

Reference answers

Task 1 Open-ended.

Task 2

Identification method	The year
<i>zhaoshentie</i>	about <u>300 B.C.</u> / <u>300 BC</u>
passports	the <u>1410s</u>
photo ID cards	1876
PINs	1967
DNA testing	the <u>1980s</u>
iris recognition	the <u>1990s</u>
fingerprint recognition on iPhone 5S	2013

Task 3

1. Yes, I'm surprised by the information about *zhaoshentie*, the world's first "ID card." I'm so proud that the first "ID card" was invented in China. More amazingly, it was invented as early as about 300 B.C. A person's basic information was carved on a bamboo slip for identity verification. This not only displays the wisdom of the Chinese people but also depicts a highly civilized Chinese society dating back to more than 2,000 years ago.
2. Open-ended.

Academic Listening

Listening 1 Life events



Life events

PROFESSOR: Good afternoon. Last class we discussed life events that affect one's identity; for example, getting married, and getting a job. Today, I'd like to focus on key events in education. What kind of things can happen during your education that affect the direction of your life? Any ideas?

DAN: Well, sometimes people realize they're studying the wrong subject. Maybe you really thought that you wanted to be a designer, but once you start your course you realize that you don't enjoy it. I know lots of people like that ...

PROFESSOR: Absolutely. This was a common response during my research in which I interviewed 100 students. I asked them "Was there a defining moment at school that affected your self-identity?" By "defining moment" I meant a class, or a professor, or an experience with other students. One student I spoke to, Tom, told me he'd always wanted to be a doctor. His father was a doctor. His uncle was a doctor. He wanted to be like them. It was part of their family structure. However, in his first year at college, he took a writing seminar and realized he really liked to write. One day in class he suddenly knew he wanted to be a journalist instead. Sounds familiar?

SONYA: Sure. Lots of students decide on a career and then change their minds. It seems pretty common.

PROFESSOR: Here's another example from research. It's one from a student named Ben majoring in biology.

