traveling to the galaxy because I think it would be an once-in-a-life-time experience for me, which could really broaden my horizons.

2. What would you do if you had the chance?

I would probably do a lot of things because it would be a very rare opportunity for me.

For example, I would take tons of photos about anything I saw out there.

Also, I would try to find an alien to talk to if possible because I am curious about their lives in the space.

3. Do you think it's necessary to see other planets?

Yes, I think so.

I think it is vital to explore other planets because it could propel our scientific development so we could figure out our past and anticipate our future.

4. When was the last time you went travelling?

5. Do you like travelling by air?

I think it depends on the distance.

For example, I prefer traveling by air if it's a long-distance trip like international travel because I think it is more time-saving and convenient.

However, I prefer to take trains for short-distance domestic trips because I think it is more comfortable and I don't need to worry about delay.

statistically speaking

17. Spare time

1. What do you usually do in your spare time?

I think there's a lot of things to do.

For example, I would watch a movie in my spare time because I find it very relaxing and entertaining.

Also, I enjoy shopping with my friends because we share similar taste in fashion and therefore we could offer each other some honest advice.

2. Do you like to spend time with your family or friends?

Yes, of course.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends because we share many mutual hobbies and we could always find something interesting to do together.

I prefer spending time with my family because

3. **What** do you and your family like to do in free time?

I enjoy doing many things with my family.

For example, our favorite family activity is to go hiking because we get to explore the nature together, which is also good for our health.

What's more, we enjoy traveling together if we get to have a long holiday because we could go somewhere far to relax ourselves.

4. Do you think you will spend more time with your family?

No, not really.

I am afraid I won't be able to spend more time with them in the future because I am planning to move to another city for my career, which means I would leave my family in my hometown and start my life elsewhere.

18. Watch

1. How often do you wear a watch?

Yes, of course.

I have the habit of wearing my watch almost everyday because I think it could remind me to be punctual.

2. What was your first watch like?

My first watch was a pink digital watch with the pattern of a cartoon character, which was a gift from my mother when I was 5 year's old.

3. What kinds of watches do you like to wear?

I prefer to wear the mechanical watch because I think it is more stylish and easier to match my outfit.

4. Do people still wear watches in your country?

I think it depends on different people.

For example, I believe there are still people who would wear a watch on a daily basis because it could remind them to be punctual and many people consider watches as a great accessory.

However, I think there are also a great number of people who no longer wear watches anymore because it is very convenient to check time with our cell phone.

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