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TOP TOPICS FOR IELT'S SPEAKING PART 1 2017

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Preface

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TOPIC 1: NAME

(Questions and answer sources: ielts-simon, lefroyee)

1. Who gave you your name?

My parents gave me my name, my father to be exact. Zhi means knowledge, and Lei means accumulation. So I guess my parents wanted to tell me that being knowledgeable depends on accumulation. You see, they put a lot of pressure on my shoulders with this name. I quite like my name, and I won't change it for the world, because it is unique. I don't think that anyone else in China has the same name. It's part of my identity, and it is meaningful to me.

2. How did your parents choose your name?

To be honest, I'm not sure how they chose it; I've never asked them. I suppose it was just a name that they both liked, and maybe they thought it suited me.

3. Do you like your name?

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4. Does your name have any special meaning?

It might do, but I don't know what that meaning is; I've never looked it up. Maybe I'll google it later today; you've made me curious to find out!

5. Is your name common or unusual in your country?

Yes, it's quite a common name. I remember that there were two other people with the same name as me in my class at school.

6. If you could change your name, would you?

No, I definitely wouldn't. My name is part of my identity now, and it would feel strange to suddenly change it. I don't think my friends and family would like that either.

7. In your country, do people feel that their name is very important?

People in my country pay great attention to their names because they believe that suitable names will bring them good fortune. Sometimes they even change their names for their business and family purpose.

8. Do you have any special traditions about naming children?

In China, I believe that fathers are in the position of naming their children. Sometimes they will look through some Chinese classical literatures to seek the meaningful words for their children.

9. Who usually names babies in your country

In China, I believe that fathers are in the position of naming their children. Sometimes they will look through some Chinese classical literatures to seek the meaningful words for their children.

10. What names are most common in your hometown?

Oh, there are some nick names that are very popular in China. For example, Lili means that their parents hope their daughters would be beautiful; and Kuan kuan, indicates that their sons would be magnanimous when they are grown up.

11. Is it easy to change your name in your country?

TOPIC 2: WORK OR STUDY

(Questions and answer sources: ielts-simon, ielts-advantage)

- WORK:

1. Do you work or are you a student?

I'm a qualified doctor, but at the moment I'm studying English so that I can work in this country.

2. Do you enjoy your job?

Yes, I really enjoy my job. Ever since I was a child I have always wanted to be a doctor; I've always wanted to be able to help people.

3. What's the best thing about your job?

The best thing about my job is that I can make a difference in people's lives. It's a great feeling to see someone recover after an illness because my colleagues and I were able to help.

4. Do you prefer working alone or with others? Why?

In a hospital you have to work as part of a team. I've got used to working with others, and I think you can achieve a lot more as a team than you would alone.

-STUDY:

1. Do you work or study?

I'm currently a student at Queen's University, Belfast.

2. What do you study?

I study law because it's a really well thought of degree and I'm hoping to pursue it as a career in the future

3. Is it a popular subject at your university?

Very popular, in fact it's one of the most sought after courses. I think there are about 350 people reading law at Queen's. I think lots of student's parents want them to study law so they can get a good job after they graduate.

4. Do you enjoy studying it?

It's such a huge subject that there will always be parts you like and parts you don't like. I find Human Rights fascinating because it can really make a difference to peoples' lives. On the other hand, modules like Land Law and Equity are really boring

5. If you could change to another subject, what would it be?

I planned to study medicine, but then when I went on work experience I fainted at the first sight of blood, so definitely not that. I'm a real history buff and read books about World War 2 all the time, so I suppose it would have to be Modern History.

6. What is the most difficult part of your subject?

You have to remember lots of legislation and cases and not only remember their names, but also how they affect each part of the law and how they interact with each other. Physically it can also be exhausting because we have to read very dense texts for a few hours every day.

7. Do you like studying? Why / why not?

Yes, I like studying because it's the best way to gain a deeper insight into any subject. I like reading, learning from others, and trying to understand difficult concepts.

8. Do you prefer to study alone or with others? Why?

I prefer to study alone because I need to be able to concentrate fully. Other people are a distraction.

9. Where do you prefer to go when you need to study? Why?

I like to find a quiet corner in my local library; being in an old building and surrounded by books seems to help me to focus on my work.

10. How do you feel if someone disturbs you when you are studying?

It frustrates me because it breaks my concentration. I prefer to avoid distractions by going somewhere where nobody will interrupt me.

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TOPIC 3: HOMETOWN

(Questions and answer sources: ielts-advantage)

1. Where is your hometown?

My hometown is on the south-east coast of Northern Ireland. It's called Dundrum and it's about 1 hour south of the capital city.

2. What do you like about it?

It's an area of outstanding natural beauty and for me, one of the most beautiful places of earth. It has everything; fantastic beaches, rolling mountains, dense forests and picturesque countryside.

3. What do you not like about it?

It can be a little bit boring because it's really tiny. There are only a few small shops and a couple of pubs and that's it! In the summer, it's OK because you can enjoy the outdoors but it would be nice to have a few more indoor facilities for the winter.

4. How often do you visit your hometown?

Not as much as I should. I only get to visit about once a year now to see my family because I'm really busy with work and it's quite far away, but I hope to visit more in the future.

5. What's the oldest part of your hometown?

There is an old Norman castle that sits on top of the highest hill of the town. It's a ruin now, but there are some breathtaking views from it and it's easy to see why they chose that site for a castle, because you can see for miles around.

6. Do many people visit your town?

Thousands of tourists visit every summer. They come from the capital city mostly to get away from the hustle and bustle and enjoy the peace and quiet. There are more and more international tourists visiting

because lots of scenes from the TV show 'Game of Thrones' were shot just outside the village.

7. Is there any way your hometown could be made better?

As I said before, the best thing about the town is its rural beauty and you can't really improve that. If I had to say something, it would be to improve the roads, they are in a terrible state and cause a few car accidents every year.

8. How has your hometown changed over the years?

Since I was a child the town has almost doubled in size and population. It used to consist of just one main street, but now there are many new housing developments and apartments next to the water. With all these new people moving in, it has changed the character of the town a little bit, people are not as friendly as before.

9. Are there good transportation links to your town?

The public transport system consists of just buses that pass through the town on an hourly basis. One bus goes north to the capital city which is really convenient if you need to do any shopping and the other bus goes south where you can switch buses and go across the border to the Republic of Ireland, so you could say we have international transport links which is not bad for a little town like ours.

10. Would you recommend the town to people with children?

Yes and no. It is obviously a great place to bring up kids because there are so many things for them to do like swim in the sea, play in the forest and run on the beach. However, the good schools are pretty far away and I remember having to get up really early every morning to catch a bus to school that was 20 miles away.

TOPIC 4: ACCOMODATION

(Questions and answer sources: ielts-simon, ielts-advantage)

1. Do you live in a house or an apartment?

I live in a semi-detached house with three bedrooms and a small garden.

2. Who do you live with?

I live there with my wife and little baby son.

3. Is it a big place?

It's pretty big for a flat. It has 3 large bedrooms, one for my wife and I and one for my son when he gets older. It also has a smaller bedroom that I use as a study and to store things in. The kitchen is small but it is part of a big open plan living room, so there is lots of space for the family

4. Which room do you like most in your house? Why?

My favourite room is the kitchen because it looks out onto the back garden, and it's on the side of the house that catches the afternoon sun.

5. How is your apartment decorated?

I don't like lots of over the top decoration, so I guess you would describe it as minimalist. The walls are all white and the furniture is also either white or black. There are very few ornaments or pictures because again, I like to keep things quite minimal and I hate clutter.

6. Is there anything about your house that you would like to change?

Well, it would be nice if it were a detached house so that we could have windows on the wall that we currently share with our neighbours.

7. Tell me something else about your house.

The previous owners converted the loft into an extra bedroom; that's the quietest room in the house, and the best place to go to do some work.

8. Are there many amenities?

Not really, because it is on the edge of town. If you want to go for a nice meal, use a swimming pool, go shopping or head out for a drink, you really have to drive for about 30 minutes. That's the major drawback, but if you are organised and buy everything when you are in the centre of town, it's not so bad.

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

I really like where I live but it is really far from where I work in the centre of town. It takes around 45 minutes to drive there by motorbike and in the hot season and wet season it can be really uncomfortable, so we will consider moving closer to the centre in a year or so.

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TOPIC 5: WEATHER

(Questions and answer sources: ielts-advantage)

1. How is the weather today?

It's really lovely today. There were a few showers this morning and it was a bit chilly, but it has brightened up this afternoon and I think it will stay that way for the rest of the day.

1. What's your favourite kind of weather?

It depends what I'm doing really. If I'm doing something outside, I like the weather to be sunny but not too hot because it gets a bit uncomfortable after a while. If I'm inside, I love listening to the rain beating against the window and the wind howling outside.

2. What is the climate like in your country?

I'm from Ireland, so the thing people always complain about is the rain. It is right on the edge of Europe so we get lots of rain rolling in off the Atlantic. However, because we are an island it means that we don't get very harsh winters and it hardly ever snows. I think temperate is the word to describe our climate- not too hot, not too cold.

3. Does the weather effect people's lives in your country?

Yes, very much so. In the winter it is really grey all the time and it gets dark very early in the afternoon. The lack of sunlight leads to some people getting a bit depressed and I imagine that's why people drink much more wine and whiskey in the winter to cope with how dull everything is.

4. Do people change in the summer?

Absolutely, as soon as the sun starts to shine and it gets warmer, people start to have barbecues, do more outdoor activities and are generally happier. Unfortunately, it doesn't last very long but people definitely make the most of it while the weather is good.

5. Is there any type of weather you really don't like?

I don't mind when it's raining or windy and I don't mind when it's cold, but when it's cold, windy and raining all that the same time, well that's horrible, especially if you have to work or do something outside. I remember when we were at school we would have to go outside in horrible weather to do P.E. and I detested every minute of it.

6. Does bad weather ever effect transport in your country?

As I said before, it rarely snows, but when it does the transportation system collapses. People are just not used to driving in the snow and the whole country pretty much grinds to a halt. Buses and trains normally stop running completely until the snow thaws.

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TOPIC 6: PUNCTUALITY

(Questions and answer sources: ieltscorner)

1. Do you think it's important to be on time (= be punctual)?

Absolutely. Being on time is an extremely crucial part of being polite. When you have an appointment with other people, if you come late, it means that you don't respect them.

2. How do you feel when others are late?

I would say that I'm quite a patient person, so I don't easily get mad at people when they come late. But I would definitely complain about it, and I would tell them to be punctual next time. Otherwise, I won't hang out with them any more.

3. Do you wear a watch?

No I don't, because I don't think wearing a watch would be comfortable for me. When I need to check the time, I can use my mobile phone.

4. Are you late very often?

If yes:

Yeah, I am. And I know it's a bad habit, but for some reason, no matter how hard I try, I always seem to end up being late for things !

If no:

No, I would not say I am. You know, most of the time I'm pretty good with being on time for things, because I always make a quite big effort not to be late.

5. How do you feel when you are late?

I feel pretty bad, especially if I've kept the other person waiting for a long time. So if I know I'm gonna be late, I will always try to let the person know in advance, you know, like send them a text message or something, so at least they know when to expect me.

6. How do you do to be on time?

I guess the best thing to do would be to always allow lots of time to get anywhere. So for example, if it normally takes me, say, half an hour to get to the city centre, then I should probably leave home about an hour before I need to get there.

7. When does time seem to move fast, and when does it seem to move slowly?

Well, I think most people would agree that time moves fast when you're having fun. And a prime example would be when playing computer games, cos I mean, whenever I play online with my friends, it always seems that only an hour or two has passed, but in actual fact, it's probably been four or five hours !

And time normally goes slowly when you're bored or simply just not enjoying yourself. For example, I remember at school, some of my classes felt like they would never end, when in fact they were just, like, 45 minutes long.

8. If you could go back in time, what would you do differently?

That's a good question. What would I do differently? Um, ok well first of all, if I could go back in time, I would definitely spend more time practicing the piano, because you know, I never really practiced that much when I was younger, and I kind of regret it now, because I'd love to be able

TOPIC 7: TV PROGRAMS

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, IELTSband7)

1. How much TV do you (usually) watch?

Seldom. I only turn on the TV to watch the football match on weekends. That is once a week. I am a big fan of football so I watch a lot of football matches. It's exciting and entertaining to see how players push their limits to win the games. Besides I enjoy watching movies, especially when I connect my computer to the TV screen and watch the High Definition movies on bed, it is really enjoyable at night. Lately I have tried to watch the BBC programmes, because it is all in English and it can improve my listening for my IELTS exams.

2. What's your favourite TV programme?

I like watching serials with some historical content in it, like ashoka samrat or the history channel. Also, I love watching Mtv and channel V shows. One of my favorite being girls on top.

3. Did you watch much TV when you were a child?(How much?)

Oh, yes, I was a really a couch potato when I was a little boy. When on weekends, my parents went out to do other things, I was left alone at home with TV all day long. Therefore, I was deeply obsessed with various TV programmes, even including the adverts.

4. What(types of) programmes did you watch when you were a child?

Actually, I did love cartoons. Up to now, I can still remembered the favourite cartoons like Transformer, Tom and Jerry, Dragon Ball, etc, which all went along through my childhood.

5. Do you think television has changed in the past few decades?

Yes, as the techniques have advanced in these years, the TV has also developed a lot. They have become thinner and clearer. Also, you can do internet, connect them with whatever device you have and do so much

more. Earlier the screen was made with plasma panel making TV size way too big, but with LED and LCD coming in, there has been lot of improvement on size.

6. Do you think children are addicted to TV these days?

Too an extent yes they are. But, I believe that with internet coming out and the play stations and other video games coming into market, television has surely got a little side. But, then when we are talking of those very little kids like below 12, I think certainly yes, they are addicted to television

7. Has television changed your life in any way?

I believe that watching TV has benefited me in some way, as well as bringing me some detrimental consequences. Watching TV programmes had enabled me to broaden my vision as I was born and raised in a small county and there were many places and things I had no opportunities to experience. But the TV had helped me to see them. But spending too much time in front of TV also made me addicted to it and did harm to my eyes unfortunately. So I had to wear glasses since middle school

8. What are some of the disadvantages of television?

Television, if seen more than necessary can make yo dumb. Because it is sort of hearing activity when you are not using more of your senses on reacting and the mind is not working. You are just watching whatever is going on. This can make the mind dull. Also, it affects your life, when people get stuck to it. Most people procrastinate on their work and exams because of it and I think that leads to lot of trouble.

9. What did you last watch on television?

I think the last time I saw television was some months ago. I don't know. These days with so much happening on internet, television too an extent has got a little outdated.

I think yesterday was the last time I watched television. I was actually watching a show on the Mysore history and it was quite fascinating to see it.

10. Why do you think certain TV shows are so popular?

I think the only reason that TV shows become so popular is because they are able to connect with the nerve of the individual. So, like I love watching girls on top because it is story of three girls trying to make big in a big city. This is a story of so many girls. So, they surely watch it and make the show popular.

11. Do you like to watch TV? – How often do you do it?

I am not really fond of television as such. So, you can find me seeing television very rarely. Like may be sometime in two months or when there is a cricket match. I like watching matches on television because the entire family comes together to watch it.

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TOPIC 8: MUSEUM AND GALLERY

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, dseessd)

1. Are there many (or, any) museums in your hometown?

Not so many, actually there is only one museum in my small county about the local history. It allows the local residents to know better about their traditions and historical celebrities.

2. Do you think museums are useful for visitors to your hometown/country?

I suppose the usefulness is limited, because compared to museums I'd prefer documentaries, but since I hardly went there, so my opinion might be biased.

3. Do you often visit a museum?

I go to the museum a lot, when I come to the new place, I'll find some local museums that have interesting features. The museum I visited last time was the Guanfu Museum located in the rural area of Beijing. It is a private-owned museum featuring Chinese antiques like porcelain, furnitures, jade and some paintings.

4. Did you go to any museums when you were a child?

Yes, when I was in primary school, my school organised a tour in one of the museums in my hometown, but I only have a vague memory about that.

5. When was the last time you visited a museum?

The last time I went to a museum was in my primary school which is organised by the school.

6. Do you think museums are important?

Museums are really important in protecting, preserving, propagating and researching numerous human treasure. Once the antiques are in the

museums, they are permanently out of circulation, which means they can be seen by public.

7. Do you think it's suitable for museums to sell things to visitors?

Yes, the reason is that generally, most museums are nonprofit organisations, and these goods are their large portion of income, except the tickets, and also partly because these items are closely related to the theme of the museums, which cannot be bought in most other bookstores or shops.

8. What do you think is the role of museums and art galleries?

I suppose their roles would be educate or instruct people the culture or history of local community. But I don't reckon this is the best way to realise this goal. Because from my experience, I believe watching documentaries would be easier to acquire and remember the knowledge.

9. Which kind of art do you think is more important, the art we see in the cinema or the art we see in art galleries and museums?

I believe that both of these 2 kinds carry a certain degree of importance. But personally I'd prefer the art in cinema, because I feel it is easier for me to acquire the knowledge compare to the static materials displayed in the museum.

10. Do you think going to museums and art galleries is beneficial for children?

Yes, compared to playing computer games it would be much more beneficial

11. Do schools in China have excursions to museums?

Yes, when I was in primary school, we had an excursion to the museum nearby, but I only have a vague memory of that, since it was more than 10 years ago.

12. Do you think teachers should take their students on visits to museums?

Well, I don't see why not, because compare to textbooks, it would be more realistic, as long as this is necessary according to the curriculum and doesn't affect their teaching schedule.

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TOPIC 9: HOLIDAY/ PUBLIC HOLIDAY

(Questions and answer sources: IELTS Trang Bui)

1. Are there many public holidays in your country?

As far as I remember, there are at least two long national holidays including Lunar New Year and Reunion Day and May Day combo, each of which lasts for about a week, more or less. Besides, we have several other public holidays when we don't have to go to school or work.

2. Do you think that there should be more holidays in your country?

Interesting. I've been asking myself this question many times but unfortunately haven't been able to come up with an answer. I mean, as a student, of course I would appreciate more holidays so that I could spend time with my family and friends. On the other hand, I'm concerned that longer holidays would interrupt productivity at workplace.

3. Which public holiday do you like the most?

Well, I don't really think I have a favorite holiday. I love all of them the same because they all mean no work and lots of quality time for myself or my family.

4. What do you usually do on a holiday?

If the holiday is long, I usually consider visiting my family because I study away from home and can't see them as often as I'd like to. But if the holiday is short, I will just catch up on my sleep or hang out with friends.

5. What do other people in your country usually do on public holidays?

It's kind of hard to say but people that I know around me tend to go shopping with families or friends to take advantage of the sales the shops are offering, but maybe for others, they probably stay at home for resting.

6. Do you think public holidays are important?

I believe the public holidays are rather important and there should be more of them in my country. The main factor is that people really need unwind themselves without any distractions after tiring work and also public holidays can dramatically boost consumption as the goods will be sold at a discount during these days.

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TOPIC 10: FILM

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)

1. Do you like to watch films?

I'm really into watching films because some films are very entertaining and provoking. I sometimes go to cinema with my friends and family to enjoy our leisure time in the weekends.

2. Do you prefer foreign films or your country's films?

Well, if I were to choose between the two, I will probably go with the foreign films, especially the Hollywood films because most of them are well-acted, with lots of charismatic celebrities and always are enormous box-office hit; whereas you know, the my country's films are almost low-budget, so they are not as attractive as their American counterparts.

3. How often do you go to a cinema or watch a movie?

I go to cinema to watch movies from time to time. Normally if I'm not busy with my work, I'll check out the movies to see whether there are any movies that attract me; but if I have lots of things on my hands, I'll probably focus on my work.

4. Do people in your country like to go to a cinema to watch a film?

It's kind of hard to say but people that I know around me tend to like watching movies in the cinema, but maybe for others, they just prefer stay at home and watch TV programmes.

5. What kinds of movies do you like best?

As for me, I like the drama films the best because sometimes they just tell simple but warm and heartfelt stories with provoking endings, which would touch on my deepest emotions.

6. What was the first film that you watched?

The first film that I watched was the The Lion King many years ago in the cinema with my parents. What I can remember now is the terrific animation and the amazing soundtrack. I particularly liked the song Can You Feel the Love Tonight that I knew it was produced by Elton John later. And I'd learned lessons from this movies. It was about living up to our responsibilities, hard it is.

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TOPIC 11: LEISURE TIME

(Questions and answer sources: ieltsband 7)

1. What do you do in your spare time?

I love reading and writing when I have some free time available. Apart from these, I also like playing badminton. So, whenever I do get time, I usually read, write or play badminton.

2. What do you do to relax yourself?

For relaxation, I prefer taking a short nap. It could be either for 20 minutes or may be an hour. But, nothing helps me relax better than some sleep.

3. What do you usually spend your weekends?

During the weekdays, most part of the evenings usually gets lost doing the office work. But, during weekends, I work on my blog for the entire day and so during evenings I usually spend some time with my friends, going on long walks together or have dinner at their place.

4. What do you usually do after work or classes?

There is nothing much that can be done after work because it really becomes quite tiring. So, most of the times I am either working on my blog or writing something or some drafts, here and there.

5. Do you prefer staying at home or going out during evenings?

I love taking long walks. So, if I am not busy at something during evenings, I usually take long walks with my friends or for that matter even alone at times.

6. Do you think modern lifestyles give enough time to people for leisure?

I think it depends on the kind of modern lifestyle an individual is leading. So, a person doing a corporate job might have less time to spare for leisure activity but probably a person who does freelancing will find

more time to leisure. Not because a work is less time consuming but because the way things get done in each. Even more, I think it all depends on how the person sets priorities for themselves.

7. Do you think people today have more time to relax as compared to that in past?

I certainly believe that people are more busy when compared with their past counterparts. Earlier people lived a content life but with changing times people are less satisfied with what they have and are always on the look out of doing more. This has made lives much more hectic than ever.

8. What do you think is the importance of leisure time in life?

Leisure is the one thing that makes the life worth living. I surely believe that apart from the daily mundane activities a person should always try to do things that makes him or her happy. It could be either something that he or she likes doing or could even be some person one likes spending time with. It is only through this that a person is able to enjoy life.

9. Do you think old and young people spend their leisure time in the same way?

I believe it is not about young and old, it is more about individuals. I have seen old people party harder than some of the young chaps out there and then some young people reading better than the wiser older people. In my opinion, it is all about the individual choices that people make.

10. Do you like to travel in holidays?

Well, I love travelling not only because everyone else does but because for me travelling teaches so much more to me than anything else can ever do. Also, travelling allows me to explore myself and the world in ways that opens up my horizons, giving me a broader aspect of life.

11. If you had a child, what leisure places would you go with your child?

I think I would like to take my child to library and a field (could be of any game) as part of leisure activity. Also, I would love to travel with my child because in my opinion, a child learns so much more from travelling, history and art than he or she can ever learn from any of the text books or any motivational videos.

12. How do people in your country spend their holidays?

Well, it's kind of hard to say but people that I know around me tend to hang out with friends for dinner, but maybe for others, they will probably go shopping with family in the shopping malls to enjoy themselves

13. If you had a child, what leisure places would you go to with your child?

Well, I'm really into taking my kid travelling around in the natural scenery spots during the weekends to loose up. Although travelling to other places is really time consuming, I still like going out because I believe that staying close to the nature can cultivate people' s mental development

TOPIC 12: SPORTS

(Questions and answer sources: ielts advantage, lefroyee)

1. Do you play any sports?

Not as much as I should. I'm really busy with my job these days, so I don't get the chance to do as many sports as I would like. I try to play basketball on Saturdays for a couple of hours and I occasionally play golf.

2. Have you played basketball for long?

Since I was about 10 years old. I remember playing a computer game about basketball when I was about 10 and it made me obsessed with the sport. From then on I played basketball every day until I went to university and then other things took priority, but I regret not maintaining it because it was something I loved doing.

3. Do you watch sport on TV?

Football is my favourite sport to watch on TV. I'm terrible at football but I love watching it on TV, especially big games like the Champions League. I follow Liverpool Football Club and so do a few of my friends, so we normally go the pub every weekend and watch whoever Liverpool are playing and a few of the other big games in the Premiership.

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

In my country there are two dominant sports Gaelic Football and Hurling. Gaelic is a little like soccer but you are allowed to pick up the ball with your hands and you can kick the ball over the bar for one point or in the goal for 3 points. Hurling is played with sticks and a smaller ball and involves hitting the ball over the bar or in the goal. Both of them are really fast-paced and a bit brutal at times. You can tackle someone much harder than you can in soccer.

5. How do people in your country stay fit?

We are blessed with beautiful countryside and a nice temperate climate so most people either go running or walking. Lots of young people play field sports, but more and more people are joining gyms. Gyms have really took off recently as people worry more and more about their appearance. I think it has much more to do with how good people look rather than actually keeping fit.

6. Is it important for children to play sports?

Definitely. Sport not only keeps them healthy, but it also teaches them discipline and keeps them out of trouble. For instance, in my school the kids who were dedicated to sport also achieved the highest grades in school and went on to good universities where they continued to work hard.

7. Have you ever tried any dangerous sports?

Oh, no, though my life is quite a bit boring, I'm too scared to do any extreme sports because I don't think I have enough guts to put myself in the difficult situations.

8. What kind of sports would you like to try in the future?

Well, I guess what I'll try in the future is the tennis because it can help me build my strength and improve my flexibility and balance. Besides, tennis is social, it's a sport I can enjoy with friends if I play regularly.

TOPIC 13: VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

(Questions and answer sources: thuyed, lefroyee)

1. Do you usually eat fruit and vegetables every day?

Yes, I do. I usually have bananas with my cereal at breakfast time, an apple for lunch, and sometimes I have melon or some other types of fruit after the main meal. I eat lots of vegetables each day as well because they're good for me.

2. What kind of fruit do you enjoy the most?

I really love bananas because I enjoy the flavour and the fact that they are convenient to take to school, and they fill us up easily. They're also healthy.

3. Did you enjoy the same type of fruit when you were a child?

No, I don't think so. I used to hate peeling the skin of bananas, so I never really enjoyed eating them. Then, when I got a bit older, I changed my mind.

4. Do you prefer to eat fruit or vegetables?

Sometimes, I think I prefer vegetables because they are always part of the meal, not separate, so it's easier to get enough vegetables to stay healthy. But then, fruit is so sweet and delicious. I guess I enjoy both fruit and vegetables equally.

5. Are there any special fruits in your hometown?

Oh yes, there are loquat trees everywhere in my hometown. Loquat is very sweet and has lots of nutrition and can become medicine.

6. Should we eat vegetables every day?

Yes, we do. We really need to eat vegetables everyday because you simply cannot find another food group that is as perfectly matched to our everyday human needs as vegetables. There are various protein, fibre and vitamin that cannot be found in other food like meat.

TOPIC 14: MATHS

(Questions and answer sources: ielts band7)

1. At what age did you start studying mathematics?

I can't exactly remember, but it was probably in my first year at primary school when I was 5 years old. I probably learnt simple addition at that age.

2. Are you good at math?

I pretty much like doing math, and math is all about practice, so I tend to do good in it.

3. Did you like mathematics when you were at school?

I enjoyed math at the beginning doing simple sums but when things got really complex, with coming of geometry, I started avoiding it, but that was only for a small time. I remember, loving it for almost all times.

4. What was your teacher like?

My math teacher was really good at it. I remember, him making concepts so simpler that almost everyone understands it. For him, doing sums was not important but understanding the basic idea was and he made us focus on them.

5. What kind of things did you learned in math?

Initially, we were taught, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. But, in later years, things got complex with algebra, geometry, estimating powers and roots and stuff like that.

6. Did you used calculator when learning math?

We weren't allowed calculators until the high school but it was provided once we got into the intermediate. Most probably, because there weren't any complex calculations earlier.

7. Did you find it difficult to do the calculation?

No, not really. For me, doing calculations wasn't that big deal and I got away with most of them.

8. How do you calculate difficult sums?

It depends. If the calculations requires complex solving, I prefer using calculator but for the simpler one I rely more on my multiplication and addition skills.

9. Do you think math is an important subject for children to learn?

I think yes. Math teaches people how to solve problems or to interpret and understand data. These are the things one faces in real life and it makes solving them easier. Also, it teaches people to do simple and complex calculations needed for everyday life.

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TOPIC 15: SKY

(Questions and answer sources: arrowenglish, lefroyee)

1. Do you usually watch the sky? (Do you ever look at the sky?)

Well, to be honest, I don't do that very often. You know, I live in a metropolitan area where there are lots of high-rise buildings, thus I cannot really see much of the sky above me. Moreover, normally during the night so many lights are on that it's hard to see the stars even if the sky is clear.

2. Do you like watching the sky?

Yeah, I do, just that I haven't got many chances. Whenever I travel to some open land or the countryside, one of my favourite activities is to lie down and spend hours looking up at the marvelous starry sky.

3. What do you think about when you look at the sky?

Quite a range, actually. It's when my mind sort of wanders from one random thing to another, back and forth. Most of the time I would end up dreaming of some new journeys which could take me to faraway places where I can enjoy the beauty of nature better.

4. Do you like to look at the sky during the day or the night? (Do you like to watch the night sky?) What are the differences?

The night sky is a little bit more attractive to me. Well, the obvious reason is during the day it's normally too bright with the sun shining. That said, I love watching the clouds on cloudy days, since their various shapes greatly trigger my imagination.

5. Can you see the sky from your apartment?

Yes it's possible from our terrace on the top of the house. Also, since we don't live in the very center of the city, there are fewer tall buildings around, which enables us to see a larger part of the sky and that's pretty nice.

6. Do you like to watch stars?

Well, as my hometown is a tourism city and there is no any industrial pollution, the sky is always clean and clear, and I can see the stunning night sky with countless and glittering stars and sometimes even the galaxy. But unfortunately in a metropolis like Beijing light pollution makes the night sky invisible.

7. Have you ever taken a course about stars?

No, I have never been in any sorts of courses about stars because actually there was no such courses in the schools or university. But fortunately my grandmother once sent me an encyclopaedia about nature in which there were loads of stories about stars, I got the most of the knowledge about stars from it.

8. Is it important to study stars?

Yes, I believe that astronomy has always had a significant impact on our world view as it can help open our eyes, give context to our place in the cosmos and that can definitely reshape how we see the world.

9. What's your favourite star?

My favourite star constellation is Orion. It's very easy to spot on winter nights. Firstly, it has a huge red giant star, which may explode any time soon. Besides, it has a massive blue star which is very young. On top of that it also has a big nebula where new stars are being born – so it has everything!

TOPIC 16: CLOTHS

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, IELTS-simon)

1. What clothes do you usually like to wear?

Well, actually I don't have an instinct for fashion and my look says I'm a laid-back kind of guy. So I usually wear casual clothes. I'm most comfortable wearing jeans, a T-shirt and my flip-flops. Oh, definitely not. I always wore the school uniforms which was a blue jacket with a white shirt. They were very simple and boring. So when I reached home, I intended to put on my favourite outfits.

2. Will you change your clothes when you go home today?

Oh, yes. The formal clothes really make me nervous so after I go home later, I'll take them off and change my sweatshirts

3. Did you have any special clothes to wear when you were a child?

Yes, when I was a child, I needed to wear a uniform at school from primary school all the way to the very last year of high school, which is an institution, so I believed my parents had to follow this tradition.

4. Did you like them?

No, I really couldn't stand the school uniform because the clothes were a bit too old-fashioned; in addition, sometimes I was reluctant to wear them because they were too large. I doubted why they couldn't be a bit more trendy and colourful like the ones in other countries, like Japan and Australia.

5. Are clothes and clothing fashions important to you? (Why/Why not?)

No, clothes and fashions are not really important to me. I tend to wear clothes that are comfortable and practical rather than fashionable.

6. What different clothes do you wear for different situations?

Well, I have to dress quite formally for work, so I wear a shirt and trousers. At home I prefer to wear jeans and a T-shirt, and on special occasions I might wear a suit.

7. Do you wear different styles of clothes now compared to 10 years ago?

No, not really, because I don't follow fashion. I think I have dressed in a similar way for the last 10 years.

8. Do you think the clothes we wear say something about who we are?

Yes, they probably do. Some people are really careful about what they wear because they want to be seen as stylish. Other people wear clothes that show wealth or status, such as clothes by famous designers.

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TOPIC 17: WEEKEND

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, ieltsband7)

1. Do you spend all your weekends the same way?

Well, to an extent you can say yes. My job is such that I have very less time for travelling during weekdays, but travelling and blogging being very important for me, it is in weekends that I do the travel blogging part. So, every weekend I travel to a new place and get to know about the local culture and what is important about the place, the history and the changes it has seen since the time it was built. Sometimes, however, I travel with my friends as well and make some memories.

2. In your country, do men and women do the same kind of things on weekends?

Things are slowly changing with corporate culture creeping in. I remember earlier, on weekends we all as a family used to go out and spend some time at a nearby place but as I have grown and working in corporate, men and women surely do almost the same thing on weekends. But, with other occupations, you can find women mostly doing things related to family while men could be found juggling with relaxing and work.

3. What did you do on last weekend?

The last weekend, I was busy preparing for the IELTS and I remember, I had a mock test. So, I was giving the test and then working on all the grey areas.

4. Do you like working on weekends?

Definitely not. I would say, work is surely a worship but I would prefer enhancing on my other areas of life during weekends rather than just working something that I do on weekdays. Like, I have signed up for a badminton club, so I go on and practice badminton during weekends.

5. Do you think employees should have to work on weekends?

I think it depends on the person, but according to me, a person should definitely not work on weekends. A weekend is the time to work on yourself, to improve on oneself. There are so many things in life that we would want to learn and so many activities that we would want to do. I think weekend is the time that should be dedicated to this.

6. Do you think weekends now are important to you than when you were a child?

Definitely yes. As a child, I remember neither the weekdays, nor the weekends did matter to me much. Because I had a perfect balance of play and work. But as I have grown up, I have realized that for some reasons the balance is missing out. So, weekends become those days for me, when I try to balance out my life.

7. What are you planning to do next weekend?

For the next weekend, I am planning to go to Jagganath temple. It has been quite a time that I have been in Bhubaneswar, but have not gone to the temple, so I am planning to visit it and some nearby areas along with it.

8. Is there anything new that you'd like to do on weekends?

Yes, actually I've been thinking about going to the gym on Saturdays. I have to do some exercise, I'm so out of shape now!

9. What do other people in your hometown usually do on weekends?

Well, there are so many people in my hometown, it's really hard to say, probably most people tend to stay at home to enjoy the family time, but personally speaking, I guess there are not much entertaining facilities in my small hometown for people to go.

TOPIC 18: READING

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, ielts-simon)

1. Do you like reading?

Yes, I like reading a lot. I read all sorts of things, including novels, newspapers, magazines, and online articles.

2. What (kinds of) books do you like to read?

Oh, it's a tough question, or it should be more of what books I don't read. I have a really open mind to books and what genre they are. Classic literature, novel, autobiography, historical story...whatever.

3. Do you usually read for leisure or for work purposes?

Well, I have to do a certain amount of reading as part of my job, but I probably read more for enjoyment. I pick up a newspaper most days, and I usually have a book on the go.

4. What was your favourite book or story when you were a child?

The first book that I remember really enjoying was '.....'. It only took me a few days to read because I liked it so much that I couldn't put it down.

5. Do you think it's important that children read regularly?

Definitely. I think reading is possibly the most important skill that children learn. The ability to read opens the door to all aspects of education.

6. Do (young) children like reading books?

It's kind of hard to say but young children that I know around me tend to read fairy tales to cultivate their mental development, but maybe for others, they just want to watch TV and play toys.

7. What do you think are the benefits of reading to children?

I believe if you want your children to be smart, they have to acquire a love for reading, which has numerous benefits. Reading opens the door to child's early academic success, imparts a love of learning and leads to higher grades in every subject. Besides, reading can help children improve linguistic skills in the form of a richer vocabulary, correct grammar, and more articulate oral communication. On top of that, books teach child about relationships, situations, personalities, and what is good and what is bad in the world he lives in.

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TOPIC 19: SLEEP

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, ieltsband7)

1. How many hours do you sleep every day?

Usually I sleep for seven to eight hours every day in order to let my body relax. But if I want to do something very important at night, I could only sleep for less than four hours.

2. Is it necessary to take a nap every day?

Yes, I believe that after having lunch at noon, it's beneficial for body to take a nap, half of hour would be enough, to brace for the tasks in the afternoon

3. Do old people sleep a lot? Why?

Yes, I guess the elderly people do need to sleep more. I believe the reason is that after years of working, stress and the natural process breaks down people's body until all they want to do is sleep, consequently, their bodies take longer to recharge the batteries.

4. How to have a good sleep?

I believe you have to follow several rules to get a good sleep regularly. Firstly, go to bed at the same time every night. Choose a time when you normally feel tired, so that you don't toss and turn. Besides, make sure your bed is comfortable so that you can stretch and turn in bed comfortably. As well as that, stay away from big meals at night or try to make dinnertime earlier in the evening, and avoid heavy, rich foods before bed.

5. Do you like to get up early in the morning?

Yes, getting up early in the morning is really beneficial for health, because I can enjoy the fresh air in the morning; besides, I have plenty of time in the morning so that I can do some physical exercises liking running and jogging; as well as that, I can prepare a good dinner for the family.

6. Can you sleep well if you are in a noisy environment?

Well, I'm afraid I can't fall asleep in the noisy place like barking dogs, loud neighbours and city traffic because I used to sleep quietly from childhood. So sometimes I envy someone who grows accustomed to environmental noise and can sleep well in whatever place.

7. Have you ever suffered from insomnia?

Insomnia, not exactly, but yes there were times when I used to have very small sleeping hours. So, I would just fall asleep and then wake up and then again fall asleep. I soon realized that my body needs care.

8. Are you a light sleeper or a heavy sleeper?

I am definitely a heavy sleeper who has to go for light sleeping. I love to sleep and in my initial years of life I used to sleep a lot, but with later years coming in, I became more responsible and started sleeping only that was required by body.

9. What keeps you awake at night?

There are few things that can keep me awake, one is writing, the other is coding. It is when I am doing these two things that I almost forget what the time is. I remember, one day, checking the clock after coding for some time, only to realize that it is now almost 2 in the night and I have been coding since past 5 hours. It is so amazing a feeling that I almost forget that sleep is also very important.

TOPIC 20: TREES

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)

1. Do you like trees?

Yes, I am a tree lover because trees let me breath better, without them I couldn't survive any longer

2. Are there any important trees in your country?

There are many important trees in my country. The use of bamboo, for example, can be ranged from furniture making to building construction. Besides, the weeping willow trees symbolise the new hope in ancient China, therefore, there are many poem complimenting them.

3. Is there a forest near your hometown?

Yes. It's just the world-renowned Huangshan Mountain with various kinds of trees living there, the most famous one are pine trees.

4. Would you like to live in a place that has a lot of trees?

Yes, I'm really into getting close to nature cos I believe it's the most healthy and natural way of living. Although it's unreasonable to have such lifestyle in Beijing now, I still hold that dream in my life.

5. Where can one find trees (or forests) in your country?

I guess trees can be easily seen in my country. If you are in cities, there are always many sycamore trees along the streets; or if you are in the suburb areas, you will see forests in various sizes.

6. Do you think places with trees attract more visitors than places with few trees?

Well, yes. Obviously places with lots of trees are more shady, cooler, more humid and much less windy, therefore, people will feel more comfortable and more likely to get close to nature.

7. Did you ever climb trees when you were a child?

Yes, of course. There are many trees in my community when I was a kid, I always climbed trees to get higher or to seek the birds' eggs.

8. Have you ever planted a tree?

Yes, once. I remembered when my middle school once organised hiking in a mountainous area, we planted several saplings in the forest, and I guess they have grown up into big trees already.

9. Do you think more people should plant trees?

Yes, I believe more trees should be planted both in and outside the cities because they can absorb the pollutant gases and provide enough oxygen; besides, tree can save water and prevent soil erosion. Therefore, trees are critically important to keep our eco-system balanced. We are supposed to not only plant more trees, but protect the existing ones.

10. Do you think we should plant more trees?**11. Do you think trees are important?****12. What would you say are the benefits of having trees?****13. Do you think we need to protect trees?**

TOPIC 21: NEWSPAPER

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)


1. Do you often read newspapers?

Not very often. Newspaper always take time to get published so that they are not so updated. Besides, I have to go to the kiosks and spend money to buy newspapers. It's quite troublesome.

2. Which do you prefer reading, magazines or newspapers?

Well, if I were to choose between the two, I'll probably go for reading magazines in my spare time because they are well printed and always have in-depth reporting on some particular events; whereas, you know, newspapers always report the same news as the Internet, so they now seem to be not so indispensable.

3. What kinds of newspapers (or magazines) do you usually read?

I'm more interested in newspapers about foreign cultures. I like to learn about their religions, customs, and the foods they eat. Occasionally,  foreign news interests me, too. I really like reading scientific related news.

4. How old were you when you first started to read newspapers?

I got the habit of reading newspapers when I was in high school, 18 years old maybe. The library in my school had several kinds of newspapers and magazines so that as long as I had free time, I'd like to go to read some news about the latest political events, sports and fashion news.

5. Do you think it's important to read newspapers? (Why?/Why not?)

Yes, I feel that it's very important for me and other people to know what happened in the domestic and international events.

6. Why do you think people read newspapers?

It's kind of hard to say but people that I know around me tend to read the political news because they are interested in what happens in the domestic country and abroad, but maybe for others, they just care more about the sports and fashion events.

7. What different types of newspapers are there in your country?**8. Do you prefer to read about domestic (or local) news or international news? (Why?)**

Well, if I were to choose between the two, I'll probably go with reading domestic news because they are closer to home, and affects me more; whereas, you know, international news sometimes have nothing to do with my daily life, so I just read the headlines.

9. What are some methods that newspapers use to attract readers?

Well, I feel that newspaper agents always try to use the bold headings, attractive advertisements, and insights in the article to get the readers' attention.

10. What influence do you think newspapers have on society?

Well, I guess that newspapers have a great influence on society. Newspapers keep them informed about economy, political activities, science, education. Besides, it gives a true and correct picture of the society, country. Moreover, they also help us to educate people about their rights and duties.

11. Do you think the internet is a good way to get news?

Yes, getting news from internet is a regular source now because it's very convenient for me to get news from internet such as mobile phone. The news apps in my mobile phone usually send me the most urgent notifications to me so it keeps me posted.

12. Do you care about the news?
13. Is the news important to you?
14. What kinds of news do people in your country read in newspapers?

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TOPIC 22: TEXT MESSAGES/TELEPHONE CALLS

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, ielts-simon)

TEXT MESSAGES:

1. Do you text someone if he doesn't answer your phone?

Yes, when my friends can't answer my phone, I will text him to let him know and wait for his reply.

2. Is there any chance when texting someone is better than calling him?

I believe when the person answering the phone is having a conference or in a cinema, it's better to text him instead of having a telephone call.

3. Have you ever had difficulty replying?

Yes, I remember when I have to refuse some requests of friends, I have to think carefully about how to reply for a long time.

4. How often do you send text messages?

I almost send text messages on a daily basis. I always text my friends and family to greet, chat and make a travelling plan.

TELEPHONE CALLS:

1. How often do you make telephone calls?

I probably make three or four phone calls every day, usually just to make arrangements with work colleagues or to speak to family and friends.

2. Who do you spend most time talking to on the telephone?

I think it would be one of my closest work colleagues. We often call each other rather than meeting face-to-face.

3. When do you think you'll next make a telephone call?

My family are expecting me to phone them as soon as I finish this exam. They'll want to know how it went.

4. Do you sometimes prefer to send a text message instead of telephoning?

Yes. I prefer to send a text message when I'm arranging something simple, like a time to meet someone. In those situations, a phone call isn't necessary.

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TOPIC 23: MEMORY

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)

1. What do you remember to do every day?

Well, there are many things I have to remember to do every day. For example, after getting up in the morning, I need to take some simple physical exercises like doing some crunches and push-ups. Besides, another important thing that I should keep in mind is to teach my son to read the traditional Chinese poems in the evening.

2. What helps people to remember things?

Well, it's kind of hard to say but people I know around me use the to-do-list apps in their mobile phones to help them remember what to do next; but maybe for others, they may probably write the urgent things down in the notebooks.

3. Why do old people forget about things easily?

Well, I guess it's quite normal that people are more and more forgetful when they are becoming ageing. Apart from some negative emotional factors like stress and depression, elderly people are easier to forget things because of their normal ageing.

4. Have you ever forgotten something important?

Oh yes, I nearly forgot the birthday of a woman I liked last time. I once asked her what her birthday was, and told her I would send her a gift, but I just unbelievably forgot it until the evening that day. Fortunately, I asked her out to dinner to celebrate with her.

TOPIC 24: FRIENDS

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, ielts-simon)

1. Are your friends mostly your age or different ages?

Most of my friends are about the same age as me because we met at school or university. I've got one or two friends who are older or younger than I met through work.

2. Do you usually see your friends during the week or at weekends?

I tend to meet up with my friends at weekends because everyone's too busy during the week.

3. The last time you saw your friends, what did you do together?

It was one of my friends' birthday last weekend. Six of us went out for a meal to celebrate.

4. In what ways are your friends important to you?

I think it's important to have friends that you can talk to and share experiences with. My friends make me laugh, but I know I can also rely on them whenever I need help or support.

5. How often do you like to hang out with friends?

I hang out with my friends somewhere from time to time. Normally if we have lots of time in the weekends, we will go to the cinema to watch movies with our kids to have a good time; but if we don't have plenty of time, we'll just have dinner together in a restaurant.

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

Usually I'd like to hang out with one of my close friends. Actually we live in the same community so we can meet frequently. Besides, both of our kids are in the same class in the kindergarten, so we'd like to take them to the park or playground together.

7. Where do you like to go when you hang out with your friends?

Well, that depends. We sometimes go to the restaurants to enjoy the tasty food if someone finds a decent place; and if we have plenty of time, we'd like to plan a hike or camp in the nearby forest park to enjoy the natural life. That would be a very memorable experience.

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

Well, if I were to choose between the two, I will probably go with hanging out with a big group people because I feel that I am an extrovert, I like to meet different people to know about different kinds of life and make myself more sociable; whereas, you know, with few people around, it would be hard to find something interesting to do, such as travelling, hiking, etc.

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TOPIC 25: TRAVEL

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, ielts-simon)

1. Do you like travelling?

You bet! I am a big fan of travelling around. I spend months all together each year to go somewhere else. I feel that it's not only an indispensable part of my life, but also can culture my mental development.

2. In which seasons do you prefer to travel?

I guess the autumn is the best time to travel. As it is neither too hot nor too cold, people will feel comfortable to go out. Besides, as the foliage of trees will turn yellow or red, you will find the picturesque views all around you. Wherever you go, you will experience a memorable trip.

3. Would you say your country welcomes travellers? (or tourists)?

Yes, Chinese people are renowned for their hospitality to visitors. And there are also numerous tourist attractions around the country. For instance, you can visit the natural landscape to see the picturesque views, or you can go to the historical relics to know the events through the long Chinese history, or you can just stay at the metropolises to experience the local people's lifestyle.

4. What form of transport do you prefer to use? Why?

I prefer to travel by car because it means that I have my own space. Also, the buses and trains in my city are usually overcrowded; my car is much more comfortable.

5. How much time do you spend travelling on a normal day?

I probably spend about an hour and a half travelling to and from work. I travel during the rush hours, so there is quite a lot of traffic.

6. What do you do while you are travelling?

I usually listen to the radio or a CD. In the morning, I like to listen to the news to find out what is happening in the world.

7. Do you ever have problems with transport?

Yes, as I said, I get stuck in traffic on my way to and from work. I used to get annoyed by traffic jams, but now I'm used to them.

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TOPIC 26: TRANSPORTATION

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, thuyed)

1. What's the most popular means of transportation in your hometown?

Well, I guess people in my hometown always ride bike to go work or somewhere else because my hometown is a small town and it's very convenient to go out by bike.

2. How often do you take buses?

I barely go out by bus because I have my own car now, so I always go somewhere by car.

3. Can you compare the advantages of planes and trains?

Well, between the two, travelling by planes is relatively very fast, for example, it just takes three hours for me to go between Beijing and Shanghai which covers distance of 1500 kilometres; on the contrary, travelling by trains is an increasingly cost-effective alternative to planes, particularly if I'm going a relatively short distance.

4. Is driving to work popular in your country?

Yes, people that I know around me tend to go to work by car because it's very convenient to drive, but I believe that maybe for others, they just take buses to office because it's cheap and always on time.

5. Do you think people will drive more in the future?

Yes, I believe that as people earn more money and lead a better life, they will tend to buy cars for their families, and apparently drive cars to offices.

6. Would you ride bikes to work in the future?

Oh no, it's impossible to ride bike to work because you know, Beijing is a big city, I always drive about 20 kilometres to office, so I'll be late if I ride bike.

7. What will become the most popular means of transportation in China?

I believe private transportation will be the most popular means of transportation in my country because as people get richer in the following years, people will tend to buy cars for their families and business for various purposes, and obviously, China has already become the biggest vehicles market in the world.

8. Do you prefer public transportation or private transportation?

Well, if I were to choose between the two, I'll probably go to work by my own car because apparently, it's much more comfortable than in the crowded bus or subway.

9. What types public transport can be found in your country?

Obviously, there's quite a mixed variety of public transport in my country. When we travel on the roads, it's easy to find a mass of buses, taxis, or even trains. If someone wants to have an outbound trip, plane is crucial. However, the most commonly-used would potentially be buses, since they are so cheap and reliable.

10. What types of public transport do you use most?

As far as I'm concerned, I take buses more often than any other means of transport. That might be due to the fact that I am liable to carsickness and buses aren't so stuffy. Moreover, bus wouldn't set me back because with only 200,000 dong for a monthly commutation ticket, I could commute to work everyday without any anxiety.

11. Are there any public transport problems in your country?

With an increase of private cars in my country, during the rush hour there are always jam-packed and people often go bananas due to this. The road quality, furthermore, is too run-down to meet the needs of the overwhelming vehicular traffics. This might lead to the increase in drastic crack-ups recently.

12. How would you improve the public transport system in your country?

If I had such chance to do our public transport system up, I would focus on the quality of routes. There is an undeniable truth that an abundance of roads in our country have been irrelevantly constructed. In addition, I would bring under new regulations regarding to quality of conveyances in use which are much downgraded currently.

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TOPIC 27: LETTERS OR EMAILS

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, ielts-simon)

1. Do you write many letters or emails?

Yes, I almost write emails for my clients as part of my job on a daily basis. There are many things I have to write, for example, I usually write end user training for my clients to teach them how to use the system, or I write the development guide for my technical staffs to tell them how to code.

2. Who do you usually write to?

Well, as I've just said, I often send emails to my students and co-workers. I also send emails to my family members once in a blue moon asking them how they are doing or informing them something big that has just happened in my life.

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

If I were to choose between the two, I'll probably go with writing things with a computer. I believe that in the age of fast living and a culture of convenience, writing things with computers can bring people convenience and efficiency. Whereas, hand writing is really time consuming and hard to share.

4. How often do you write an email or a letter?

I use Gmail to communicate with my students and co-workers/colleagues almost every day. It's very convenient and versatile. I can not only send and receive text messages but also attach files, forward an email to others, and organize my emails in different categories for latter use/reference.

5. What are the differences between emails and letters?

Well, between the two, a letter is printed or handwritten on actual paper and sent through the mail while an email is typed on a computer, tablet or smartphone and sent electronically. While emails have become a more popular way of communication for individuals and businesses, traditional letters still have a place in today's modern, tech-oriented society.

6. What kinds of letter/email do you think is the hardest to write?

Normally it seems like a daily routine for me to write emails to my clients about how to use the system; but if they complain to me about the poor user experience, I sometimes really find myself getting stuck in explaining to comfort them.

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

I would be feeling both honoured and excited to receive a letter or email from other because the sender has spent time writing it. Especially when someone writes to me to appreciate me or compliment me about my responsible work.

8. What kinds of emails (or letters) do you receive that make you feel excited?

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9. Which do you prefer to make a phone call or write an email?

Well, if I were to choose between the two, I will probably go with writing an email because I can have plenty of time thinking about how to express my opinion correctly and clearly, besides, the whole conversation can be tracked in the mail list; whereas, you know, making

a telephone call usually leads to misunderstanding because sometimes it is not very accurate and obscure.

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

I believe that as a major method of communication between people, letter writing has a vast and interesting history; besides, handwritten letters are personal. They show the receiver that someone has spent time and effort in communicating with them. They are a way of connecting two people that cannot be achieved through the impersonal use of texts or instant messages. Therefore, I feel that the handwriting letters are irreplaceable in the future.

11. How do you communicate with others at work – by emails or is it more convenient to communicate face-to-face?

12. What sorts of letters or emails are the most difficult to reply to?

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

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TOPIC 28: HAND-WRITING

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, ielts-simon, ieltsband7)

1. At work or in your studies, do you often write things?

Yes, I write a lot of emails as part of my job. I work for a company that has offices in several countries, so we use email to communicate.

2. How often do you send e-mails?

I probably write between 5 and 10 work emails every day, and I send emails to friends or family a few times a week.

3. What do you usually write?

Yes, I almost write documentaries for my clients as part of my job on a daily basis. There are many things I have to write, for example, I usually write end user training for my clients to teach them how to use the system, or I write the development guide for my technical staffs to tell them how to code.

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4. Do you like writing to people?

Yes, I'm really into communicating with my clients in emails. I send emails to them almost on a daily basis in my office, discussing business, guiding them how to use the system and solving the problems. I feel like sending emails because I can trace the communication by mail list, which is much more useful than telephone.

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7. Nowadays, how do most people write things?

Well, there are so many people in my country, it's really hard to say, probably most people write something with computers, for example, people like to write blogs to share their feelings with friends on the internet, but personally speaking, I don't think that writing without pens can be called writing.

8. When do children begin to write in your country?

In China, children usually learn to write in elementary school. They firstly learn the basic elements of the Chinese characters, then the simple characters, and finally the complicated ones. They will have to do a lot of writing practises to remember them. The more they practise, the better they write.

9. Do you think handwriting is very important (nowadays)?

Yes, I feel that handwriting can allow people to get more opportunities because if you have a decent handwriting, people will admire you and you are considered to be both well-educated and literate.

10. Do you prefer to write by hand or on a computer?

It depends what I'm doing. I prefer the computer for most things because it's faster and you can save or copy things, but I still like making notes or writing ideas down by hand.

11. Do you think computers might one day replace handwriting?

No, I think we will always write by hand as well. I think it's an important skill, and schools will continue to teach children to write by hand before they learn to type.

12. How did you learn to write?

I lived in a joint family so there were lots of people around me who were interested in teaching me. So, I learnt to write with the help of my brothers and my mother. They used to write letters in the notebook and I was given task to copy the letter or write above it.

13. How can children today improve (or, practice) their handwriting?

The only thing that can help is practice and doing it perfectly. So, parents can buy practice books which focus on developing handwriting. For instance, cursive books. Children should try to imitate the way things are written there. It is by imitating good handwriting can a child learn how to write properly.

14. What impression does a person's handwriting have on other people?

No matter how far we have moved with technology, a good handwriting is a sign of a creative mind. So, when people look at someone whose handwriting is beautiful, he/she is assumed to be of high intellect or having artistic qualities.

TOPIC 29: SWIMMING

(Questions and answer sources: ieltsspeakingquestions)

1. Do you like swimming?

Yes, I do. More now than in the past – I wasn't so keen on it when I was younger, but since I've been here I've been swimming a lot more.

2. Where do (or can) people go swimming in your hometown (or, near your home)?

Okay, well, back home people don't really swim that much, except when they're children. We used to swim in the river near our home, especially when it was very hot. Here, it's different – we have a swimming pool in the apartment complex where we were staying, so I probably swim about three or four times a week because it's a great way to relax, and it's good exercise too.

3. Is swimming very popular in your country?

It's popular with children and young people, but not so much for older people.

4. Why do many people like swimming?

I guess it could be because it's relaxing and it makes you feel good, and it's also a super way to cool off when it's really hot, like it is here at the moment.

5. What do you think are the benefits of swimming (or, the benefits of knowing how to swim)?

So, knowing how to swim is important, especially for children if they live near water – it could literally save their life if they fell into a river or something like that.

As for benefits, well, it's great exercise, full cardiovascular benefits for your heart and it's also low-impact exercise so people of any age can do it without risk of damaging their joints. And of course, it's a great way to have fun at the beach with friends – or as we do – at the pool when we're relaxing.

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TOPIC 30: SNACKS

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, successielts)

1. What kinds of snacks do you like to eat?

Well, as for me, I like eating the hard-boiled eggs the most because they are very easy to cook and I won't feel hungry in the office after eating them at break.

2. Is it healthy to eat snacks?

- I think that if you're hungry, it's perfectly fine to have some fruit but if people eat junk food between meals, then it's really unhealthy.
- I think all kind of snacking between main meals is bad for your health. If people avoided snacking, they would be much healthier and less over weight.

3. Do your parents allow you to eat snacks?

Yes, actually most of the snacks in my house are bought by my parents, because they wish me to eat them if I'm hungry between meals.

4. What was the most popular snack when you were young?

When I was a boy, I felt that the salty snacks with scallion were very popular among the children because I thought that we ate too much candy so our parents didn't intend to give us any other sweet food.

5. What kinds of snacks do children in your country like to eat nowadays?

Well, nowadays, I feel that children like to eat lots of almonds because they have special flavour and the parents believe almonds are a great source of protein and healthy fat that is satisfying.

6. Do you like snacks?

No, not really. I generally prefer to eat at meal times rather than graze between meals.

Yes, I do. Around mid morning I usually have some fruit and then about 3pm I have some biscuits or something like that.

7. What kinds of snacks are popular in your country?

Well, I guess that most people eat junk food like crisps, chocolate and biscuits for their snacks.

I suppose official workers mainly eat junk food like biscuits but other people sometimes eat fruit or something healthier.

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TOPIC 31: PHOTOGRAPHY

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee, ieltsspeakingquestions)

1. Do you like to take photographs?

Yes, I love taking pictures and sharing them with my friends. I probably take four or five a day on average and sometimes a lot more depending on where I am and what I'm doing. If I go out with friends for the day or go some places special then I usually take a lot more than on just a normal day, for example.

2. Would you like to study photography?

Not particularly. I'm not really interested in the technicalities or the art side of photography – I just like capturing moments rather than composing shots and things like that. It's nice to see some impressive photographs taken by professionals – but it's not something I would like to study or try and do professionally.

3. How often do you take photographs?

It depends, if something funny or interesting happens then I'll snap it on my phone and share it on Facebook or Instagram, but if I'm not doing anything interesting then I don't really think about taking photos or pictures. I guess on average I take at least one picture a day, sometimes a lot more, so very frequently I suppose.

4. Do you take photographs of yourself?

No, not really – I'm not into the whole 'selfie' thing – I prefer to take photos of other people, things or places. Like yesterday, for example, I took a photo of some clothes and sent them to a friend to ask her what she thought about them while I was thinking about buying them. Later in the day I took a pic of my mother at home with my sister, and then in the evening I was out with some friends and we went to a restaurant and I took a couple of photos of us together – a group photo. So typically I'm in the photos but with other people, not just by myself.

5. Do you have any good family photographs?

Yes, a lot. I like taking photos of my family, and so do my sisters, especially on special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries and other special days when we're all together. I've got quite a big family, so it's sometimes a challenge to get us all together in a photo – but we've got some really good ones over the years.

6. Do you prefer to take photos yourself or to have other people take photos? (Why?)

If I were to choose between the two, I'll probably go with taking photos of others because I feel that different people have different characteristics, so the photos will be distinguishing. Whereas, I barely take a selfie because it will make me embarrassed.

7. In what situations do you take photographs?

Normally, I'll probably go with the scenery to take photos because I really enjoy the marvellous natural scenery such as the seashore, sunset and twilight, but if I take my son travelling around, I'll take photos of him to capture his happiness.

8. How do you keep your photos?

I store my photos both in my computer disk and Internet for backup. And besides I have a photography website running for 4 years, keeping all my premium photos there.

9. Are there any photos on the walls of your home?

Yes, I used to print some photos of my kid to hang them in his room, which can help us memorise the warm moment we had together.

10. Do you prefer to send postcards to people or to send photos that you took yourself? (Why?)

Well, if I were to choose between the two, I'll probably go with my own photos because they are unique and seeing a lot of comments from friends is really a pleasant thing. Whereas postcards are not as meaningful as photos taken by myself.

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TOPIC 32: HELP

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)

1. Do you like to help others?

Frankly, I am very happy to help others, especially my neighbours, getting along well with neighbours is also very important to lead a happy life.

2. When was your last time you helped others?

Well, let me tell you about a time when I helped someone not familiar. One day in the morning, I met a neighbour in the shop who was an old lady and also lived in the same building as me. She just bought a bag of rice and was ready to take the heavy bag home. I saw the bag was quite heavy and she was trying to lift it up. I walked straightly to her, and told her that I could help her take the bag home. She was very thankful and agreed to accept my kindness. I could feel that she really hope someone could stand out and do her a favour at that moment.

3. Did your parents teach you the importance of helping others?

When I was young, my parents and teachers taught me a lot about helping others. It is the core virtue in my culture, the solidarity of community is the thing that keeps members of society connected so we are always willing to help each other.

4. Have you ever refused to help others?

Yeah, sometimes when I am in hurry or in business I have to say apology to refuse other's ask for help

5. Would you like to keep helping others in future?

TOPIC 33: HISTORY

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)

1. Do you like (to learn about) history?

Yes, I am a big fan of reading historical stories. When I was a little boy, I always took some historical books from my father's bookshelf and read the historical events. I feel that history not only can cultivate my mental development, but also give me a better picture of human society.

2. What historical event do you find most interesting?

Personally I am fond of the Battle of Red Cliffs happened in the early period of Three Kingdoms, which was a decisive battle at the end of the Han Dynasty. It was also the typical battle in Chinese history renowned for the fewer and weaker defeating the more and stronger.

3. Do you think history is important?

Yes, the main factor is that like our native language, history forms a cultural identity and keeps a unique record of country, and also we can learn the experiences from history to correct our current actions.

4. Do you like to watch programmes on TV about history?

Yes, I enjoy watching some documentaries about history on TV because I can see a lot of video materials that can not be seen in the textbooks. I always watch them at home during my time off with my son to learn something about history.

5. Do you think you can really learn history from films and TV programmes?

I don't feel that watching the current TV series can make you be aware of the history, you know, TV programmes are more engaging than books, however the true historical events in most of the TV series have been distorted by the producers to cater for the audience. It's really shame as the young people will misunderstand the history by these irresponsible productions.

6. Do you think the internet is a good place to learn about history?

Yes. History is full of debates so you can find both of the two sides of opinion online which will help you be aware of the true facts and think critically. I always google some engaging historical materials about the Song Dynasty, for example, to know about the truth.

7. Can you name a person from history who you would like to learn more about? Why would you like to learn more about him/her?

The people I'd like to learn about is Wu Chengen, the author of A Journey to the West. He combined the folk tales and his own imagination to write the great fairy story in the 16th century. I want to know about his personality as much as possible and I believe that his imagination is what is lack of nowadays.

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TOPIC 34: MUSIC

(Questions and answer sources: ieltsresouce, ieltsintaiwan)

Do you like listening to music?

Yes, I am a big fan of music all these years. I sometimes listen to music before sleeping at night for one hour and when I am driving, which will both help me relax. I am very fond of pop music from Taiwan and Hong Kong, and I also frequently listen to some American pop singers, like the Backstreet Boys. I can feel the energy when I hear the tune. Personally, I am interested in the traditional instrumental music, like erhu, mixed with pianos and guitars.

How often do you listen to music?

Hmmm... Almost everyday....When I go to my workplace/university each morning, I listen to music. I just plug in my ipod and tune in to my favourite collection of tracks.

What kind of music do you like the most?

It's hard for me to select only one category of music. I love music in general and all types of music is delightful for me. Still, I'd say that I like little bit soothing music and not that rock or disco kind of music. They're so noisy and doesn't make sense to me.

Do you think it's important to give music classes in the school?

Yes, of course. I certainly believe that music if taught as a subject can improve the performance of students not only in Music but also in some of the academic subjects. It helps them relax and they may develop a taste for music.

When do you listen to music?

To be honest, I have my headphones on most of the day, whether I'm at home studying or out and about in the city. I even play some specially edited playlists when I'm taking a shower at night!

What kind of music do old people enjoy?

The elder generation mostly like traditional folk music, which is kind of boring and uninspiring to those of us in the younger generation; but they tend to like to sing along, so it's a good style for them, I suppose.

Are you a good singer?

Well, to be honest, my *vocal range* isn't so big and I can't *hit the high notes* and I'm often *out of tune*, but I sometimes do go to KTV and sing songs with my friends, which is very enjoyable.

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TOPIC 35: COLOURS

(Questions and answer sources: ieltskey, lefoeye)

What was your favourite colour when you were a child?

When I was a child, my favourite colour was red. As a child I was very active and energetic and somehow red colour always attracted me.

Is that still your favourite colour now?

Not really. My favourite colour now is blue, it is the colour of depth and stability. Blue symbolises wisdom, confidence and intelligence. And I don't like the pink because it is too girly.

Do you think colours are important?

Yes, I think colours are an important part of our everyday lives. This whole world is made up of different colours and each of them have their unique meaning. It's hard to imagine our life without colours.

Is colour very important to you when you are buying clothes?

Oh definitely yes! I usually select clothes based on their colours. I believe that there are certain colours that look good on me and can enhance my look. Blue, for example, gives me a feeling that I look more slim and perhaps more elegant.

If you were to paint the walls of your room, what colour would you choose?

Well, I would love to have the walls of my room white because white colour makes the room look spacious and clean. In addition to that, I can play with the colours of my decor and furnishing as every colour goes well with white.

Are colours important to you?

I suppose so. You know, different colour conveys different meaning to people. Red represents passion and enthusiasm while green means energetic. So I always choose the suitable colours for things.

When you are buying something, is the colour important to you?

Well, yes, I have several clothes in blue, which can bring calm and tranquil feelings to me. I believe that blue is always fashionable in men's outfit.

Do you prefer light or dark (or, bright) colours?

If I were to choose between the two, I'll probably go with dark because I believe dark represents stability and wisdom, for example I always choose the dark outfit in my office to highlight my profession, whereas light suits juvenile better.

Are there any colours that have a special meaning in your country?

Yes, there are many colours that have special meaning in my country such as black, which would make people think of mystery. Also like red, it means lucky and good fortune in China, when it is New Year, people like to wear red clothes, set red firecrackers and give red pocket money to children.

Do you think different types of people like different colours?

Yes, I believe different people have different psychological demand for colours. Some need peace of mind, whereas others may feel like energetic and rebellious.

TOPIC 36: TEACHERS

(Questions and answer sources: ieltsthaydien)

1. Do you have a favorite teacher?

Why not? In my student life, my English teacher left the deepest impression on me. I can describe her as a person who has a heart of gold and always puts students first. Thanks to her assistance, I did have a good English performance in my university entrance exam.

2. Do you want to be a teacher in the future

To be quite honest, I am in dilemma at the moment for choosing my career path. My father is a teacher and people around hold him in high esteem so I really want to follow in his step. However, I also have a burning desire for becoming a businesswoman, which helps me to have money to burn as well as challenge myself more.

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

My answer is no. you know, anger is a negative feeling. This feeling can widen gaps between teachers and students, which can be responsible for slow perception of students in their study. In addition, teachers can set a bad role model for students to follow. Who knows! Their students will become bad-tempered people in the future

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

To tell them apart is not an easy task. Based on my experience and observation, old teachers seem to have more hands-on experience than young ones. However, it is obvious that there are few generation gaps between younger teachers and their students so it is easier for teachers to pass their knowledge on to students and for students to perceive it.

5. What is the most important part in your study, teachers or classmates?

In my study, both of them play important roles. When it comes to teachers, they are always sources of motivation for me to overcome study problems

and help me broaden my knowledge. At the same time, friends seem to create an ideal learning environment for me to compete as well as cooperate in order to break my own limits and bring my best out. All things considered, I guess the importance of teachers out-weights that of friends a little bit.

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TOPIC 37: BEING IN A HURRY

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)

1- When was the last time you did something in a hurry?

Actually, if I remember accurately I went to the airport to take a business trip in the morning last year. But I got up late and I got stuck in the traffic jam on my way to airport. So I ran as fast as possible to get to the airport. It was such a rush.

2- Do you like to finish things quickly?

No, I don't stand finishing things too soon because it would probably make mistakes without careful and considerate work.

3- What kinds of things will you never do in a hurry?

Well, I think I would never finish the work for my clients in a hurry, otherwise there would cause lots of errors that would lead to terrible loss to my clients. That is not acceptable.

4- Why do people make mistakes more easily when they are in a hurry?

From my own perspective, there are a couple of factors that contribute to the mistake-making during the rush. On the top of my mind, lacking of long-term consideration is the thing that contribute to the mistake that people make when they're in a hurry.

TOPIC 38: BEING IN ALONE

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)

1. Do you like to be alone?

Yes, I'd like to stay alone for some period of time if I have to do something without interruption. But if I have spare time, I would prefer stay with my friends to enjoy the free time.

2. What do you like to do when you are alone?

I really enjoy being alone in the weekend morning, reading some books and playing computer games. During that time, I can do something I am interested in, and don't have to think about how to brace for the coming problems.

3. Do you like to spend time with your friends or just stay at home on your own?

Well, if I were to choose between the two, I will probably go with hanging out with my close friends because you need to be sociable in the society and friendship really adds spice to my life; whereas, you know, spending too much being alone is really boring and terrible.

4. When was the last time you were being alone?

The last time I stayed alone at home was when my wife went on business trip with my child for several days, so I was living, eating, sleeping at home with myself. It's quite quiet so I can do something at ease.

TOPIC 39: TEAMWORK

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)

1. When was your last time worked with a team

It was the project I did in a team in the second year of my graduate school. Our tutor gave us an assignment to review the server log of an international trade website and give a brief analytics using the data warehouse and data mining technology.

2. Do you like to work or study with others or just by yourself?

Personally, I would like to work in a team because I'll have partner to shoulder responsibility together and solve problems better, as the saying goes "4 eyes see better than 2"

3. What's the most important thing for teamwork?

I think the most important thing for teamwork is task appointment. Every member of team is assigned for specific tasks and he or she should stick to that. Besides team spirit is equally important

4. Do you like to be a leader?

Honestly, I would like to be a leader. That position reflects my constant effort that I've done so far in job, and I can win other's respect as well

TOPIC 40: COUNTRYSIDE

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)

1. Would you like to live in the countryside in the future?

Well, yes, I really love to live in the countryside if possible in the future because I find that life in the rural areas are less stressful and people are more relaxed, friendly and family-oriented, whereas people in the cities are just like ants.

2. What do people living in the countryside like to do?

It's kind of hard to say but people that I know around me tend to enjoy the breathtaking sceneries, space and other amazing places such as forests, lakes or mountains; but maybe for others, they just want to grow crops and feed animals for their living.

3. What are the benefits of living in rural areas?

I feel that there are many benefits of living in the countryside. For example, the cost of living is stunningly low, including groceries, food, water bill, property taxes. Almost everything is less expensive than the same ones in the city. Besides, the life in countryside is more peaceful because there are simply less distractions. For instance, there aren't cars going by constantly. I can just buckle down and focus on what I need to accomplish.

4. What's the difference between living in the city and living in the countryside?

Well, between the two, living in a city brings people really convenience since there are various living facilities in the city, for example, people can easily get access to the shopping malls, medicine clinics, schools and entertaining; on the contrary, living in the countryside can enjoy the fresh and quality air, because the air is not polluted during the industrialization.

TOPIC 41: SOCIAL NETWORK

(Questions and answer sources: lefroyee)

1. What kinds of social networking websites do you like to use?

It's undeniable that social networking sites have become a huge part in our lives, especially young people's. and so am I. I am addicted to Facebook and Google Plus

2. Are you a social person?

I suppose I am out-going and kind of socialized. I have many friends on facebook and can easily get along well with others

3. What kinds of people do you like to make friends with on those websites?

I would love to make friends with people who have same interests like mine in music, travelling and learning English

4. Is it clear to find real friends on social network?

I think no, most of friends I have on facebook are normal friends, it is common that people just make friends for fun and do not interact or share things a lot on social websites.

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