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## 超高性价比：全科冲分班课

### 享赢全科班

王牌热销班课

**适合人群**

- 基础分数：5分及以上，有一定英语基础的雅思小白
- 备考情况：刚开始备考雅思没有方法论，期望系统性学习各题型答题方法技巧

**课程服务内容**

- 64h超长直播课时，详解所有题型备考技巧
- 71h全套词汇/发音/语法视频课
- 外教老师1V1口语模拟
- 不限次雅思写作批改
- 4V1管家式学习服务

**课程特色**

- 王牌双师课堂：授课老师+学辅老师1V1服务
- 课上+课后：完全覆盖学习答疑、作业批改、备考规划、课程监督
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- 工作日晚+周末

### 享赢全科班Pro版

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**适合人群**

- 基础分数：5分以下，英语基础偏弱或长时间未接触英语
- 备考情况：期望基础到进阶，一站式学习提分

**课程特色**

- 科学学习体系，雅思核心基础夯实+四科进阶
- 基础段密切衔接雅思，学习不走弯路
- 进阶阶段四科完善配套训练及资料，直达目标分

### 一站冲分班

定制化解决基础难题

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- 备考情况：备考时间较为紧张，问题个性化，期望高效解决基础问题

**课程特色**

- 基础课程随学员情况定制课程内容
- 前期击破薄弱点，高效夯实基础
- 后期四科进阶体系式备考冲分，一站搞定

## 权威前考官：前考官亲授系列课程

### 前考官口写密训班

**适合人群**

- 基础分数：有一定英语基础及听力能力的同学
- 备考情况：期望权威师资特训口语写作

**课程服务内容**

- 30h前考官亲授直播课
- 31h雅思必备语法视频课
- 外教1V1视频口语陪练+批改
- 前考官亲自批改作文
- 班主任全程安心陪伴监督

**课程特色**

- 浸泡式全英教学
- 与前考官直接互动，提前适应全真考场氛围
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**课程时间**

- 工作日晚

### 火箭全科班

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**课程服务内容**

- 口写主观性科目，前考官亲自任教，直击考官出题思路，精准把握得分点
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## 极致效率：专属定制1v1课程

### 1V1定制课

**适合人群**

- 基础分数：所有基础段均可
- 备考情况：期望老师针对性提高薄弱项

**课程服务内容**

- 1V1名师针对性授课专项提升
- 量身定制备考方案
- 助教全程跟踪服务
- N对一环绕教学模式

**课程特色**

- 大神级雄厚师资团队
- 定制化课程点对点高效提升薄弱项
- 趴趴自有平台上课，课后随时回放课程反复精看

**课程时间**

- 个性化定制

### 1V1胜+系列

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**适合人群**

- 基础分数：不限基础
- 备考情况：需要个性化备考或者期望快速精准提分

**课程服务内容**

- 全科定制1v1专享套餐
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## 2024年1-4 月 P1 新题

### 1. social media

#### 1. From when you started using social media?

Well, my first exposure to social media was when I was around 14 years old. It all started with WeChat because all my friends used it. I remember being very excited to connect with my classmates and friends online and share bits and pieces of my daily life. For me, it was like opening a new window to the world.

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

Honestly, sometimes I feel a little addicted to social media. You know, one minute you're browsing Tik Tok and the next an hour has passed. I've been trying to cut down on my social media use, especially during exams. Well, it's like, I need to keep reminding myself that there is a whole world beyond the screen of my phone.

#### 3. What do people do on social media?

Oh, people do all sorts of things on social media. Some people focus on sharing their daily lives, such as photos, what they're eating, and where they're hanging out. Others are keen on sharing cute moments of their pets. And, of course, there are plenty of people who just like to watch funny videos or keep up with news and trends. I can't really think of anything we can't do on social media.

#### 4. Do your friends use social media?

Yeah, almost all of my friends use social media. It's our go-to way to stay in touch, especially those of us who have gone to different cities for college or work. We are always messaging each other in WeChat or sharing things on QQ. It's like our virtual hangout. Honestly, I can't imagine a day without that connection.

## 2.sunglasses

### 1.Do you often wear sunglasses ?

Uh, I don't really like to wear sunglasses very often. The only time I wear sunglasses is when the sun is particularly strong outside, or when the sun is too harsh when I'm driving. Most of the time, they just sit in my bag. I guess I'm still quite willing to enjoy natural light as long as it's not too harsh.



### 2. Do you spend a lot of money on sunglasses ?

When it comes to sunglasses, I don't spend a lot on this. I don't really feel like I need much expensive sunglasses. I like to buy things that are cost effective, like something that works well and is not expensive. Just in case I get upset if they get lost. So, I usually go for mid-range brands that offer good UV protection without breaking the bank.

### 3. Do you give sunglasses as a gift ?

Hmm? Sunglasses as a gift? Not necessarily. I always think of sunglasses as a personal choice - it needs to be comfortable to wear and fit your personal style. I have a hard time picking out the perfect pair of sunglasses for someone else. I prefer to pick a gift based on my friend's preferences.

### 4.Why do you wear sunglasses ?

Well, I wear sunglasses mainly to protect my eyes. Strong sunlight can make me uncomfortable and may also hurt my eyes. So wearing sunglasses is more about protecting my eyes from UV rays. Of course, sunglasses can also be used as a fashion item, but that is only a secondary consideration for me.

### 5. Have you ever lost your sunglasses?

Oh yeah, I've lost a few pairs of sunglasses over the years. It usually happens while on vacation or outdoors. I remember leaving a pair of sunglasses on a beach towel and then completely forgetting about them. Since then, I've been more careful, after all, it's not that convenient to have to re-buy sunglasses again and I'd have to spend more money.



### 3. Cake

#### 1. Do you like eating cakes or other sweet food?

Well, I have a bit of a sweet tooth. Whether it's a rich chocolate cake or a light and fluffy sponge cake, I really enjoy their flavor. And, I find that it's not just about the flavor, but eating cake often brings back memories and feels like a celebration of life's little pleasures. I also reward myself with a slice of cake after completing difficult tasks.



#### 2. Are there any traditional Chinese cake?

Oh, it is true that there are traditional pastries in Chinese food, but they are very different from Western pastries. For example, we eat mooncakes during the Mid-Autumn Festival. Mooncakes are round pastries with a rich filling, usually made of lotus seed paste or red bean paste, and sometimes containing salted egg yolk. Another example is gao, which are steamed cupcakes that taste light and fluffy and are usually eaten during the Chinese New Year.

#### 3. Did you like to eat cakes as a child?

Aha, when I was little, I was obsessed with cakes. For as long as I can remember, I eagerly looked forward to birthdays or attending weddings because it meant I got to eat cake. I especially loved creamy and soft sponge cakes. Blowing out candles and making wishes also amazed and excited me. Eating cake is not just a treat, it is part of the celebration and joy of those special moments.

#### 4. Can you make cakes?

Of course, I can bake cakes. I started baking as a hobby a few years ago and since then I have learned to bake a variety of basic cakes. My creations include classic cakes such as vanilla sponge cake, chocolate cake and occasionally I try more challenging recipes such as carrot cake. I find baking a relaxing and rewarding activity. It is very rewarding to see my friends and family enjoying what I have made with my own hands.

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5. Do you like to have some desserts after meals/for dinner?

Yes, I do like dessert after a meal, but not always. It's like the cherry on top of a nice meal. I especially like desserts that are light and not overly sweet, like a fruit salad or a small scoop of ice cream. It's a delightful way to end the dining experience, but I'm careful not to overeat. Eating dessert is more of a treat for special occasions or weekends than a daily habit.

## 4. Colors



1. What is your favorite color?

Aha, I really like the blue color. It's so calming, kind of like looking at a clear sky or a peaceful sea. Blue makes me feel relaxed and stable. Plus, it's easy on the eyes. I often find myself drawn to this color, whether it's in nature or just in stuff I use every day.

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

Yeah, I wear blue a lot. It's not only because I love the color, but it seems to suit me as well. Blue is very versatile and goes with almost any outfit. Whether it's a light blue t-shirt or dark blue pants, I always feel comfortable in it.

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

Well, in my country, colors have special meanings. Take red for example – it's super lucky and all about happiness. We use it a lot during celebrations, like festivals and weddings. But white, that's different. It's what we wear when we're mourning, especially at funerals.

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

Oh, I think people are attracted to different colors, maybe because of their personality, where they come from, or how they're feeling. Like, a really bubbly and active person might love bright colors, like red or yellow, but someone who's more low-key might go for softer colors like grey or black. Your color choice can say a lot about who you are and

what you're feeling.

#### 5.What color would you like to buy?

If I'm going to buy something new, I'd probably pick something green. Recently, I've been into this color because it makes me think of nature and new beginnings. Green is such a fresh, balancing color. Adding a bit of green to what I wear would be a nice little change.



### 5. Memory

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

Well, Memory really varies from person to person, and it's influenced by lots of things. Some people just have a natural talent for remembering stuff, maybe because of their genes or the way their brain is wired. Others might have learned some good memory tricks along the way. Also, being interested, focused, and having a healthy brain matters a lot. It's kind of a mix of what you're born with and what you learn that shapes how well you remember things.

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

These days, loads of people use their phones to remember stuff, and it makes sense because phones are super handy. They're like a part of our brain, but outside our body, holding tons of info easily. Phones have all these features – reminders, calendars, note apps – that help you keep track of things without cramming everything in your head. It's a smart way to deal with the crazy amount of information we deal with every day.

#### 3. Are you good at memorizing things?

I'm pretty decent at remembering things, especially if it's something I'm really into. Linking new info to stuff I already know seems to help a lot. But, of course, I get

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forgetful sometimes, especially when I'm distracted or stressed out. In general, though, I'd say my memory's pretty reliable. Still, I do lean on things like notes and reminders as a backup.

#### 4. Have you ever forgotten something that was important?

Yeah, I've definitely forgotten important stuff before, and it's super annoying. Like this one time, I totally spaced on a big appointment because I was swamped and forgot to set a reminder. That was a tough way to learn how important it is to keep things organized and prioritize. Ever since then, I've been trying to stay on top of things better.

#### 5. What do you need to remember in your daily life?

Well, keeping a schedule is a big deal in my daily life. As a student, I have quite a lot of things going on with classes, club activities and competitions, and I rely heavily on my schedule to keep everything organized, such as when I have lectures, when I have study time, and when I have group activities. Another important thing is to remember to drink water and eat healthy even when I'm running around. I usually carry a water bottle and some healthy snacks with me to stay energized. Paying attention to these things helps me stay organized and take care of myself.

## 6. Music

### 1. Do a lot of people like music?

Yeah, I think most people really like music. It's like a global thing that goes beyond languages and cultures. Music's pretty amazing because it can make you feel all sorts of emotions, tell stories, and bring folks together. It's cool how different kinds of music connect with different people. But generally, loving music is something pretty much everyone has in common. It's almost like its own language that we all get, just in our own way.



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

My music taste? It's all over the place. I'm into everything from classical and jazz to the latest pop and rock. Different music just fits different vibes, you know? Like, when I'm hitting the books, classical is great for focusing. But if I'm working out or need to lift my mood, I crank up some lively pop or rock. It's like I've got a soundtrack for every part of my life.



## 3. Is it easy to learn music?

Ah, learning music can be tough but rewarding. It requires a lot of patience and practice, and persistence is key. Whether it's learning to play an instrument or mastering music theory, it can be a difficult process. But how will you feel when you play a piece of music or compose your own? It's totally worth it. And it's not just about skill, it's about pouring your emotions into the music, which makes it more challenging and more beautiful.

## 4. Do you have music lessons at school?

Oh, we did have music lessons. They were an integral part of our schedule, especially when we were younger. We got to learn the basics of music theory, try out different instruments, and explore various styles of music. We also had the opportunity to participate in choir or school band. These classes are more than just music lessons; they are about creativity, collaboration, and appreciation of various works of art.

# 7.Losing things

## 1. Do you often lose things?

Luckily, I don't really lose stuff that often. I'm pretty organized and pay attention to detail, so I keep a good eye on my things. But sure, there are times, like when I'm rushing or a bit distracted, where I might end up misplacing something – my keys or phone, usually. It

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doesn't happen a lot, though, and I generally find whatever I've lost pretty fast by going back over my steps.

## 2. What can we do to avoid losing things?

To keep from losing stuff, being organized is super important, I think. If you have a specific spot for everything and make sure to put things back where they belong, it really cuts down on the chances of losing them. Also, getting into a routine, like doing a quick check of your stuff before you leave somewhere, helps a lot. And for important things, using tech like find-my-device apps or trackers can be a real lifesaver.

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

Some people tend to lose track of things, probably because they don't naturally have a system to keep things organized. Stress or fatigue can also affect your concentration and memory. Everyone's brain is different, and for some people, remembering things isn't their strong suit, which means they may misplace things on a regular basis.

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

Well, if I find something that has been lost by someone else, I will first try to find the owner if possible. For example, if I have a contact number or ID card, I will use this information to contact the owner. If I cannot locate the owner directly, I will give the item to the local government or a lost and found center, depending on the location of the item.

# 8. Video games

## 1. Do you play video games?

Yeah, I play video games, but I'm not super into them. I find they're a cool way to chill out and sometimes even hang out with friends online. Basically, gaming is my go-to for unwinding after a long day.

## 2.What kind of video games do you like to play?

I'm really into adventure and role-playing games. They pull me in with their stories, characters, and these amazing worlds. Plus, they make me think and plan a bit, which I like. I love exploring and getting lost in different stories. I felt like I was part of this exciting and interactive story.



## 3.Would you watch others play video games?

Sure, I'll watch someone else play games, especially if it's a game I'm into or if they're really good at it. Watching game streams is pretty fun and it's a cool way to pick up new tricks or find out about new games.

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

Video games are a great form of entertainment, but I think it's possible to play so much that you lose track of time. If you play too much, you may start to lose sight of important things like staying fit, socializing with people, or getting things done. It's important to keep a balance and make sure that gaming is just part of a healthy lifestyle.

## 5.Do you prefer playing alone or with others?

I like playing games both on my own and with others. Playing solo lets me go at my own speed and really get into the game. But playing with friends or family is a blast too because we can work together or have a bit of friendly competition, which adds a whole new fun layer to playing.

## 9. collecting things

### 1. Why do some people like to collect things?

Well, people collect stuff for all sorts of reasons. For some, it's just something they really love doing, and it makes them happy. Their collections might be really meaningful to them, kind of a pride thing. Then there are folks who collect because they're into history or super interested in a certain topic. And, you know, some people just get a kick out of the hunt, finding new things to add to their collection. It's a personal thing, really, that can be pretty rewarding and satisfying.

### 2. Where do they collect things?

Where people go to find their collectibles really depends on what they're into. Like, if you're into antiques, you might hang out at antique shops, auctions, or even estate sales. Stamp or coin collectors could be hitting up specialty stores, trade fairs, or looking around online. Nature lovers might pick up stuff from their outdoor adventures. Basically, where they get their stuff can be as varied as the collections themselves – from local markets to trips abroad.

### 3. Do you collect things?

Yes, I do collect things, like postcards. I started collecting a couple years ago when a friend sent me a cool, artistic postcard. I kind of got hooked on the history and art of each card. Whenever I travel, I keep a postcard handy as a little memory of the place. This is a great way to keep memories of different places and add to my collection.

### 4. Are there any things you keep from childhood?

Sure, I've kept a few special things from when I was a kid. Like this little teddy bear my grandparents gave me – it's really dear to me. And I've got these children's books that got me into reading. These things mean a lot because they remind me of those simple, happy



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times in childhood. They're like a piece of my past, full of good memories and experiences.

#### 5. Where do you usually keep things you need?

I usually keep stuff I need in certain spots so I can find them easily and keep things tidy. Like, I've got this little tray by my front door for my keys, wallet, and phone. And for important papers, I've got a filing system in my study. This way of organizing stuff really helps me stay on track and saves me the hassle of looking for things when I need them.

## 10. Advertisement

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

Oh I saw a commercial when I was a kid that I still remember. It was for a famous chocolate brand and featured animated characters in a super cool, magical world of chocolate. The jingle was catchy and the whole picture was colorful - it totally caught my eye as a kid. It wasn't just the chocolate that drew me in, but the creativity and fun of the ad's story.

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

Yeah, around my city, you see a lot of ads on public transport, like on trains and buses. They've got everything from big posters inside to those full wraps covering the outside. These ads are all over the place, advertising all sorts of things – from local events to different products. They're pretty hard to miss and give me something to look at when I'm on my way somewhere.

#### 3. Do you like advertisements?

My feelings about ads are kind of a mixed bag. I get why they're important for marketing and stuff, but I really like them more when they're creative, informative, and not too in

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your face. Ads that are too pushy or just not relevant can be annoying. But if an ad is well-made, entertaining, or just looks good, and maybe even gives me some good info, I actually enjoy it.

#### 4. What kind of advertising do you like?

The ads I like the most are the ones that are creative and tell a story. I'm into ads that can make me feel something, whether it's a good laugh, a bit of inspiration, or something I can relate to. I also like ads that look great and get their message across clearly. And if an ad can show me how useful a product is in a clever way, that's a big plus for me.

## 11.Crowded place

#### 1. Is the city where you live crowded?

Well, My city is moderately crowded. It's not super crowded like those big cities, but it does have its busy spots, especially during rush hour. On weekdays, the city center is very busy with everyone going about their business, but it's not overcrowded.

#### 2. Is there a crowded place near where you live?

Yeah, there's this shopping area not too far from me that gets really crowded, especially on weekends. It's a hit because it's got all sorts of shops, places to eat, and stuff to do. It pulls in a lot of people for shopping and hanging out, especially when there's a sale or some event going on.

#### 3. Do most people like crowded places?

I think it really varies from person to person whether or not people like a lively place. Some people like the hustle and bustle of a crowd and find it energizing. However, some people may feel stressed out or tired in crowded places and prefer quiet and peaceful places. It all depends on what you enjoy - like having fun, meeting people, or just

wanting some peace.

#### 4. Do you like crowded places?

For me, I like lively but not too crowded places. I love the buzz and the whole neighborhood feel when I want to have fun or move around the city. But there are times when a super busy place can be too tiring for me and I'd rather go somewhere quieter to relax and give myself more space.



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

The last time I was in a crowded place was about a week ago at the Community Food Festival. It was bustling with food stalls and people everywhere. It was full of energy and really festive, but there were so many people that it was a little difficult to walk around. Still, the delicious food and the buzz was cool.

## 12. Feeling bored

#### 1. Do you often feel bored?

Well, I'm not often bored, really, because I've usually got stuff to do or activities that keep me busy. But yeah, there are times, maybe on a slow day or when I've finished everything important, that I might feel a bit bored. It's not something that happens a lot, but it does pop up now and then when things are a bit quiet.

#### 2. When would you feel bored?

Boredom usually hits me when I'm not mentally challenged, like when I'm doing something repetitive or when nothing is happening. In situations where I'm not engaged, maybe there's a long line, maybe there's a meeting that's not really about anything I need to know - that's when I start to get bored. It's all because there's nothing meaningful to do.

### 3. What do you do when you feel bored?

Well, when I get bored, I try to find something worthwhile or interesting to do. Maybe I'll pick up a book, listen to some music, or take up a hobby like sketching or playing an instrument. Sometimes I'll use this time to plan things or organize things, turning boredom into an opportunity to get a quick fix on things or brainstorm new ideas. Keeping my mind or creativity active is my ticket out of boredom.



### 4. Do you think childhood is boring or adulthood is boring?

I think both when you're a kid and as an adult, you get bored, but it's different. As a kid, you might be bored because you're looking for more fun stuff to do or need more to keep you busy. But as an adult, it's more about routine and everyday stuff. Kids have less to worry about and can be super creative in dealing with boredom. Adults might have less freedom in some ways, but they've got more control and ways to handle boredom.

## 13. Singing

### 1. Do you like singing? Why?

Absolutely! Although I'm not a professional singer and not very talented in that respect, I'm still very into singing, especially when I'm taking a shower. The echo of my voice in the shower cubicle always sounds better than elsewhere, so I often hum to myself in the bathroom with my Bluetooth speaker on.

### 2. Have you ever learned how to sing?

No, not really. Throughout my school years, I never really had one proper music class. The schools I went to only focused on the academic aspects. Singing was really not a priority for the school, so I never had the chance to learn how to sing.



### 3. Who do you want to sing for?

Ah, that's a tricky question for me. Normally I only sing to myself, 'cause I'm such a terrible singer. But perhaps I can sing for my parents on their birthdays. They certainly wouldn't laugh at my bad singing, but they are the only people I would sing for, 'cause I love them so much.

### 4. Do you think singing can bring happiness to people?



Perhaps. I have a lot of friends who enjoy singing! They pay to go to KTVs to sing. They throw themselves into music and seem to be completely involved in their singing. So I think singing must bring them pleasure and comfort in some ways. Yeah, so they must find some sort of happiness in singing.

## 14. Money

### 1. Do you spend a lot of money?

Uh I have a very balanced outlook on spending. I like to enjoy the moment, but I'm also concerned about the future of my finances. I'll spend on everyday items and treat myself occasionally, but I also make sure to spend a large portion of my income on savings and investments. I'm careful not to overspend and I always try to figure out if what I'm buying is something I really need. It's safe to say that I'm pretty careful with my money and always think about long-term financial security.

### 2. What do you usually spend money for?

Most of my spending goes to basic expenses like food and transportation. On top of that, I set aside some money for hobbies and outings with friends to maintain a good balance between needs and entertainment. I also spend money on learning new things as I think it's important to keep improving my skills. And of course, I always save a little money for emergencies. This way, I manage my money well and don't miss out on opportunities to enjoy life.

### 3. Do you use credit card?

Yes, I use a credit card, but I use it carefully. It's mostly for ease of doing things and keeping track of what I spend. I'm very careful not to rack up more and more debt, and I settle the entire balance every month. This helps me avoid interest charges and maintain a good credit history. In addition, I take advantage of offers such as cash back or travel points, which is a nice bonus to my regular spending.



### 4. How do Chinese people generally make payments?

Well, everyone in China is very much into digital payments. People mostly use apps like Alipay and WeChat Pay for everything. These apps are super convenient and can be found almost everywhere from big stores to street stalls. Almost no one uses cash, and even bank cards are not as common as these mobile payment methods. It's a huge shift that shows just how quickly technology is evolving here, and how keen everyone is to use simple, safe and efficient ways to handle money.

### 5. How do you save money?

To save money, I stick to a strict budget. As soon as I get paid, I set aside a percentage of my savings. This "pay myself first" method ensures that I continue to save. When it comes to shopping, I also try to be as smart as possible, such as looking for specials and comparing prices on big-ticket items. To avoid impulse shopping, I'll wait a few days before buying something I don't really need, which often saves me money in the long run.

## 15.Celebrity

### 1. Who is your favourite celebrity in your country?

To be honest, I don't have a specific favorite celebrity in China, but I do appreciate the work of many actors and musicians. They bring a lot of entertainment and joy to our lives, and I think that's quite valuable.

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



In China, we often see news about various kinds of celebrities, like movie stars, singers, and sometimes famous entrepreneurs. Their activities, both professional and personal, are frequently covered in the media.

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

I don't pay much attention to famous people in the news. I'm more interested in news that is directly related to my daily life, like local events or new technological developments. Celebrity news is entertaining, but I don't consider it a priority.

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

I believe that the news about famous people can be exaggerated or not entirely true. Media outlets often sensationalize stories to attract more viewers or readers. So, I take such news with a grain of salt and prefer to focus on more reliable sources for important information.

### 5. Would you like to be a famous person in the news?

Personally, I would not like to be a famous person in the news. Being in the public eye can lead to a lack of privacy and constant scrutiny, which I think can be quite stressful. I prefer to lead a quiet and peaceful life without the pressures of fame.

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### 1. Films

#### 1. What films do you like?

My interests in films are diverse, Actually! I enjoy watching various genres, including action, drama, comedy, and thriller films. Some of my favorite films include "Inception," "The Dark Knight," and "Pulp Fiction."

#### 2. Did you often watch films when you were a child?

I had a keen interest in watching films when I was a child. It was an enjoyable and immersive form of entertainment for me. I used to watch a variety of movies, including animated films, adventure films, and family-friendly comedies.

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

Yes, I went to the cinema alone occasionally as a child. Going to the cinema alone allowed me to have a different experience than going with friends or family. It gave me the opportunity to choose the movie I wanted to watch and enjoy it at my own pace.

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

Yes, I often go to the cinema with my friends. It's a great way for us to spend quality time together and enjoy the latest movies. We usually plan our cinema outings in advance, deciding on the movie and showtime that suits everyone's preferences.

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

Yes, I believe going to the cinema is a wonderful way to spend time with friends. It provides a great opportunity for us to relax, have fun, and bond over a shared experience. Watching a movie in a theater allows us to immerse ourselves in a different world and escape from our daily routines.

### 2. Running

#### 1. Do you go running a lot?

Yes, I go running frequently. It has become an integral part of my daily routine. Running helps me stay fit and maintain a healthy lifestyle. It improves my cardiovascular endurance, strengthens my muscles, and boosts my energy levels.

#### 2. Where do you usually go running?

I usually go running in the nearby park or along the riverside. These places offer a serene and refreshing environment, ideal for a peaceful run. The park provides well-maintained jogging tracks and lush greenery, which creates a pleasant atmosphere for exercising.

#### 3. When was the last time you went running?



The last time I went running was yesterday morning. Running is one of my favorite activities as it not only helps me stay physically fit but also clears my mind and relieves stress. Yesterday, I woke up early and hit the streets for a refreshing run before starting my day.

#### 4. What do you think of running as a sport?

I believe running is an excellent sport that offers numerous benefits. It is a cost-effective and convenient exercise option as it can be done anywhere and at any time. Running helps improve cardiovascular fitness, builds strong muscles, and boosts endurance.

### 3.Robots



#### 1. Are robots important?

I strongly believe that robots play a vital role in our society. They have become increasingly important in various industries due to their efficiency, precision, and ability to perform tasks that are dangerous or inconvenient for humans.

#### 2. Would robots affect people's lives?

I believe that robots would indeed have a significant impact on people's lives. The advancements in robotics technology have the potential to revolutionize various aspects of our daily routines and industries. In sectors such as healthcare, robots can assist in elderly care, perform surgeries, or deliver medication, thus improving the quality of life.

#### 3. Have you ever watched a movie about robots?

I have indeed watched movies about robots. These films often explore the potential consequences and implications of advanced robotics technology in our society. Some movies depict robots as helpful companions, assisting humans in various tasks

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

Yes, we should let robots drive for us on long journeys. They are programmed to follow traffic rules, making them safer and more reliable drivers. Robots don't get tired or distracted, reducing the risk of accidents.

#### 5. What can robots do for you at home?

Robots can provide numerous convenience and assistance at home. They can perform various household chores, such as cleaning floors, doing laundry, and washing dishes, freeing up time for individuals to focus on other activities.

### 4.Gifts

#### 1. Have you ever sent handmade gifts to others?

Yes, I have sent handmade gifts to others on several occasions. Handmade gifts add a personal touch and demonstrate the effort and thought put into creating something

special. They can be more meaningful and unique compared to store-bought items.

## 2. Have you ever received a great gift?

Yes, I have received a great gift. It was a watch given to me by my parents on my graduation. This gift holds sentimental value as it symbolizes their pride in my achievements. Every time I wear it, I am reminded of their love and support.

## 3. What do you consider when choosing a gift?

When choosing a gift, I consider the recipient's interests, preferences, and needs. I think about their hobbies and passions to find something meaningful and personalized. It is important to select a gift that reflects their personality and shows that I truly understand and value them.

## 4. Do you think you are good at choosing gifts?

Yes, I believe I am good at choosing gifts. I carefully consider the recipient's preferences, interests, and needs. I try to find a gift that is thoughtful and meaningful, something that they will truly appreciate. I pay attention to their personality and try to select something that aligns with their taste.

# 5. Helping others

## 1. Do you usually help people around you?

Yes, I usually help people around me. I believe in the importance of lending a helping hand and being there for others. Whether it's offering advice, assisting with tasks, or simply being a listening ear, I try my best to support those around me.

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

I help people around me in various ways. For my neighbors, I assist with household tasks like mowing the lawn or shoveling the snow. I also offer to pick up groceries or run errands if they need assistance.

## 3. Do your parents teach you how to help others?

Yes, my parents have taught me the importance of helping others from a young age. They set a great example by actively volunteering in our community and always extending a helping hand to those in need. They instilled in me the values of empathy, kindness, and compassion.

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

Yes, my parents were extremely supportive and helpful during my childhood. They played an instrumental role in my upbringing, providing guidance, love, and encouragement every step of the way. From assisting with schoolwork to nurturing my talents and interests, they always made sure that I had the resources and guidance necessary to succeed.

## 5. What have you done to help the elderly?

I have actively contributed to supporting the elderly in various ways. I regularly

volunteer at local senior centers, assisting with organizing activities, providing companionship, and helping them with basic daily tasks.



## 6.Fishing

1. Is fishing popular in your country?

Yes, fishing is indeed a popular recreational activity in my country. With its numerous lakes, rivers, and coastline, we have an abundance of fishing spots that attract both locals and tourists. Many people enjoy fishing as a way to relax, unwind, and connect with nature.

2. Do you like eating fish?

Yes, I do enjoy eating fish. Not only is it a significant part of our cuisine, but it is also a great source of protein and essential nutrients. Whether fried, grilled, or steamed, fish offers a variety of flavors and textures that I find quite enjoyable.

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

Yes, I have been fortunate enough to visit a place abundant in fish. During a trip to the Maldives, I had the opportunity to explore its pristine coral reefs teeming with colorful marine life, including a diverse array of fish species.

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

Yes, I have watched movies that prominently feature fish. One such film is "Finding Nemo," a heartwarming animated adventure that revolves around a clownfish named Marlin on a mission to find his son, Nemo.

## 7.Geography

1. How do you like Geography?

Geography holds a special place in my heart. Exploring the world's diverse landscapes, understanding different cultures, and unraveling the mysteries of our planet energize me.

2. Do you think Geography is useful?

Absolutely! Geography is incredibly useful. It helps us understand the intricacies of our world, from physical features to human interactions. It equips us with knowledge about different cultures, economies, and environments, fostering better global cooperation.

3. Have you ever learned Geography?

Yes, I have learned geography. It is a fascinating subject that explores the Earth's physical features, climates, and ecosystems. Understanding geography has allowed me to appreciate the diverse landscapes and cultures around the world.

4. Do you want to be a Geography teacher?

No, being a Geography teacher is not my aspiration. Although I find the subject

interesting and enjoy learning about it, my passion lies in the field of technology and problem-solving.



## 8. Tea and coffee

### 1. Do people like tea and coffee nowadays?

Yes, tea and coffee continue to be popular beverages among many people today. Both have their unique characteristics and flavors, appealing to different taste preferences. Tea is often appreciated for its calming effects and variety of flavors, while coffee is favored for its stimulating properties and rich aroma.

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

When serving guests, I like to offer them a choice between tea and coffee. This way, I can cater to different preferences and ensure that everyone feels comfortable and accommodated. Some guests may prefer the calming and diverse flavors of tea, while others may enjoy the stimulating effects and rich aroma of coffee. By providing both options, it allows me to create a warm and welcoming environment for my guests.

### 3. When was the last time you had a cup of coffee?

I had a cup of coffee just this morning before starting my work. It's part of my daily routine to have a cup of coffee to help me stay focused and energized throughout the day.

### 4. Do you usually buy your coffee in a coffee shop?

I usually prefer to make my own coffee at home rather than buying it from a coffee shop. It not only saves me money but also allows me to customize my coffee according to my preferences.

## 9. Noise

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

I prefer to stay in a place with minimal noise. A peaceful environment allows me to focus better on my work and be more productive. Noise can be distracting and disruptive, making it difficult for me to concentrate and perform at my best.

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

In the area where I live, there are various types of noises. During the day, there is the sound of traffic passing by, including cars, motorcycles, and buses. At night, there might be occasional noises from neighbors or street vendors.

### 3. Do you want to move to a quieter place?

I would appreciate living in a quieter place. The hustle and bustle of the city can sometimes be overwhelming, especially after a long day at work. Moving to a quieter area would provide a peaceful environment to relax and unwind. It would also help improve sleep quality and enhance focus on work or other activities.



#### 4. Do you think there is too much noise in today's world?

I believe that there is indeed an excess of noise in today's world. With the rapid development of technology and the constant connectivity through various devices, we are constantly bombarded with information, notifications, and distractions.

#### 5. Is making noise one of people's rights?

I believe that while expressing oneself and having freedom of speech are important rights, it is equally important to consider the impact of noise on others. Making excessive noise can be disruptive and infringe upon the rights of others to live and work in a peaceful environment.



### 10. Clothing

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

I prefer to wear formal attire for my job. This includes suits, dress shirts, and dress pants. I believe that dressing professionally not only enhances my appearance but also conveys a sense of confidence and competence.

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

I prefer to wear smart clothes for formal occasions or when meeting with clients. Smart attire helps create a professional image and reflects the seriousness and dedication towards my work.

#### 3. Do you like wearing T-shirts?

When it comes to T-shirts, I do like wearing them during casual occasions or when I need to feel relaxed. However, for professional settings and work-related events, I prefer to opt for more formal attire that aligns with the required dress code.

#### 4. Do you spend a lot of time choosing clothes?

I do not spend a lot of time choosing clothes. I prefer to have a well-organized wardrobe with a selection of smart and comfortable outfits.

### 11. Map

#### 1. Do you often use maps?

I do often use maps to navigate and familiarize myself with new locations. Whether it's for business meetings, conferences, or client visits, having a good sense of direction is crucial. Maps help me plan my routes, estimate travel time, and find the most efficient way to reach my destination.

#### 2. Do you use paper maps?

No, I don't use paper maps anymore. With the advancements in technology, digital maps have become more accessible and convenient. They offer real-time updates, multiple route options, and interactive features.



### 3.How often do you use maps on your phone?

I frequently rely on maps on my phone to navigate unfamiliar places. Whether it's for business meetings, conferences, or client visits, having access to accurate and up-to-date maps is essential.

### 4. Do you have maps at home?

Yes, I do have maps at home. Although digital maps have become more prevalent, I still find value in having physical maps as they offer a different kind of experience. Physical maps provide a tangible representation of geographic locations and can be useful for planning trips or exploring unfamiliar areas.



## 12.Chatting

### 1. Do you like chatting with friends?

I enjoy chatting with friends during my leisure time as it helps me relax and unwind. Engaging in conversations with friends allows me to catch up on each other's lives, share experiences, and seek advice.

### 2. What do you usually chat about with friends?

I usually have discussions with friends about various topics including current events, sports, movies, hobbies, travel experiences, and personal achievements. These conversations help us stay connected and engaged outside of work, allowing us to relax and enjoy our time together.

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

I personally enjoy both group conversations and one-on-one chats with friends. Group discussions bring diverse perspectives and lively exchanges, fostering a dynamic social atmosphere. On the other hand, intimate one-on-one conversations allow for deeper connections, enabling more meaningful exchanges of thoughts and experiences.

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

I value both face-to-face communication and social media as means of interaction. Face-to-face communication allows for direct engagement, non-verbal cues, and genuine connections. It fosters trust, understanding, and effective collaboration.

### 5. Do you argue with friends?

Actually yes, I do. I believe that healthy discussions and disagreements are a part of any friendship. While I don't actively seek arguments, I understand that conflicting opinions can arise. In such cases, I strive to approach the situation with respect, open-mindedness, and empathy.

## 13.Musical instruments

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

Yes, I have had the opportunity to learn and play a musical instrument. I believe in pursuing diverse interests outside of work. Learning to play a musical instrument has been a fulfilling experience for me. It has enhanced my creativity, discipline, and ability to collaborate with others.



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

I thoroughly enjoy listening to the piano and guitar. The versatility and expressive nature of these instruments captivate me. The melodic tones of the piano evoke a sense of tranquility, while the rhythmic strums of the guitar create a vibrant atmosphere.

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

I believe that it is beneficial for children to learn to play an instrument at school. Learning to play an instrument provides numerous cognitive and emotional benefits for young learners. It helps enhance their concentration, discipline, and creativity.

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

I strongly believe that music education is crucial for children. It offers countless benefits beyond just learning an instrument. Music education helps children develop essential skills such as teamwork, discipline, and creativity. It also enhances cognitive abilities, emotional intelligence, and cultural appreciation.

## 14.Transport

1. How do you go to work/school?

I usually commute to work by taking public transportation. I find it convenient and cost-effective. It helps me avoid traffic jams and the stress of driving. Additionally, public transportation allows me to utilize my travel time efficiently by reading or listening to podcasts.

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

Certainly! In my hometown, the most popular means of transportation is undoubtedly bicycles. Bicycles are widely used for daily commuting and short-distance travel due to their convenience, affordability, and environmental friendliness. The city has well-built cycling lanes and bike-sharing services, making it even more accessible and convenient for people to ride bicycles.

3. How far is it from your home to work/school?

The distance from my home to work/school is approximately 5 kilometers. It takes me around 20 minutes to commute by car or motorcycle, depending on traffic conditions. Alternatively, I can choose to ride a bicycle, which takes about 30 minutes and allows me to enjoy the fresh air and exercise.

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

Yes, I believe that people will continue to drive more in the future. As technology advances, cars are becoming more efficient, autonomous, and environmentally friendly.

This will make driving a more appealing option for individuals, especially for longer distances or areas with limited public transportation.



## 15.Travelling

### 1. Do you like travelling?

Certainly! I have an undeniable passion for traveling. The thrill of embarking on new adventures, discovering unfamiliar landscapes, and experiencing diverse cultures brings me immense joy. Traveling allows me to escape the routine of everyday life, broaden my perspectives, and challenge myself to step out of my comfort zone. It offers opportunities for self-reflection, personal growth, and building lasting memories. Exploring breathtaking destinations, immersing in local traditions, and meeting fascinating individuals along the way are experiences that I cherish and treasure.

### 2. How often do you go travelling?

I am fortunate to have the opportunity to embark on exciting journeys quite frequently. On average, I manage to go on four to five trips per year, exploring both domestic and international destinations. Whether it's a solo adventure or a memorable trip with friends and family, each travel experience is a gateway to new cultures, captivating landscapes, and unforgettable memories. Traveling allows me to broaden my horizons, gain a deeper understanding of the world, and create connections with people from different backgrounds. It truly enriches my life and fuels my desire for exploration.

### 3. Where do you usually travel?

I have a penchant for exploring diverse destinations. I find myself drawn to the allure of bustling metropolises like New York and Tokyo, where I can immerse myself in vibrant city life and experience the pulse of urban culture. On the other hand, I also enjoy escaping to serene natural landscapes such as the Swiss Alps or the Maldives, where I can unwind and reconnect with nature.

### 4. How do you feel when you are travelling?

The feeling of being on a journey fills me with sheer delight and a sense of liberation. The thrill of exploring new places, immersing myself in different cultures, and meeting diverse people cannot be expressed in words. Each adventure brings a surge of adrenaline and a deep appreciation for the beauty that surrounds me.

## 2024 年1-4月 P2&P3 新题

### 1. 放松之地

#### *Describe a place you would like to go to relax*

*You should say:*

*Where is it*

*When you would like to go there*

*What you would do there*

*And explain why you would like to go to this place to relax*

The place I dream of going to relax is the serene beaches of the Maldives . It's picturesque (风景如画) and known for its crystal clear turquoise waters (晶莹剔透的绿松石色水), white sandy beaches , and breathtaking tranquility (令人叹为观止的宁静). Ideally , I would travel to this paradise during the winter months to escape the cold and take in the tropical paradise. The contrast between the cold weather at home and the warm, sunny climate of the island would be the perfect setting to relax .

I imagined my daily life there. For example, in the early morning I would take a leisurely walk along the coast, feeling the soft sand under my feet and listening to the rhythmic sound of the waves. I'll spend hours lying under a palm tree, immersed in a good book, or just enjoying the peaceful atmosphere. It's refreshing to be free from the hustle and bustle of city life. In the afternoons, I would go on coral reef expeditions and snorkel (进行珊瑚礁探险与浮潜) to explore the vibrant marine life, an activity that is both calming and exciting. In the evening, I imagine myself enjoying the sunset over the ocean as the sky takes on shades of orange and pink, a mesmerizing and soothing sight.

The reason this place appeals to me as a perfect relaxation spot is its stark contrast to my everyday environment. The natural beauty and quietude offer an ideal setting to unwind (松弛) and recharge. In our fast-paced, technology-driven world, the opportunity to disconnect and immerse oneself in nature's serenity is rare. Such a destination promises not just physical relaxation but also mental peace. It's a place where I can slow down, reflect, and return feeling rejuvenated(感觉焕然一新) and ready to tackle the demands of daily life once again.



### Part 3

#### 1. Do people have enough places to relax in your country?

In our country, leisure spaces vary greatly between urban and rural areas. Cities have many parks, cafes and cinemas, but these are often overcrowded, making it difficult for people to feel relaxed. Comparatively speaking, rural areas have more natural landscapes, such as forests, beaches and mountains, which are perfect for nature lovers to relax. However, transportation can be a problem, especially for those who do not have private transportation. In conclusion, although there are many places for relaxation, their distribution and accessibility still need to be improved to meet the needs of a growing population.

#### 2. What do people do when relaxed?

When it comes to relaxation, people engage in a variety of activities depending on their interests and resources. Commonly, many enjoy reading, listening to music, or engaging in hobbies like gardening or painting. Physical activities such as yoga, walking, or playing sports are also popular as they help in releasing stress. Social activities, like spending time with family and friends, are equally significant. Moreover, with the rise of technology, many people relax by watching television or browsing the internet. Essentially, relaxation activities are diverse and are often chosen based on individual preferences and lifestyle.

#### 3. Is physical activity good for relaxing ?

Of course, physical activity is highly beneficial for relaxation. Participating in physical activities, such as exercising, walking or yoga, helps release endorphins, which are a natural mood enhancer. This biochemical change reduces stress and anxiety, resulting in a more relaxed state of mind. In addition, physical activity distracts people from everyday stresses, bringing a sense of accomplishment and rejuvenation. However, it is important to choose activities that you enjoy and are appropriate for your fitness level. This is because over-exercising or getting injured may have the opposite effect, and doing exercise you don't enjoy can be burdensome for many people.



#### 4. Spending too much time in front of screen is good for relaxing ?

I think the answer is no. Spending too much time in front of a screen can be counterproductive to relaxation. Screen-based activities such as watching TV or playing video games can be moderately relaxing, but too much screen time can lead to physical and mental health problems. It can cause eyestrain and disrupt sleep patterns in mild cases, and reduce physical activity levels and physical health in severe cases. In addition, constant exposure to digital content can increase stress, especially when exposed to negative news or social media. Therefore, it is important to balance screen time with other activities that promote relaxation and overall well-being.



#### 5. Do people have to spend a lot of money on relaxing ?

The amount you pay for relaxation depends on your personal wishes. While some forms of relaxation, such as vacations, spas, or attending events, can be costly, there are many affordable or free alternatives. Activities such as reading, walking in the park, practicing positive thinking or meditation, and spending quality time with loved ones are all inexpensive and effective ways to relax. The key to relaxation is to find activities that bring joy and peace, rather than focusing on the costs involved. Therefore, everyone can find the right way to relax, regardless of their financial situation.

#### 6. Do people nowadays have more ways to relax than in the past?

Yes, people nowadays have significantly more ways to relax than in the past, largely due to technological advancements and changes in lifestyle. The internet and digital devices provide a plethora of entertainment options, including streaming movies, playing video games, or browsing social media. These platforms offer instant access to a vast array of leisure activities that were not available in the past. Moreover, the modern world has seen a surge in wellness and relaxation-focused services like spas, yoga studios, and fitness centers, catering to a growing awareness of the importance of stress management. Additionally, travel has become more accessible, allowing people to explore new places and cultures as a form of relaxation. These developments have undoubtedly expanded the ways in which people can unwind and enjoy their leisure time.

## 2. 不喜欢做的工作

**Describe a job you would not like to do.**

***You should say:***

***What the job is?***

***How do you know about it?***

***Whether it is an easy or difficult job?***

***And explain why you would not like to do it?***

A job I would not like to do is being a high-rise window cleaner (高层窗户清洁工). This job involves cleaning the exterior windows of tall buildings, often skyscrapers, while suspended high above the ground. I first became aware of this profession through a documentary I watched, which showcased the day-to-day responsibilities and challenges faced by these workers. It's undoubtedly a difficult job, requiring not only physical strength and stamina to handle the cleaning equipment but also immense bravery and mental fortitude (精神毅力) to work at such dizzying heights.

The primary reason I would be averse to (不愿意) doing this job is my fear of heights. The mere thought of being suspended on a platform or a harness many stories above the ground is enough to make me feel uneasy. The risks involved are significant; although safety measures are in place, the danger of working at such altitudes, often in varying weather conditions, is quite real. Apart from the physical risks, I believe it would be mentally taxing as well. Constantly being in a high-stress situation, where a single mistake could have serious consequences, is something I find daunting.

Moreover, this job requires a specialized skill set and level of physical fitness that I do not possess. The workers need to be adept at using various cleaning tools and equipment, all while maintaining their balance and composure at great heights. It's a job that demands precision, patience, and a calm demeanor (镇定自若) in the face of potential hazards.

In summary, while I have immense respect for those who perform this challenging and essential work, the combination of the physical demands, the inherent risks, and my personal fear of heights makes high-rise window cleaning a profession I would not want

to pursue.

### Part 3

#### 1.What kind of jobs do Chinese young people like to do?

Chinese young people today show a diverse range of career preferences. Many are drawn to technology and IT-related jobs due to the booming tech industry in China. Roles in e-commerce, digital marketing, and software development are highly sought after.

Additionally, creative industries such as graphic design, fashion, and media are also popular among the younger generation. There's a growing interest in entrepreneurship as well, with many young Chinese starting their own businesses in various sectors. Careers in education and healthcare remain steady choices. Overall, the preferences reflect a blend of traditional roles and emerging opportunities in a rapidly changing economic landscape.

#### 2.Do Chinese young people prefer to choose an interesting job or a job with a high salary?

The choice between an interesting job and a high-paying job among Chinese young people often depends on individual values and circumstances. Many young professionals prioritize job satisfaction and personal fulfillment, seeking careers that align with their interests and passions. However, economic considerations and family expectations also play a significant role in this decision. In a society that values financial stability and social status, high-paying jobs are often attractive. The rising cost of living, particularly in urban areas, also influences this preference. Ultimately, while there is a growing trend towards choosing careers based on interest, financial aspects remain a significant consideration for many.

#### 3.Do you think it is easier to get a job now than in the past?

Whether it's easier to get a job now compared to the past is a multifaceted issue. Technological advancements and the internet have certainly made job searching more accessible. Information about job openings is readily available online, and digital platforms have streamlined the application process. However, the job market has also become more competitive due to higher educational attainments and a global workforce.

Additionally, the rise of automation and AI has started to replace certain job types. In some industries, this has made job acquisition more challenging. So, securing a job in today's competitive and rapidly changing job market presents its own set of challenges.

#### 4. Is it important to be successful in a job?

Success at work is important for several reasons. First, it contributes to a sense of personal fulfillment and job satisfaction, which are essential for long-term career development and mental health. Successful job performance often leads to career advancement opportunities, including promotions and salary increases. In addition, success at work can have a positive impact on an individual's professional reputation, opening the door to further opportunities and networking. In a broader sense, an individual's success at work contributes to the overall productivity and success of his or her organization. Thus, success at work benefits not only the individual, but also the larger system of which they are a part.

#### 5. Do you think AI will take over many jobs?

AI is likely to take over many jobs, particularly those involving routine, manual, or repetitive tasks. For instance, in manufacturing, AI-driven robots can perform tasks more efficiently and without fatigue. In sectors like customer service, AI chatbots are increasingly handling inquiries, which were previously managed by humans. However, it's important to note that while AI can replace certain jobs, it also creates new opportunities. There will be a growing demand for AI-related roles such as AI system developers, data analysts, and AI ethics specialists. The key challenge will be ensuring that the workforce is adequately prepared and trained for these new roles, mitigating the negative impact of job displacement.

#### 6. Can AI improve people's lives? If so, how?

Artificial intelligence certainly has the potential to improve people's lives in a number of ways. In healthcare, AI can help diagnose diseases more accurately and quickly, thus improving patient outcomes. In education, AI could provide a personalized learning experience that adapts to each student's needs and progress. AI can also improve daily life through smart home technology, increasing convenience and energy efficiency. In

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transportation, AI-powered solutions such as self-driving cars have the potential to reduce traffic accidents and improve traffic management. However, it is critical to address ethical issues and potential biases in AI to ensure that these improvements are fair and beneficial to all segments of society.





### 3. 地图

#### **Describe a time when you used a (paper) map**

***You should say:***

***When you used the map***

***Where you were***

***Why you used a paper map***

***And explain how you felt about the experience***

I recall a time when I used a paper map during a hiking trip in the Scottish Highlands. This was a couple of years ago, in the summer. My friends and I had planned a week-long trek through some of the remote areas, where digital signals were unreliable, hence the need for a traditional paper map. We were navigating through rugged terrains (崎岖地形) and vast, open landscapes, far from the usual urban settings where GPS is readily available.

The reason for using a paper map was straightforward – technology wasn't a dependable option in such remote locations. Cell phone coverage was patchy (不稳定的) at best, making digital maps on our phones almost useless. The paper map provided us with detailed topographical information, hiking trails, and important landmarks, which were essential for navigating the challenging routes. It was our primary guide through the wilderness, helping us to plan our daily routes, locate camping spots, and ensure we were always on the right path.

Using a paper map was both a challenging and exhilarating experience. There was a sense of adventure in relying on our map-reading skills and a compass, rather than just following a GPS. It required more attention and engagement with our surroundings, which made the hiking experience more immersive and rewarding. However, it was also daunting (令人生畏) at times, especially when the weather worsened, making the map harder to read. There was a constant awareness that a wrong interpretation could lead us astray.

Overall, using a paper map in such a setting was incredibly satisfying. It was a reminder of the value of these basic tools, despite the ubiquity of digital technology in our lives.

### Part 3

#### 1. What do people usually do when they get lost?

When people find themselves lost, the first thing they often do is try to retrace their steps to a familiar point. They might also look for landmarks or signs to orient themselves. In urban areas, it's common for people to ask locals for directions. Nowadays, many turn to their smartphones, using GPS and digital maps to find their way. Another approach is to look for a higher vantage point to get a better sense of the surroundings. In more remote areas, where digital connectivity might be limited, people rely more on physical maps or compasses. Overall, the response to getting lost varies depending on the environment and the resources available at hand.

#### 2. What are the differences between paper and digital maps?

Paper maps and digital maps offer different experiences and utilities. Paper maps provide a broad, static overview of an area and are often valued for their detailed representation and reliability without needing electronic support. They are particularly useful in remote areas where digital connectivity is limited. On the other hand, digital maps, accessible via smartphones or other devices, offer dynamic, interactive features. They can provide real-time updates on traffic, weather conditions, and even alternate routes. Digital maps also have the advantage of being easily searchable and can offer step-by-step navigation assistance. However, they rely on battery power and network connectivity, which can be a limitation.

#### 3. What do you think of in-car GPS navigation systems?

In-car GPS navigation systems are a significant advancement in travel and transportation. They provide real-time, turn-by-turn directions, making it easier for drivers to navigate unfamiliar areas without the distraction of reading a map. These systems often include traffic updates, which can help in avoiding congested routes, thus saving time. Additionally, many GPS systems offer features like location tracking, estimated time of arrival, and can suggest points of interest like gas stations or restaurants. However, over-reliance on these systems can diminish traditional navigation skills, and there can be issues with accuracy or signal in certain areas. Nonetheless, for modern, fast-paced life, in-car GPS systems are a convenient and efficient tool.

#### 4. What do people often do with a map?

People use maps for various purposes. The most common use is for navigation, to find the best route to a destination. Maps are also used for planning trips, as they provide an overview of different routes and locations. In outdoor activities like hiking or camping, maps are essential for understanding the terrain and plotting a course. Many people also use maps for educational purposes, to learn about different geographical features or to study the layout of a city or region. Additionally, in professional fields like urban planning or geography, maps are critical tools for analysis and decision-making. Beyond these practical uses, some people collect or study historical maps, which can offer insights into how places have changed over time.

#### 5. Why do most people prefer to use a paper map?

Many people prefer to use paper maps for several reasons. Firstly, there's a sense of reliability with paper maps; they don't rely on battery power or network connectivity. This makes them particularly useful in remote or rural areas where digital signals might be weak. Paper maps provide a broader perspective of an area, allowing for easier route planning and a better understanding of the geography. There's also a tactile element to paper maps; some people enjoy the physical act of unfolding and studying a map. Moreover, for those concerned about data privacy, paper maps offer an alternative to digital tracking. Finally, there's a nostalgic or aesthetic appeal to paper maps for many, as they can be seen as more authentic or traditional.

#### 6. How does learning to read a map help you learn more about your country?

Learning to read a map can be incredibly educational about one's country. It helps in understanding the geographical layout, including the locations of major cities, rivers, mountain ranges, and other significant landmarks. This knowledge fosters a deeper connection with the country, as one becomes more aware of the various regions and how they are interconnected. Additionally, map reading can reveal historical and cultural information, as maps often include historical sites, cultural landmarks, and traditional boundaries. It also enhances spatial thinking and geographical awareness, skills that are valuable in understanding broader socio-economic and environmental issues within the

country. In essence, map reading is not just about navigation, but also about connecting with the land, its history, and its people.

#### 4. 能说会道的人

##### **Describe a person you know who likes to talk a lot**

***You should say:***

***Who this person is***

***How you knew this person***

***What he/she usually talks about***

***And explain how you felt about him/her***



The person I know who enjoys talking a lot is my aunt, Maria. She's my mother's younger sister, and I've known her since I was a child. Maria is known in our family for her vivacious personality (活泼的个性) and her gift of gab (口才). She's someone who can strike up a conversation with anyone about anything, and she never seems to run out of things to say (无话可说).

Maria usually talks about a wide range of topics, but she's particularly passionate about her travels and gardening. She loves to share stories from her various trips around the world, describing in vivid detail the places she's visited, the people she's met, and the cultures she's experienced. Her enthusiasm when recounting these adventures is contagious. When it comes to gardening, she's equally expressive, discussing different plant species, gardening techniques, and her latest projects in her backyard.

Initially, I used to feel a bit overwhelmed (不知所措) by her lengthy conversations, especially considering my more introverted nature. It seemed like she could talk for hours without needing much input from anyone else. However, over time, I've come to appreciate her storytelling ability and her zest for life. Her stories are often enlightening and entertaining, and I've learned a lot from them. She has this unique ability to make even mundane topics interesting with her engaging way of expressing herself.

Maria's loquacity (话多) is a significant part of her charm. She brings energy and warmth to family gatherings, and her stories have a way of connecting people. Despite

our different temperaments, I've grown fond of her talkative nature. It's a reminder of the diversity of personalities in our family and how each one adds color to our family dynamics.

### Part 3

#### 1. What communication skills does a talkative person have?

A talkative person often possesses several key communication skills. Firstly, they usually have good verbal fluency, allowing them to articulate their thoughts and ideas effectively. They often exhibit a high level of confidence in speaking, which helps in engaging with others. Additionally, talkative individuals tend to have a broad range of knowledge or experiences to draw upon, enriching their conversations. However, it's important for talkative people to balance their speaking with active listening skills. Being able to listen and respond to others is crucial in ensuring effective and reciprocal communication.

#### 2. Is it good to be talkative?

Being talkative can have both positive and negative aspects. On the positive side, talkative people often find it easy to engage in social situations, can express themselves clearly, and are generally good at articulating their thoughts and ideas. This can be beneficial in personal and professional settings. However, being excessively talkative can sometimes be perceived negatively, especially if it hinders the ability to listen and give others a chance to speak. It's important for talkative individuals to be aware of their conversation partners and to ensure that their talkativeness doesn't overpower the dialogue.

#### 3. How should parents encourage their children?

Parents should encourage their children by providing a supportive and nurturing environment. This involves acknowledging their efforts and accomplishments, regardless of the outcome, to build their self-esteem. It's also important to encourage children to pursue their interests and passions, as this fosters a sense of individuality and self-confidence. Parents should be good role models, showing enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards learning and new experiences. Offering constructive feedback, rather than just criticism, is crucial in helping children learn and grow. Most importantly,



parents should listen actively to their children, validating their feelings and thoughts, which reinforces their sense of self-worth and encourages open communication.

4. How should people encourage children to express themselves when being asked questions that they are afraid to answer?

To encourage children to express themselves, especially when they are hesitant, it's important to create a safe and trusting environment. Children should feel that their thoughts and feelings are respected and valued. Parents and caregivers can do this by being patient and giving the child time to respond without rushing or pressuring them. Using open-ended questions can help children to open up and share more freely. It's also beneficial to share personal experiences or feelings as a way to show empathy and understanding. Encouraging children through positive reinforcement and showing genuine interest in their responses can make them feel more comfortable and willing to express themselves.

5. On what occasion do you think a child should talk less than usual?

There are certain occasions where it might be appropriate for a child to talk less than usual. For instance, during formal events or ceremonies, such as a religious service or a speech, it's respectful to remain quiet and listen. In educational settings like a classroom when a teacher or another student is speaking, it's polite and important for learning to listen attentively. Additionally, in situations where a serious conversation is taking place, or when someone is sharing something personal or sensitive, it's respectful for children to listen more and speak less. Teaching children about the appropriate times to talk and listen is an important part of their social development.

6. What jobs need employees to be talkative?

Jobs that require talkative employees tend to be those where communication and interpersonal skills are critical. Sales is a prime example. Salespeople need to be talkative in order to effectively engage with customers, understand their needs, and persuasively present products or services. Their ability to talk confidently and engagingly can greatly influence a customer's buying decision. Another key role for talkative people is in the

area of customer service. Customer service representatives are the front line of many organizations, and their ability to communicate openly, clearly and positively can impact the customer experience. They need to be able to handle inquiries, provide information and solve problems, all of which require a lot of talking and active listening.

## 5. 噪音

### *Describe an occasion when there was a lot of noise*

*You should say:*

*Where you heard the noise*

*What kinds of noise it was*

*Who made the noise*

*How you reacted to the noise*

*And explain how you felt about the noise*



I remember an occasion when I was surrounded by an overwhelming amount of noise during a local festival in my hometown. This event is held annually in the central square, which is usually a quiet and serene place, but it transforms entirely during the festival. The noise was a mixture of various sounds: loud music blasting from speakers, the chatter and laughter of a large crowd, the occasional sound of fireworks, and the clinking of food and drink stalls.

The noise was primarily made by the festival attendees, who were in high spirits, enjoying the celebration. Local bands were playing live music, which added to the cacophony (刺耳的噪音). Street performers and excited children also contributed to the overall din. It was a lively atmosphere, but the volume and intensity of the sound were quite something.

My initial reaction to the noise was one of slight irritation, as I wasn't used to such a loud environment. It was challenging to have a conversation or even think amidst the racket. However, as I adjusted to the setting and immersed myself in the festivities, my annoyance turned to enjoyment. The vibrant energy of the crowd was infectious, and the music began to feel more like a backdrop (背景) to a joyful communal experience rather than just noise.

Reflecting on that noise, I feel it was an integral part of the festival experience. It signified celebration, community, and the joy of being together. While it was initially overwhelming, it eventually became a part of the event's charm. The noise was a testament to the liveliness and spirit of the festival, something that quietness couldn't convey. It was a reminder of how sound can influence our perception (感知) of an environment and transform an ordinary space into a place of celebration.

### Part3



#### 1. What kinds of places should be noise-free?

Certain places should ideally be noise-free to maintain their purpose and atmosphere. Libraries, for instance, are spaces where silence is crucial for concentration and study. Hospitals and clinics also require a quiet environment to ensure patient rest and recovery. Similarly, places of worship like churches, temples, and mosques are often noise-free to maintain a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere. Additionally, certain public transport areas like quiet carriages in trains are designated as noise-free zones to provide a calm travel experience. These spaces are intended to offer a respite from the bustling noise of daily life, and maintaining quietness in them is essential for their functionality and the comfort of those using them.

#### 2. Can people bring children to these noise-free places?

Bringing children to noise-free places can be appropriate, provided there are measures to ensure they do not disrupt the quiet environment. It's important for parents or guardians to prepare children beforehand about the nature of these places and the expected behavior. For instance, in libraries, children can be engaged with quiet activities like reading or drawing. In places of worship, guiding children to understand the significance of silence and reverence can be helpful. However, it's also important to have realistic expectations, as very young children might find it challenging to stay quiet for extended periods. Therefore, parental discretion and readiness to step out if a child becomes noisy are key in such settings.

### 3. Why can't people make noise in a church?

Noise is typically discouraged in churches to maintain a sacred and solemn atmosphere conducive to worship and reflection. Churches are places where people come to pray, meditate, and seek spiritual solace, and noise can be distracting and disrespectful in this context. Additionally, church services often involve listening to sermons, prayers, and religious readings, where silence from the congregation is essential for everyone to hear and participate fully. The quiet environment in a church reflects respect for the religious practices and the sanctity of the place, allowing individuals to connect with their faith without external distractions.

### 4. What public morals should people follow in your country?

In my country, certain public morals are widely respected and followed. Respect for others' personal space and privacy is paramount in public settings. It's also considered important to queue orderly and wait for one's turn, whether it's at a bus stop, in a shop, or accessing public services. Littering in public spaces is frowned upon, and there's a strong emphasis on maintaining cleanliness. Noise levels should be kept reasonable in public to avoid disturbing others, especially in confined spaces like public transport. Furthermore, displaying courtesy in interactions, such as saying 'please' and 'thank you', is a valued aspect of public conduct. These morals collectively contribute to a respectful and harmonious society.

### 5. On what occasions do people need to be quiet?

People are generally expected to be quiet in situations where noise could be disruptive or disrespectful. For instance, in libraries, people need to be quiet to maintain an environment conducive to reading and studying. The quiet atmosphere allows everyone to focus without distractions. Similarly, in places of worship, being quiet is a sign of respect and allows individuals to engage in reflection or prayer without interruption. Another common scenario requiring quietness is during performances in theaters or cinemas, where noise can disrupt the experience for both performers and the audience. Maintaining silence in these settings shows consideration for others' experience and enjoyment.

## 6. Do you think we should allow children to make noise in public places?

Allowing children to make noise in public places should be considered with a balance of tolerance and awareness of the setting. Children are naturally energetic and expressive, and it's important for their development to express themselves freely. In more casual public spaces like parks, playgrounds, or family restaurants, some level of noise from children is normal and should be expected. These environments are more conducive to play and expression, and being overly strict about noise can hinder children's social and emotional development.



## 6.和老人的有趣谈话

**Describe an interesting conversation you had with a very old person**

***You should say:***

***Who this person is***

***Where you had the conversation***

***What you talked about***

***And explain how you felt about the experience***

Recently, I had an incredibly interesting conversation with my neighbor, Mr. Thompson, who is in his late eighties. We spoke in his cozy living room, surrounded by shelves filled with old books and family photographs. Mr. Thompson has lived in our neighborhood since its early days, and he possesses a treasure trove of stories about the area's history and development.

During our conversation, he recounted vivid tales from his youth, including how the neighborhood looked when he was a boy, the types of shops that once lined the streets, and how the community has evolved over the decades. He shared anecdotes about the different people he's met, the changes in lifestyle, and the advancements in technology he's witnessed. His detailed descriptions painted a colorful picture of a bygone era (往昔时代), and it was fascinating to see how our neighborhood has transformed over the years through his eyes.

I was completely engrossed in his stories, and it felt like stepping into a time machine



（踏入时光机）. It was not just the content of the stories that intrigued me, but also the way he told them – with a sparkle in his eye and a passion in his voice. He spoke with a wisdom and perspective that only comes with age and experience.

The experience of talking to Mr. Thompson was both enlightening and humbling. It gave me a deeper appreciation for the history of the place I call home and the people who have shaped it. It was a reminder of the rich tapestry of stories（丰富的故事画卷） that older generations hold and the importance of preserving these oral histories. I left feeling grateful for the opportunity to connect with someone from a different generation and to learn from their vast experiences.

### Part 3

#### 1. How do people have a conversation with an elderly person?

When conversing with an elderly person, it's important to show respect and patience. Elderly individuals often appreciate a slower pace of conversation and clear articulation, as they may have difficulty with hearing or processing information quickly. It's also respectful to engage in topics that are of interest to them, and to listen attentively, valuing their life experiences and perspectives. Demonstrating empathy and understanding is key, as many elderly people appreciate the chance to share their stories and wisdom. Additionally, it's considerate to avoid using overly modern slang or technical jargon that might be unfamiliar to them. Overall, a conversation with an elderly person should be approached with respect, patience, and a genuine interest in their viewpoint.

#### 2. What can young people learn from old people?

Well, I think young people can learn from older people the importance of patience and empathy. With their slower pace of life and reflective spirit, older persons can teach the younger generation the value of slowing down, appreciating the present moment and understanding different perspectives on life. This is especially beneficial in today's fast-paced world where such qualities are often overlooked. Also, young people can learn a great deal from older individuals, particularly in terms of life experiences and wisdom.

### 3. Do you think old people can work better than young people?

Whether old people can work better than young people depends on the context of the work. In jobs that require extensive experience and knowledge accumulated over many years, older individuals might have an advantage. Their depth of understanding in certain fields and their experience in handling various situations can be invaluable. However, in roles that demand physical strength, technological savvy, or adaptability to rapidly changing environments, younger individuals might perform better due to their energy, familiarity with new technologies, and flexibility.



### 4. What are the advantages of having people of different ages living in the same house?

An important benefit of having people of different ages living in the same house is the opportunity for intergenerational learning. Younger family members can learn from the experience and wisdom of older family members, while older family members can learn about contemporary ideas and technologies through younger family members. This creates a dynamic living environment where knowledge and skills are exchanged across generations. Another benefit is that it fosters a mutually supportive and caring family structure. In a multigenerational family, family members can share responsibilities, provide emotional support, and take care of each other.

### 5. Has old people's life quality improved when compared to the past?

The quality of life for older people has generally improved compared to the past, mainly due to advancements in healthcare and increased societal awareness of senior needs. Modern medicine and better healthcare services have led to longer life expectancies and improved management of chronic illnesses, allowing older individuals to live healthier and more active lives. Additionally, there is greater recognition of the importance of mental and social well-being for the elderly, leading to more resources and community programs dedicated to their needs.

### 6. Do old people share the same interest with young people?

Well, although the generation gap may lead to differences in interests, for example, young people and the elderly will like different music, movies and films. However, there

are some areas where older and younger people share common interests. For example, activities such as gardening, cooking or music transcend age boundaries and can be enjoyed by people of all ages. In addition, shared family interests, such as a love of certain sports teams or traditions, can bring generations together.

## 7.小学活动

### *Describe an activity you enjoyed most in your primary school*

*You should say:*

*What the activity was*

*How often you did the activity*

*Who you did it with*

*And explain why it was your favourite activity*



One of my most cherished activities（珍贵的活动） from primary school was participating in our weekly storytelling sessions. Every Friday afternoon, our class would gather around in a circle, and each student had the opportunity to narrate a story, either a personal experience or a fictional tale（虚构故事）. This was a routine I eagerly anticipated each week.

The stories varied greatly, ranging from amusing anecdotes about family vacations to imaginative tales of faraway lands and magical creatures. I often shared stories I'd written myself, which was a thrilling way for me to express my creativity and imagination. The activity wasn't just about telling stories; it was also about listening to others, which was equally enjoyable and enlightening.

I mostly did this activity with my classmates under the guidance of our teacher, who would also occasionally contribute a story or two. It was a collaborative and inclusive experience where everyone felt encouraged and valued. My classmates and I would eagerly await our turns, listening intently to each other's stories, often reacting with laughter, gasps of surprise, or rounds of applause（掌声雷动）.

This storytelling session was my favorite activity because it was not only fun but also incredibly enriching. It fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among us students. It was an outlet for creativity, a platform to practice public speaking and develop listening skills, and an opportunity to learn from each other's experiences and imaginations. The thrill of sharing a story and captivating an audience was exhilarating.

These sessions ignited my passion for storytelling and writing, which has stayed with me ever since. They are some of my fondest memories from primary school, embodying the joy and innocence of childhood learning and exploration.

### Part 3

#### 1. What activities do children often do in your country?

In my country, children engage in a variety of activities, both educational and recreational. Outdoor play is quite common, with activities like cycling, playing soccer, or visiting parks. Many children also participate in extracurricular activities such as dance, music classes, or martial arts training. Educational activities include reading, attending tutoring sessions, or engaging in science and art projects. In urban areas, visiting museums, libraries, or participating in organized sports are popular. The influence of technology is also noticeable, with children spending time on educational apps, video games, or watching television.

#### 2. What do parents in your country let their children do?

Parents in my country generally encourage a diverse range of activities for their children, aiming for a balance between education, physical activity, and leisure. They often allow their children to participate in sports, music lessons, and various clubs to promote physical fitness and creativity. Educational activities like reading, science experiments, and math games are encouraged to enhance learning. Playdates and visits to parks or playgrounds are common for social development. Parents also increasingly recognize the importance of technology and digital literacy, so supervised use of computers and educational apps is becoming more common.

#### 3. What are the differences between activities at home and at school?

The activities at home and at school in my country differ in structure and purpose. School activities are generally more structured, focused on educational outcomes and social development. These include classroom learning, group projects, and physical education classes. Schools also offer extracurricular activities like sports, arts, and clubs, which are organized and supervised by teachers. On the other hand, activities at home are often more relaxed and flexible, tailored to the child's interests. These can include playing with

toys, engaging in hobbies, watching television, or spending time with family. Home activities provide a comfortable environment for children to explore their interests and develop independently.

#### 4. Why do some people like to participate in activities?

People participate in activities for various reasons. For many, activities provide a sense of enjoyment and relaxation, offering a break from the routine of daily life. They can also be a source of social interaction and community engagement, creating opportunities to meet new people and build relationships. Participating in activities can also be a way to develop new skills or pursue personal interests and hobbies. For some, activities serve as a form of physical exercise and contribute to health and well-being. Additionally, activities can offer a sense of achievement and personal growth, especially when learning something new or overcoming challenges.

#### 5. What activities do people do in their free time?

In their free time, people engage in a range of activities based on their interests and lifestyles. Common activities include hobbies such as reading, gardening, cooking, or crafting. Many people enjoy physical activities like walking, cycling, playing sports, or going to the gym for exercise. Social activities, such as spending time with family and friends, attending events, or dining out, are also popular. Entertainment plays a big role, with activities like watching movies, playing video games, or browsing the internet. Some people use their free time for personal development, such as learning a new skill, practicing a musical instrument, or engaging in volunteer work.

#### 6. Does technology affect children's activities? If so, how?

Technology has significantly affected children's activities, altering the way they play, learn, and socialize. Screen-based activities like playing video games, watching videos, and using educational apps have become common. While these activities can be educational and entertaining, there is a concern about the amount of screen time and its impact on physical activity and social skills. Technology also provides new opportunities for learning; children have access to a vast array of information and educational resources



online. Additionally, technology has influenced how children interact, with social media and digital communication becoming part of older children's social lives. It's essential to balance technology use with traditional activities to ensure healthy development.

## 8. 给力队友

**Describe a time when someone who did quite well in a team (e.g. schoolwork or a community)**

***You should say:***



***Who this person is***

***When you worked together***

***What team project you worked on***

***And explain why you think he/she was a great team member***

I had the privilege of working with an exceptional team member (杰出的团队成员), Sarah, during my last year at university. We were part of a project team in a marketing course, tasked with developing a comprehensive campaign for a local business. This collaboration took place over the course of a semester, during which time our team dynamics grew stronger, largely due to Sarah's contributions.

Sarah was the unofficial 'glue' that held our team together. She had a remarkable ability to listen and synthesize everyone's ideas (综合所有人的想法), ensuring that each team member felt heard and valued. Our project involved creating a marketing strategy for a new coffee shop in town, which required market research, branding, and promotional planning. Sarah was instrumental in organizing our efforts and keeping us on track with deadlines. She was not only organized but also creative, often coming up with innovative ideas that pushed our project beyond conventional boundaries.

What made Sarah a great team member was her blend of empathy and efficiency. She was always aware of the team's morale and worked hard to maintain a positive and productive atmosphere (保持积极高效的氛围). She was approachable and supportive, making it easy for anyone in the team to discuss issues or seek advice. Her leadership style was inclusive and motivating, and she always led by example, putting in extra hours and effort when needed.

Sarah's impact on our project was unmistakable. Our final presentation was well-received by our professors and peers, and we even received commendation for our innovative approach. Working with Sarah taught me valuable lessons about teamwork, leadership, and the importance of effective communication. Her positive attitude, work ethic, and ability to bring out the best in others truly set her apart as a great team member.

### Part3

#### 1. What qualities should a leader have?

A good leader should possess a combination of qualities that enable them to guide and inspire others. Firstly, effective communication skills are essential for conveying ideas clearly and listening to team members. A leader should also be decisive, able to make informed decisions swiftly when necessary. Empathy is crucial; understanding and valuing team members' perspectives and challenges fosters a supportive environment. A good leader should demonstrate integrity, acting ethically and setting a positive example. Additionally, a leader needs to be adaptable, able to navigate changes and challenges effectively. Finally, having a vision and the ability to motivate and inspire others towards a common goal is a hallmark of strong leadership.

#### 2. What should people do without a good team leader?

In the absence of a good team leader, team members should proactively collaborate to ensure that goals are still met. It's important for the team to communicate openly, discussing and agreeing upon objectives and strategies. Members should take initiative and share responsibilities, perhaps even assigning temporary leadership roles or tasks based on individual strengths and expertise. Maintaining a positive, cooperative attitude is crucial; team members should support and motivate each other. Problem-solving becomes a collective effort, and decision-making should be a democratic process. Essentially, the team should work towards fostering a sense of shared leadership and accountability.

#### 3. Why do some people dislike teamwork?

Some people may dislike teamwork for various reasons. One common issue is the challenge of coordinating and integrating different personalities and work styles, which

can lead to conflicts or inefficiencies. People who are highly independent or introverted might find the collaborative aspect of teamwork overwhelming or distracting. There's also the concern of 'free-riding', where some team members may not contribute equally, leading to frustration among more committed members. Differences in commitment and work ethic can create tensions within the team. Furthermore, some individuals may feel that their ideas or contributions are overshadowed or not adequately recognized in a team setting. These factors can make teamwork a less appealing working method for some people.



#### 4. Do you think young people are good team players?

Young people can be excellent team players, often bringing enthusiasm, adaptability, and fresh perspectives to a group. They tend to be more open to new ideas and collaborative approaches, which is beneficial for teamwork. Being generally more tech-savvy, young people can contribute to utilizing modern tools and platforms for team collaboration.

However, their effectiveness as team players can depend on their individual experiences and personal development. Factors such as education, exposure to team-based activities, and previous collaborative experiences can significantly influence their teamwork skills. Young people who have had opportunities to work in teams, whether in educational settings or extracurricular activities, are likely to be more effective in understanding and contributing to team dynamics.

#### 5. Does a team's best player make a good leader?

A team's best player doesn't necessarily make a good leader, as leadership and skill are distinct qualities. Being the most skilled player often means having exceptional abilities in the sport or activity, but leadership involves guiding and motivating the team. A good leader possesses qualities like empathy, communication skills, and the ability to inspire and unite team members towards common goals. Sometimes, the best player might have these qualities, but it's not a given. Leadership also involves decision-making and sometimes putting the team's needs above personal glory, which requires a different set of skills than being an outstanding player.

#### 6. What are the advantages of working as part of a team?

Working as part of a team offers several advantages. Firstly, it brings diverse perspectives and skills together, which can lead to more innovative and effective solutions than working alone. Teamwork fosters a collaborative environment where members can learn from each other, leading to personal and professional growth. Moreover, tasks can be distributed according to each member's strengths, leading to more efficient and high-quality outcomes. Teamwork also provides support and motivation; working towards a common goal can be encouraging and makes challenging tasks more manageable.

## 9. 家中重要物品



### *Describe a useful object in your home that you cannot live without*

*You should say:*

*What it is*

*What you can do with it*

*How often you use it*

*And explain why you cannot live without it*

One indispensable object in my home is my laptop, a device that has become an integral part (不可或缺的一部分) of my daily life. It's a sleek, portable computer that I use for a multitude of tasks, both for personal and professional purposes. The versatility (多功能性) of my laptop is what makes it so invaluable to me.

With my laptop, I can perform a wide range of activities. It's my workstation where I complete most of my work-related tasks, like writing reports, creating presentations, and managing emails. It's also my window to the world of entertainment, where I watch movies, listen to music, and sometimes play video games. Additionally, it serves as my digital library, storing a vast collection of books, research papers, and educational materials. The laptop is also crucial for maintaining my social connections; it's where I communicate with friends and family through various platforms, be it social media or video calls.

I use my laptop almost daily, and it's rare for a day to go by without me turning it on. It's usually the first thing I check in the morning for updates and the last thing I use at night, whether it's for winding down with a movie or completing some last-minute work.

The reason I can't live without my laptop is its role as a multifunctional tool (多功能工具) that caters to nearly all aspects of my life. It's not just a gadget; it's a companion that

aids in my productivity, connects me with loved ones, provides entertainment, and aids in my personal development and learning. In today's digital age, my laptop is an extension of my personal and professional self, making it an absolutely essential item in my home.

### Part 3

#### 1. What equipment do you find difficult to use?

Personally, I find advanced photographic equipment, like DSLR cameras, somewhat challenging to use. These cameras come with a multitude of settings for exposure, focus, lighting, and more, which can be quite overwhelming for a novice. Understanding how to manipulate these settings to capture a perfect image requires significant knowledge and practice. Additionally, the terminology used in photography is specialized, adding another layer of complexity. While these cameras are capable of producing high-quality images, mastering their use is a steep learning curve for someone without prior experience in advanced photography.

#### 2. What can you do with a laptop?

A laptop is a versatile tool that offers numerous functionalities. Primarily, it's used for various types of work, such as document creation, data analysis, and presentations. The internet connectivity allows for browsing, research, and accessing online platforms and services. Laptops are also used for communication purposes, including email, video conferencing, and social media. In terms of entertainment, they can be used for watching movies, playing games, or streaming music. Educational activities, like online courses and e-learning, are another significant use. Moreover, laptops, with their portability, enable these activities to be done almost anywhere, making them extremely practical for both professional and personal use.

#### 3. What are the benefits of using technology in the workplace?

Using technology in the workplace offers several benefits. It improves efficiency and productivity by automating routine tasks and streamlining workflows. Technology enables better communication and collaboration, especially important in today's global work environment, through tools like email, instant messaging, and video conferencing. Data storage and management are vastly improved, with digital systems allowing for easy



access and analysis of information. Technology also supports remote working, providing flexibility and continuity of work regardless of location. Furthermore, it opens up opportunities for innovation and new business models, helping businesses to stay competitive in a rapidly evolving market.

#### 4. Why do some people in the workplace dislike technology?

Some people in the workplace may dislike technology due to various reasons. One common issue is the fear of being replaced by automation or not being able to adapt to new technological systems. This is particularly prevalent among those who have spent years mastering a certain way of working. There's also the aspect of information overload and constant connectivity, which can be overwhelming and lead to burnout. Some individuals may find it challenging to keep up with the continuous updates and learning new software or tools. Additionally, the impersonal nature of digital communication can be off-putting for those who prefer face-to-face interactions. These factors can contribute to a sense of discomfort or resistance towards technology in the workplace.

#### 5. Why do people buy a lot of household appliances?

People buy a lot of household appliances due to the convenience and efficiency they offer in daily life. Appliances like washing machines, dishwashers, and vacuum cleaners significantly reduce the time and effort required for routine chores. Kitchen appliances such as microwaves, blenders, and coffee makers simplify food preparation and cooking processes. The desire for comfort and ease drives the purchase of items like air conditioners, heaters, and smart home devices. Additionally, the ongoing advancements in technology make these appliances more effective and energy-efficient, adding to their appeal. The modern lifestyle, often busy and time-constrained, values the practicality and assistance that these household appliances provide.

#### 6. What do people often do with electronic devices?

Electronic devices are used for a wide range of activities. Communication is a primary function, with devices like smartphones and tablets enabling calls, texting, and social media interaction. They are also used for work-related tasks, including emailing,

document creation, and accessing business applications. Entertainment is another significant use, with people engaging in watching videos, playing games, or listening to music. Electronic devices also serve educational purposes, used for online learning, research, and reading e-books. Additionally, people use these devices for personal organization and lifestyle management, like setting reminders, tracking fitness, or controlling smart home features. Regular maintenance, such as software updates and battery charging, is also a common activity to ensure the devices function optimally.

## 10. 帮助学习工作的事



### *Describe something you do regularly to help you work or study*

*You should say:*

*What it is*

*When and where you do it*

*How you do it*

*And explain how you feel about it*

One activity I regularly engage in to enhance my work and study routine is maintaining a detailed planner. This practice involves organizing my tasks, appointments, and deadlines in a physical planner, which I update every evening for the following day. This planning session typically takes place at my desk, either at home or in the library, and has become an essential part of my daily routine.

The process starts with reviewing what I accomplished during the day and then outlining the tasks for the next day. I prioritize these tasks based on urgency and importance, allotting specific time blocks for each. This method helps me to manage my time efficiently and ensures that I stay on track with my goals. Additionally, I include short breaks and leisure activities in my planner to maintain a healthy work-life balance.

I usually spend about 15 to 20 minutes on this activity. It involves not just listing tasks but also reflecting on my productivity (生产力) and adjusting my strategies as needed. For instance, if I find certain tasks repeatedly unfinished, I reassess their priority or break them down into smaller, more manageable parts.

I feel that this practice has been immensely beneficial. It instills a sense of order and control in my daily life, especially when juggling multiple responsibilities. By visually laying out my tasks, I can better manage my time and reduce feelings of being overwhelmed (不知所措). It also brings a sense of satisfaction at the end of each day when I see the progress made. Overall, maintaining a planner has not only improved my productivity but also my mental well-being, making it an invaluable tool in my work and study routine.

## Part 3

### 1. Do you think everyone's routine is different?

Yes, I believe everyone's routine is different, reflecting individual lifestyles, job requirements, and personal preferences. People's routines are influenced by various factors such as their work schedule, family responsibilities, personal health needs, and even their personality type. For instance, a student's routine might revolve around class schedules and study times, whereas a working professional's routine could be shaped by office hours and job commitments. Additionally, personal habits and hobbies also play a significant role in shaping one's routine. Cultural and geographical factors can further influence daily routines, such as the timing of meals or social activities. Thus, routines are highly individualized and can vary greatly from person to person.

### 2. Which jobs need a morning routine?

Jobs that require early starts or have specific time-sensitive responsibilities often necessitate a morning routine. For example, teachers need a morning routine to prepare for their classes, ensuring they arrive at school on time and are ready to engage with students. Healthcare professionals, like nurses and doctors, often have early shifts and need a routine to manage their time effectively before attending to patients. Jobs in the transportation sector, like bus or train drivers, also require a strict morning routine to adhere to timetables. Essentially, any job with set morning hours or critical early responsibilities will benefit from a structured morning routine to ensure efficiency and punctuality.

### 3. Is a daily routine important?

Having a daily routine is quite important as it brings structure and predictability to one's life. A routine can help in effectively managing time, ensuring that both professional and personal tasks are completed. It aids in forming good habits, whether they are related to work, exercise, or leisure activities. A consistent routine is also beneficial for mental health, as it can reduce stress and anxiety by providing a sense of control and stability. Moreover, routines can help in prioritizing tasks, maintaining a healthy work-life balance, and ensuring regularity in important activities like meals and sleep. However, it's also important to have some flexibility within routines to accommodate unexpected events or changes in circumstances.

#### 4. How do people organize their routine after getting up in the morning and after work?

The way people organize their routines in the morning and after work varies greatly depending on individual preferences and lifestyles. Typically, after waking up, many people engage in activities such as exercising, reading, or meditating to start their day positively. This is followed by breakfast, which is crucial for energy. Personal hygiene routines like showering and grooming are also common. After work, people often relax to unwind from the day's stresses. This might include leisure activities like watching TV, hobbies, or spending time with family. Preparing and having dinner is also a key part of the evening routine. It's essential for people to have these routines to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

#### 5. Do you think children need to have a routine too?

Absolutely, children need to have a routine too. Routines provide children with a sense of security and help them develop self-discipline. Regular schedules for activities like eating, sleeping, and playing can help children feel more comfortable and secure in their environment. It also helps them understand the concept of time management from a young age. Educational activities, such as reading or homework, can be incorporated into their daily routine, fostering a love for learning. Moreover, routines can make it easier for parents to manage household tasks and reduce the chaos that can occur in a family's daily life.

#### 6. Do you think routine is important for companies?

Routines are indeed important for companies. They help in establishing a structured work environment, which is essential for productivity and efficiency. When employees follow a routine, it reduces the time spent on decision-making about what task to do next, thereby increasing work efficiency. Routines also ensure consistency in the quality of work, which is vital for customer satisfaction and the company's reputation. Moreover, routines can help in setting clear expectations for employees, leading to less confusion and improved performance. In the long run, well-established routines can contribute to the overall success and growth of a company.

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## **11. 不寻常的假期**

### **Describe an unusual holiday/vacation you had**

***You should say:***

***what holiday it was***

***When and where you went***

***Who you went with***

***What you did there***

***And explain why it was unusual***

A few years ago, I embarked on an unusual holiday that still resonates with me as one of the most unique experiences I've had. It was a winter camping trip in the snowy wilderness of Lapland, located in the northernmost region of Finland. This adventure took place during the heart of winter, around January, when the landscape is transformed into a pristine white wonderland (纯净的白色仙境), offering a stark contrast to the urban environment I'm accustomed to.

I went on this trip with a group of friends who shared a love for nature and adventure. Our primary aim was to experience the serene beauty of the Arctic wilderness and hopefully catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights, a spectacular natural phenomenon. Our days were filled with activities that were quite different from a typical vacation. We went snowshoeing through dense forests, tried ice fishing on frozen lakes, and even took a dog-sledding tour, which was an exhilarating experience. The nights were spent around a campfire, sharing stories and gazing at the starry sky, with the elusive Northern Lights dancing above us on a couple of occasions.

This holiday was unusual for several reasons. Firstly, the choice of destination itself was unconventional, as Lapland is far from the typical tourist trail and offers a much more rugged and raw natural environment (原始且粗犷的自然环境). Secondly, the activities we engaged in were quite extraordinary, offering a blend of adventure, challenge, and a deep connection with nature. Finally, the sheer beauty and tranquility of the Arctic landscape, coupled with the magical experience of witnessing the Northern Lights, made this holiday not just unusual but truly unforgettable (难以忘怀). It was a stark departure from my usual vacations, which typically involve more urban or traditional tourist destinations.

### Part3

#### 1. Do you think people in your country have long enough holidays?

In my opinion, the length of holidays in my country is somewhat adequate, but it could be improved. Typically, employees receive a standard amount of annual leave, in addition to public holidays. However, the demanding work culture often makes it challenging for many people to take full advantage of their holidays. There's a growing awareness about the importance of work-life balance, but the actual practice varies significantly across different industries and companies. While the official holiday entitlement might seem sufficient on paper, the practical ability of individuals to take these holidays and truly disconnect from work is an area that still needs attention.

#### 2. Which holidays are popular in your country?

There are several holidays that are widely celebrated and of great significance in our country. National holidays mark patriotic activities and public celebrations. Traditional festivals also play an important role, such as the Dragon Boat Festival, the Mid-Autumn Festival and the Spring Festival, with specific celebrations related to customs in different regions. These festivals are often celebrated by making festive food, attending family gatherings and holding various community activities. Additionally, New Year's Day is a popular holiday that is celebrated enthusiastically with fireworks, parties and social gatherings. These festivals not only give people a break from their daily routines, but also provide opportunities for cultural expression and community bonding.

#### 3. Are there any popular places for holidays in your country?

Oh, absolutely! In my country, there are several popular holiday destinations that attract both locals and tourists. For instance, Beijing, the capital, is renowned for its rich history and cultural landmarks like the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. It's a must-visit for those interested in the historical heritage of China. Another favorite is Shanghai, known for its stunning skyline and modern architecture, offering a blend of the traditional and the contemporary. For nature lovers, Guilin is a top choice with its breathtaking karst landscapes and the serene Li River.

#### 4. What are the differences between old and young people when spending their holidays?

The way old and young people spend their holidays often shows noticeable differences, reflecting their varied interests and lifestyles. Young people tend to seek more active and adventurous experiences during their holidays, such as traveling to new destinations, engaging in outdoor activities, or attending music festivals and social events. They often look for holidays that offer excitement, exploration, and opportunities to socialize with friends. On the other hand, older individuals might prefer more relaxed and comfortable holiday experiences. They often value spending time with family, indulging in hobbies, or visiting familiar places that offer rest and tranquility. While young people might prioritize new experiences, older adults often seek holidays that provide relaxation and a chance to reconnect with loved ones.

#### 5. Do you think having holidays help people learn other countries' cultures?

Holidays undoubtedly provide an excellent opportunity for people to learn about other cultures. When individuals travel to different countries, they immerse themselves in a new environment, experiencing local customs, traditions, and lifestyles firsthand. This exposure can be incredibly educational. It allows people to observe and participate in cultural practices different from their own, such as local festivals, traditional cuisine, and historical sites. Moreover, interacting with locals and other travelers can broaden one's understanding and appreciation of diverse perspectives. Such experiences not only enhance cultural knowledge but also promote tolerance and global awareness, making holidays more than just a leisure activity but also a learning experience.

#### 6. Why do some people dislike holidays?

Some people might dislike holidays for various reasons. One common factor is the disruption of routine. Certain individuals thrive on a structured daily schedule, and holidays can disrupt this, causing discomfort or anxiety. Another reason could be the stress associated with planning and traveling. The logistics of organizing a trip, dealing with travel uncertainties, and managing expenses can be overwhelming for some. Additionally, introverted personalities may find the social aspect of holidays, especially in group settings, to be draining rather than relaxing. Lastly, some might have had negative past experiences during holidays, like bad weather or unsatisfactory accommodations, leading to a general aversion to taking holidays.

## 12. 长期目标

### Describe a long-term goal you would like to achieve

*You should say:*

*How long you have had this goal*

*What the goal is*

*How you will achieve it*

*And explain why you set this goal*

One long-term goal I've been nurturing for the past few years is to become proficient in a foreign language, specifically Spanish. This goal was sparked about three years ago during a trip to Spain, where I was enchanted by the language's musicality (语言的音乐性) and the rich culture associated with it. Since then, I've been steadily working towards achieving fluency.

My goal is to reach a level where I can comfortably converse in Spanish, understand native speakers in various contexts, and appreciate literature and films in the language without needing translations. To achieve this, I've devised a structured plan that includes taking formal language classes, engaging in self-study, and immersing myself in the language through media and literature. I also plan to participate in language exchange programs and, when possible, travel to Spanish-speaking countries for more immersive experiences.

The reason behind setting this goal is multifaceted. Firstly, learning a new language opens up a world of opportunities, both personally and professionally. It allows for deeper connections with people from different cultures and enhances travel experiences. Professionally, it broadens my career prospects in our increasingly globalized world. Moreover, the process of learning a new language is intellectually stimulating and challenges me to step out of my comfort zone (走出舒适区). It's a journey of continuous learning and growth.

This goal is significant to me not just for the practical benefits of bilingualism but also for the personal satisfaction and sense of achievement it brings. It's about embracing new challenges and expanding my horizons. The journey to achieving fluency in Spanish is a long and demanding one, but it's a path I'm excited and committed to follow.

### Part3

#### 1. What goals should a society have?

A society should aim for several key goals to ensure the well-being and progress of its members. Firstly, promoting equality and social justice is essential to ensure that all individuals have equal opportunities and rights. Secondly, ensuring economic stability and sustainable development is crucial for providing a stable livelihood and maintaining the environment. Education and healthcare should be accessible to all, as they are fundamental for personal development and a healthy society. Additionally, fostering a sense of community and cultural enrichment is important for social cohesion and individual fulfillment. Lastly, a society should strive for good governance, transparency, and the rule of law to maintain order and trust among its citizens.

#### 2. Do people need to have goals?

Having personal goals is important as they provide direction and purpose in life. Goals act as motivators, driving individuals to strive towards achievement and personal growth. They help in organizing time and resources efficiently, focusing on what is important. Setting goals also leads to a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction when they are achieved. Moreover, goals can help people overcome obstacles by keeping them motivated and focused on a positive outcome. However, it's important that these goals are realistic and flexible, allowing for adjustments based on changing circumstances or priorities. In essence, goals are not just about the end result but also about the journey and personal development along the way.

#### 3. What goals do people your age have?

People my age often have a variety of goals, reflecting the transitional stage in life many of us are in. Career development is a common goal, as many are either starting out in their professions or looking to advance in their chosen fields. Educational aspirations, such as completing higher education or acquiring specialized skills, are also prevalent. Additionally, personal goals like traveling, experiencing different cultures, or pursuing hobbies are important for many. For some, establishing financial stability is a key aim. Relationship goals, including forming meaningful connections and possibly starting a family, are also significant for many individuals in this age group.



#### 4. Is it necessary to give advice to children?

Yes, it is necessary to give advice to children, as it plays a crucial role in their development and learning. Children look to adults for guidance and understanding of the world around them. Advice can help them make informed decisions, learn from their experiences, and develop problem-solving skills. It's important for this advice to be constructive and supportive, encouraging children to think independently and build their confidence. However, it should also be age-appropriate and considerate of the child's perspective and feelings. Ultimately, the goal of giving advice to children is to help them grow into well-rounded, responsible, and capable individuals.



#### 5. What goals do young people usually have?

Young people often have goals related to personal growth, education, and career aspirations. Many aim to succeed academically, whether it's excelling in school or pursuing higher education. Career goals are also prevalent, with young people aspiring to establish themselves in their chosen fields or exploring different career paths. Personal development goals, like learning new skills, traveling, or engaging in creative pursuits, are also common. Additionally, young people often focus on building relationships and social connections. As they navigate through a critical phase of their lives, their goals tend to be a blend of ambition, exploration, and self-discovery.

#### 6. What should people do to achieve their goals?

To achieve their goals, people should start by clearly defining them and ensuring they are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART). Planning and organizing the steps needed to reach these goals is essential. Consistency and perseverance are key, as progress often requires sustained effort over time. People should also be adaptable, willing to reassess and adjust their goals as needed. Seeking support and guidance from others, whether it's mentors, peers, or professionals, can provide valuable insight and motivation. Additionally, maintaining a positive mindset and learning from setbacks rather than being discouraged by them is crucial. Achieving goals is a process that involves dedication, adaptability, and a willingness to grow and learn.

## 13. 年少学艺

### *Describe a skill that you learned as a teenager*

*You should say:*

*What the skill is*

*When and how you learned it*

*Who you learned it from*

*Why you learned it*

*And explain how you felt about learning it*

The skill I learned as a teenager was watercolor painting (水彩画). I started learning this fascinating art form when I was about 13 years old. The journey began in an art class at school, where I was first introduced to the basic techniques of watercolor. It was a skill that was taught as part of our art curriculum, but I found myself deeply drawn to (深深地吸引) it, more than any other art form we were learning.

I was fortunate to have an inspiring art teacher, Mrs. Wang, who was passionate about painting. She had a gentle way of guiding us through the complexities of watercolor techniques. Under her guidance, I learned various aspects of watercolor painting, such as understanding the fluidity of water, mixing colors, and creating light and shadow effects (理解水的流动性，混合颜色，以及创造光影效果). Mrs. Wang always emphasized the importance of patience and practice in mastering this art.

The main reason I delved into watercolor painting was its serene and therapeutic nature (宁静而治愈的性质). As a teenager, I found that painting was a great way to express my emotions and thoughts. The way colors blend on paper, creating delicate yet vibrant scenes, was mesmerizing to me. It was also a skill that allowed me to stand out in my group of friends, as not many were into painting.

Learning watercolor painting made me feel accomplished and creative. Every new painting was an adventure, an exploration of my artistic abilities (每一幅新画都是一次冒险，对我的艺术能力的探索). There were challenges, of course, like controlling the brushstrokes and understanding the right amount of water to use, but these challenges

only made the learning process more exciting. Overall, learning watercolor painting as a teenager was a rewarding experience that nurtured my creativity and gave me a sense of fulfillment.

### Part 3

#### 1. Where do children learn skills in your country?

1. In my country, children acquire skills from a variety of sources. Primarily, schools play a significant role in imparting formal education and fundamental skills like reading, writing, and arithmetic. Besides academic learning, schools also offer opportunities for developing social skills and extracurricular interests such as sports, music, and art. Parents and family members are another crucial source, teaching children practical life skills and cultural values. Additionally, many children attend specialized classes or workshops outside of school for skills like swimming, martial arts, or coding. With the advent of technology, online platforms have also become a popular medium for skill acquisition, offering a wide range of learning resources and interactive tools suitable for children.

#### 2. What are the differences between learning skills on your own and from others?

2. Learning skills on your own versus learning from others presents distinct differences. Self-learning often requires a high degree of self-motivation and discipline. It allows for flexibility in terms of pace and methods, catering to individual learning styles. However, it can sometimes lead to gaps in understanding or the development of incorrect techniques due to the lack of external guidance. On the other hand, learning from others, such as teachers or mentors, provides structured guidance and immediate feedback. It enables learners to benefit from the experience and expertise of the instructor. However, this method may sometimes lack the personalized pace and approach that self-learning offers. Both methods have their merits and can be effectively combined for a comprehensive learning experience.

#### 3. What important skills should a child learn?

3. Important skills that children should learn include both academic and life skills.

Academically, they should develop strong literacy and numeracy skills to lay a solid foundation for their education. Additionally, critical thinking and problem-solving skills are crucial for their cognitive development. Life skills such as communication, empathy, and teamwork are equally important. These skills help children build positive relationships and navigate social interactions effectively. Moreover, teaching children resilience and the ability to handle stress and challenges is vital for their emotional well-being. Overall, a well-rounded education that combines academic and life skills prepares children to become responsible, adaptable, and empathetic individuals.



4. What skills do you think teenagers should have?

4. Teenagers should possess a range of skills that prepare them for adulthood. Firstly, practical life skills such as budgeting, cooking, and time management are essential for their independence and daily living. They should also develop strong decision-making and problem-solving abilities to make informed choices. Communication skills, both in person and digitally, are crucial for their social and professional interactions. Furthermore, critical thinking skills help them analyze information critically and make well-founded judgments. Finally, teenagers should cultivate resilience and stress management skills to cope with the pressures of adolescence and the transition to adulthood.

5. Who should teach teenagers skills?

5. Teaching teenagers these skills is a collaborative effort involving parents, schools, and the community. Parents play a vital role in imparting life skills and values, while schools provide formal education and opportunities for skill development. Additionally, community organizations, workshops, and mentorship programs can supplement teenagers' skill acquisition. It's essential for all these stakeholders to work together to ensure that teenagers receive a well-rounded education that includes both academic and practical skills.

6. What are the differences between children learning skills and adults learning skills?

6. There are notable differences between children learning skills and adults learning

skills. Children tend to have a more flexible and open-minded approach to learning, while adults may have preconceived notions and previous experiences that influence their learning. Children often learn through play and exploration, while adults may prefer structured and goal-oriented learning. Additionally, the motivation for learning may differ, with children driven by curiosity and adults driven by practical needs or career advancement. However, both age groups can benefit from continuous learning, adaptation, and skill development throughout their lives.

## 14. 客至如归



### **Describe a person who is good at making people feel welcome in his/her home**

***You should say:***

***Who this person is***

***How you knew him/her***

***How he/she makes you feel welcome***

***And explain why you think he/she is good at welcoming visitors/guests***

The person who immediately comes to mind as being exceptionally good at welcoming visitors is my friend Laura. I first met her during my college years at a mutual friend's gathering. Since then, I've been to numerous social events at her home, where her talent for making guests feel comfortable and welcomed always stands out.

Laura has a natural warmth and charisma (天生的热情与魅力) that shines through whenever she welcomes visitors. She greets everyone with a genuine smile and often a hug, making them feel instantly at ease. Her house is always impeccably arranged (精心布置) for guests, with attention to comfort and details. She takes the time to introduce guests to each other, ensuring that no one feels left out. Moreover, Laura is an excellent conversationalist, adept at engaging people in interesting discussions and making sure everyone is involved. She's also mindful of her guests' needs, whether it's offering them a drink, showing them where they can put their belongings, or simply giving them a tour of her home.

What makes Laura truly exceptional at welcoming visitors is her ability to create a warm and inviting atmosphere. She has the gift of making each guest feel special and valued. Her enthusiasm and thoughtfulness in hosting are evident in the way she prepares for their arrival and interacts with them throughout their visit. Laura's approach to



welcoming visitors goes beyond mere politeness; it's about creating a sense of belonging and enjoyment (归属感与愉悦). Her genuine interest in people and their comfort, combined with her excellent hosting skills, make her someone who truly excels at making visitors feel welcomed and cherished. It's this combination of personal warmth, attentiveness, and hospitality that makes her stand out as a remarkable host.

### Part 3

#### 1. Do people in your country often invite others to their homes? Why?

In my country, inviting others to one's home is a common practice, deeply rooted in our culture of hospitality. People often invite friends, relatives, and sometimes colleagues to their homes for meals, celebrations, or just casual gatherings. This practice is a way of strengthening social bonds and showing respect and care for relationships. Hosting guests is considered an honor and provides an opportunity to showcase one's culinary skills and home. Such invitations are especially prevalent during festivals, birthdays, and other special occasions. This tradition reflects the warm, welcoming nature of our society, where personal connections are highly valued.

#### 2. What do you think of using food to treat visitors?

Offering food to visitors is a wonderful practice that reflects hospitality and cultural richness. In many cultures, including my own, presenting food to guests is a way of showing respect and warmth. It's more than just a social formality; it's a gesture that helps to build relationships and create a welcoming atmosphere. Food often acts as a conversation starter and allows for a shared experience. However, it's important to consider dietary preferences and restrictions of guests to ensure everyone feels comfortable and included. In essence, using food to treat visitors is a universal language of hospitality that transcends cultural boundaries and fosters a sense of community and connection.

#### 3. What kind of people do you think are more likely to invite others to their homes?

The likelihood of inviting others to homes can vary between people living in the countryside and those in the city, often influenced by lifestyle and cultural norms. In the

countryside, there is often a stronger sense of community and neighborliness, with people more likely to invite others to their homes for gatherings and meals. The pace of life in rural areas tends to be slower, allowing more time for socializing. In contrast, people in cities might invite others less frequently due to busier schedules, smaller living spaces, and sometimes more individualistic lifestyles. However, this can vary widely depending on individual preferences and cultural backgrounds.

4. Who are more likely to invite others to their homes, people in the countryside or people in the city?



Traditionally, people in the countryside are more likely to invite others to their homes compared to city dwellers. This tendency can be attributed to several factors. Rural communities often have stronger bonds due to their smaller size and close-knit nature. People living in the countryside may have more space and a conducive environment for hosting guests. Additionally, the pace of life in rural areas is typically slower than in cities, allowing residents more time to engage in social activities like hosting. In contrast, city life is often fast-paced, with people having busier schedules, which might limit their ability to entertain guests frequently. However, these are general trends and can vary based on individual preferences and cultural contexts.

5. Are tourist attractions in the countryside more welcome than those in the cities?

Tourist attractions in the countryside and cities cater to different preferences and are both welcome in their own right. Countryside attractions often offer natural beauty, tranquility, and a chance to experience traditional lifestyles, appealing to those seeking a peaceful escape from urban life. On the other hand, city attractions provide a more vibrant experience with diverse cultural, historical, and modern amenities. The appeal depends on what the tourist is looking for. Some may prefer the serenity and scenic beauty of the countryside, while others might be attracted to the hustle and bustle and convenience of city attractions. Therefore, the welcome nature of these attractions is subjective and varies based on individual interests.

## 6. What facilities are there in the tourist attractions in your country?

In my country, the tourist attractions are equipped with a variety of facilities to cater to the needs of visitors. For starters, most popular destinations have ample parking spaces and well-organized public transportation links, making them easily accessible. Moreover, there are often a range of accommodation options available, from luxury hotels to budget hostels, ensuring visitors can find something that fits their preferences and budget. Many attractions also have a variety of dining options, offering local cuisines that reflect the region's culinary culture. In addition, these sites are usually equipped with essential amenities like restrooms, first-aid stations, and sometimes even free Wi-Fi zones. The focus is on providing a comfortable and informative experience.

## 15. 制服

### *Describe a uniform you wear (e.g. at school, at work)*

*You should say:*

*Where you wear the uniform*

*How long you need to wear it*

*What it looks like*

*Who bought it for you*

*And explain how you feel about it*

The uniform that I often wear is my work attire, which is a requirement at the corporate office where I am employed. It's a formal outfit that I wear every weekday, usually for about nine to ten hours each day, depending on my working hours. The uniform consists of a classic, dark navy blue suit: a blazer and trousers for a professional and polished look (专业并整洁的外观). Along with this, I wear a light-colored shirt, usually white or pale blue, and a matching tie to complete the ensemble. The suit was purchased for me by my company as part of their employee welcome package when I first joined.

The suit is made of high-quality fabric, ensuring both comfort and durability, which is essential given how frequently it's worn. It's tailored to fit well (尺寸合身), striking the right balance between being stylish yet functional for a day at the office. The choice of dark navy is practical as it's professional and versatile, easily paired with different shirts and ties to add a bit of variety.

My feelings about wearing this uniform are mixed. On one hand, I appreciate the

professionalism it imparts; it makes me feel confident and part of a team. Wearing a uniform also takes away the daily hassle of deciding what to wear to work, ensuring a consistent and neat appearance. However, wearing the same style of clothing every day can feel monotonous at times, and I miss the freedom of expressing my personal style (表达个人风格的自由). Overall, though, I understand the importance of a uniform in maintaining a professional workplace environment, and I respect the sense of unity and equality it brings among all employees.

### Part 3



#### 1. Why should students wear uniforms?

1. Students should wear uniforms for several reasons. Uniforms promote a sense of equality among students, minimizing social and economic differences. This can reduce peer pressure and bullying related to clothing choices. Uniforms also instill a sense of discipline and belonging, as they are a symbol of the school's identity and ethos. They simplify getting ready for school, as students don't have to decide what to wear each day, saving time and reducing stress for both students and parents. Additionally, uniforms can enhance safety by making it easier to identify students belonging to a particular school, especially on field trips or during emergencies.

#### 2. Why should people at work wear uniforms?

2. Wearing uniforms in the workplace has its own set of benefits. For professions like healthcare, law enforcement, and hospitality, uniforms help the public easily identify professionals, which is crucial for trust and accountability. Uniforms can also promote a sense of team unity and belonging among employees, fostering a professional work environment. In certain jobs, uniforms are essential for safety and hygiene, like in the case of construction workers or chefs. Furthermore, for businesses, uniforms serve as a form of branding, presenting a consistent and professional image to customers. They also alleviate the burden of choosing appropriate work attire daily.

#### 3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of wearing a uniform?

3. Wearing a uniform has both advantages and disadvantages. One of the main advantages is that it promotes a sense of equality, reducing the visibility of

socioeconomic differences. It can also foster a sense of belonging and pride in an organization. Uniforms simplify the process of getting dressed, saving time and reducing decision fatigue. For businesses, uniforms serve as an effective branding tool. On the downside, uniforms can suppress individual expression, as they limit personal choice in clothing. They may not always be comfortable or suited to an individual's preferences. Additionally, the cost of uniforms can be a burden for some families or individuals, especially when specific, expensive designs are mandated.

#### 4. Can people tell a person's personality by his or her clothes?

It's a common belief that clothes can reflect a person's personality, but this is not always accurate. Clothing choices can sometimes give clues about a person's style, preferences, or even aspects of their personality. For example, someone who wears bold colors might be perceived as confident and outgoing. However, judging personality solely based on clothing can be misleading. People often dress according to the situation, like formal attire for a business meeting, which may not necessarily reflect their true personality. Moreover, external factors like cultural norms, fashion trends, and even financial constraints can heavily influence clothing choices. Therefore, while clothes can offer some insight, they don't provide a complete picture of an individual's personality.

#### 5. On what occasion should people wear uniforms?

Uniforms are generally appropriate in situations where they serve a practical purpose or foster a sense of unity and identity. For instance, in schools, uniforms can create a sense of equality among students, minimizing social pressures related to clothing. In the workplace, especially in professions like healthcare, law enforcement, or hospitality, uniforms are important for easy identification, professionalism, and adherence to safety standards. Additionally, uniforms in sports help in distinguishing between different teams and fostering team spirit. Essentially, uniforms should be worn in contexts where they contribute to functionality, safety, and fostering a shared identity.

#### 6. Should companies ask for employees' opinions about the design of uniforms?

Companies should consider employees' opinions when designing uniforms, as this can



lead to several benefits. Firstly, it ensures the uniforms are practical and comfortable for the specific roles of the employees, which can improve job performance and satisfaction. Employees are more likely to wear uniforms with pride if they have contributed to the design process. Secondly, involving employees in such decisions can boost morale and make them feel valued and heard. This can enhance their sense of belonging and loyalty to the company. However, it's also important for companies to balance employee preferences with professional standards and the company's branding needs. Hence, while employee input is valuable, it should be considered alongside other factors.



## 16. 延期旅行

### *Describe a travel you were looking forward to but was delayed*

*You should say:*

*Where you planned to travel to*

*Why you were looking forward to it*

*Why it had to be delayed*

*And explain how you felt about the experience*

The important journey that I'd like to share took place a couple of years ago when I was traveling to attend a close friend's wedding in another city. It was an immensely significant event（非常重要的事件）as I had known my friend for over a decade, and his wedding was a celebration I couldn't miss. The wedding date was fixed, and I had planned my journey well in advance to ensure I reached on time.

Unfortunately, the journey turned into a nightmare due to unexpected delays. I had booked a flight to the wedding destination, and everything seemed fine until I arrived at the airport. To my dismay, the flight was delayed due to unfavorable weather conditions at the destination. Initially, the delay was for just a couple of hours, and I tried to remain patient. However, as time passed, the situation worsened, and the delay stretched to more than six hours（延误超过6小时）.

During the delay, I felt a mixture of frustration and anxiety（感到挫败与焦虑）. I was anxious because I knew that the wedding ceremony was scheduled to begin in the evening, and with each passing hour, it was becoming less likely that I would make it in time. I tried to contact my friend and inform him about the situation, but the uncertainty of my arrival added to my stress.

Ultimately, when I did arrive at the wedding, I had missed the main ceremony, and my friend had already exchanged vows. It was a deeply disappointing experience, and I felt guilty for not being there to witness his special moment. Despite the delay, I tried to make the most of the remaining celebrations and catch up with friends, but the feeling of missing an important part of my friend's wedding lingered.

In conclusion, the delayed journey to my friend's wedding was significant because it was a momentous occasion, and the delay caused me both anxiety and disappointment. It taught me the importance of being prepared for unexpected travel challenges (应对旅行中的意外挑战) and cherishing the moments we have with loved ones.



### Part 3

#### 1. What are the main modes of transport in your country?

In my country, the main modes of transport include road, rail, air, and water transport. Road transport is the most widely used, with a vast network of buses, taxis, and private vehicles facilitating daily commutes and travel. Rail transport, particularly high-speed trains, plays a significant role in intercity travel due to its efficiency and speed. Air travel is also a popular mode of transport for long-distance and international travel, with several major airports serving as hubs. Additionally, in coastal areas and along major rivers, water transport, including ferries and boats, is commonly used for both passenger and cargo transportation. The diversity in transport modes reflects the geographical and economic diversity of the country, catering to different travel needs.

#### 2. What can the government do to improve transport in your country?

To improve transportation in my country, the government can undertake several initiatives. Firstly, investing in public transport infrastructure, such as expanding and modernizing the railway and bus networks, would enhance efficiency and accessibility. Implementing more eco-friendly transport solutions, like electric buses and promoting bicycle usage, can help reduce environmental impact. Improving road safety through stricter enforcement of traffic laws and better road maintenance is also crucial. Additionally, the government could invest in advanced technology for traffic management to reduce congestion in urban areas. Encouraging public-private partnerships could also bring more investment and innovation in the transport sector, leading to overall improvement in transportation services.

3. Do you think that traveling was better in the past than it is now?

Whether traveling was better in the past compared to now is subjective and depends on individual perspectives. In the past, travel might have been perceived as more enjoyable due to less congestion and pollution, and perhaps a more leisurely pace of life. The charm and novelty of travel in the past, with classic trains and less commercialized destinations, might appeal to some people. However, from a practical standpoint, traveling is more efficient and convenient now. Modern transportation, with faster trains, advanced airports, and better road infrastructure, has made travel quicker and more comfortable. The availability of online booking systems and travel-related information has also made planning trips easier. Despite some challenges, I believe traveling today is generally more accessible and efficient than in the past.

4. Do you think that tourist attractions help people learn about new cultures?

4. Absolutely, I believe that tourist attractions play a crucial role in helping people learn about new cultures. These attractions, be they historical landmarks, museums, or cultural festivals, serve as gateways to understanding the history, traditions, and values of different societies. By visiting these places, travelers get an opportunity to observe and participate in local customs, taste authentic cuisine, and interact with residents, all of which contribute to a deeper cultural understanding. Additionally, many tourist attractions offer informational resources like guided tours and explanatory displays that provide context and background, further enriching the learning experience. Thus, these attractions are not just destinations for leisure but are educational platforms that foster cross-cultural awareness and appreciation.

5. What difficulties do people often face when travelling?

5. Travelers often face several challenges during their journeys. Language barriers can be a significant difficulty, as not being able to communicate effectively can lead to misunderstandings and a feeling of isolation. Navigating unfamiliar transportation systems can also be daunting, especially in regions where the infrastructure is not well-developed or signage is not in a language they understand. Cultural differences pose another challenge; travelers must be sensitive to local customs and traditions to avoid offending hosts. Additionally, managing finances while traveling, particularly in countries with different currencies, requires careful planning and budgeting. Finally, unexpected situations like lost

luggage, health issues, or travel delays can add stress to the travel experience, necessitating adaptability and problem-solving skills.

#### 6. Do you think technology makes travelling more difficult?

In my opinion, technology has made traveling significantly easier rather than more difficult. With advancements in technology, planning and booking travel has become more convenient. Online platforms allow for easy comparison of flights, accommodations, and prices. Navigation apps help travelers find their way in unfamiliar places, and translation apps bridge language barriers. Moreover, technology enhances the safety of travel through real-time updates on weather conditions, political situations, and health advisories. However, it's important to acknowledge that an over-reliance on technology can sometimes detract from the travel experience, as travelers might spend more time on their devices than engaging with the environment around them. But overall, the benefits of technology in easing travel complexities far outweigh any potential drawbacks.

### 17. 帮助他人

#### *Describe a time when you helped someone*

*You should say:*

*Who you helped*

*Why you helped him/her*

*How you helped him/her*

*And explain how you felt about the experience*

One memorable experience of helping someone that comes to mind is when I assisted a neighbor named Sarah during a challenging time in her life (在生活中遇到了挑战). Sarah had recently undergone surgery and was recovering at home. She lived alone and had limited support from her family. Knowing her situation, I felt compelled to offer my help.

I helped Sarah in various ways during her recovery. Firstly, I would regularly check up on her to ensure she was comfortable and had everything she needed. I assisted with daily chores such as grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning her home. Additionally, I

accompanied her to medical appointments and provided emotional support（提供情感支持） by spending time talking and listening to her.

I felt a profound sense of fulfillment and empathy（深切的满足与同情） during this experience. It was heartwarming to see Sarah's gratitude and relief as she navigated her recovery（康复过程） with my assistance. Knowing that I could make a positive impact on someone's life during a challenging period was incredibly rewarding. It reinforced my belief in the importance of helping others in times of need（在他人困难时期提供帮助） and strengthened the sense of community within our neighborhood.

In conclusion, helping Sarah during her recovery was a meaningful experience that allowed me to provide support and make a positive difference in her life. It served as a reminder of the value of kindness and empathy in our interactions with others, and I felt a deep sense of satisfaction in being able to assist a neighbor in need.

### Part 3

#### 1. Should people be very kind when they help others?

When helping others, it is important for people to be kind and compassionate. Kindness adds a layer of warmth and empathy to the act of helping, making it more meaningful and appreciated by those in need. Kindness goes beyond mere assistance; it involves understanding and respecting the feelings and dignity of the person receiving help. However, it's also important for kindness to be genuine and not driven by ulterior motives, as authentic kindness is more impactful and fosters positive connections among individuals.

#### 2. Should children be taught to be kind to others?

Absolutely, children should be taught to be kind to others from a young age. Kindness is a fundamental virtue that contributes to the development of good character and social skills. Teaching kindness helps children learn empathy, compassion, and the value of helping and caring for others. It encourages positive interactions with peers and adults,



creating a more harmonious and supportive environment. Kindness is a quality that benefits not only the individuals practicing it but also society as a whole by promoting cooperation, tolerance, and understanding.

### 3. Should parents help their kids with their homework?

Parents assisting their children with homework is a topic that merits consideration. Ideally, parents should play a supportive role rather than taking over the task. By helping their kids with homework, parents can understand what their children are learning and identify any challenges they may be facing. However, it's crucial that this help doesn't become a crutch. The primary objective should be to guide children in developing problem-solving skills and independent thinking. Over-assistance can hinder a child's ability to learn independently. So, the key is balance – parents should be there to guide and encourage, but they must also allow their children the space to learn and grow on their own.

### 4. What kind of advice should parents give to their children?

The advice parents give to their children should encompass various aspects of life, including moral values, educational guidance, and practical life skills. It's important for parents to teach children the difference between right and wrong, instilling values such as honesty, kindness, and respect. Educationally, parents should encourage a love for learning, stressing the importance of hard work and perseverance. Furthermore, teaching practical life skills like financial literacy, time management, and self-care prepares children for adulthood. However, this advice should be delivered in a manner that is supportive and empowering, rather than dictatorial, to foster a child's sense of independence and self-confidence.

### 5. Should parents give children advice? Why?

Yes, parents should definitely give advice to their children. This guidance is vital for several reasons. Firstly, parents typically have more life experience and can offer wisdom that children may lack. This advice can help children navigate through various challenges and make informed decisions. Secondly, parental advice can provide emotional support

and reassurance to children, especially in times of uncertainty or stress. It's also a way for parents to impart their values and beliefs to their children, shaping their character and worldview. However, it's essential that this advice is given in a way that respects the child's individuality and fosters their ability to think and act independently.

#### 6. Can kids provide any help to parents?

Children can indeed provide help to their parents, and this is beneficial for both parties. When children help out, it fosters a sense of responsibility and contributes to their personal development. Tasks like doing household chores, assisting with younger siblings, or even offering emotional support can be significant. This not only eases the parents' workload but also strengthens family bonds. Moreover, children who contribute to family responsibilities learn valuable life skills, such as teamwork, time management, and empathy. This reciprocal relationship of support and assistance is crucial in creating a harmonious and supportive family environment.

## 18.改善的公共设施

**Describe a public facility (e.g. a museum, a library) that has been renovated and improved**

***You should say:***

***What the facility is***

***When it was renovated and improved***

***What has been renovated and improved***

***And explain how you feel about it***

One public facility that I'm thrilled to talk about is our local public library, which underwent a significant renovation and improvement (重大的翻新与升级) about two years ago. This library has always held a special place in our community, but it was showing signs of aging, and its facilities were not up to modern standards.

The renovation project took place in the spring of 2019 and lasted for several months. During this time, the entire library received a makeover. The most noticeable changes were in the physical infrastructure. The library's interior was completely redesigned, with new shelving, furniture, and study areas. The addition of modern technology, including

upgraded computers and high-speed internet access, greatly enhanced its functionality.

Moreover, the library expanded its collection of books (扩大藏书量), including more diverse genres and the latest bestsellers, making it an even more appealing destination for book lovers like me. Additionally, they introduced interactive spaces (互动空间) for children, encouraging a love for reading and learning from an early age.

I couldn't be happier about these improvements. As an avid reader, the library is a second home to me, and the renovation has made it an even more inviting and comfortable space. The increased resources and modern amenities have also attracted more members of the community, making it a bustling hub (繁忙中心) of knowledge and culture. Overall, the library's renovation and improvements have been a tremendous success, and I'm immensely grateful for the positive impact it has had on our community.

### Part 3

#### 1. What are the benefits of public facilities?

Public facilities offer a multitude of benefits to society. Firstly, they promote accessibility and inclusivity by providing essential services and amenities to a wide range of people, regardless of their socio-economic status. This fosters social equity and ensures that everyone has access to necessities like healthcare, education, and recreational spaces. Public facilities enhance the overall well-being of communities by offering opportunities for exercise, cultural enrichment, and leisure activities, contributing to a higher quality of life. They also support economic growth by facilitating commerce, tourism, and job creation, which can boost local economies. Moreover, public facilities serve as communal gathering places, promoting social connections and a sense of belonging within neighborhoods and cities, ultimately contributing to a vibrant and cohesive society.

#### 2. Why are some public transport methods popular, such as the subway?

Certain public transport methods, like subways, are popular due to their efficiency and convenience. Subways are known for their speed and reliability, offering a rapid mode of transportation, particularly in congested urban areas. They often adhere to fixed schedules, making them a dependable choice for daily commuting. Additionally, subways are eco-friendly, as they reduce the reliance on individual cars, leading to cleaner air and reduced

pollution. The extensive network of subway stations connecting various parts of a city enhances their popularity among commuters, as they provide a comprehensive and well-connected transport solution.

### 3. Why are some public transport methods unpopular?

Some public transport methods may be unpopular for various reasons. One key factor is the quality and reliability of the service. Transport methods that are frequently delayed, overcrowded, or uncomfortable tend to be less favored by commuters. Inadequate coverage and accessibility can also contribute to their unpopularity, especially in areas with limited public transport options. Additionally, negative perceptions of safety and security on certain modes of transport can deter people from using them. The overall convenience and suitability of a transport method for a specific geographical or urban context can greatly influence its popularity among commuters.

### 4. What kind of transport do young people and old people prefer?

Preferences for transportation often differ between young and old people. Younger generations often favor modern and efficient modes of transport, such as public transit, cycling, and ride-sharing services. They value convenience, affordability, and environmental sustainability. In contrast, older individuals may prefer more traditional modes of transport, such as personal cars, due to familiarity, comfort, and a desire for independence. However, individual preferences can vary widely within these age groups, and some older people may also embrace newer transportation options for their convenience and practicality.

### 5. Do you think people would feel happier when they are in a park or a coffee shop? Why?

Whether people feel happier in a park or a coffee shop largely depends on individual preferences and the context of their visit. For instance, parks, with their open spaces and natural scenery, offer a serene environment that can be very calming and rejuvenating. They provide a respite from the hustle and bustle of city life, making them ideal for those seeking relaxation and a connection with nature. On the other hand, coffee shops have a unique ambiance, often characterized by a cozy, warm atmosphere that fosters social

interactions and productivity. For people looking to enjoy a good book, work on their laptop, or meet up with friends, a coffee shop might be the happier choice. Ultimately, both places have their unique appeal and can contribute to one's happiness in different ways.

#### 6. Is a public park necessary in every area? Why?

Yes, I believe a public park is a necessary feature in every area for several reasons. Firstly, public parks serve as green lungs in urban settings, offering a space for people to engage with nature, which is vital for mental and physical well-being. They provide an area for recreational activities like walking, jogging, or playing sports, which are crucial for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Additionally, parks act as social hubs where people from diverse backgrounds can come together, promoting community interaction and cohesion. Especially in densely populated cities, public parks offer a much-needed escape from the concrete jungle, allowing residents to unwind and relax. Therefore, having a public park in every area not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood but also significantly contributes to the quality of life of its residents.

## 19.忙碌时期

### Describe a period you were busy

*You should say:*

*When it was*

*What you did during the period*

*What made you busy*

*And explain how you felt about the experience*

One busy time I still remember was three years ago when I had a deadline to submit my thesis paper at university.

I had about 2 months to complete the paper, but I made little progress with(进展很少) it during the first few weeks due to my job pressure. I joined a company as a part-time employee at the beginning of my final term and had to work 4-5 hours per day. I had classes to attend, exams to prepare for, and work to do at the office, so I had hardly any time for personal things, and I was worried that I was falling behind schedule(进度落后)



for my thesis submission. The topic of the thesis was complex and I had to visit libraries, browse the internet, do group discussions, and brainstorm a lot to organize my writing. Moreover, I had to visit some local offices to collect data. It was really tough and I was so busy that sometimes I only slept for 4 hours at night.

The work pressure, tension, deadlines, classes, study, and moving from place to place made my schedule very compact(紧凑的). I didn't even have time to visit my parents during the whole semester. I had always managed to find time for a visit back home, but during this period I just did not have the chance. Each week, I usually watch a few movies, go for walks, visit close friends, and update my social media profiles, but again, the tight schedule prevented me from doing(使我不能接近) these activities that I usually find time for.

### Part 3

#### 1. Why do people often feel tired in this day and age?

In today's fast-paced world, people often feel tired due to a combination of factors. Firstly, the demands of modern life can be overwhelming, with busy work schedules, family responsibilities, and social commitments. The constant need to juggle multiple tasks and meet deadlines can lead to mental and physical exhaustion. Additionally, the prevalence of digital devices and screens has disrupted natural sleep patterns, leading to sleep deprivation, which contributes to fatigue. The pressure to stay connected and be available around the clock also adds to the feeling of tiredness, as people struggle to find a work-life balance.

#### 2. Do you think people will feel even more tired in the future?

It's possible that people may feel even more tired in the future, depending on how society evolves. As technology continues to advance, there is a risk of increased screen time and information overload, which can further disrupt sleep patterns and lead to greater fatigue. However, with advancements in time management techniques and awareness of the importance of mental well-being, people may also develop better strategies to combat tiredness. The future will depend on how individuals and society adapt to the changing landscape of work, technology, and lifestyle.

### 3. Is time management important?

Time management is indeed crucial in today's busy world. Effective time management allows individuals to allocate their limited time and resources efficiently, ensuring that they can accomplish their goals, meet deadlines, and maintain a work-life balance. It helps reduce stress and prevents the feeling of being overwhelmed by tasks and responsibilities. Time management also promotes productivity and allows individuals to make time for important activities such as self-care, relaxation, and spending time with loved ones. In both personal and professional contexts, mastering time management skills is essential for achieving success and well-being.



### 4. How does technology help with time management?

Technology plays a significant role in facilitating time management. Numerous apps and digital tools are available that help individuals organize their schedules, set reminders, and prioritize tasks. Calendar apps, task managers, and project management software allow users to plan and track their activities efficiently. Moreover, technology enables remote work and flexible scheduling, providing people with more control over their time. However, it's essential to use technology mindfully, as excessive screen time and digital distractions can counteract the benefits of time management tools.

### 5. Does technology distract people?

While technology can aid in time management, it can also be a source of distraction. The constant notifications from smartphones, social media, and entertainment platforms can divert people's attention away from their tasks and priorities. Multitasking, often encouraged by technology, can lead to reduced focus and productivity. It's essential for individuals to develop discipline and digital literacy to manage technology effectively without succumbing to distractions. Additionally, finding a balance between using technology as a tool for time management and disconnecting to maintain mental clarity is key to ensuring that technology enhances, rather than hinders, productivity and well-being.

### 6. What kind of pressure people may experience at work?

People may experience various kinds of pressure at work, which can vary depending on

their job role, industry, and workplace environment. One common form of pressure is meeting deadlines. Many jobs require tasks to be completed within a specific timeframe, which can create a sense of urgency and stress. Another prevalent pressure is achieving performance targets or goals. Employees often have to meet certain standards or objectives, and failing to do so can lead to stress and anxiety.

Additionally, interpersonal relationships at work can be a source of pressure. This includes managing relationships with colleagues, superiors, and clients. Navigating workplace politics, dealing with difficult people, and striving to maintain a positive work environment can be challenging.



## 20. 街市购物

### *Describe a time you bought something from a street market*

*You should say:*

*When it was*

*Where the market was*

*What you bought*

*And how you felt about the experience*

I'm gonna talk about when I got my first cellphone from an Apple flagship store in my hometown. It's about four years ago, I just graduated from high school and was getting ready to go to another city for college. In order to celebrate this big event in my life, my father decided to reward me with an Iphone. Well, back then in China, Iphone was regarded as a godly existence(神一般的存在), you know, all that legendary talks about Steve Jobs.

And indeed the talks weren't all airy.(传说还真不是虚的) The service in the flagship store was awesome! We spent a whole afternoon there, and the staff was with us the whole time, patiently showing me how each function worked. Never for one moment did she lose patience! When she learned that I was going away for university, she gave me phone case for free plus a cute sticker. The bigger surprise was at the check-out, we were told that I could get a discount if I show my student card! I was over the moon about it!(简直把我高兴坏了) So was my father, well, that saved him a few hundred, you know.

The shopping experience was totally pleasant, and the phone was a baby!(这个手机好的不得了) Back then, Iphone 4 was the newest phone in the market at that time and it's got the best camera. Perfect for my photography hobby. I also used it for entertainment, like, to play music, and to watch movies. The sound quality was impressive too! So yeah, I was absolutely satisfied with it!

### Part 3



#### 1. What kinds of markets are there in China?

In China, there's a diverse range of markets catering to different needs and preferences. Firstly, we have traditional markets, often bustling outdoor setups where vendors sell fresh produce, meat, and seafood. Then, there are night markets, popular for street food and casual shopping. Besides these, China is known for its vast electronic markets, offering the latest gadgets and technological items. Another type is the clothing markets, where you can find a variety of apparel, from cheap local brands to expensive international ones. Lastly, there are specialized markets, like those for antiques or traditional Chinese medicine, which are quite unique to our culture.

#### 2. Do you think small markets will disappear in the future?

The future of small markets in China is quite uncertain. On one hand, the convenience and competitive pricing of online shopping platforms and large supermarkets are increasingly preferred by the general public. This shift poses a significant threat to smaller markets, as they might struggle to compete. However, small markets have their own charm and advantages, such as offering fresh, locally sourced products and personalized customer service. Additionally, there's a growing trend of supporting local businesses and sustainable shopping practices, which could help these markets survive and even thrive in the future.

#### 3. Have people's shopping habits changed in recent years?

Over recent years, shopping habits in China have indeed undergone significant changes.

The most notable shift is the move towards online shopping, facilitated by the rise of e-commerce giants like Alibaba and JD.com. People now enjoy the convenience of shopping from their homes, with a vast array of products just a click away. There's also been an increase in the preference for quality over quantity, with consumers becoming more brand-conscious and willing to pay extra for better quality or eco-friendly products. Moreover, the integration of social media in shopping, through platforms like WeChat, has also influenced how people discover and purchase products.

#### 4. Do you think the goods sold at discount stores do not have good values or qualities?

It's a common misconception that goods sold at discount stores are of low value or poor quality. In reality, many of these items are quite similar to what you'd find in regular retail stores. Discount stores often offer products that are overstocked, from last season, or have minor defects that don't affect functionality. Additionally, some discount stores have their own manufacturing or direct supply chains, allowing them to sell products at lower prices without compromising on quality. So, while it's important to be discerning, discount stores can be a great place to find value for money.

#### 5. Why do some people like to buy expensive goods?

The preference for expensive goods can be attributed to several factors. Firstly, there's the aspect of quality; often, higher-priced items are perceived to be of better quality. People may be willing to pay more for durability, better materials, or superior craftsmanship. Secondly, expensive goods can be a status symbol. In many societies, including China, owning luxury brands is seen as a sign of wealth and success, and this can be a strong motivator. Finally, for some, buying expensive goods is about the experience and satisfaction it brings. The exclusivity, customer service, and the feeling of owning something special can be very appealing to certain individuals.

#### 6. What are the differences between shopping in small shops and big shopping malls?

In my opinion, there are several key differences between shopping in small shops and big shopping malls. Firstly, in small shops, you often have a more personal and intimate shopping experience. The shopkeepers tend to know their customers, and you can receive



more personalized assistance. On the other hand, big shopping malls offer a wider variety of products and brands, along with a more spacious and comfortable environment. Secondly, prices can vary. Small shops may have more competitive prices due to lower overhead costs, while big malls may offer sales and discounts from larger retailers. Additionally, big malls provide entertainment and dining options, making it a social outing. In contrast, small shops might lack these additional amenities. Overall, the choice between small shops and big malls depends on one's preferences for convenience, personal interaction, and product variety.



## 21. 投诉

**Describe an occasion when you heard someone complaining about something in a restaurant/store or other business places**

***You should say:***

***When and where it happened***

***What he/she complained about***

***What the result was***

***And explain how you felt about the experience***

I recall an occasion when I heard someone complaining at a restaurant. It was about six months ago at a local Chinese restaurant, which was known for its authentic cuisine and cozy ambiance（本地的中国餐厅，以其正宗的菜肴和舒适的氛围而闻名）。The incident happened on a busy Saturday evening when the restaurant was bustling with diners.

The complaint came from a lady seated at the table next to mine. She was visibly upset（可见地沮丧）about the long wait for her food. After waiting for over 30 minutes, she called over a waiter and expressed her dissatisfaction in a rather loud and agitated tone. She complained about the slow service and the delay in receiving her order（缓慢的服务和接受订单的延迟），pointing out that others who had arrived after her had already been served.

The restaurant staff responded promptly. The manager personally approached her, apologized for the delay, and explained that the kitchen was experiencing a temporary

backlog due to a sudden influx of customers (厨房由于客户的突然涌入而经历了临时的积压) . To make amends, the manager offered her a complimentary dish and assured her that her order would be prioritized.

Observing this situation, I had mixed feelings. On one hand, I understood the lady's frustration, especially when hungry and in a busy setting. On the other hand, I felt that the situation could have been handled more calmly. The staff's response, however, was commendable. They managed the situation professionally, demonstrating good customer service skills (令人钦佩的客户服务技巧) by acknowledging the mistake and offering compensation.

This experience made me realize the importance of patience and empathy in such scenarios. It also highlighted the challenges that service industry workers face, especially during peak hours. It was a reminder that while it is reasonable to expect good service, understanding and kindness can greatly help in resolving unexpected issues.

### Part 3

#### 1. How do companies train their staff to deal with complaints?

Companies typically train their staff to handle complaints through a structured customer service program. This training involves teaching employees how to actively listen to customers, empathize with their concerns, and remain calm and professional during interactions. Staff learn problem-solving techniques to address complaints effectively and offer solutions. Role-playing exercises and case studies help employees practice handling different complaint scenarios. Companies also emphasize the importance of patience and maintaining a positive attitude when dealing with upset customers. Moreover, they educate staff about company policies and guidelines for addressing complaints, ensuring consistency in responses. Regular feedback and evaluation help employees improve their complaint-handling skills, fostering better customer relations and loyalty.

## 2. What do people usually complain about?

People tend to complain about various issues in their daily lives. Common complaints include problems with products or services they've purchased, such as defective items, poor quality, or delays in delivery. Customers also frequently complain about customer service experiences, such as rude or unhelpful staff. Additionally, billing and pricing discrepancies, hidden fees, and unauthorized charges are common grievances. In the workplace, complaints often revolve around workload, salary disputes, or conflicts with colleagues or superiors. Other complaints may concern issues like noise pollution, public services, or government policies. In essence, people tend to complain about anything that negatively affects their quality of life or their expectations of fair treatment.

## 3. How do most people complain, in writing or by other methods?

Most people use various methods to complain, depending on the nature of the issue and their personal preferences. Writing complaints, whether through emails, letters, or online reviews, is a common method, as it provides a documented record of the grievance. However, verbal complaints are also prevalent, especially when addressing customer service issues over the phone or in person. Social media platforms have become increasingly popular for airing grievances publicly, which can prompt a quicker response from companies aiming to maintain their reputation. Some individuals may escalate complaints to regulatory authorities or consumer protection agencies when they feel their concerns have not been adequately addressed. Ultimately, the choice of complaint method depends on the individual's comfort level, the urgency of the issue, and their desired outcome.

## 4. How do people often respond to poor customer service?

When faced with poor customer service, people often respond by voicing their dissatisfaction directly to the service provider or to higher authorities within the company. This could be in the form of a complaint lodged in person, over the phone, or in writing. Some may seek resolution or compensation for the poor service experienced. In today's interconnected world, it's also common for people to express their frustration on social media or review platforms, sharing their negative experiences with a wider audience. Additionally, many customers might choose to stop patronizing the business and look for

alternatives. How a person responds can depend on the severity of the poor service and their personal tolerance level.

5. How would you react if you received a poor service at a restaurant?

If I received poor service at a restaurant, my reaction would depend on the severity and nature of the service issue. For minor issues, such as a delayed order, I might simply address it with the waiter or waitress politely, giving them an opportunity to rectify the situation. However, for more serious issues, like rude behavior or incorrect billing, I would likely speak to the manager to express my concerns. My objective would be to communicate the problem clearly and calmly, seeking a satisfactory resolution. I believe in providing constructive feedback rather than just expressing dissatisfaction, as it can help the restaurant improve their service for future customers.

6. Who are more likely to make complaints, older people or younger people?

The likelihood of making complaints can vary between older and younger people, often influenced by different factors. Older individuals might be more inclined to make complaints as they generally have more established expectations for products and services and are less hesitant to voice their concerns. They often value quality service and are more experienced in how to effectively lodge a complaint. Younger people, on the other hand, might be less likely to complain formally. They often prefer quick resolutions and might choose to simply stop using the service or switch to a competitor rather than go through a formal complaint process. However, younger individuals are more likely to voice their complaints on social media or online platforms.

## 22. 捡到失物

**Please describe a time when you picked up an item that someone else lost**

***You should say:***

***What the item was***

***When and where you found it***

***What you did after finding it***

***How you felt about the experience***

Last year, there was a newly-opened Imax-equipped(有Imax影厅的) theater in the city

center. Normally those cinemas with Imax screens are located in the suburbs. As a result, it is no surprise that many people choose to watch 3D movies there so no wonder(难怪) this theater has become a hit(成为热门). It is said that tickets for some popular movies playing there become difficult to get (一票难求) even just a few days before. To be honest, an Imax theater downtown contributes to(对...有好处) enriching people's lives and provides more choices for people's leisure-time activities.

For me, I'm wild about(热衷于) watching movies as well. Once upon a time, I found a pair of 3D glasses which were lost by the person sitting beside me. Intending to(打算) return them back to the staff, I picked them up. While at the exit, I noticed that the person who had lost them was intercepted (被拦截) and asked for compensation. Seeing this situation, I walked forward, explained to the staff, and returned both mine and his 3D spectacles back. The guy was so grateful to me that he said he was so lucky to have warm-hearted people like me picking them up. If someone had stolen them, he would have been (确凿的) fined.

To tell the truth, although I just lifted my finger (举手之劳), I acquired a sense of achievement for receiving other's appreciation.

### Part 3

#### 1. What kind of people tend to lose things more often than others?

People who tend to lose things more often than others are often those who are forgetful or easily distracted. It may also include individuals who lead busy and hectic lives, as they may not have the time or focus to keep track of their belongings. Additionally, absent-mindedness or disorganization can contribute to a higher likelihood of losing things.

#### 2. What kind of things do people often lose?

People often lose small items such as keys, wallets, mobile phones, and sunglasses. Other commonly lost items include umbrellas, gloves, and personal accessories like jewelry. People may also misplace important documents like passports, ID cards, and credit cards.



### 3. Why do some people find lost things easier than others?

Some people are better at finding lost things than others due to their attention to detail and organizational skills. Those who have a systematic approach to keeping their belongings in designated places are more likely to retrieve lost items quickly. Additionally, individuals with good memory and spatial awareness tend to recall where they last had an item, making it easier to locate.

### 4. What do you think are the reasons why some people picked lost things and don't give back?

There could be various reasons why some people pick up lost things and don't return them. Firstly, lack of awareness or a belief that the item is abandoned may lead individuals to keep it. Secondly, the fear of confrontation or embarrassment may deter some from returning lost items, especially if they found them in a public place. Finally, some may simply see it as an opportunity to acquire something for themselves. However, it's essential to remember that honesty and integrity should prevail, and returning lost items to their rightful owners is the morally right thing to do.

### 5. Should parents teach their children to return things lost by others?

Absolutely, parents should teach their children to return items they find that are lost by others. This is an important lesson in honesty and integrity. By teaching children to return lost items, parents instill in them a sense of responsibility towards others and respect for their belongings. It's an opportunity to educate children about the value of empathy, helping them understand how they would feel if they were in a similar situation. Additionally, this act of returning lost items can build trust and foster a sense of community. It's crucial for children to learn that their actions, no matter how small, can significantly impact someone else's life. Teaching children to do the right thing, even when no one is watching, is a valuable life lesson.

### 6. Why do some people enjoy collecting antiques or second-hand items?

People often enjoy collecting antiques or second-hand items for various reasons. One of the primary reasons is the sense of history and nostalgia associated with these items. Antiques and second-hand items often have a story to tell, connecting collectors to different eras, cultures, and personal histories. Collectors may feel a sense of preservation, keeping alive the memories and craftsmanship of the past. Additionally, many people

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appreciate the unique aesthetic and quality of antiques, which are sometimes perceived as superior to contemporary mass-produced items. For some, there's also the thrill of the hunt – finding a rare, valuable, or unique piece can be very satisfying. Finally, collecting such items can be a hobby that offers relaxation and fulfillment, as well as an opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who share the same interest.



## 23. 户外活动

### *Describe an outdoor activity you did*

*You should say:*

*What the activity was*

*When and where you did it*

*Who you did it with*

*And explain why you enjoyed it*

An outdoor activity that I vividly remember and thoroughly enjoyed was hiking in the mountains near my hometown. This adventure took place last summer, on a warm and sunny Saturday. The mountains, known for their breathtaking views and tranquil trails (令人屏息的景观和宁静的小径), were about an hour's drive from where I lived.

I embarked on this hike with a group of close friends, all of whom shared my enthusiasm for nature and physical activities. We started our journey early in the morning, aiming to reach the summit by noon. The trail we chose was moderately challenging, with steep inclines and rocky paths, but it was equally rewarding with its scenic beauty.

One of the main reasons I enjoyed this hiking trip was the sense of accomplishment I felt upon reaching the top. The panoramic view from the summit was absolutely stunning (环顶的全景非常惊人), with lush greenery and the horizon stretching far beyond. Sharing this moment with friends made it even more special. We took our time at the top, enjoying a picnic we had packed, and taking plenty of photos to capture the memory.

Additionally, the whole experience of being in nature, away from the city's hustle and bustle (远离城市的喧嚣), was incredibly refreshing. The sound of birds, the rustle of leaves under our feet, and the fresh mountain air contributed to a sense of peace and tranquility.

This hiking trip was not just about physical exercise; it was a journey that allowed me to connect with nature, strengthen bonds with my friends, and take a break from my usual routine. It reminded me of the importance of stepping outside our daily lives (体会到了

走出日常生活的重要性) to appreciate the simple joys and beauty of the natural world.

### Part 3

#### 1. Do people go outdoors more or less now?

In recent times, people are actually going outdoors more often. With a growing awareness of the importance of physical and mental well-being, outdoor activities have become increasingly popular. Many individuals now engage in outdoor sports, leisure activities, and even work remotely from natural settings to escape the confines of indoor spaces. This trend has been accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has encouraged people to explore outdoor spaces for recreation and safety.

#### 2. What can people do outdoors besides exercising?

Besides exercising, people can do a wide range of activities outdoors. They can have picnics with family and friends, go hiking or camping, enjoy nature photography, have outdoor barbecues, engage in gardening, or simply relax in a park while reading a book. Some may even pursue outdoor hobbies like birdwatching or stargazing. Outdoor activities offer a chance to unwind, connect with nature, and socialize in a more natural environment.

#### 3. When do people usually go outdoors to get close to nature?

People typically go outdoors to get close to nature during weekends and holidays when they have more free time. Additionally, outdoor excursions are common during specific seasons, such as spring and summer, when the weather is pleasant, and natural surroundings are at their most vibrant. Special occasions like Earth Day or World Environment Day also inspire people to engage with nature, raising awareness about environmental conservation.

#### 4. What can people do to get close to nature?

To get close to nature, individuals can visit parks, nature reserves, botanical gardens, or wildlife sanctuaries. They can also plan hiking or camping trips to explore scenic landscapes and observe wildlife. Additionally, participating in outdoor conservation

activities, such as tree planting or beach cleanups, allows people to connect with nature while contributing to its preservation. For a more relaxed experience, individuals can simply spend time in their own gardens, balconies, or nearby green spaces, engaging in activities like meditation or birdwatching to foster a deeper connection with the natural world.

#### 5. Is having outdoor activities important to people?

Engaging in outdoor activities is indeed important for people for several reasons. Firstly, outdoor activities often involve physical exercise, which is beneficial for physical health. Activities like hiking, cycling, or playing sports help in maintaining a healthy body, improving cardiovascular health, and boosting overall fitness. Secondly, being outdoors, especially in natural settings, can have a significant positive impact on mental health. It offers a break from the confines of indoor spaces and the stress of daily life, promoting relaxation and reducing anxiety. Exposure to sunlight while being outdoors also aids in vitamin D synthesis, which is crucial for bone health and immunity. Moreover, outdoor activities can be a great way to socialize and bond with family and friends, enhancing social well-being.

#### 6. Do people like doing outdoor activities in the winter time?

People's preferences for outdoor activities in wintertime can vary greatly. Some people enjoy winter outdoor activities, as they offer unique experiences and challenges. Winter sports like skiing, snowboarding, and ice skating are popular and provide an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the winter landscape. These activities can also be a great way to stay active and fit during the colder months. However, there are also people who are less enthusiastic about outdoor activities in the winter due to the cold weather. The low temperatures, snow, and ice can make outdoor activities uncomfortable and sometimes hazardous. These individuals might prefer indoor activities or wait for warmer weather to engage in outdoor pursuits. Ultimately, whether people like doing outdoor activities in winter depends on their personal preferences and tolerance for cold weather.



## 24. 匆忙做事

### Describe a time you had to finish something quickly

*You should say:*

*What it was*

*When it happened*

*How you finished it*

*Why you had to finish it quickly*

*And explain how you felt about it*



An occasion when I had to act quickly comes to mind vividly. It was about a year ago when I was in my final year of university. I had to submit a critical assignment for my major, which accounted for a significant portion of my final grade. The submission deadline was on a Friday afternoon.

The whole week had been extremely hectic, with multiple projects and exams. I had planned to complete the assignment on Thursday evening, giving myself enough time for final revisions on Friday morning. However, unexpected family obligations (意外的家庭义务) arose on Thursday, which took up my entire evening.

As a result, I found myself in a frantic rush on Friday morning. I had to complete the assignment, proofread it, and submit it online before noon. The pressure was immense, and I had to focus intensely without any distractions. I managed to finish the assignment by skimming through my notes quickly, synthesizing the information as efficiently as possible.

The experience of working under such pressure was both stressful and exhilarating. On one hand, I felt anxious about the quality of my work, worrying whether it met the high standards I set for myself. On the other hand, there was an adrenaline rush from the

urgency of the situation, which surprisingly boosted my productivity and focus (提高了我的生产力和专注力) .

Looking back, I learned a valuable lesson about time management and the importance of being prepared for unexpected events (时间管理和为意外事件做好准备的重要性) . Although I managed to submit the assignment on time and eventually received a good grade, the stress of the situation could have been avoided with better planning. This experience taught me to always have a contingency plan and to start important tasks well in advance to avoid such last-minute rushes.

### Part 3

#### 1. On what occasions do people have to do things in a hurry?

People often find themselves in a hurry on various occasions. One common situation is when they are running late for work or appointments due to traffic or unforeseen delays. Another instance is when they have tight deadlines at work or school, forcing them to complete tasks quickly. Emergency situations, such as accidents or medical emergencies, also require swift action. Additionally, travel plans and catching flights or trains can lead to a rush. Overall, the need to hurry often arises when there is limited time to accomplish tasks or meet commitments.

#### 2. Why do some people spend a long time on having a meal?

Some people spend a long time having a meal for several reasons. Firstly, they may enjoy savoring their food, appreciating the flavors, and taking their time to enjoy the culinary experience. Secondly, meals provide an opportunity for social interaction, and people may engage in lengthy conversations with family and friends during dining. Additionally, some cultures place a strong emphasis on communal dining and consider it a time for bonding and storytelling. Finally, slow eating can also be a conscious choice for those practicing mindful eating to better regulate their food intake and promote digestion.

#### 3. Would people feel more satisfied if they finished doing something quickly?

Whether people feel more satisfied after finishing something quickly or not depends on the nature of the task and individual preferences. For simple, routine tasks, completing them quickly can lead to a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. However, for complex or meaningful tasks, rushing may lead to errors or a lack of attention to detail, resulting in dissatisfaction. Moreover, some individuals find satisfaction in the process itself, enjoying the journey rather than just the destination. Ultimately, the feeling of satisfaction varies from person to person and from task to task.

#### 4. What kinds of jobs need to be done quickly?

Jobs that require prompt action usually involve time-sensitive tasks or emergency situations. For example, in the medical field, emergency room doctors and paramedics need to act quickly to save lives. Speed is crucial in their work to provide immediate care to patients in critical conditions. Similarly, journalists, especially those covering breaking news, need to gather and report information quickly to keep the public informed in a timely manner. In the culinary industry, chefs and kitchen staff in busy restaurants must prepare meals quickly to meet customer expectations and maintain service efficiency. Another example is in the field of IT support, where technicians need to resolve technical issues rapidly to minimize downtime for businesses. These jobs demand quick thinking, efficiency, and often, the ability to work under pressure.

#### 5. What are some examples of work that needs to be done quickly?

Certain types of work require rapid completion due to their urgent nature or deadline-driven environments. For instance, in the field of customer service, responding to customer inquiries and complaints promptly is essential to maintain customer satisfaction and loyalty. In the logistics and delivery sector, tasks such as sorting and delivering parcels need to be done quickly to meet delivery deadlines and ensure efficient service. Another example is in event planning, where coordinators have to work swiftly to manage last-minute changes and ensure events run smoothly. Additionally, stock traders and financial analysts often work under time pressure to make quick decisions based on market changes to maximize profits or minimize losses for their clients or companies.

#### 6. What might make some people more productive than others in completing tasks?

Several factors can contribute to making some people more productive than others in completing tasks. One key factor is effective time management skills, which involve prioritizing tasks and efficiently allocating time to different activities. Another factor is

the ability to focus and minimize distractions, allowing for more concentrated and productive work. Some individuals might have a natural aptitude or higher level of skill in certain tasks, making them more efficient. Additionally, motivation plays a significant role; a person who is motivated and driven is likely to be more productive. Organizational skills also contribute, as being able to systematically approach tasks can lead to quicker and more efficient completion. Lastly, a supportive work environment and access to the necessary resources and tools can significantly enhance an individual's productivity.

## 25. 超有共鸣的电影



### *Describe a movie/film that you felt strongly about*

*You should say:*

*What it is about*

*When you watched it*

*Where you watched it*

*And explain why you felt strongly about it*

One movie that profoundly touched my heart (深深触动了我的心) is Pixar's "Up," an animated film I watched in a local cinema during its release. The story revolves around an elderly man, Carl Fredricksen, who embarks on an adventure to South America by attaching thousands of balloons to his house, fulfilling a promise made to his late wife. His unexpected companion, a young and enthusiastic boy scout named Russell, joins him on this journey.

The reason "Up" resonated so deeply with me is multifaceted. Firstly, the film masterfully blends humor with poignant themes (巧妙地将幽默与深刻主题结合起来) such as loss, aging, and the pursuit of dreams. Carl's character, initially portrayed as a grumpy old man, evolves beautifully, revealing a deep sense of loss and longing. This transformation and his eventual bond with Russell are both heartwarming and profound. Secondly, the animation and storytelling (卓越的动画和叙事) in "Up" are exceptional. The opening sequence, which narrates Carl's life story with his wife, Ellie, is incredibly moving, encapsulating a lifetime of love and dreams within a few minutes.

Lastly, "Up" is a powerful reminder that adventure and new beginnings are possible (一个强有力的提醒，冒险和新的开始是可能的) at any stage of life. It's a movie that inspires one to chase their dreams, no matter the obstacles. The film left me with a renewed appreciation for life's simple joys and the importance of cherishing relationships. It's a cinematic masterpiece that skillfully balances emotional depth with light-heartedness, making it a truly unforgettable experience.

### 1. Do most people prefer to watch movies at home or in a cinema? Why?

The preference between watching movies at home or in a cinema varies among individuals. Many people enjoy the convenience and comfort of watching movies at home, especially with the rise of streaming services offering a wide range of films at the click of a button. Home viewing allows for a more flexible schedule, comfort, and the ability to pause or rewatch scenes. However, others prefer the immersive experience that a cinema provides. The big screen, surround sound, and the communal experience of watching a movie with an audience enhance the viewing experience. It ultimately depends on personal preferences and the value one places on convenience versus the cinematic experience.

### 2. What are the advantages of going to the cinema with friends?

Going to the cinema with friends has several advantages. Firstly, it creates a shared experience that can strengthen bonds and provide a topic for discussion. Watching a movie together can lead to interesting conversations and debates about the film. Additionally, it can be more enjoyable to experience the reactions of friends during key moments in the movie, enhancing the overall experience. The social aspect of planning a group outing to the cinema can also be a fun and engaging activity, contributing to the enjoyment of the event. In essence, going to the cinema with friends combines entertainment with social interaction, making it a fulfilling experience.

### 3. Is going to the cinema still popular?

Yes, going to the cinema is still a popular activity for many people. Despite the growth of digital streaming platforms, the unique experience offered by cinemas continues to draw audiences. The opportunity to watch new releases on a large screen with high-quality sound systems provides an immersive experience that cannot be replicated at home. Cinemas also offer a special outing experience, where people can enjoy time outside their homes, often combined with other activities like dining out. Additionally, certain films, especially big-budget blockbusters, are best enjoyed in the cinema setting. Therefore, cinemas remain a popular choice for a comprehensive entertainment experience.



4. What kind of movies do you think need to be seen in the cinema to be fully appreciated?

Movies that are best appreciated in the cinema are typically those with grand visuals and soundscapes. This includes genres like action, science fiction, and epic dramas. For instance, films with stunning special effects, expansive scenery, and intricate sound design gain significantly from the cinema's advanced audio-visual setup. Blockbusters like 'Avatar' or 'Interstellar' come to mind, where the visual spectacle and sound engineering are integral to the storytelling. Similarly, movies that rely heavily on atmospheric elements, like horror films, can be more impactful in a cinema setting. The immersive environment of a cinema can greatly enhance the viewing experience of these genres.

5. What can cinemas do to attract more audiences?

Cinemas can attract more audiences by enhancing the overall movie-going experience and offering more than just the film itself. This can include comfortable and upgraded seating, improved sound and visual technology, and diverse food and beverage options. Hosting special events, such as movie marathons, themed nights, or Q&A sessions with filmmakers, can also draw in crowds. Offering loyalty programs, discounts, and membership benefits can encourage repeat visits. Additionally, cinemas can diversify their movie selection to include independent films, international cinema, and documentaries to appeal to a broader audience. By creating a unique and enjoyable experience, cinemas can remain a preferred destination for movie lovers.

6. Do you think people can learn new cultures through movies?

Absolutely, movies are a powerful medium for learning about new cultures. They often reflect the cultural, social, and historical contexts of the setting in which they are made. By watching movies from different countries and regions, viewers can gain insights into various aspects of those cultures, such as language, customs, traditions, fashion, and societal norms. Movies can also address significant cultural issues and themes, providing a window into the challenges and experiences of different communities. Moreover, films can foster empathy and understanding by portraying stories and characters that viewers might not encounter in their daily lives. Thus, movies can be an accessible and engaging way to learn about and appreciate the diversity of cultures around the world.

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## 2024 年1-4月 P2&P3 保留题

### 1. 学校/工作中的重要规则

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

***You should say:***

***What the rule is about***

***What happens when people break the rule***

***Why you think it is an important rule***

***And explain how you feel about the rule***

In my workplace, one important rule is maintaining confidentiality and ensuring data security, needless to say. This rule entails protecting sensitive information regarding clients, employees, and the organization itself.

When people break this rule by sharing confidential information without authorization, if I'm not mistaken, severe consequences can occur (未经许可，可能导致严重后果). Firstly, it compromises the trust and reputation of the organization. Additionally, it can result in legal issues, loss of clients, and financial damages, yeah. Therefore, strict disciplinary actions are taken, including termination of employment and potential legal actions.

I believe this rule is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it respects and protects the privacy of individuals and entities involved. Confidentiality is essential in building trusting relationships with clients and safeguarding their personal information. Moreover, it ensures fair competition by preventing the unauthorized sharing of business strategies or trade secrets (防止未经授权共享商业战略或商业秘密).

Personally, I strongly support and uphold this rule. Seriously! I understand the importance of respecting privacy and maintaining confidentiality. I feel a sense of responsibility to safeguard sensitive data entrusted to me and to contribute to a secure working environment.

### Part 3

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

In my country, there are several rules that children should follow at home. Firstly, they should always show respect and obey their parents or guardians. This means listening to their instructions and following their guidelines. Secondly, children are expected to participate in household chores and help with tasks such as cleaning their rooms, setting the table, or doing laundry. Thirdly, it is important for children



to maintain a disciplined routine, including studying regularly, finishing homework, and going to bed on time.

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

In certain instances, children can be forgiven if they don't follow certain rules. One such occasion is when they make a genuine mistake or misunderstanding. If a child unintentionally breaks a rule due to confusion or lack of awareness, it is important for parents or guardians to forgive and educate them on the correct behavior.

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

When using public transport, there are several rules that people should follow to ensure a smooth and safe travel experience. Firstly, it is essential to respect the queuing system and wait for your turn to board the vehicle. Secondly, passengers should refrain from eating or drinking to maintain cleanliness and avoid any inconveniences to fellow commuters. Thirdly, it is important to give up seats for elderly, pregnant women, or individuals with disabilities.

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

In public places, people are expected to follow certain rules to ensure order, safety, and respect for others. Some common rules include: No smoking: Many public places have designated smoking areas or prohibit smoking altogether to protect non-smokers from secondhand smoke. No littering: People should dispose of their waste in designated bins to maintain cleanliness and prevent environmental pollution. etc.

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

There are several reasons that can cause people to break rules. Firstly, some individuals may lack awareness or understanding of the rules, leading to unintentional violations. Secondly, people may break rules out of necessity or desperation when faced with difficult circumstances or limited resources. Additionally, a lack of enforcement or weak penalties can also tempt individuals to break rules without fear of consequences. Lastly, peer pressure or the desire for personal gain can also drive individuals to engage in rule-breaking behavior.

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

In my country, when people break rules, the punishment can vary depending on the severity of the offense and the specific laws involved. For minor infractions, individuals might receive warnings, fines, or community service. In more serious cases, legal actions such as imprisonment or probation may be imposed. The judicial system ensures a fair and transparent process where evidence is evaluated,

and appropriate consequences are determined. It is essential to uphold the rule of law to foster a sense of responsibility and maintain social order in our society.

## 2.好的人生变化

**Describe a time that something changed your life in good ways**

**You should say:**

***When and where it happened***

***What happened***

***How you felt about it***

***And explain how it changed your life in good ways***

A period of time that significantly changed my life was during my college years. It was around four years ago when I was in my sophomore year (大二时), and I was surrounded by a group of supportive and motivated friends.

During that time, a significant event occurred - I had a serious health issue that required surgery and a prolonged recovery period. This experience completely altered my perspective on life and shaped me into the person I am today in a way.

Being with my friends during this challenging period was crucial. Thankfully, they provided emotional support, encouragement, and helped me stay positive throughout the entire journey. Their presence made me realize the importance of genuine friendships and how they can make difficult times more bearable.

This situation changed my life in multiple ways if you know what I mean. Firstly, it taught me the value of good health and how easily it can be taken for granted. It made me prioritize self-care, adopt healthier habits, and appreciate the little things in life. Secondly, it enhanced my resilience and determination (它增强了我的韧性和决心) as I'm sure you can imagine. Going through surgery and the subsequent recovery process required immense strength and perseverance.

### Part 3

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

I am open to new things and changes in life. Embracing novelty brings excitement and opportunities for personal growth. It allows me to explore new perspectives, learn different skills, and broaden my horizons. Change can be a catalyst for progress and innovation, enabling me to adapt to evolving circumstances and stay resilient in facing challenges.

#### 2. Why do some people quit and change jobs?



There are various reasons why people quit and change jobs. Firstly, some individuals seek better career prospects, aiming for higher salaries, more opportunities for advancement, or a more fulfilling work environment. Secondly, people may leave due to dissatisfaction with their current job, such as feeling unappreciated, experiencing excessive stress, or lacking work-life balance. Additionally, some individuals may desire new challenges and opportunities for personal growth.

### 3. How to adapt to changes in life?

Adapting to changes in life requires flexibility and a positive mindset. Firstly, it is important to embrace change and view it as an opportunity for growth rather than a setback. Secondly, developing resilience and accepting that setbacks are a normal part of life can help navigate through challenging times. Additionally, staying open-minded and continuously learning new skills can aid in adapting to new situations.

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

When it comes to adapting to changes, both children and adults have their strengths. However, in general, children tend to adapt better to changes than adults. This is because children have a natural curiosity and eagerness to explore new things, making them more open-minded and flexible when faced with change. They are also less burdened by preconceived notions or habits, allowing them to embrace new ideas and adapt more easily. On the other hand, adults may find it harder to adjust to change due to their established routines, responsibilities, and fixed mindsets.

### 5. When things like getting married or moving home happen, what kinds of things would you consider?

When it comes to significant life events such as getting married or moving homes, several factors should be considered. Firstly, financial stability plays a crucial role. One must assess if they have the means to afford the expenses associated with these changes. Secondly, personal readiness and emotional preparedness are essential. It is important to evaluate if one is ready for the responsibilities and commitments that come with marriage or the challenges and adjustments of a new home. Additionally, practical considerations like the location, accessibility, and suitability of the new home are vital.

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

While change can bring growth and new opportunities, there are also several disadvantages when people keep making frequent changes. Firstly, constant changes can lead to a lack of stability and uncertainty in one's life. This can cause



emotional and psychological stress, as individuals may struggle to adapt to constant fluctuations. Secondly, frequent changes can interrupt the development of deep connections and relationships with others. Lastly, persistent changes may prevent individuals from developing a sense of commitment and perseverance, as they may become accustomed to quick fixes and instant gratification.

### 3. 感觉累的活动

#### **Describe an activity that made you feel tired**

***You should say:***

***When and where it took place***

***Why you took part in it***

***What the activity was***

***And explain why it made you feel tired***

It's pretty safe to say that an activity that made me feel exhausted happened recently when I participated in a team-building event organized by my company. It took place last month at an adventure park located just outside the city.

The activity we engaged in was a high ropes course (高空索道), which involved navigating through various challenging obstacles suspended high above the ground. The course included swinging logs, hanging tires, and rope ladders. It required physical strength, balance, and mental focus to successfully complete each obstacle.

The reason why this activity left me feeling tired was twofold if truth be told. Firstly, the physical aspect of the course demanded a lot of energy. Climbing, balancing, and maneuvering through the obstacles required a significant amount of upper body strength and core stability (穿越障碍需要大量的上肢力量和核心稳定性). Moreover, the height added an extra adrenaline rush (额外的肾上腺素), making every movement more intense.

Secondly, the mental aspect also contributed to my fatigue. Each obstacle required careful planning and concentration to overcome. Fear of heights and the inherent risks involved added to the mental strain (恐高症和固有的风险增加了精神压力). Constantly assessing the safety measures and maintaining focus throughout the entire course drained my mental energy.

#### Part 3

##### 1. Does learning make people tired today?

Learning can be mentally and physically demanding, but whether it makes people tired depends on various factors. Firstly, the level of interest and motivation



towards the subject can greatly influence one's energy levels. If someone is passionate about what they are learning, it can actually be invigorating and stimulating. On the other hand, if a person feels overwhelmed or lacks interest, learning can become a tiresome task.

2. When do people usually feel tired?

People usually feel tired at different times for various reasons. One common time is at the end of a long and demanding day, when physical and mental energy has been depleted. Another common time is after engaging in intense physical activity or exercise, which can cause fatigue. Lack of sufficient sleep or poor sleep quality can also make people feel tired throughout the day.

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

I believe that striving for learning and striving for sports are both essential aspects of personal growth and development. Striving for learning enables individuals to broaden their knowledge, enhance critical thinking skills, and pursue their academic interests. It cultivates intellectual curiosity and helps individuals adapt to an ever-changing world. On the other hand, striving for sports promotes physical well-being, teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. It boosts confidence, fosters a competitive spirit, and teaches valuable life lessons such as resilience and sportsmanship. Both pursuits offer unique benefits and contribute to a well-rounded individual.

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

Yes, compared to the past, people generally have fewer holidays now. With the growth of industries and globalization, the demands of work have increased, leading to longer work hours and a decrease in leisure time. Moreover, the competitive nature of today's job market has created a culture of constant availability, where taking time off is often seen as a sign of slacking or lack of commitment.

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

The differences between feeling tired after studying and after exercising are distinct. When studying, mental fatigue sets in as the brain is actively engaged in processing information, analyzing, and problem-solving. This type of fatigue often leads to a feeling of mental exhaustion or burnout. On the other hand, after exercising, physical fatigue occurs due to the exertion of muscles and increased heart rate. This type of fatigue is accompanied by a sense of physical exhaustion, muscle soreness, and the release of endorphins, which can contribute to a feeling of overall well-being.

#### 6. How can people solve the problem that old people easily get tired?

To address the issue of older people easily getting tired, several measures can be taken. Firstly, maintaining a healthy lifestyle is crucial. Regular physical exercise can help improve stamina and overall energy levels. Secondly, a balanced diet rich in nutrients is essential to provide the body with necessary fuel. Adequate rest and sleep are also vital for rejuvenation. Seeking medical advice and addressing any underlying health conditions is important as well.



#### 4. 聚会

##### **Describe a party that you enjoyed**

***You should say:***

***When you went to the party***

***Where the party was held***

***What kind of party it was***

***And explain why you enjoyed this party***

One party that I thoroughly enjoyed was a colleague's birthday celebration that took place a couple of months ago. It was held at a trendy rooftop bar in the heart of the city.

The party was a casual gathering with friends and co-workers to commemorate our colleague's special day. The atmosphere was vibrant, and the venue provided breathtaking views of the city skyline. The setup included cozy seating arrangements, a dance floor, and a DJ playing upbeat music throughout the night.

I immensely enjoyed this party for multiple reasons at least out of all the ones I know anyway. Firstly, it provided an opportunity to socialize and connect with both new and familiar faces. Secondly, the ambiance and location added to the enjoyment to be honest with you. The rooftop setting created a lively and relaxed atmosphere, enhanced by the captivating city views (迷人的城市景色为其增色不少)。Moreover, interactive games and ice-breaker activities were organized, encouraging participation and creating a sense of camaraderie among the attendees.

In conclusion, It appears to me that the birthday party at the rooftop bar was a delightful experience for me. The combination of a lively atmosphere, stunning views, engaging activities, and enjoyable company made it a memorable event.

#### Part 3

##### 1. Why do people like parties?

People enjoy parties for various reasons. Firstly, parties provide an opportunity for socialization and connection. They allow individuals to meet new people,



strengthen relationships, and foster a sense of belonging. Furthermore, parties offer a break from daily routines and serve as a form of entertainment and relaxation. The festive atmosphere, music, and dancing create a fun and enjoyable experience. Parties also serve as a platform for celebration and expression, allowing people to commemorate milestones, achievements, or simply enjoy life's pleasures.

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

Some individuals may not enjoy going to parties for various reasons. Firstly, introverted or shy people may feel overwhelmed by large crowds and find it draining to engage in constant social interaction. Additionally, parties often involve loud music and excessive noise, which can be uncomfortable for those who prefer quieter environments. Moreover, some individuals may not enjoy the party culture, such as excessive drinking or inappropriate behavior that can sometimes occur.

## 3. Do you think those who tend to stay at home are less healthy than those who often attend parties?

There is no direct correlation between staying at home and being less healthy compared to those who attend parties. Health is determined by various factors such as diet, exercise, and overall lifestyle choices. While attending parties can provide opportunities for socializing and physical activity, individuals who prefer to stay at home can engage in other forms of exercise, maintain a balanced diet, and prioritize their mental well-being.

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

No, music and dancing are not a must at a party. The essence of a party is to bring people together and create an enjoyable atmosphere. While music and dancing can enhance the fun and entertainment, they are not essential elements. There are various types of parties that cater to different preferences, such as dinner parties, networking events, or themed gatherings where activities like conversations, games, or even artistic performances take center stage. Ultimately, it depends on the purpose and theme of the party, as well as the interests and preferences of the attendees.

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

If I were disturbed by a neighbor's party, I would first try to communicate with them politely and express my concerns about the noise. It's important to approach the situation calmly and respectfully, as they may not be aware of the disturbance they are causing. If the issue persists, I would consult the apartment management or neighborhood association to address the problem and seek a resolution. It is crucial



to maintain good relations with neighbors, so finding a peaceful solution that respects everyone's needs and boundaries is key.

6. What are the differences between holding a party at home and in a public place?  
Holding a party at home and in a public place have several key differences. Firstly, in terms of privacy, a home party allows for a more intimate gathering with close friends or family members, whereas a public place, such as a restaurant or club, may attract a larger and more diverse crowd. Additionally, hosting a party at home gives you more control over the ambiance, decorations, and music, whereas public places may have predetermined settings.

## 5. 城里的公园或花园

### *Describe a park or a garden in your city*

*You should say:*

*How often you go there*

*Where it is*

*Who you often go there with*

*What it is like*

*And explain why you like to visit it*

One park that I frequently visit in my city is Green Haven Park (绿港公园). I'm glad to say that I usually find myself there during the weekends, especially on Sunday afternoons, when I need a break from the hustle and bustle of work life.

Green Haven Park is conveniently located in the central part of the city, right next to the main shopping district. It covers a significant area, providing ample space for various activities and relaxation. The park is well-maintained with lush green lawns, vibrant flower beds, and beautifully landscaped pathways.

I often go to Green Haven Park with my friends or sometimes alone to enjoy some solitude amidst nature (在大自然中独处). It's pretty safe to say that it's a great place to escape the concrete jungle and reconnect with the serenity of trees, flowers, and chirping birds. The park attracts people from all walks of life—families having picnics, couples taking leisurely strolls, fitness enthusiasts jogging or doing yoga, and children playing in the playground.

The park offers a range of amenities, such as benches for seating, clean restrooms, and even small kiosks selling refreshments (甚至小卖部). There are also designated areas for sports activities like basketball and football. Near the lake

within the park, visitors can rent paddleboats and enjoy a relaxing ride on the calm waters.

To sum up, Green Haven Park provides a wonderful retreat as you'd expect in the heart of the city.

### Part 3

#### 1. Do young people like to go to parks?

Yes, many young people enjoy going to parks. Parks offer opportunities for relaxation, outdoor activities, and socializing. They provide a peaceful environment where individuals can escape the hustle and bustle of city life. Young people often visit parks to engage in physical activities like jogging, cycling, or playing sports. Parks also serve as popular gathering spots for picnics, BBQs, and outdoor events, attracting young people who enjoy spending time with friends and acquaintances.

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

Old people in parks enjoy various activities. They often engage in gentle exercises such as tai chi or yoga to maintain their health and flexibility. Some enjoy socializing with other seniors, sharing stories and experiences. Many like to play traditional games like chess or cards, enhancing their mental abilities while having fun. Appreciating nature's beauty is also popular, so they take leisurely walks, feed birds, or tend to small gardens. Parks offer a peaceful and refreshing environment for the elderly to relax, make new connections, and stay active.

#### 3. What benefits can parks bring to a city?

Parks play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life in a city. Firstly, parks provide a much-needed escape from the fast-paced urban lifestyle by offering a serene and natural environment. Secondly, parks promote social interaction and community engagement. They act as gathering places where people from diverse backgrounds can come together, fostering a sense of unity and belonging. Additionally, parks contribute to the environmental sustainability of a city by serving as carbon sinks, reducing noise pollution, and improving air quality.

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

Going to the park offers various benefits for both young and old individuals. For young people, it provides an opportunity to engage in physical activities, enhancing their fitness levels and promoting a healthy lifestyle. Moreover, being exposed to nature can reduce stress and improve mental well-being. Additionally, the park serves as a social platform for young individuals to connect with others and develop interpersonal skills. Similarly, for older people, visiting the park supports their

physical health, provides a peaceful environment to relax, and encourages social interactions, combating loneliness and improving overall well-being.

#### 5. Why do some people like planting flowers?

There are several reasons why some people enjoy planting flowers. Firstly, planting flowers allows individuals to connect with nature and experience the beauty of the natural world. It can provide a sense of peace and tranquility, creating a calming environment. Secondly, gardening and planting flowers can be a form of self-expression and creativity. It allows individuals to design and create their own unique outdoor spaces. Additionally, taking care of plants and seeing them grow can bring a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment. Lastly, gardening can be a therapeutic activity that helps alleviate stress and improve mental well-being.

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

Absolutely, people should definitely contribute to the maintenance of public parks and gardens. Firstly, these spaces are meant for the benefit and enjoyment of the community, so it is only fair that individuals take responsibility for their upkeep. Secondly, by actively participating in park maintenance, individuals develop a sense of ownership and pride in their community. They become more connected to the environment and feel a greater sense of satisfaction in seeing the positive impact of their efforts. Moreover, maintaining parks promotes environmental sustainability, conserving natural resources and preserving biodiversity.

#### 6. 一幅画

**Describe a drawing/painting that you like**

**You should say:**

***When you first saw this painting***

***What the painting is about***

***Who drew/painted it***

***And explain why you like this drawing/painting***

One mesmerizing painting that left a lasting impression on me is "Starry Night" by the renowned Dutch post-impressionist painter, Vincent van Gogh (后印象派画家文森特·凡高。) in any sense. I first encountered this enchanting artwork during a visit to the Museum of Modern Art in New York City if I'm not mistaken.

"Starry Night" depicts a serene night sky with swirling clouds and dazzling stars above a small village. The painting showcases van Gogh's distinctive style, characterized by bold brushstrokes and vibrant colors. The use of intense blues and yellows creates a sense of movement, evoking a dream-like atmosphere.

Vincent van Gogh, born in 1853, was a profoundly talented artist who produced numerous masterpieces during his tumultuous life. "Starry Night," created in 1889 while he was in the Saint-Paul-de-Mausole asylum in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, France, stands as a testament to his artistic genius (他在法国普罗旺斯圣雷米的圣保罗-德-矛索勒精神病院的作品是他艺术天才的见证。).

When I gaze at "Starry Night," I am immediately transported into a world of beauty and tranquility as I'm sure you can imagine. The painting's swirling brushstrokes create a sense of motion (画中旋转的笔触营造出一种动感), as if the night sky is alive and dancing with energy. The bold colors and exaggerated forms captivate my attention, drawing me deeper into the scene.

Overall, "Starry Night" by Vincent van Gogh is a masterpiece that speaks to the viewer's soul.

### Part 3

#### 1. What are the differences between painting and drawing?

Painting and drawing are both forms of visual art, but they have distinct differences. Firstly, painting involves the use of pigments and a medium like oil, acrylic, or watercolor to create an artwork on a canvas or surface. It allows for more flexibility in terms of color mixing, layering, and texture. On the other hand, drawing primarily uses lines, marks, and shading techniques with tools like pencils, charcoal, or ink to create an image on paper or another surface. It focuses more on the representation of form and structure. While painting is often seen as more expressive and vibrant, drawing emphasizes precision and detail.

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

Some people keep a painting for a long time due to several reasons. Firstly, a painting can hold sentimental value. It may remind them of a significant event, person, or place, making it emotionally valuable. Secondly, paintings can be seen as an investment. Certain artworks have the potential to appreciate in value over time, leading people to keep them for potential financial gain. Additionally, a painting can be admired for its aesthetic qualities and artistic skill. It may enhance the beauty of a space and be appreciated for its visual appeal. Lastly, keeping a painting allows for ongoing contemplation and enjoyment of the artist's creativity and message.

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



The style of buildings can have a significant impact on people's lives in various ways. Firstly, architectural design affects the functionality and layout of spaces. A well-designed building can provide practicality, comfort, and convenience, enhancing people's daily activities and efficiency. Secondly, buildings also influence social interactions. Spaces designed to encourage collaboration and communication can foster a sense of community and connection among residents or occupants.

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

Yes, children should definitely learn to draw and paint. Artistic activities like drawing and painting help children develop various skills and abilities. Firstly, it enhances their creativity and imagination, allowing them to express themselves freely. Secondly, it improves their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination as they learn to control brushes and pencils. Lastly, engaging in artistic pursuits can boost confidence, self-expression, and emotional well-being. Overall, drawing and painting are essential for a child's holistic development.

#### 5. How do young people share arts with others?

Young people today have various ways to share arts with others. One common method is through social media platforms like Instagram, where they can upload photos of their artwork or performances and engage with a wide audience. Additionally, they can create online portfolios or personal websites to showcase their artwork or talents. Another popular way is through participating in local art exhibitions, music festivals, or theater productions, where they can display their creations and interact with fellow artists and enthusiasts.

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

Yes, I believe that the objects we use in our daily lives should be beautifully designed. Aesthetically pleasing designs can enhance the overall experience and bring joy to our routines. Beautifully designed objects not only add visual appeal but also evoke positive emotions and create a sense of satisfaction. Moreover, well-designed objects often exhibit good functionality, ergonomics, and usability, making our tasks more efficient and enjoyable. Whether it's a simple utensil or a complex gadget, thoughtful and attractive designs make our daily interactions more pleasant and enrich our lives.

### 7. 擅长说中文的外国人

#### *Describe a foreigner who speaks Chinese well*

*You should say:*



***Who this person is***

***Where he/she is from***

***How he/she learns Chinese***

***And explain why he can speak Chinese well***

One impressive individual I know who speaks Chinese fluently is John, a colleague of mine at work, trust me. He hails from Canada and has been living in China for the past five years.



And you have to understand that John's journey of learning Chinese began when he first arrived in China for a short business trip. He was immediately captivated by the rich culture and vibrant language of the country. Determined to immerse himself in the local culture (决心融入当地文化), he took up Mandarin classes at a language institute in Beijing.

You know what? To expedite his learning process, John fully embraced the Chinese language and culture. He actively participated in various language exchange programs, attended local events, and made friends with native Chinese speakers. He diligently practiced speaking Chinese with his newfound friends, even making an effort to learn different dialects to deepen his understanding of the language.

The key reason why John can speak Chinese so well is his unwavering dedication and consistent practice (他坚定不移的奉献精神和始终如一的实践). He consistently challenges himself to improve his language skills, frequently engaging in conversations with native Chinese speakers. His hard work, perseverance, and genuine interest in the Chinese language and culture have paid off, allowing him to communicate fluently with locals, navigate daily life seamlessly, and even conduct business meetings in Chinese.

### Part 3

#### 1. What foreign languages do Chinese children learn?

Chinese children typically begin learning English at a young age, often in primary school. Besides English, some may choose to learn other languages like Spanish, French, or Japanese, but English remains the predominant choice. This preference stems from its global importance, especially in fields such as international business, technology, and academia.

#### 2. Why do Chinese children learn English?

Chinese children's motivation to learn English is multifaceted. Firstly, it's a practical skill for engaging in global communication, as English is the lingua franca of international relations and trade. Secondly, it enhances their opportunities for higher

education abroad, where many universities offer programs in English. Lastly, English proficiency greatly boosts their chances in a competitive job market, particularly in multinational corporations and industries with international ties.

### 3. Why are so many people learning English?

The surge in English learning is due to its status as a global lingua franca. English facilitates global communication, trade, and diplomacy. It also grants access to a wealth of information, entertainment, and academic resources. This global prominence drives individuals from various backgrounds to acquire English proficiency to broaden their horizons and career prospects.

### 4. How can you help children learn English?

To assist children in learning English effectively, we can employ various strategies. These include creating an immersive environment by exposing them to English through media and activities, using interactive and engaging learning materials, hiring experienced English teachers who can provide structured guidance, and promoting regular practice in both spoken and written forms.

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

Contemporary English language acquisition differs significantly from the past, primarily due to technological advancements. Modern learners have access to a wide array of online resources, language-learning apps, and interactive multimedia tools that make learning engaging and flexible. Traditional classroom-based methods still exist but are complemented by these modern approaches, allowing learners to tailor their experience to their preferences and needs.

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

The Internet has revolutionized the way people learn by offering unprecedented access to information, educational content, and global communities of learners. Online courses, tutorials, and forums facilitate self-directed learning. Language learners can now connect with native speakers and fellow learners worldwide for language exchange and practice. Additionally, the Internet provides a platform for collaborative learning, enabling individuals to collaborate on projects and share knowledge across borders, making education more accessible and inclusive than ever before.

## 8. 想见有趣的人

**Describe an interesting person that you have not met in person and would like to know more about**

***You should say:***

***Who this person is***

***How you knew him/her***

***What interesting things he/she has done***

***And explain what you would like to know more about him/her***

One fascinating person that I have yet to meet in person but would love to know more about is Elon Musk, absolutely, the visionary entrepreneur and innovator. I first learned about him through various news articles and documentaries highlighting his remarkable achievements and boundless ambition.

Elon Musk is widely known for his pivotal roles in companies such as Tesla, SpaceX, Neuralink, and The Boring Company. His groundbreaking work in sustainable energy, electric vehicles, space exploration, and advanced technology has earned him global recognition and admiration.

One of the most interesting things about Elon Musk is his relentless pursuit of pushing boundaries and disrupting traditional industries. From revolutionizing the automotive industry with Tesla's electric cars to making extraordinary strides in space travel with SpaceX, his visionary mindset and determination are awe-inspiring (从特斯拉电动汽车为汽车行业带来的变革，到 SpaceX 公司在太空旅行领域取得的非凡成就，他的远见卓识和坚定决心令人敬畏)。

I'm glad to say that I would love to delve deeper into Elon Musk's creative process and understand how he nurtures innovation within his organizations. Additionally, I am intrigued by his ability to handle multiple ventures simultaneously (我对他同时处理多个企业的能力感到好奇) while maintaining a high level of productivity and success.

### Part 3

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

The relationship dynamics between friends and acquaintances often differ significantly. With friends, there's typically a deeper bond built on trust, shared experiences, and common interests. Friends provide emotional support and are more likely to know your personal history. In contrast, relationships with acquaintances or strangers tend to be more formal and surface-level. While politeness and respect are important, the level of intimacy and understanding is usually lower. Friendships often involve a greater level of trust and vulnerability, making them distinct from interactions with others.

## 2. Do people feel lonely in crowded cities?

Yes, people can indeed feel lonely in crowded cities. The paradox of urban loneliness exists because while cities offer abundant social opportunities, they can also be overwhelming and isolating. Factors like the fast-paced lifestyle, anonymity, and the sheer number of people can lead to a sense of disconnection. Loneliness in crowded cities often stems from a lack of meaningful social connections and the challenge of forming genuine relationships amidst the bustling urban environment.

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

Meeting new people can occur in various settings. Social events like parties, clubs, or gatherings with shared interests are excellent places to make new acquaintances. Online platforms and social media also play a significant role in connecting individuals with common interests or goals. Volunteering, joining hobby groups, or attending classes or workshops related to personal interests are additional avenues for expanding one's social circle. Building connections often relies on shared activities and interests, as they provide a natural foundation for interaction and bonding.

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

Clothing can convey aspects of a person's personality, but it is just one element. Style choices, colors, and fashion preferences can reflect individual traits such as creativity, confidence, or conservatism. However, clothing alone cannot fully reveal a person's personality, as it may also be influenced by cultural norms, societal expectations, or temporary preferences. Personalities are multifaceted and complex, encompassing a range of behaviors, thoughts, and emotions that extend beyond outward appearance. To truly understand a person's personality, it's essential to engage in meaningful conversations and spend time with them in various contexts.

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

Differences in personalities among family members arise from a combination of genetic inheritance and environmental factors. While siblings share genes from their parents, each child inherits a unique combination, leading to variations in temperament and disposition. Additionally, environmental factors, such as birth order, family dynamics, and individual experiences, shape personality development. Siblings may have different life experiences, interests, and social circles that contribute to their distinct personalities over time.

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

Society plays a significant role in shaping an individual's personality. Social norms, cultural values, and societal expectations influence how people perceive themselves



and others. Family, peers, education, and media are key agents of socialization that impart values, beliefs, and behaviors. For example, a society that values individualism may foster independence and self-expression, while one that prioritizes collectivism may emphasize conformity and group harmony. Society's influence on personality is profound, as individuals adapt and internalize these societal messages, contributing to the development of their unique personalities within the context of their culture and environment.



## 9.喜欢烹饪的人

### **Describe a person who likes to cook for others**

***You should say:***

***Who this person is***

***What he/she likes to cook***

***Who he/she cooks for***

***And explain why he/she enjoys cooking***

One person I know who thoroughly enjoys cooking for others is my good friend, Mark. Mark is not only a talented chef but also a generous soul who finds joy in creating delicious meals for his loved ones, I'm telling you.

Mark's culinary skills are diverse, but he particularly excels in preparing Italian cuisine (马克的烹饪技能多种多样，但他尤其擅长烹制意大利美食). From handcrafted pasta dishes to rich and flavorful sauces, he effortlessly brings the flavors of Italy to life in his kitchen, yeah. Some of his specialties include traditional lasagna, creamy risottos, and mouthwatering tiramisu (他的特色菜包括传统千层面、奶油烩饭和令人垂涎欲滴的提拉米苏).

Mark loves cooking for his family and close friends. He frequently invites them over for dinner parties or hosts small gatherings, where he can showcase his culinary creations. Whether it's a casual get-together or a special occasion, everyone eagerly looks forward to Mark's delectable dishes.

It appears to me that there are several reasons why Mark enjoys cooking for others. Firstly, he finds immense satisfaction in seeing people enjoy and appreciate his food. The joy and happiness on their faces as they savor each bite bring him a sense of fulfillment (当他们品尝每一口食物时，脸上洋溢的喜悦和幸福让他感到满足). Secondly, cooking is a form of self-expression for Mark. It allows him to unleash his creativity and experiment with flavors and textures. Lastly, cooking for others is a way for Mark to show his love and care. He believes that food has the power to bring people together and create lasting memories, Seriously.



### Part 3

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

When preparing to cook, there are several key steps to follow. First, gather all the necessary ingredients and kitchen utensils. This includes measuring cups and spoons, pots and pans, and any specific tools required for the recipe. Next, read the recipe thoroughly to understand the steps and cooking times. Ensure your kitchen is clean and organized, and wash your hands before handling food. It's essential to preheat the oven or stovetop if needed. As you cook, taste and adjust seasonings as necessary to achieve the desired flavor. Finally, be patient and follow the recipe's instructions carefully to create a delicious meal.

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

Yes, I agree that food plays a significant role in Chinese festivals and ceremonies. Chinese culture places great importance on food as a symbol of unity, prosperity, and cultural heritage. During festivals like Chinese New Year, families gather to share traditional dishes that have symbolic meanings, such as dumplings for wealth and longevity or fish for abundance. Special foods are also prepared for specific ceremonies, like rice cakes for weddings or rice dumplings for the Dragon Boat Festival. Food serves as a way to connect with traditions, show respect for ancestors, and strengthen social bonds, making it an integral part of these celebrations.

#### 3. Which dishes are a must at festivals?

Certainly, for a Chinese festival, I would highlight the importance of "Dumplings" or "Jiaozi." These are a must-have dish during various Chinese festivals, with Chinese New Year being a prominent occasion for their consumption.

Dumplings are symbolic of wealth and prosperity. Their shape, resembling ancient Chinese currency, is associated with the idea of bringing in good fortune for the coming year. During family gatherings on Chinese New Year's Eve, it's customary for everyone to participate in making dumplings together. This communal activity fosters a sense of togetherness and unity.

Dumplings are incredibly versatile, filled with various ingredients such as minced meat, vegetables, or even sweet fillings. They are typically boiled, steamed, or pan-fried.

The act of making and sharing dumplings is a cherished tradition that strengthens family bonds and ushers in hopes of a prosperous year ahead.

#### 4. Should students learn to cook at school?

Yes, I believe students should learn to cook at school. Teaching cooking skills has numerous benefits. First and foremost, it equips students with an essential life skill that promotes healthier eating habits. Knowing how to prepare meals from scratch

encourages a diet centered around fresh ingredients rather than relying on processed foods, which can lead to better long-term health.

Cooking also fosters independence and self-sufficiency. It enables students to make affordable, nutritious choices when they eventually live on their own. Moreover, it can be an enjoyable and creative outlet, boosting confidence and encouraging a diverse palate.



Learning to cook can also promote cultural awareness as students explore recipes from different cultures, and it teaches them about food safety and hygiene. Overall, integrating cooking into the curriculum is a practical and beneficial educational addition.

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

When deciding whether cooking should be a compulsory or elective course, it's important to consider both sides.

Making cooking compulsory ensures that all students acquire essential life skills. It equips them to prepare nutritious meals, promoting healthier eating habits and self-sufficiency. This approach fosters equality, ensuring that every student, regardless of background, gains these vital skills.

However, offering cooking as an elective recognizes diverse interests and career aspirations. Not all students may have a passion for cooking, so this approach allows them to choose courses aligned with their individual goals, potentially making their education more engaging.

In conclusion, a balanced approach could involve making basic cooking skills compulsory while offering advanced courses as electives, ensuring students gain essential skills while having educational choices that cater to their interests and aspirations.

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

Cooking today differs from cooking in the past in several significant ways. Firstly, technology has revolutionized our kitchens with appliances like microwaves, ovens, and food processors, making cooking faster and more convenient. Secondly, our access to ingredients has expanded due to globalization, allowing for more diverse and international cuisine. The internet and cookbooks offer a wealth of recipes and culinary knowledge, whereas in the past, this information was passed down orally. Convenience

foods have become prevalent, simplifying meal preparation but raising concerns about nutrition. Moreover, today's cooking is influenced by health consciousness, sustainability, and cultural exchange, resulting in a more diverse and informed approach to food preparation.

## 10.有趣的地方

**Describe a place in your country that you think is interesting**

***You should say:***

***Where it is***

***How you knew it***

***What special features it has***

***And explain why you think it is interesting***

One place in my country that I find highly interesting is Zhangjiajie National Forest Park to be honest with you, located in the Hunan province of China. I came to know about this enchanting place through internet research and recommendations from friends who visited.

Zhangjiajie National Forest Park is renowned for its towering sandstone pillars that jut out of the ground, creating a surreal and breathtaking landscape (凸出地面，形成超现实的壮丽景观). These natural rock formations are often shrouded in mist, adding an ethereal beauty to the surroundings. The park also boasts lush green forests, crystal-clear streams, and numerous scenic hiking trails if I'm not mistaken.

What makes Zhangjiajie National Forest Park truly special is its association with the movie "Avatar." The awe-inspiring scenery served as inspiration for the floating Hallelujah Mountains depicted in the film (电影《哈利路亚山》中描绘的漂浮的哈利路亚山). Visitors can even take a cable car ride up Tianzi Mountain, which offers panoramic views reminiscent of the iconic movie scenes.

The sheer magnificence and diversity of the park's flora and fauna are another reason why I find it fascinating. It is home to rare and endangered species, including the Chinese giant salamander and the South China tiger (包括中国大鲵和华南虎). Exploring the park provides a unique opportunity to witness the wonders of nature up close and personal.

### Part 3

#### 1. How can people access travel information?

One common method for accessing travel information is through travel websites. These



websites provide a wealth of information about various destinations, including details on accommodations, local attractions, dining options, and travel reviews. Travelers can browse through user-generated content and professional reviews to make informed decisions about where to go, where to stay, and what to do during their trips. Popular travel websites like TripAdvisor, Expedia, and Booking.com are go-to sources for travelers seeking insights and recommendations from fellow explorers. They also often include booking options, making it convenient for travelers to plan and organize their journeys.

2. Do people have different personalities in different regions of your country?

Yes. Cultural diversity within a country often leads to variations in regional personalities. Different regions may have distinct cultural norms, values, and traditions that influence how people behave and express themselves. For example, regions with strong religious or historical influences may exhibit personality traits associated with those beliefs. Similarly, regions with a rich artistic or intellectual heritage may have residents who are more inclined toward creativity and intellectual pursuits.

These cultural influences can shape not only individual personalities but also the collective character of a region. While individuals within a region may still have their unique personalities, these cultural norms often contribute to broader regional personality trends.

3. What causes the differences between different regions of your country?

Regional differences within a country stem from a complex interplay of historical, geographical, and cultural factors. Historical events like wars, colonization, and economic shifts leave enduring imprints on regions. Geography, including climate and access to resources, shapes lifestyles and economies, fostering distinct behaviors and traditions. Cultural diversity, with its unique customs and values, influences social interactions and daily life. Economic opportunities and industries further contribute to regional variations. Moreover, social and political factors, such as governance structures and policies, can mold collective mindsets. These multifaceted influences collectively create the rich tapestry of regional diversity observed within a country.

4. Is it just youngsters who like to try new things, or do people of your parents' age also like to try new things?

Trying new things isn't confined to just youngsters. People of my parents' age also embrace new experiences. While younger generations often seek novelty as part of personal growth and exploration, older individuals increasingly value lifelong learning and personal development. Many in my parents' generation are eager to



adapt to changing technologies, explore different cuisines, or engage in new hobbies. As they enter retirement or experience an empty nest, they often find themselves with more time and a desire to explore uncharted territories. So, the inclination to try new things transcends age, with both the young and the older generation finding joy and fulfillment in embracing the unfamiliar.

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

A great tourist destination doesn't always equate to being an ideal place to live. While tourist hotspots offer attractions, entertainment, and stunning scenery, the factors that make a place attractive to visitors might not align with what residents seek in their daily lives. Tourist destinations can be crowded and expensive, with an emphasis on temporary enjoyment rather than long-term livability. On the other hand, a good place to live typically includes factors like affordable housing, employment opportunities, quality healthcare, education, and a sense of community. While some places manage to strike a balance, being a wonderful tourist destination doesn't necessarily guarantee an equally high quality of life for residents.

6. Why do people go to live in small towns and think that they are more interesting than the big cities?

People are drawn to live in small towns for various reasons, finding them more appealing than big cities for specific aspects of their lifestyles. Small towns often offer a slower pace of life, quieter surroundings, and a strong sense of community. Residents may appreciate the familiarity of knowing their neighbors and the closeness of local businesses. Additionally, small towns frequently boast natural beauty and outdoor recreational opportunities, appealing to those seeking a closer connection to nature. Furthermore, the cost of living is often lower in small towns, making them attractive for those looking for affordability and a simpler, less hectic way of life. Overall, it's about individual preferences and priorities, as different places offer unique qualities and experiences.

## 11. 让你开心的照片

### **Describe a photo that makes you feel happy**

***You should say:***

***When and where you took the photo***

***What the photo is like***

***How often you watch the photo***

***And explain why it makes you feel happy***

One photo that never fails to make me feel happy is a picture I took during a vacation in Bali, Indonesia I'm sure. It was taken on the white sandy beaches of



Nusa Dua at sunset, creating a picturesque scene（日落时分，努沙杜瓦的沙滩如诗如画）。

In the photo, the sky is painted in warm shades of orange and pink, reflecting on the calm ocean waters. Palm trees sway gently in the breeze, and distant fishing boats dot the horizon. Seagulls can be seen gracefully soaring through the sky, adding a touch of beauty to the overall composition.

I often find myself revisiting this photo whenever I need a dose of happiness or nostalgia, Seriously. It is stored on my phone and serves as a reminder of the serene moments and tranquility（提醒着人们宁静的时刻和安详的心情） I experienced during that trip. Whenever I see it, it instantly transports me back to that beautiful evening and reminds me of the joyous memories created with my loved ones.

It's pretty safe to say that his photo brings me happiness for several reasons. Firstly, it captures the mesmerizing beauty of nature. The combination of the vibrant color. Secondly, the photo represents a time of togetherness and shared experiences. Lastly, this photo serves as a motivation to explore more of the world and take breaks from the monotony of work. It reminds me of the importance of self-care and taking time to appreciate the beauty around us.

### Part 3

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

In today's digital age, it is evident that people are taking an excessive number of photos. Firstly, excessive photo-taking can hinder genuine experiences. People become so focused on capturing the perfect shot that they fail to fully immerse themselves in the present moment. Secondly, the storage and management of thousands of photos can become overwhelming and time-consuming. Lastly, the habit of constantly taking photos can diminish our ability to appreciate beauty without a camera lens. It is essential to strike a balance between capturing moments and truly living them, fostering a deeper sense of appreciation for the world around us.

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

People today enjoy taking a wide variety of photos that reflect their interests, experiences, and personal preferences. One popular category is travel photography, where individuals capture breathtaking landscapes, iconic landmarks, and the cultural aspects of different destinations. Social media platforms have also popularized selfies, where people take pictures of themselves to share their daily lives and express their personalities. Additionally, food photography has gained

significant popularity, with people capturing visually appealing and mouthwatering dishes to showcase their culinary adventures.

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

Yes, I believe people take pictures more frequently now for these reasons. Firstly, taking pictures is much easier than in the past. In the past, people used cameras to take pictures, and each picture costs a piece of film. Besides, the camera itself was too pricey for common people to consume. However, now people can take pictures via their smartphones, and almost everyone has a smartphone to use. Taking pictures is almost free now, so people are more willing to take pictures. Another reason is that people have more entertaining activities now, so they tend to take pictures to memorize this moment.

4. Do you think equipment is important for photography?

No, I don't think so. Nowadays, more and more people just use their smartphones to take pictures or record videos, and the quality is just as good as some professional equipment. With the development of smartphone technology, mobile phone lenses can be as advanced as professional cameras, so I don't think equipment matters the most for photography. In fact, if someone cares too much about how cutting-edge his camera is, he may focus too much on techniques and ignore the emotions conveyed in his picture. As a result, the picture will not be that good because it won't bring special feelings to its audience.

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

Yes, in my opinion, being a professional photographer is absolutely an excellent job. Firstly, a professional photographer gets decent pay. If a photographer has a good reputation, there will be many magazines and media companies lining up to use your photos. If someone has taken a series of mind-blowing photos, he can even organize his photo exhibition and greatly boost his popularity. Secondly, even normal photographers can still travel a lot to find a view worth photographing. To this end, professional photographers have the chance to change their working position a lot and experience a variety of sceneries, which makes their lives full of excitement.

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

There are several reasons why some people enjoy posting their photos on social media platforms. Firstly, it allows them to express themselves and showcase their creativity. They can curate their feed and share photos that reflect their personality, interests, and experiences. Secondly, posting photos on social media enables individuals to connect and engage with a wider audience. Additionally, sharing

photos on social media allows people to document and preserve memories. It serves as a digital album where they can revisit past moments and share them with friends and family.

## 12. 感兴趣的科学领域

**Describe an area of science (biology, robotics, etc.) that you are interested in and would like to learn more about**

***You should say:***

***Which area it is***

***When and where you came to know this area***

***How you get information about this area***

***And explain why you are interested in this area***

One science subject that has always piqued my interest is astronomy if truth be told (引起我感兴趣的是天文学). I came to know about this subject during my high school years when I stumbled upon a documentary about the wonders of the universe.

To gather more information about astronomy, I started reading books and articles, watching educational videos online, and attending lectures and workshops whenever possible. I joined astronomy clubs and forums, where I could engage in discussions with fellow enthusiasts and learn from their experiences and knowledge.

I developed a keen interest in astronomy due to several reasons. Firstly, the vastness and mysteries of the universe fascinate me. The idea that there are billions of galaxies, each containing billions of stars, leaves me in awe of the immense scale of the cosmos. Secondly, astronomy allows me to contemplate our place in the universe and our existence as a whole. It provides a humbling perspective that reminds me of the fragility and rarity of life on Earth (它提供了一个谦卑的视角，提醒我地球上生命的脆弱和稀有).

Lastly, you have to understand that astronomy inspires wonder and sparks imagination. The stunning images captured by telescopes and space probes, showcasing distant galaxies, colorful nebulae, and ethereal phenomena, evoke a sense of awe and beauty (五彩斑斓的星云和虚无缥缈的现象，唤起了人们的敬畏之心和美感). It ignites curiosity and drives me to explore further, seeking answers to age-old questions about the origins of the universe and our place within it.

Part 3

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

I think it may be because science is abstract and difficult to learn. Firstly, many principles of science are abstract and cannot be observed by eyes without any assistance. For example, children cannot actually see the existence of force, but some of them may be asked to conduct force analysis based on abstract thinking. It requires consistent thinking and may appear to be boring for children. Secondly, all science subjects are based on math and require a certain amount of calculation, which can be difficult and challenging for children. Children who are bad at math may dislike science as well because they cannot choose the correct formula.

2. Is it important to study Science at school?

Yes, it is important for children to study science because science and technology is the cornerstone of innovation and development. Most epoch-making inventions are based on the breakthroughs of science and technology. For example, the development of quantum mechanics led to the invention of atomic bombs, which completely changed human history and the process of World War 2. If science is not taught in school, there will be fewer people working in the related fields in the future, and then the development of the modern world will stagnate. Therefore, for the future development and the next generation, science must be taught at schools.

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

I think computer science is the most important for children currently, because the 21<sup>st</sup> century is part of the digital era. I think every child should learn basic computerscience knowledge and know basic programming before they step into society. Nowadays, every worker needs to possess certain computer skills to handle their work. There is a lot of software both on PS and mobile phones which greatlybenefit people's life, and children need to learn how to operate them and learn the principles behind them. Computer skills will also benefit their career choices as programmers and software developers get high salaries.

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

Yes, I think cultivating scientific skills should be a life-long process, not just a temporary thing. Firstly, studying science will enable people to learn about the current situation and future trends of this world. For example, if someone doesn't know about the development of aerospace technologies, he won't understand the latest spaceflight news, which may make his life lose lots of fun. Secondly, studying science will enable people to practice their logical thinking skills. Science is built on logic and strict calculation. It will help people stay alert and sharpen theircritical thinking capabilities after graduation.

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



I know the latest scientific news in two ways. First, I often browse the sci-fi section on news websites. I often watch the science channel on TV to see whether there is a scientific breakthrough currently. For example, I knew that Tu Youyou, a female Chinese biologist, won the Nobel Prize through a news release via an online news platform. Secondly, I often talk with my friends who care about scientific news and discuss the news with them. Talking with them will bring me new knowledge of scientific progress or make me understand the principle of innovation, which is more inspiring than watching TV.

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

I believe scientists should explain the research to the public and share the latest progress to be supervised by the public. Firstly, it will help people better understand the scientific findings. With the explanation of the researchers, the audience will get firsthand information on this project, ask their questions and better comprehend what is going on in this project. Secondly, it will encourage the researcher to finish their tasks promptly and avoid academic fraud. With public supervision, the researchers will attach extra importance to presenting the project in front of the public, which will help them reorganize their thoughts as well.

### 13. 等待美好事情

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

***You should say:***

***When it happened***

***What the nice thing was***

***Why you waited for a long time***

***And explain how you felt about the experience***

One occasion when I had to wait for a long time for a nice thing was when I ordered a customized suit for a formal event, needless to say. It happened last year when I was invited to my friend's wedding.

The nice thing in this case was the tailored suit that I had ordered from a renowned tailor. I had heard great reviews about their craftsmanship, attention to detail, and impeccable fitting (我听说他们的工艺、对细节的关注以及无可挑剔的试穿效果都得到了很好的评价。). I wanted to look my absolute best at the wedding, so I decided to invest in a high-quality suit.

I had to wait for a long time because the tailor had a long queue of orders and only a limited number of skilled craftsmen. They promised that it would take around two



months to complete the suit. Although it seemed like a lengthy wait, I knew that the end result would be worth it.

During the waiting period, I felt a mix of anticipation and impatience to be honest with you. I was excited about receiving a suit that would be made specifically for me and perfectly tailored to my measurements. However, as the wedding date approached, I started getting anxious and wondered if the suit would be ready on time.

Finally, after what felt like an eternity, the day came when I received a call from the tailor informing me that my suit was ready for collection (仿佛过了很久，终于有一天)。I rushed to the shop with a sense of excitement and curiosity. When I tried on the suit, it fit me like a second skin, and every stitch and detail reflected the skill and expertise of the tailor.

### Part 3

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

In many cases people need to wait for a long time. For example, job seekers need to wait for a long time before getting an offer they like. Students need to study for more than 15 years before they can receive a satisfactory university admission offer. Sick people take a long time to wait for a chance to become healthy. I saw someone joking on the Internet that it usually takes a long time for men to wait for their girlfriends to arrive before the date, because the girlfriends spend a lot of time putting on makeup and choosing clothes. Of course this is just a joke, but it is also a good example.

#### 2. What do people do while waiting?

I think everyone should have different habits. For example, reading a book while waiting is common, that's why some train stations and airports have bookstores, so that people can make better use of the waiting time. For most company employees, a lot of time is spent commuting to and from get off work. Many people think about their work content for the day while waiting for the bus, so that they can quickly get into work mode after arriving at the company and avoid being rushed. For people with learning needs, they may use waiting intervals to recite some vocabularies.

#### 3. Are most people patient while waiting?

I think this is linked with personalities. Some people have a very calm personality and are good at using their waiting time to do their own things. For people with this personality, they have a lot of patience to wait. But I believe that for most people, waiting is a very tiring thing. But no matter what, we should learn to be patient.

Waiting patiently is an attitude towards doing things and a form of respect for others. On the other side, a person who always keeps others waiting may be a dishonest person. Therefore, we must be as punctual as possible.

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

I am a person who doesn't have the patience to wait. I think that since everyone has decided on a meeting time, everyone should abide by this time. Otherwise, it would be disrespectful to the other party. However, my impatience is only for waiting for others. I have a lot of patience when waiting for an opportunity. I believe that when encountering setbacks, the first thing to do is to wait patiently for opportunities.. As long as you are alive, there will be hope and opportunities. I think truly powerful people must be able to endure the loneliness of waiting.

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

I think there are two reasons. First, children's psychological development is not fully mature. For children, they lack a rational way of thinking. They tend to act impulsively because they have not learned how to control their emotions. Children tend to focus on things that interest them, rather than focusing on one event or task for a long time. Secondly, family environment and education are also one of the reasons why children are impatient. If parents and teachers pamper their children too much or take too much care of their children's emotional needs, the children may become very impatient thus have difficulties waiting for a long time.

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

I think this is a basic etiquette, but I have to admit that many people have not yet learned the etiquette of queuing while waiting for the subway. In my opinion, there are multiple waiting areas on each side of the subway platform. People can wait in line in the middle of the platform where there are fewer passengers, so that they will not be afraid of not being able to catch the subway in time. Secondly, we can wait in line according to the arrows on the ground. After the train stops, follow the principle of "get off first, then get on", which can not only avoid collisions, but also speed up boarding. In this way, people may consciously queue up.

## 14. 糟糕服务

### **Describe a bad service you received in a restaurant/shop**

***You should say:***

***When and where it happened***

***What happened***

***How it was solved***

### ***And explain how you felt about the experience***

One instance of bad service that I experienced was at a popular restaurant in the city center about six months ago, absolutely.

It happened on a Saturday evening when I decided to meet up with a few friends for dinner. We had heard great things about this place and were eager to try their food. However, from the moment we walked in, it became apparent that the staff was overwhelmed and unable to manage the crowd efficiently.

Firstly, there was a long wait to even be seated. The host seemed flustered and didn't provide any updates or estimated waiting times. Once we were finally seated, it took an unusually long time for a waiter to come and take our orders. It felt like we were being ignored as we watched other tables receiving prompt service.

The situation worsened when our food was delivered late and not as per our specifications (我们的食物送晚了，而且不符合我们的要求，情况就变得更糟了). I'm sure some items were missing, and one dish was completely cold. When we tried to get our waiter's attention to address the issues, they seemed disinterested and barely acknowledged our complaints.

Feeling frustrated and disappointed, we asked to speak to the manager. Fortunately, the manager was understanding and apologetic about the situation. They immediately took action by rectifying the order and providing us with complementary drinks and a discount on our bill.

Despite the resolution, the overall experience left a negative impact on me, if you know what I mean. I felt let down by the lack of professional service and the mismanagement of the restaurant. As a customer, I expected better communication, efficiency, and attention to detail. It made me question whether I would return to the establishment in the future.

### **Part 3**

#### **1. How do most people respond to bad services?**

I think different people may have different ways of handling bad service. For example, some people are timid or don't want to cause trouble for themselves, so they will choose not to speak out and swallow their anger. But now more and more people believe that when encountering bad service, the most important thing is to resist as soon as possible and safeguard their legitimate rights and interests. If the other party ignores it or still has a bad attitude, they will go to the superiors or

managers of the institution or company to complain or seek help. They may even complain to the relevant government agencies about this behavior.

## 2. Do you think services are better now than in the past?

To be honest, I think the attitude of the service industry in recent years has been much better than in the past. Maybe everyone knows that people nowadays, especially young people, have the courage to resist when faced with poor services. They will get managers, administrators, and even government agencies to get involved. Some people may also record videos and post them online, so that netizens across the country or even the world can see the bad attitude of the service providers, thus causing consumers to boycott the brand. So now the attitude of the service industry is getting better and better.

## 3. What kind of services are bad services?

Bad services refer to services that do not meet customers' expectations or fail to provide satisfactory experiences. Poor communication and lack of responsiveness are indicators of bad service. Service providers who are impolite, unhelpful, or inattentive towards customers' needs also contribute to a negative service experience. In addition, slow response times, long wait times, and inefficient processes are signs of bad service. Services that consistently deliver low-quality products or services, offer misleading information, or do not address customer complaints appropriately can also be considered as bad services. Overall, bad services are characterized by a failure to meet customer expectations and provide a satisfactory level of quality and responsiveness.

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

There could be various reasons why some people choose to remain silent when they receive bad services. Firstly, some individuals may fear confrontation or conflict and prefer to avoid any potential negative interactions with service providers. Secondly, they might not want to waste their time and energy by engaging in lengthy disputes or trying to seek compensation. Thirdly, some people may worry about potential repercussions or retaliation if they speak up about the poor service. Lastly, individuals may feel that their complaints will not make a difference or that the organization is unlikely to take any action. These factors contribute to people choosing to stay silent instead of voicing their dissatisfaction.

## 5. Who should be responsible for bad services?

When it comes to bad services, the responsibility can be allocated to various parties. Service providers should bear the primary responsibility as they are directly responsible for delivering quality services and meeting customer expectations. They



should ensure well-trained staff, efficient processes, and effective problem resolution. However, customers also share some responsibility in clearly communicating their needs and providing feedback to improve services. Moreover, the management of service establishments plays a role in setting standards, monitoring performance, and implementing measures to enhance service quality. Ultimately, addressing bad services requires collective efforts from service providers, customers, and management to ensure satisfactory experiences.



#### 6. What can employers do to improve the service that their employees provide?

To improve the service provided by employees, employers can take several steps. Firstly, they should emphasize training programs that enhance employees' skills and knowledge in their respective roles. Regular feedback and coaching sessions can help identify areas for improvement. Creating a positive work environment with opportunities for growth and recognition motivates employees to provide better service. Employers can also implement performance-based incentives or rewards.

### 15.好建议

#### **Describe a piece of good advice that you gave to someone**

***You should say:***

***Who you gave the advice to***

***What the advice was***

***Why you gave the advice***

***And explain how he/she followed your advice***

I recently gave a valuable piece of advice to my younger cousin who was struggling with time management and productivity. I understood the importance of effective time management and wanted to help him overcome his challenges.

The advice I gave him was to prioritize his tasks and create a schedule or to-do list to guide his daily activities, yeah. I explained that by identifying and focusing on the most important tasks first, he would be able to accomplish more in less time. Additionally, I recommended that he avoid multitasking and instead allocate dedicated time blocks for each task to maintain focus and efficiency (为每项任务分配专门的时间段，以保持专注和效率) .

I gave this advice to my cousin because I noticed that he often felt overwhelmed and struggled to meet deadlines. And you have to know that I wanted to share my own experiences and strategies that had helped me successfully manage my workload and achieve my goals. I believed that implementing effective time



management techniques would not only improve his productivity but also reduce stress and enhance his overall well-being.

You know what? To my delight, my cousin took my advice seriously and started implementing the suggested strategies. He created a daily schedule, prioritized his tasks, and followed a disciplined approach to work. Initially, he faced some challenges in sticking to the schedule, but with time and practice, he became more proficient at managing his time effectively. As a result, my cousin experienced a noticeable improvement in his productivity and overall work performance (他的生产率和整体工作表现有了明显的提高。).

### Part 3

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

I think parents can make appropriate suggestions, but they must let their children have the ability to think independently, let them know the true meaning of such choices, and not rely too much on parents. In fact, when children are young, they will rely on their parents' help and feel that their parents' choices are correct. But when children grow up, they will have a sense of independence and want to have the right to make their own choices. At this time, parents must learn to let go and let the children make their own choices.

#### 2. Should teachers give students advice?

The goal of teachers should be to become experts in the field of student work. They should be the ones who know the psychology of students the best. So I think teachers should give advice to students at the appropriate time, but they should be more cautious, and use their long-term accumulated work experience and life experience, bringing practical advice to students. But at the same time, teachers should also remind themselves to respect boundaries, avoid expressing opinions on every detail, and leave some room for students to make their own decisions.

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

I think people should listen to their friends' opinions. As the saying goes, "He who often asks for directions will never lose his way." Often listening to friends' opinions and suggestions can let us understand and think about problems more comprehensively, in depth and in detail. Therefore, when I encounter something, I usually ask my friends for their opinions and make judgments and decisions through their analysis from various angles. But be aware that listening to other people's opinions doesn't mean accepting them all. Everyone has different perspectives, different ages, different levels of knowledge and experience, and their opinions will also be different. The best way would be listening to your friends' opinions but also make your own judgment.

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

It is undeniable that the elderly have more life experience and work experience. When they accept suggestions, especially when they are given suggestions by people younger than themselves, they may not be easy to accept. When making suggestions, you should pay more attention to the attitude and be more humble. As for young people, you must be careful not to use a condescending attitude or force them to accept your opinions. But whether you are giving advice to the elderly or young people, you need to pay attention to the fact that you must have a sincere attitude.

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

In general, there is no definitive answer to the question of who is more or less willing to listen to advice as it greatly depends on individual personalities and circumstances. However, I can provide you with some general observations. People who are open-minded and value personal growth tend to be more willing to listen to advice. They are receptive to different perspectives and understand that seeking guidance can lead to self-improvement. On the other hand, individuals with strong egos or stubborn attitudes may be less inclined to accept advice. They may perceive it as an attack on their competence or feel threatened by alternative viewpoints. Remember, these are general tendencies and not absolute rules.

#### 6. Have you ever received any advice from professional people, like a doctor, a lawyer or a teacher?

I have received professional advice from a doctor. 2 years ago, I was very anxious about my body and wanted to lose weight before going to college. At the beginning, I searched for ways to lose weight on the Internet, but in fact these methods are very unprofessional. Afterwards, my mother took me to a hospital to find a professional doctor. After a comprehensive examination of my body, the doctor gave me a very professional opinion on weight loss. I exercised and improved my diet for two months according to the doctor's advice, and lost almost 20 pounds in a very healthy and scientific way before going to college.

### 16. 克服困难而自豪

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

***You should say:***

***What the task was***

***How you completed it***

***Why the task was difficult***

### ***Why you were proud of the completion of the task***

At least out of all the ones I know anyway one difficult task that I completed at work was leading a cross-functional team to implement a complex software upgrade in our company. This project involved upgrading the entire IT infrastructure(该项目涉及升级整个信息技术基础设施), including servers, networking equipment, and software applications.

To complete this task, I initially conducted extensive research and analysis to understand the scope of the upgrade and the potential challenges. I then developed a comprehensive project plan, outlining the key milestones, resource requirements, and timelines. I assigned specific roles and responsibilities to team members based on their expertise and coordinated with various departments to ensure smooth collaboration.

The task was particularly difficult due to the high level of technical complexity and the need for precise execution. It required seamless coordination between multiple teams, careful planning, and meticulous attention to detail(多个团队之间的无缝协调、精心策划和对细节的一丝不苟). Moreover, any errors or delays in the implementation could have disrupted critical business operations if I'm not mistaken.

I felt proud of completing this task because it demonstrated my leadership skills, problem-solving abilities, and ability to handle complex projects. The successful implementation of the software upgrade resulted in improved efficiency, enhanced security measures, and streamlined workflows across the organization(简化整个组织的工作流程). It also received positive feedback from various stakeholders, including senior management and end-users.

### **Part 3**

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

People often feel proud of various achievements and personal attributes.

Accomplishing significant life goals, such as academic degrees, career milestones, or artistic creations, can evoke a sense of pride. Likewise, acts of kindness, volunteering, or helping others can generate a profound sense of pride in one's character. Personal growth and overcoming challenges, whether it's conquering a fear or learning a new skill, can also instill a strong feeling of pride. Moreover, people may feel proud of their cultural or national identity, heritage, or family achievements. Essentially, pride arises from accomplishments, values, and qualities that hold personal significance.

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

Yes, people frequently experience a sense of pride when they successfully complete a difficult task. Overcoming challenges and accomplishing something that requires effort and perseverance often results in a profound feeling of pride. This emotion arises from the sense of achievement and self-efficacy, demonstrating that individuals can overcome obstacles and achieve their goals through determination and hard work. Such accomplishments boost self-esteem and confidence, motivating individuals to take on new challenges. Therefore, completing difficult tasks is a common source of pride and a powerful driver of personal growth and development.

3. What challenges do young people face today?

Young people today face a range of challenges in their lives. Firstly, academic pressure and competition continue to be significant stressors for young individuals. The pursuit of educational success often leads to intense competition, high expectations, and an overwhelming workload. Secondly, the rapid advancement of technology has brought about both opportunities and challenges. Young people are increasingly exposed to social media pressures, cyberbullying, and addictive behaviors related to digital devices. Finally, mental health issues such as anxiety and depression are prevalent among young individuals, often due to various societal pressures and demands they face.

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

Young people employ various strategies to tackle difficult or challenging tasks. Firstly, they often seek support and guidance from their peers, mentors, or teachers. Collaborating with others allows them to gain different perspectives, share ideas, and learn from collective experiences. Secondly, young people utilize time management and organizational skills to break down complex tasks into smaller achievable goals. Prioritizing and setting deadlines help them stay focused and motivated. Ultimately, young individuals cultivate resilience and adopt a growth mindset, understanding that challenges provide valuable opportunities for personal growth and development.

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

People receive various types of rewards from their work. Firstly, they may receive financial rewards in the form of salaries, bonuses, or incentives, which provide economic security and the ability to meet their needs and desires. Secondly, work offers individuals a sense of accomplishment and recognition, as they receive praise, promotions, and awards for their contributions and achievements. Finally, work can



be intrinsically rewarding, bringing satisfaction and fulfillment through the meaningful impact they make in their profession or society.

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

The most difficult jobs that people do vary depending on the individual's perspective and capabilities. However, some occupations are commonly considered challenging. For instance, jobs in the medical field, such as surgeons or emergency room doctors, require immense knowledge, precision, and the ability to make life- or-death decisions under extreme pressure. Similarly, professions like firefighters, police officers, and military personnel involve physical and mental stamina, as well as the willingness to put oneself in dangerous situations to protect others.

### 17.成功商人

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

*You should say:*

*Who this person is*

*How you knew him/her*

*What business he/she does*

*And explain why he/she is successful*

One successful businessperson that I know is Mr. Zhang. I got to know him through a business networking event that I attended a few years ago. He runs a family business that specializes in manufacturing and exporting high-quality furniture.

What sets Mr. Zhang apart and contributes to his success is his exceptional leadership and strategic thinking if you know what I mean. He possesses strong entrepreneurial skills(拥有强大的创业技能) and an innate ability to identify market trends and opportunities. He is always one step ahead of the competition, which has helped his business stay relevant and profitable in a highly competitive industry.

One of the reasons for Mr. Zhang's success is his unwavering commitment to delivering top-notch products(提供一流产品的坚定承诺). He believes in maintaining a high standard of quality and ensures that every product that leaves his factory meets the expectations of his clients. This dedication to excellence has not only earned him a solid reputation but also a loyal customer base.

In conclusion, Mr. Zhang's success as a businessperson is the result of his exceptional leadership qualities, absolutely, his commitment to delivering quality products, his focus on building strong relationships, and his investment in his team.



His ability to adapt to changing market dynamics and his unwavering drive for success make him a truly successful entrepreneur in the business world.

### Part 3

#### 1. What factors lead to success?

There are several factors that contribute to success. Firstly, having a clear goal and being committed to achieving it is crucial. Secondly, determination and perseverance are important qualities that help overcome obstacles. Additionally, acquiring knowledge and skills through continuous learning and self-improvement plays a significant role in success. Moreover, maintaining a positive attitude, being adaptable to change, and having effective time management skills are also influential factors.

#### 2. What do people need to sacrifice for success?

In order to achieve success, individuals often need to make certain sacrifices. Firstly, one may need to sacrifice leisure time and social activities in order to invest more time and effort into their goals. Secondly, financial sacrifices might be necessary, such as cutting back on expenses or taking on part-time jobs to support their endeavors. Additionally, individuals may need to sacrifice comfort and take risks, stepping out of their comfort zone to pursue opportunities.

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

Success in business, whether it be a family-owned enterprise or a large corporation, depends on various factors and cannot be generalized. Family businesses often possess the advantage of strong ties, shared vision, and a long-term commitment, which can foster a sense of loyalty and dedication among family members. They can also adapt quickly to changing market trends and maintain a personal touch with customers. On the other hand, large corporations have access to significant resources, economies of scale, and established networks, enabling them to expand rapidly and achieve global reach. Ultimately, success depends on effective management, strategic planning, innovation, market positioning, and the ability to adapt to dynamic business environments, regardless of the business's size or structure.

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

Achieving business success without impacting the environment can be quite challenging, but it is not impossible. With increasing awareness about environmental conservation, businesses are now focusing on adopting sustainable practices. Implementing eco-friendly policies, using renewable energy sources, reducing waste and emissions, and promoting ethical sourcing are some ways that businesses can minimize their environmental impact. Investing in research and

development of green technologies and products can also contribute to sustainable success.

5. Can you provide some examples of family businesses in your country? Certainly! China has a rich history of family businesses that have made significant contributions to its economy. One well-known example is the Alibaba Group, founded by Jack Ma, which started as an online marketplace and later expanded into various sectors like e-commerce, fintech, and cloud computing. Another example is the Haier Group, a multinational home appliances and consumer electronics company founded by Zhang Ruimin. It grew from a struggling state-owned enterprise into a globally recognized brand.

6. What qualities should be considered when recruiting employees?

When recruiting employees, several qualities should be considered to ensure the right fit for a company. Firstly, relevant skills and qualifications are important to ensure that an individual can perform their job effectively. Along with this, a candidate's experience and track record in similar roles can provide valuable insights into their capabilities. Additionally, attributes like strong communication skills, teamwork, adaptability, and problem-solving abilities are highly valued as they contribute to a positive work environment and effective collaboration.

## 18. 电脑罢工

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

***You should say:***

***When it happened***

***Where it happened***

***What the problem was***

***And explain how you solved the problem at last***

A time when I had a problem with using the computer was last year when I was working on an important project for my company to be honest with you. It happened at my office during a busy workday.

The problem I encountered was that my computer suddenly froze and became completely unresponsive. I was in the middle of finalizing a presentation that needed to be submitted to my boss later that day(我当时正在完成一份演示文稿，需要在当天晚些时候提交给我的老板), so this issue was quite frustrating and worrisome.

At first, to be honest, I tried restarting the computer, hoping that it would resolve the problem. However, even after multiple attempts, the computer remained stuck on the startup screen. I started to panic, realizing that I could potentially miss the deadline if I couldn't fix the issue quickly.

I decided to seek help from the IT department of my company. I dialed their support hotline and explained the situation to the technician. He advised me to boot the computer in safe mode and run a system diagnostics scan to identify any potential hardware or software issues.

Following the technician's instructions, I managed to boot the computer in safe mode successfully. I then ran the diagnostics scan, which identified a corrupted system file as the cause of the freezing problem(在诊断扫描中发现一个损坏的系统文件是造成冻结问题的原因). The technician guided me through the process of replacing the corrupted file with a backup copy, which ultimately resolved the issue.

To prevent future occurrences, the technician suggested that I regularly update and maintain my computer's software and drivers. He also advised me to periodically clear out unnecessary files and perform routine maintenance tasks like disk cleanup and defragmentation(如磁盘清理和碎片整理).

### Part 3

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

People often encounter problems when using new products due to several reasons. First, unfamiliarity with the product's functionality and features can lead to confusion and difficulties in operation. Second, inadequate or poorly designed user manuals or instructions can make it challenging for users to understand how to use the product effectively. Finally, lack of training or support from the manufacturer or seller can further exacerbate problems, as users may not have the necessary guidance to overcome obstacles they encounter. Overall, a combination of factors can contribute to challenges when using new products.

#### 2. How do people use digital devices to help them with their studies?

In today's digital age, students, including myself, rely heavily on digital devices to aid in our studies. Firstly, we can use laptops, tablets, or smartphones to access a vast array of online educational resources like e-books, research articles, and academic journals, providing us with instant and up-to-date information. Secondly, digital devices enable us to participate in virtual classrooms, attend online lectures, and engage in video conferences with professors and peers, promoting collaborative

learning. Overall, digital devices have revolutionized the way we study by providing easy access to information, fostering connectivity, and enhancing study efficiency.

3. Do people spend too much time looking at digital screens? Why?

Yes, people nowadays tend to spend an excessive amount of time looking at digital screens. This is primarily due to the widespread use and availability of smartphones, tablets, and computers. The rapid development of technology has made these devices an integral part of our lives. People rely on digital screens for communication, entertainment, information, and work-related tasks. Social media platforms and various apps provide endless opportunities for connection and engagement, leading individuals to constantly check their screens. Moreover, the convenience and accessibility of digital content make it difficult to resist spending more time on screens. It is essential for individuals to find a balance and limit their screen time to maintain overall well-being.

4. Do you think that parents should limit the time that their children spend using the mobile phones?

Yes, I believe that parents should limit their children's time spent using mobile phones. While technology has its benefits, excessive screen time can have negative effects on children's development. Too much time spent on mobile phones can impede their social interactions, physical activities, and academic performance. Additionally, it can affect their sleep patterns and overall mental well-being. Parents play a crucial role in setting boundaries and ensuring a healthy balance between screen time and other activities. By setting limits, parents can encourage their children to engage in face-to-face interactions, outdoor play, and educational pursuits. This helps promote a well-rounded and healthy lifestyle for children, fostering their growth and development.

5. What do people do with mobile phones?

Mobile phones have become an integral part of people's lives, serving various purposes. Firstly, communication is a key function, enabling individuals to make calls, send messages, and connect through social media platforms. Secondly, mobile phones provide access to information and entertainment, from browsing the internet to watching videos and listening to music. They also serve as a hub for productivity, offering features like calendars, reminders, note-taking, and work-related applications. Additionally, mobile phones facilitate online shopping, banking, and even health monitoring through various apps. Overall, mobile phones are versatile tools that enable communication, entertainment, information access, productivity, and more.



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

In my opinion, being addicted to playing computer games can have both positive and negative aspects. On the positive side, gaming can be a form of relaxation and entertainment. It can also cultivate problem-solving skills, enhance hand-eye coordination, and promote teamwork in certain online games. However, excessive gaming can lead to neglecting other important aspects of life, such as studies, work, and social interactions. It may also contribute to sedentary behavior and health issues. Therefore, it is crucial to find a balance between enjoying computer games and fulfilling responsibilities in order to lead a healthy and productive life.

### 19. 有用的广告

#### **Describe a good advertisement that you think is useful**

***You should say:***

***Where you can see it***

***What it shows***

***Why you think it is useful***

***And explain how you feel about it***

A good advertisement that I find useful is a television commercial that I often see during prime time shows, needless to say. It showcases a popular health supplement and can be seen on various channels.

The advertisement focuses on promoting the health benefits of the supplement, specifically highlighting how it can boost energy levels and improve overall well-being. It features vibrant visuals of people engaging in various activities (它以生动的视觉效果展示了人们从事的各种活动), such as exercising, working, and spending time with their families. The tagline emphasizes the idea of living a fulfilling and active lifestyle.

I find this advertisement useful for a few reasons. Firstly, the visuals and messaging are clear and captivating, in any sense. This helps to grab viewers' attention and convey the product's benefits effectively. Secondly, it provides information about the specific benefits of the health supplement, allowing potential consumers to make an informed decision about whether it aligns with their health goals (是否符合他们的健康目标). Lastly, the advertisement includes testimonials from satisfied customers, further instilling confidence in the product's effectiveness.

Personally, I feel positive about this advertisement because it promotes a healthy lifestyle and encourages individuals to take care of their well-being. The visuals of



energetic and happy people resonate with me, as it reminds me of the importance of maintaining a balanced lifestyle. Additionally, seeing testimonials from real customers adds credibility to the claims made by the brand.

### Part 3

#### 1. What do you think of online advertising?

I believe online advertising is a powerful and effective marketing tool in today's digital age. It allows businesses to reach a wider audience, target specific demographics, and measure the success of their campaigns with greater precision. Online advertising also offers the opportunity for better personalization and interactivity. However, there is a fine line between informative, engaging advertising and intrusive, invasive ones. Balancing the need for promotion with user privacy and consent is crucial. Overall, online advertising has transformed the way businesses promote their products and services, but ethical considerations must always be taken into account.

#### 2. Are there any great online advertisements?

Yes, there are many examples of great online advertisements that have successfully captivated audiences. One such example is the "Dumb Ways to Die" campaign by Metro Trains in Melbourne. This creative and animated video not only promoted railway safety but also went viral, gaining millions of views and recognition worldwide. Another great online advertisement is Nike's "Dream Crazy" featuring athlete Colin Kaepernick, which sparked conversation and empowered individuals to stand up for their beliefs. These advertisements effectively combine storytelling, emotion, and a strong message to leave a lasting impact on viewers.

#### 3. What do people usually buy?

People's purchasing habits vary greatly depending on their needs, preferences, and budgets. However, some common items people usually buy include groceries, clothing, electronics, household goods, personal care products, and entertainment items such as books, movies, and games. Food and beverages, including dining out, are also popular purchases. Additionally, people often invest in transportation, such as cars or bicycles, and engage in leisure activities like travel and sports.

#### 4. Why do buying new things make people happy?

Buying new things can bring happiness to people for several reasons. Firstly, acquiring new possessions represents a sense of achievement and accomplishment, boosting one's self-esteem. Secondly, new items often provide novelty and excitement, enhancing the overall mood. The anticipation of using or experiencing something different can create a sense of joy and anticipation. Moreover,

purchasing new things can serve as a form of self-expression, allowing people to showcase their tastes, interests, and individuality.

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

In this day and age, people's attention spans have decreased significantly, and they are generally more selective about the content they consume. As a result, it is unlikely that people willingly watch useless advertising. With the availability of ad-blockers and the ability to skip or fast-forward through ads, individuals tend to avoid irrelevant or unnecessary advertisements. Additionally, personalized online experiences and targeted advertising have become more prevalent, making it less likely for people to come across irrelevant ads.

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

In today's modern society, it is undeniable that advertising has become an integral part of our daily lives. While some may argue that there is an excessive amount of advertising, others may perceive it as necessary for economic growth and consumer awareness. On one hand, the constant bombardment of advertisements can be overwhelming and intrusive, invading our personal space and interrupting our daily activities. On the other hand, advertising plays a crucial role in providing information about products, services, and promotions, allowing consumers to make informed decisions. It stimulates competition, drives innovation, and supports businesses.

## 20. 钦佩的运动员

### **Describe a sportsperson you admire**

***You should say:***

***Who he/she is***

***What you know about him/her***

***What he/she is like in real life***

***What achievement he/she has made***

***And explain why you admire him/her***

One sportsperson whom I greatly admire is absolutely Roger Federer, a professional tennis player who has made a significant impact on the sport. Federer is known for his exceptional skills, sportsmanship, and remarkable achievements throughout his career.

I have been following Roger Federer's journey in the world of tennis for many years. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest tennis players of all time, and his influence on the game cannot be overstated (他对比赛的影响怎么说都不为过).

Federer's elegant playing style, incredible footwork, and effortless shot-making have captivated tennis enthusiasts worldwide.

In real life, Federer is humble, respectful, and highly disciplined. He maintains a positive attitude on and off the court, which has earned him immense respect from both fans and fellow athletes alike. Despite his numerous accomplishments, he remains grounded and approachable, always taking the time to interact with his fans and give back to the community through his philanthropic endeavors.

Federer's list of achievements is truly remarkable in any sense. He holds the record for the most Grand Slam titles won by a male player, with 20 titles to his name. Additionally, he has held the world number one ranking for a record 310 weeks, showcasing his dominance in the sport. Federer's ability to consistently perform at such a high level for such an extended period is truly awe-inspiring.

I admire Roger Federer for several reasons. Firstly, his dedication and work ethic are commendable. He continues to push himself and strive for excellence, even after achieving so much success. Secondly, his sportsmanship sets a great example for aspiring athletes. Federer always displays respect for his opponents, even in the most intense matches. Lastly, his graceful playing style and seamless technique showcase the beauty of the game in a way that is truly captivating (他优美的演奏风格和天衣无缝的技巧展现了比赛之美，着实令人着迷).

### Part 3

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

Yes, students should definitely have physical education and engage in sports at school. Physical education not only promotes physical fitness but also contributes to a student's overall development. Regular exercise helps improve cardiovascular health, muscular strength, and flexibility. It also enhances cognitive abilities, concentration, and academic performance. Hence, it is essential for schools to prioritize physical education and sports for the holistic growth of students.

#### 2. What qualities make an athlete?

The qualities that make an athlete include dedication, discipline, perseverance, and a strong work ethic. Athletes must possess physical fitness, endurance, and strength to excel in their chosen sport. They need to have exceptional focus, concentration, and mental toughness. Furthermore, athletes should demonstrate sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership skills. Being coachable, adaptable, and open to learning are also important qualities. Lastly, athletes must possess a competitive spirit and the drive to constantly improve and achieve their goals. The combination of these

qualities enables athletes to showcase their talents, compete at a high level, and reach their full potential in their respective sports.

### 3. Is talent important in sports?

Talent plays a significant role in sports, but it is not the sole determinant of success. While natural talent can provide certain advantages, it is not enough to guarantee excellence. Hard work, dedication, discipline, and consistent training are equally important. Without these qualities, even the most talented individuals may struggle to reach their full potential. Talented athletes still need to put in the effort to develop their skills, improve their technique, and enhance their performance. Ultimately, a combination of talent and hard work is crucial for achieving success in sports.

### 4. Is it easy to identify children's talents?

Identifying children's talents can be a complex process. It requires keen observation, patience, and an understanding of various domains such as sports, arts, academics, and more. Some talents may be evident from an early age, while others may emerge over time. It is important to provide children with diverse opportunities and experiences to explore their interests and strengths. Encouraging their curiosity, providing a supportive environment, and allowing them to try different activities can help uncover their talents.

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

The most popular sport in my country is football. It is not only widely played at both professional and amateur levels but also has a massive following among fans. Every weekend, stadiums are filled with passionate supporters cheering for their favorite teams. Football matches are also televised, attracting millions of viewers. The sport has become deeply ingrained in our culture, with many young children dreaming of becoming professional football players.

### 6. Why are there so few top athletes?

The scarcity of top athletes can be attributed to several factors. Firstly, becoming a top athlete requires immense talent and dedication. Only a small percentage of individuals possess the genetic predisposition and innate abilities necessary to excel in sports. Additionally, the journey to becoming a top athlete is arduous and demanding, requiring years of rigorous training, sacrifice, and perseverance. Many aspiring athletes may lack the necessary resources, opportunities, or support systems to pursue their athletic dreams. Moreover, the competition in the sports industry is fierce, with only a limited number of spots available at the elite level.



Therefore, the combination of factors such as talent, hard work, opportunity, and resources contribute to the scarcity of top athletes.

## 21.想法有趣的人

### **Describe a person who always has interesting ideas or opinions**

**You should say:**

**Who this person is**

**What this person does**

**How you knew him/her**

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

One person who never fails to come up with interesting ideas and opinions is my colleague, John. John is a marketing manager in our company and is known for his innovative thinking and unique perspective on various topics.

I first got to know John when we started working together on a project last year if I'm not mistaken. Since then, I have had the opportunity to witness his creative thinking firsthand. Whether it is brainstorming sessions or team meetings, John always brings fresh and out-of-the-box ideas to the table. His ability to think outside the box and challenge conventional wisdom is truly remarkable.

What makes John's ideas and opinions particularly interesting is his ability to analyze situations from different angles. He has a way of connecting unrelated concepts and finding solutions that are not initially obvious(他有办法将不相关的概念联系起来，找到最初并不明显的解决方案。). This unique approach often leads to innovative strategies and successful outcomes for our projects.

I find John's ideas and opinions fascinating because they push me to think beyond the obvious and challenge my own perspectives if you know what I mean. He encourages us to question the status quo and explore new possibilities. Moreover, his ability to articulate complex concepts in a simple manner is commendable.

### Part 3

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

Children start to have their own opinions at different ages, but typically it begins around the age of 5 or 6. At this stage, they start to develop their own thoughts and preferences, and their ability to express themselves improves. They may start questioning things, forming their own beliefs, and expressing their likes and dislikes. However, it's important to note that the development of individual opinions can vary greatly from child to child, depending on their environment, upbringing, and personal experiences.





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

Children's opinions are often influenced by their parents. Parents play a significant role in shaping their children's beliefs, values, and perspectives. Through daily interactions, discussions, and modeling behavior, parents indirectly imprint their own views onto their children. Additionally, children naturally look up to their parents as role models and tend to adopt their opinions unconsciously. Hence, while parental influence is strong, it is not the sole determinant of children's opinions.

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

Smart children are likely to be influenced by a variety of factors. Firstly, they may be influenced by their parents who provide guidance and shape their educational goals. Additionally, smart children often build relationships with peers who share similar intellectual interests, causing mutual influence and the exchange of ideas. They may also be influenced by teachers, mentors, or experts in their field of interest who provide valuable knowledge and guidance.

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

Inventors and philosophers come up with new ideas through a combination of creativity, knowledge, and critical thinking. They often rely on observation and analysis of the world around them, identifying problems or areas that can be improved. They engage in extensive research to understand existing theories, concepts, and technologies related to their field. Brainstorming, allowing their minds to wander and make connections between seemingly unrelated ideas, is another common approach.

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

No, there are not only old ideas from books or previous writers. In today's rapidly changing world, new ideas and perspectives constantly emerge from various sources such as research studies, social interactions, personal experiences, and technological advancements. While books and previous writers can provide valuable insights and knowledge, they are not the sole providers of ideas. People's creativity and innovative thinking play a crucial role in generating fresh ideas that shape our society and drive progress. It is important to explore diverse sources and let our own thoughts and observations contribute to the evolution of ideas.

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

In my country, people who have a penchant for curiosity, open-mindedness, and critical thinking tend to have lots of great ideas. These individuals are not afraid to challenge existing norms and explore new possibilities. They actively seek

knowledge through reading, research, and engaging in intellectual discussions.

Moreover, those who embrace diverse perspectives and value collaboration often generate innovative ideas by combining different insights and experiences.

## 22.美丽城市

### *Describe a beautiful city*

*You should say:*

*Where the city is*

*How you knew the city*

*What buildings the city has*

*What it is famous for*

*And explain why you think this city is beautiful*

One beautiful city that I would love to describe is Prague, the capital city of the Czech Republic. I had the pleasure of visiting Prague a few years ago and was instantly captivated by its charm and rich history.

Prague is famous for its stunning architecture and well-preserved historic buildings. The city is adorned with magnificent landmarks such as the Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, and Old Town Square. These iconic structures showcase a blend of architectural styles, including Gothic, Baroque, and Renaissance, which give the city a unique and enchanting atmosphere. (这些标志性建筑融合了哥特式、巴洛克式和文艺复兴式等多种建筑风格，为这座城市增添了独特而迷人的气息。)

It appears to me that a notable building is the Charles Bridge, a picturesque stone bridge adorned with statues and offering splendid views of the Vltava River. It has become an iconic symbol of Prague and a popular spot for locals and tourists to enjoy the city's beauty.

In conclusion, Prague is a truly beautiful city that impresses visitors with its stunning architecture, rich history, and cultural heritage. The city's iconic landmarks, such as the Prague Castle and Charles Bridge (布拉格城堡和查理大桥), reflect its fascinating past. I feel fortunate to have experienced the splendor of Prague and highly recommend it as a destination for anyone seeking a blend of beauty, history, and culture.

Part 3

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

Modern towns and modern cities have several differences. Firstly, in terms of size, towns are generally smaller and more compact than cities. Cities tend to be larger and more populous, with a dense population and a wider range of amenities.



Secondly, cities typically offer more job opportunities and a greater variety of industries. They often have better infrastructure, including transportation systems and educational institutions. Lastly, cities usually have a more cosmopolitan atmosphere with a diverse population, multicultural events, and an abundance of entertainment options.

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

People have different reasons for enjoying visiting historical sites. Firstly, historical sites provide a glimpse into the past, allowing people to learn and appreciate history and culture. They offer a tangible connection to our ancestors and their achievements, fostering a sense of identity and pride. Additionally, historical sites often possess architectural beauty and artistic value, attracting those who appreciate the aesthetics. Lastly, some people find solace and inspiration in the peaceful and serene ambiance of historical sites, offering a break from the fast-paced modern world.

#### 3. How can people preserve historical buildings?

Preserving historical buildings requires a collective effort from both the government and the public. Firstly, governments should enact strict laws to protect historical buildings and establish preservation bodies to oversee their maintenance. Financial incentives and tax benefits can be provided to encourage private investors and businesses to contribute to preservation efforts. Education and awareness campaigns should be conducted to highlight the cultural significance of these buildings. Additionally, the public can play a crucial role by supporting initiatives that aim to restore and maintain historical structures. This can be done through donations, volunteering, or participating in heritage tours. By working together, we can ensure the preservation of these important landmarks for future generations.

#### 4. Is it the government's responsibility to preserve historic cities and historic buildings?

Yes, I believe it is the government's responsibility to preserve historic cities and buildings. Historic cities and buildings hold immense cultural, architectural, and historical significance. They showcase the heritage and traditions of a nation and contribute to its national identity. The government has the resources and authority to enforce regulations and allocate funds for the preservation and restoration of these sites. By doing so, they ensure that future generations can appreciate and learn from our past. Additionally, preserving historic cities and buildings can boost tourism, stimulate economic growth, and provide job opportunities. Hence, the

government plays a crucial role in safeguarding these valuable assets for the benefit of society as a whole.

5. Does historic preservation contradict economic development?

Historic preservation does not necessarily contradict economic development. In fact, it can contribute to economic growth. By preserving historic buildings and sites, cities can attract tourists, which in turn generates revenue for local businesses. Additionally, preservation projects create jobs in construction and restoration sectors. The charm and character of historic areas can also increase property values and promote sustainable development. However, there may be cases where the cost of preservation outweighs the economic benefits. Overall, finding a balance between historic preservation and economic development is crucial to ensure the long-term prosperity of a city or region.

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

In the future, historic places and buildings are likely to undergo several changes. Many of them will be preserved and protected, thanks to increased awareness about their cultural and historical value. Governments and organizations will invest more in their maintenance and restoration to ensure their longevity. However, urban development and population growth may lead to the destruction or alteration of some historic sites. Limited resources, competing interests, and lack of public support could also pose challenges. It is crucial for communities to actively engage in heritage conservation and for governments to enact strict preservation laws and policies. Only with such concerted efforts can we secure the future of our historic places and buildings.

23. 一起学习/工作的成功人士

**Describe a successful person who you once studied or worked with**

***You should say:***

***Who this person is***

***When you studied/worked with this person***

***What you did together***

***What this person did to become successful And explain how you felt about studying or working with this person***

I once had the privilege of studying and working with a remarkable individual named John during my time at a multinational corporation. I had the opportunity to collaborate with him for approximately two years, from 2018 to 2020.



We worked together on various projects within our department, where John consistently demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills and a strong work ethic. He always took the initiative to lead teams and streamline processes, which greatly contributed to the success of our projects. His attention to detail and ability to think critically ensured that every task was executed flawlessly.

What impressed me most about John was his relentless pursuit of personal and professional growth. He continuously sought out new challenges and responsibilities, never settling for mediocrity(他不断寻求新的挑战和责任，从不甘于平庸). He actively sought feedback from colleagues and superiors, using it to improve his performance.

Being in John's presence was inspiring. His dedication to excellence motivated me to push myself further and strive for greatness. He regularly shared his knowledge and expertise, fostering a collaborative and supportive work environment. Despite his achievements, he remained humble and approachable, always offering guidance and advice when needed.

Working alongside such a successful person like John was a remarkable experience. His determination and drive in everything he did inspired me to set higher goals for myself. I felt privileged to witness firsthand the qualities(我很荣幸能亲眼目睹这些品质) that led to his success and learned invaluable lessons that I will carry with me throughout my career.

### Part 3

#### 1. Is money the only measure of success in your country?

In my country, money is not the only measure of success. While financial stability and wealth are important factors, there are other aspects that contribute to one's definition of success. Many people value personal achievements, such as education, professional accomplishments, and personal growth. Additionally, factors like good health, strong relationships, and a fulfilling work-life balance are also considered indicators of success. Cultural and societal values play a role too, with some emphasizing spiritual fulfillment, community contributions, or moral values as important measures of success. Ultimately, success is subjective and varies from person to person, reflecting individual aspirations and priorities.

#### 2. How do you define whether one is a successful person?

The definition of a successful person may vary depending on individual perspectives. In my opinion, a successful person can be defined based on their



accomplishments, personal growth, and impact on others. Firstly, achieving personal goals, such as academic or career milestones, indicates success. Secondly, continuous self-improvement and learning contribute to personal growth and development. Lastly, making a positive difference in the lives of others through kindness, inspiring others, or contributing to society reflects success. Overall, success is not solely determined by material wealth or status, but rather by the fulfillment of one's ambitions and the positive influence they have on themselves and those around them.



### 3. What is the standard of success in your country?

In my country, the standard of success is often measured by academic achievements and career accomplishments. Obtaining a high-quality education from a prestigious university and having a well-paid job are considered signs of success. Additionally, financial stability, social status, and material possessions are also valued. However, success can mean different things to different individuals, and some may prioritize personal happiness, fulfilling relationships, or making a positive impact on society. Ultimately, the standard of success in my country is a combination of academic excellence, professional achievements, and societal recognition.

### 4. Is there a controversy between success and happiness?

There is often a debate regarding the relationship between success and happiness. Some argue that success automatically leads to happiness, as achieving goals and recognition can bring a sense of fulfillment and joy. However, others believe that success alone does not guarantee happiness. They argue that external achievements may not align with personal values or bring genuine contentment. Happiness is subjective and can be found in various aspects of life, such as nurturing relationships, pursuing passions, and maintaining good physical and mental health. Ultimately, striking a balance between success and happiness involves defining individual priorities and finding fulfillment in both external achievements and internal well-being.

### 5. Is it easy to succeed in the national tests in your country?

In my country, succeeding in national tests can be quite challenging. These tests are designed to assess a student's knowledge and aptitude in various subjects. They typically require extensive preparation, including studying a wide range of topics and practicing exam-specific strategies. Moreover, the competition among students is often high, as many individuals aim for top scores to secure admission into prestigious universities or pursue specific career paths. While the difficulty level may vary depending on the specific test and field of

study, it generally requires dedication, hard work, and effective study habits to achieve success in national tests in my country.

#### 6. What are the factors that influence students' grades at school?

There are multiple factors that influence students' grades at school. Firstly, a student's level of intelligence and aptitude for certain subjects can affect their academic performance. Secondly, the quality of teaching and classroom environment play an important role. Good teachers, interactive lessons, and a supportive learning atmosphere can positively impact grades. Additionally, a student's level of motivation, determination, and study habits can also impact their grades. Time management skills, effective note-taking, and regular study routines are crucial. Furthermore, external factors like family support, access to resources, and socio-economic background can influence academic success as well.

### 24.一同参加的兴奋活动

#### **Describe an exciting activity that you experienced with someone else**

***You should say:***

***What the activity was***

***Who you were with***

***When and where it happened***

***Why you went for it***

***And explain how you felt about it***

One exciting activity that comes to mind is rock climbing, which I experienced with my close friend Rachel. It happened last summer during our trip to the picturesque mountains of Colorado, USA. We decided to try rock climbing because we wanted to challenge ourselves and embrace the thrill of conquering steep cliffs.

As beginners, we booked a guided rock climbing tour at a stunning national park. The activity took place on a sunny morning amidst the breathtaking natural landscape. Equipped with safety gear and under the guidance of experienced instructors, we embarked on our vertical adventure. (配备好安全装备，在经验丰富的教练的指导下，我们开始了垂直探险)

The feeling of clinging to the rocky surfaces and relying solely on our strength and determination was incredibly exhilarating. Each step brought a mix of adrenaline and intensity. As we reached higher altitudes, the panoramic view from the mountainside fueled our excitement and sense of accomplishment. (当我们到达更高的海拔时，从山腰俯瞰的全景让我们更加兴奋，也更有成就感)

During the climb, trust and teamwork were paramount. My bond with Rachel strengthened as we encouraged and supported each other through every challenging maneuver. The satisfaction of reaching the summit, overlooking the vast expanse below, was indescribable. It instilled in us a sense of empowerment and a realization of our potential to overcome physical and mental obstacles.

Overall, that rock climbing experience was truly memorable. The combination of beautiful scenery, physical exertion, and the connection formed with my friend made it an unforgettable adventure. It not only provided a thrilling activity but also taught me the value of pushing my boundaries and embracing the unknown.

### Part 3

#### 1. What kinds of activities do young people like to do?

Young people these days engage in a variety of activities. Many enjoy pursuing their hobbies such as painting, playing musical instruments, or writing poetry, as it allows them to express their creativity and relax. Fitness activities such as yoga, running, and dancing are also popular among young people, helping them stay active and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Additionally, socializing with friends through hanging out at cafes, attending parties, or going to concerts and music festivals is quite common. Moreover, young people often indulge in watching movies and TV series, reading books, or exploring new places for leisure and personal growth.

#### 2. Why do some young people like adventurous activities?

There are various reasons why some young people are fond of adventurous activities. Firstly, adventurous activities provide a break from the mundane routine of everyday life and offer an adrenaline rush that many find addictive. Secondly, such activities promote personal growth and development by pushing individuals out of their comfort zones and challenging their limits. They foster resilience, problem-solving skills, and self-confidence. Additionally, adventurous activities often allow young people to bond with others who share similar interests, creating strong friendships and lasting memories. Lastly, these activities enable individuals to appreciate and connect with nature, nurturing a sense of environmental consciousness.

#### 3. Do you think old people would like to have changes?

Yes, I believe that many older people also appreciate and desire changes in their lives. While some may prefer stability and routine, others understand the importance of adapting to new experiences and embracing change. Changes can bring excitement, variety, and a sense of personal growth for older individuals. They may enjoy exploring new hobbies, learning new skills, traveling to different

places, or even making new social connections. Additionally, changes can help older people stay mentally and physically active, promoting overall well-being and a more fulfilling life. Ultimately, everyone, regardless of age, has their own preferences and inclinations towards change.

#### 4. Why can exciting activities relieve people's stress?

Exciting activities can relieve people's stress due to a few reasons. Firstly, when engaging in exciting activities, such as sports or adventure, individuals experience an adrenaline rush. This release of adrenaline helps in reducing stress hormones and promoting a sense of relaxation. Secondly, participating in exciting activities enables people to temporarily escape their daily routine and immerse themselves in enjoyable experiences. This distraction from stressors allows individuals to recharge and forget about their worries temporarily. Lastly, exciting activities often involve physical exertion, which helps release endorphins in the body, known as "feel-good" hormones, resulting in reduced stress and improved mood. Overall, engaging in exciting activities offers a healthy way to manage and alleviate stress.

#### 5. Can you give some (other) examples of adventurous or risky activities?

There are several exhilarating and daring activities that people can engage in. Examples include skydiving, where individuals jump from an aircraft and freefall before deploying a parachute. Another activity is rock climbing, where climbers scale steep cliffs using ropes and specialized equipment. Bungee jumping involves leaping off a high structure while attached to an elastic cord. White-water rafting involves navigating through fast-flowing rivers in inflatable rafts. Paragliding allows participants to glide through the air using a parachute-like wing. Additionally, activities like scuba diving, mountaineering, zip-lining, base jumping, and off-road racing also offer thrilling experiences. It's important to prioritize safety by receiving proper training and following guidelines provided by professionals.

#### 6. What skills do people need to take part in adventurous activities?

To participate in adventurous activities, individuals need a range of skills. Firstly, physical fitness is essential for endurance, strength, and agility. This enables them to navigate challenging terrains and perform tasks effectively. Secondly, problem-solving skills are crucial for overcoming obstacles and making quick decisions in unpredictable situations. Thirdly, risk assessment abilities help individuals evaluate potential dangers and take necessary precautions. Moreover, teamwork and communication skills are essential for collaboration with others during adventurous activities. Finally, a positive attitude, adaptability, and resilience are crucial in dealing with unexpected situations and maintaining mental well-being. These skills together ensure a safe and enjoyable adventure experience.