

## Amusement park

### Q1. experience the thrilling feeling 体验到惊心动魄的感觉

This amusement park is Sweden's largest amusement park, play here, visitors can experience the thrilling feeling. 这个游乐园是瑞典的最大的游乐园，在这里游玩，游客们可以体验到惊心动魄的感觉。

### Q2. roller coaster 过山车

It's great to go on the roller coaster five times and not be sick. 能坐 5 次过山车而不吐真够棒的。

It takes courage to ride on the roller coaster for me. 对于我来说玩过山车是需要很大勇气的。

The roller coaster moved at high speed and we were screaming through the whole ride. 过山车高速地行驶着，在整个过程中我不停地尖叫。

### Q3. merry-go-round 旋转木马

Do you want to ride the Ferris wheel and merry-go-round?

想要去坐摩天轮和旋转木马吗？

### Q4. theme park 主题公园

Disneyland is an amusement park, but we also call it a theme park. 迪斯尼是一个游乐园，但我们也可以把它称为主题公园。

### Q5. Ferris wheel 摩天轮

In the small room of the ferris wheel, through the windows, we could see the night scenery of the Prater and Vienna. 在摩天轮的小房间里，透过窗户，可以看到普拉特公园以及维也纳的夜景。

## App

### Q1. What kinds of apps do you often use?

I use social apps and knowledge-sharing apps every day because the two meet my biggest two needs.

### Q2. What kinds of apps would you like to have in the future?

I think in China there are already all kinds of apps to cater to people's every specific need, so it is hard for me to even name one special original app. But i would like the future world to have more apps for knowledge sharing like Quora and Zhihu(知乎).

### Q3. What's the most popular app in your country?

Definitely the Wechat, China's number one national app. It gets nearly a user pool of 1 billion. And you know what, more than half of them are daily active users. People socialize, buy, have fun and read, basically do everything on the Wechat.

### Q4. What was the first app you used?

The first app i really used is an app for podcast, named Zune. it is an app developed by Microsoft for the windows phone. I really enjoyed it so much since I can subscribe to and automatically download all kinds of podcasts from BBC, the Guardian and so on with ease.

### Q5. Do old people in your country like to use apps?

Yeah, of course, how can the smart app developers miss out on so important and vast a population, like 3 hundred million, there are some easy and relaxing game apps for old people and they really enjoy killing some time and even have some online social life over the fun gaming time.

## Bags

### Q1. What types of bags do you use?

By and large, I'd prefer the bag with many layers and small bags inside of it, because it would be helpful to categorise my stuff, like books, assignments or pens.

### Q2. What do you put in these bags?

Usually my laptop, textbooks and stationary

### Q3. Do you usually carry a bag when you go out?

Seldom do I carry that, because I'd prefer my hands free. But I would like to have my bookbag with me, because it is on my back and doesn't occupy my hands. Apart from this, it also makes me to feel a sense of safe.

### Q4. What sorts of bags do women like to buy?

I suppose they would prefer the most fashionable one no matter how much it would cost, which I believe is rather irrational, but I could hardly understand why.

### Q5. When you are buying a bag, what factors do you consider?

For me, the usefulness ranks the top, and the price should be reasonable. and I wish it would have many layers and small bags inside of it, because it would be helpful to categorise my stuff, like books, assignments or pens.

### Q6. How do you make your choice when you are buying a bag?

I would compare its usefulness and quality to other bags, and then check whether the price is affordable for me

### Q7. Do you think the style of a bag is very important? (Why?/Why not?)

As for me that wouldn't be a problem as long as it is not too ostentatious, because I am introverted, and don't want to flaunt myself, just want to be humble and modest. Thus I care more about its utility rather than the style.

### Q8. Do you have a bag for special occasions?

I'm afraid not... because I am a person who appreciate the familiar stuff and kind of resist to attempt for the new. So I carry the same bag no matter what occasion it might be.

## Birthdays

### Q1: How important are people's birthdays in China?

#### Are birthdays highly valued in China?

Just the same as everywhere else I suspect. In fact, if anything, because of the one child policy, birthdays are probably celebrated more significantly, more meaningfully as all the love, devotion and attention is focused on one child per family. So, in China, kids are Kings and probably have better birthdays than anywhere else.

### Q2: What birthday is most valued?

Well, all birthdays are highly valued but, if you ask me, it is probably the first birthday. You know, we here in China have a tradition that when a child turns one year old, four or five things are placed around the child. Things like a passport, which means the child will travel a lot. A wallet which means prosperity and lots of money. A pen which signifies a future in writing and a book which predicts knowledge and intelligence. Whichever one the child picks up first represents his or her destiny. So, for this reason, I think the first birthday is the most eloquent and important.

### Q3: How do you celebrate birthdays?

Depending on your age, in the usual ways. I mean, when you are very young, say from the age of naught to five or six, it's usually just a family affair. A big birthday cake, lots of presents and everyone has to pick you up, which gets really annoying as you get older. Once you start school, make friends, it's kind of like you have two birthday parties. One with your family and one with your friends. The older you get the more you like having your birthday party with your friends. Sadly, when you old, really old, it's back to just the family. I don't mean that in a bad way, it's nice to have your family around you, especially when you get old.

### Q4: Do people in China do anything special to celebrate birthdays?

Special? Um, well we throw parties and, as I just said, sometimes two parties, but whether it's your family or your friends, it's either held at home or in a restaurant and have a big feast. If you're with your friends, you probably would continue partying at a bar or go to KTV or something and stay out all night.

### Q5: How do you like to celebrate your birthday?

Just in the way I just mentioned. Have a great meal with my family or friends, then trip the light fantastic and hit the nightclubs or go to KTV, or even both.

### Q6: Who do you like to spend your birthday with your parents or friends?

I like to spend my birthdays with both my parents and my friends, but not necessarily at the same time. I must celebrate with my family of course, I'm nothing without them, so they do come first. But I also love my friends so, on the day, if I can, I'll go home and celebrate with my family, then later that day

or the next I will party with my friends. They all understand.

**Q7: What did you do on your last birthday?**

1. I went home to see my family. The whole gang was there, my parents, uncles and aunties, my grandparents and my cousins. Twelve people in all. We went to this fancy restaurant, I can't remember it's name, but it was really a posh place. Dad really splashed out because the prices in the menu were astronomical. That just tells me how much he loves me.
2. Well, as I am studying in (put the name of the city you are studying in here), and I couldn't go home to be with my family, all my friends decided to throw me a surprise birthday party. Actually, they had been planning it for weeks and I, I did not have a clue. Although none of us are really rich, everyone chipped in enough money to take me to this great Sichuan restaurant, my favorite kind of food and we ate and drank ourselves silly. We all pigged out, sang songs and had a fantastic time. And I did not have to pay a cent.

**Q8: Do you think it's important for people to celebrate birthdays?**

I can't think of anything sadder than someone not celebrating their birthday. One must be really down in the dumps not to celebrate it. I mean, even if you are alone, like you are someplace other than your home, or even if you don't have many friends, I think there is nothing wrong in going to a movie, a bar, or just a walk in the park on a nice day alone. Who knows, you might meet that special someone. It wouldn't be the first time. It's your birthday, yours, and even if you are alone, you should celebrate it.

**Q9: Are birthdays more important for children or for adults?**

Actually, the younger the child, the more important it is for the adults. As we get older it swings the other way. When the child gets to be around seven or eight years old, they know what birthdays are all about and that is, what did you get me, where is my present. Young teenagers are the same. Only after our late teens and into our twenties does the pendulum swing back to young children.

**Q10: What's the meaning of birthdays?**

It's your day! The day you were born, your first breath, first touch and taste. It's special to you and to all those that love and like you. Life is so short, so each and every birthday must be celebrated to shove your finger up at mortality.

## Chocolate

### Q1.How often do you eat chocolate?

Chocolate is really yummy! I eat one chocolate bar every two days. I also know that eating chocolate regularly can even improve health and lower the risk of heart disease.

### Q2.What' s your favorite flavor?

I prefer milk chocolate – perhaps with sultanas and nuts. Dark chocolate is a bit bitter for me, although I think it' s supposed to be better for your health-wise. I like dark chocolate flavoured with orange.

### Q3.Is chocolate expensive in China?

Chocolate has become much more popular in China in recent years. You can buy locally-made chocolate, which is cheaper, but if you buy international brands it' s quite expensive.

### Q4.When was the first time you ate chocolate?

I can' t remember when my chocolate obsession began, although my mum is a big chocolate fan, so I imagine she introduced me to chocolate at an early age! Animal shaped chocolate biscuits used to be my favourite choice as a child.

### Q5.Is chocolate popular in China?

Chinese people eat far less chocolate than Europeans, for example, but it is rapidly becoming more popular. In the last ten years, foreign chocolate has really caught on and these days it' s widely available. Many people would prefer to pay more for better quality chocolate.

## Cities

### Q1: Do you like the city you live in now?

Of course, there are many characteristics in Shanghai. First of all, urban transportation is very convenient and fast. Everywhere, you can get there by subway, sometimes faster than driving. Road greening is also perfect, and both sides of the road tree growth is very luxuriant, especially cool when walking in summer. Second, there are many shopping malls and bars. On weekends, you can go shopping. In addition, you can go to a bar to have some wine and relax. Finally, the most important thing is that my family and friends are in this city, whether happy or upset, you can talk to them.

### Q2: Do you like to live in country or city?

I prefer the countryside. Although there are no convenient and fast means of transportation, there are many boulevards. Walking in the summer is especially cool on the road. Besides, there are many lakes in my hometown. In summer, you can swim and boating, you can enjoy maple leaves in autumn, and you can skate on the lake in winter. Because of very few vehicles, the air is so fresh that it is very suitable for running at night. But the most memorable thing is food, especially fish dumplings, especially juicy and tender. Therefore, my hometown is my favorite city, it carries a lot of beautiful memories.

### Q3: Which city you have been to recently?

I have been to Beijing recently. It is a city with a long history. In Beijing, you can see the rich historical buildings and modern architecture. The most memorable is the Forbidden City, standing on the wall, you can see the golden glazed tiles, symbolizing power in traditional Chinese culture, a special shock. Beijing's Hutongs, let me feel the colorful life of the local residents, they are warmhearted, make me feel at home. However, the only disadvantage is that there are too many people, the subway is very crowded, and it takes a lot of time to get on and off each time.

### Q4: Which city do you like?

I like New York. First, there are many modern buildings, such as the Empire State Building, the Brooklyn Bridge and so on, which have appeared in books. Secondly, there are many museums, such as MOMA and MET. Many of the cultural relics in the collection are worth visiting, such as Egyptian mummies, Palace Museum relics, and European cultural relics. These museums collect cultural relics from all over the world and expand my knowledge. New York cuisine, such as hot dogs, ShakShack, and so on, has been recommended in many food magazines, hoping to have a chance to taste it in person.

### Q5: What kind of city do you like?

A city that I like will have to meet three conditions. First, the transportation is convenient. I am afraid of driving, so I can only choose public transport, and the city's traffic construction is very important. Second, a city that I like needs lots of parks because it can run and have picnics on weekends. Beautiful environment can also help me release stress. Third, there are many shopping malls. I am a shopaholic, so more shopping malls can give me more choices.

## Color

**Q1: What color do you like? Why?**

*Answer 1:*

I prefer red. In China, red is associated with life and good luck. A traditional Chinese bride wears something red on her wedding day, such as her wedding gown and handkerchief used to cover her head, in the hope that it will bring her and her bridegroom some luck in future.

*Answer 2:*

Yellow is my favorite color. First of all, to me, yellow symbolizes the sun. What I mean to say is that it reminds me of energy and warmth. Secondly, yellow is a bright color as opposed to dull colors like brown and gray. For instance, brown and gray usually make me feel depressed. Lastly, I would like to mention that yellow is a practical color. That is to say, you can wear yellow with almost any color, and it does not get dirty too easily.

**Q2: Do colors have some symbolic meaning in China?**

Yes, colors certainly have a lot of meaning in China. Please allow me to explain. Firstly, it is significant that the national flag of China has a red background. Red is symbolic, for example, of a vibrant life, which we believe are one of the dominant characteristics of the country and its people. It also signifies good luck, so a bride would wear some red on her wedding day. In addition, I think that yellow has a specific meaning to Chinese people. For example, we believe that it symbolizes the energy radiated by the sun, which in turn is the primary source of life. In addition, however, it also signifies the obscene, as opposed to blue in the most of the western cultures. For example, here a 'blue movie', would be called a 'yellow movie'. Lastly, I think that white has a special meaning to us. To be more specific, in times of sadness and mourning, we use white to express our feelings, as opposed to black in most of the western cultures.



## Crowded Place

### Q1: What places do you think are the crowded area?

In general, the railway station is the most crowded area in my mind, especially during the holiday, the passengers even cannot find a seat in the railway station. Besides, in China, the hospital is also a crowded area during the morning, as the patients have to get early to get the limited chances to see the famous doctor and check their health.

### Q2: When was the last time you were in the crowded area?

Three days ago, I went to X city with my boyfriend and we travelled by train, but we did not buy the tickets in advance, so that we did have a seat on the train. We stood in the coach and it was so crowded there We stood with 18 persons.

### Q3: How do you feel when you are in the crowded place?

I feel sad and upset in the crowded place and I want to get out of the crowded place. I hate the crowded place, especially the noisy place. Recently, I am preparing the IELTS test and the majority part of my time are used for remembering the English words, so that I avoid staying in the crowded and noisy places.

## Dream in childhood

### Q1: What was your dream when you were young?

I wanted to be a doctor at first, and then an actor, which I have not yet achieved neither.

### Q2: Has it changed?

Of course, both of them were out when I get close enough to them and find the nasty truth and details about the two profession, since I don't feel powerful enough to handle them.

### Q3: Will it change in the future?

My childhood dreams are elusive and long gone, and my adult one is more realistic: get a good life-long career in Education and lead a meaningful family life with my wife full of travelling and cuisine.

### Q4: Why did you have that dream?

Inspiring figures always tell us to dream big, but I never buy it. I find my life will be totally great and fulfilling even I dream something smaller and more common. Maybe the feel of down-to-earthiness(踏实谦逊) gives me more aspiration and sense of genuineness of the world.

## Eating

### Q1. When do you have meals?

Like the majority of the white-collars in China, I eat meals at around 12:30pm and 6:00pm. I usually have about 30 minutes to finish it at some fast-food restaurants like KFC or something.

### Q2. Who do you often have meals with?

I often dine alone. This is probably mainly because I work all day long during my weekdays, and there's actually no that efficient time for me to eat out with someone.

### Q3. Do you often eat out?

Not really. Like I said most of my time has been taken up by my work, so I only got quite a little time to eat out. I often order some foods on Elema, which is a kind of online food delivery service.

### Q4. Do you like to eat at home or outside?

I absolutely love to eat at home. Eating at home allows me to talk to my family and my friends, which is kind of warm. I don't really want to eat like a horse which is about to start another long walk.

### Q5. What's our favorite restaurant?

Well, it's hard to say. But I'd say it's restaurant called BAYILAOYE, which is from Xinjiang. I love the dishes there. It looks not that beautiful but somehow really suits my appetite.

## Forest

### Q1. Do you like trees?

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

### Q2. Are there any important trees in your country?

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

### Q3. Is there a forest near your hometown?

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

### Q4. Would you like to live in a place that has a lot of trees?

Yes, I'm really into getting close to nature cos I believe it's the most healthy and natural way of living.

### Q5. Where can one find trees (or forests) in your country?

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

### Q6. Do you think places with trees attract more visitors than places with few trees?

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

### Q7. Did you ever climb trees when you were a child?

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

### Q8. Have you ever planted a tree?

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

### Q9. Do you think more people should plant trees?

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

## Friends

### Q1.Are your friends mostly your age or different age? Why?

Most of my friends are my age and I have a few friends who are senior to me. The reason I have friends of my age is because they were mostly my classmates initially and then became my good friends. Majority of my friends are from my high school and college and that naturally make them to be my age.

### Q2.Do you prefer one or two close friends or many friends?

When I was in my early teenage, I preferred many friends but nowadays I have few friends but they are very close to me. So I would say, I prefer having few close friends than having too many ordinary friends.

### Q3.Do you usually see your friends during week or at weekends? Why?

I usually see my friends during weekends. Week days are busy days and after I get back home in the evening, I prefer to stay at home with my family members.

### Q4.Do you prefer to stay alone or with your friends?

I usually prefer to be with my friends. However there are times when I need my personal time and in this case I prefer solitude rather than companies.

### Q5.The last time you saw your friends, what did you do together?

Well, we played badminton together and had our dinner in a nearby restaurant. That's the last thing I can recall doing with my friends and that would about a week ago.

### Q6.What do you prefer: going out with your friends or spending your spare time staying at home?

That depends. Sometimes I prefer being with my friends and sometimes I prefer staying at home with my family members. I try to maintain a balance in terms of spending time with my friends and with my family. For example, while playing any outdoor sports, I prefer going out with friends.

### Q7.Do you have many friends? Why? Why not?

As I've already said, I had many friends when I was in my high school. But these days I have comparatively fewer close friends.

### Q8.Are friends as important to you as family?

To me my family is more important. However, this does not make my friends less important to me. Naturally family comes first for almost everybody and then the friendship. I am no exception.

### Q9.What do you expect from a good friend?

Well, that's a tough question! Not that I have not thought about it, but I have never drawn a solid conclusion about it! Umm, my expectation from a good friend is that he would be a good companion, good listener, would criticize me whenever needed, would be supportive and positive. He must be honest and would have a sense of humour.

## Garbage

### Q1. Do you think your city is clean or not?

Actually I think my city is pretty clean. Although it can be a bit dirty sometimes after huge rain or great events, the city is always taken care of by a bunch of hardworking cleaners, who help the city maintain clean and beautiful. As citizens, we should keep our city clean as well.

### Q2. How do you feel when you see people throwing garbage on the street?

When witnessing people throwing garbage on the street, I always feel very angry, because I think as citizens we all have the responsibility to take care of the city and abide by the regulations. Only by doing this can we build a beautiful and clean home.

### Q3. Why do some people throw garbage on the street?

From my understanding, I think people throw garbage on the street mainly because they find it is a more convenient way to get rid of the garbage than throwing it in the garbage bin. Also, I would say it is because there are not enough garbage bins around the city.

### Q4. What do you do with garbage when you are on the street?

When I am on the street, first of all I myself would never throw garbage randomly, and would always help keep the street clean. Secondly, if I pass by a piece of garbage on the street, I usually volunteer to pick it up and throw it into the nearest garbage bin.

## Gifts

### Q1: Do you often give gifts to people?

Well, I guess that gift giving is a pretty disturbing thing. Well, for one thing, it's hard for me to find valuable gifts for my friends or family. I've no idea on their preference and taste and I'm so afraid of that they don't feel happy when they receive my present.

### Q2: Do you and your friends or family members give each other gifts?

Well, yes, I often buy something unique from other countries to my friends and family members. It's about my care and love. However, some people give expensive gifts in hopes of receiving an expensive one, which becomes a competition. It ruins the original purpose of sending gifts.

### Q3: Do you think it's easy to choose what to give other people?

No, it's really a challenging task for me to select an excellent and much-appreciated gift, because people have different personality and people are fickle, just like my friends, you know, they change their taste easily and it's really hard to find what they really want.

### Q4: Do you think it's important to give expensive gifts?

No, it's totally unnecessary. Gifts don't mean material object all the time and can be something special, including forgiveness and kindness.

### Q5: In China, is it necessary to bring a gift when you visit someone?

Well, I think it's expected. It's common etiquette to bring some gifts if someone invites you over for dinner, you know like, a box of chocolate, a bottle of wine or stuff like that. Well, on top of that, gifts are often wrapped in wrapping paper, especially red wrapping.

### Q6: What kinds of gifts do Chinese usually send to each other?

Well, it varies. It depends on to whom people send the gifts. If it is for the elderly people, some health care products and multifunctional massagers would be good choices; if it is for the young guys, they fancy those hi-tech products like iPhone, iPod, iTouch or PSP. But these chic things are not something that everyone can afford, so some delicate handmade cards might be a nicer plan B.

## Haircut

### Q1. How often do you have your hair cut?

It usually depends on if I need to attend a special occasion or not.

Normally, I cut it once a month, since my hair doesn't grow that fast, I just need a quick trim to maintain the length and style.

If there are some parties or ceremonies where I need to dress to the nines, you can bet I'll go straight to the salon to get the latest look. I like being trendy and getting a little extra attention when I'm at a big event with lots of new people.



## Handicraft

### Q1.Do you like to collect things made by hand?

No, I am not a collector of any kind. The only thing that can fall into the category is a paper rose that I learnt to make in the hope of making some difference about that relationship, but to no avail.

### Q2.Did you ever take handicrafts lessons at school?

Yes, there were labour skill lessons when I was in the preliminary school. But guess what, it was one of many courses called subsidiary course that would always be marginalized. so skill acquired.

### Q3.Did you ever made anything by hand when you were a child?

Of course, every kid once wished to be a good stuff maker that can create the special out of the ordinary. clumsy as I am, the best thing I can make is the paper plane. it is cheap, easy to make, and most importantly it was great fun to set it free out of windows and see it sliding in the wind.

### Q4.Do you think handicrafts are meaningful activities?

Of course it is fundamentally meaningful. There is a time when craftsmen were highly respected and blue-collar jobs are widely desired in china. It is a pity that this era is gone. I always admire those who can make some wooden, paper, steel gadgets from some basic materials, and who can fix the house wire/drainage/toilet problem by their own, I believe every kids want that kind of father and every girl wants that kind of husband. That skill makes you resourceful, dependable and thus trustworthy.

### Q5.Do you think children should learn more about handicraft?

Definitely yes especially it is an age when the whole fancy electronic devices mesmerise children like drugs. Children are more than ever in need of being pulled away from the screen and having some real and constructive contact with the real material world. Learning through making by hand is best way I can imagine for children to fully explore their creative potential. And as say, it is pure fun.

### Q6.Is there anything that you would like to make by hand in the future?

I currently keep three deserted baby cats and they are temporarily living in a cardboard, so I would like to build three independent cat houses by hand and tools, and maybe a loo as well. The whole thing is still in the making and I hope they can be newly housed soon.

## History

### Q1. Do you like history?

Yes. I love history very much. According to my first history teacher, there are many branches in history including war history, political history, economic, social, international and ancient. My favorite is the Chinese ancient history.

### Q2. Do you think history is important?

Yes, of course. From history we can use knowledge of past events to study things that aren't currently happening. For example, we sometimes need to learn about war while we are still in peacetime. Also history helps us know how our culture is developed so that we get a better understanding of our present.

### Q3. Does china have a long history?

Yes, definitely. China is one of the four great ancient civilizations. It has five thousand years of history during the Chinese ancient myth. Calculated from Qin Dynasty, the first united empire, it still has two thousand and two hundred years of history.

### Q4. Do you think you can learn history from films or TV programs?

By some means yes. But I can't agree with it completely. There're many documentaries and forums dedicated to tell us about real history, meanwhile some films and TV series that tell stories in the past actually don't have anything to do with history. Some audience might get confused or even misled by them.

### Q5. Do you think the internet is a good way to learn about history?

Yes, I think so. We can get lots of information from the internet, including old photos and films, articles and books written by famous people and so on. All these are good ways to learn about history. And we can get them free instantly. With that we no longer need to buy tons of books or go to the library.

**home/accommodation****Q1. Do you live in a house or a flat?**

I live in a flat although I always envy those who own a big house in the suburban areas. My flat is situated in the city centre where provides easy access to my workplace. However, people who live in the big house enjoy more spacious room and can do their gardening, you know, trimming the grass, taking care of flowers and stuff like that.

**Q2. How long have you lived there?**

Well, I have been living there with my parents for about three years. We fell in love with it the first day we moved in. it is really comfortable and very quiet. Besides, it is only 10 minutes walking from where I go to school. And we plan to live there for really a long time.

**Q3. (If you had the choice) would you prefer to live in a house or a flat? (Why?)**

Well, there is a public park and a swimming pool in my neighborhood for us to enjoy nature and keep fit and it is not very noisy at night. Besides, it is very convenient to get to the supermarket and recreations by taking the bus.

**Q4. Would you recommend that (you neighborhood) as a good place to live?**

Sure, I would certainly recommend it to others as a good place to live in. you know, my one of my uncles just moved in last month.

**Q5. What kind of housing/accommodation do you live in?**

I live in a pretty spacious apartment on the outskirts of my hometown. My family bought the flat about 10 years ago. We live on the 10th floor. It' s a three-bedroom apartment, with the area of 130 square meters. It' s a fairly nice place.

**Q6. Do you like living there?**

Definitely! It' s a great place to live in. First of all, the neighbourhood is very pleasant. There are many shops and restaurants around our place. There' s also a nice park just 5 minutes' walk away. In addition, our house is very comfortable. You know, it' s spacious and bright. My mother bought a lot of nice furniture. She decorated the apartment with pictures and paintings on the walls. It looks very cosy. I have my own room, with a large bookshelf and different kinds of books. It' s really a cosy heaven.

**Q7. Please describe the room you live in.**

My bedroom is not that spacious: I think it' s only 20 square meters. But it is well-furnished. First of all, I have a king-size bed, and I often lie there to read comics and novel. It is very cosy. Next to my bed is a bookshelf where I put hundreds of books there. Most of them used to belong to my parents, and I still buy book quite often. You know, I' m kind of a book worm. In addition, there' s a large desk in front of the window. My room is quite bright; it' s a nice place to relax.

## Housework

### Q1. Do you like doing housework?

No I can't stand doing housework to be honest with you. I mean, I just find it a lot of effort(我觉得很麻烦). And I also don't like getting my hands dirty, so I avoid it whenever I can!

No, I wouldn't say I do, cos I find it kind of tedious. But saying that, I do get quite a nice feeling when I've finished it and everything looks clean and tidy!

**Tedious** - 单调沉闷的;枯燥的;乏味的;令人生厌的 If you describe something such as a job, task, or situation as tedious, you mean it is boring and rather frustrating.

**clean and tidy** - 干净整洁

### Q2. How do you think housework could be made more interesting?

That's a good question. I guess um... it could be made into a game, I suppose, for example have a competition with your friend to see who can, like, clean a room the fastest. That could possibly make it a bit more interesting and exciting. Um... What else? Uh let me see... that's all I can really think of, I'm afraid – just make some game out of it!

**Like** - 表示思考下 Some people say like when they are thinking about what to say next

### Q3. Did your parents ask you to do housework when you were a child?

Yeah they did. Mainly it was, like, tidying my room, cos it was always quite messy. Yeah, that was the main thing. And uh, what else? Oh yeah, sometimes they would ask me to help with the washing up(洗碗), but that was pretty much it(差不多就这些). So I guess I'm kind of lucky, in that my mum did most of the housework.

No, on the whole, they didn't because they wanted me to focus on my homework. Occasionally, I did do a little bit to help, like sweeping or mopping the floor, if there was a lot to be done, but by and large (总的来说), I escaped doing most of the household chores (家务活), so I was pretty lucky I suppose!

### Q4. Do you think children should do some housework?

Yeah I think it's a good thing for children to do. You know, I'd say it kind of prevents them from taking things for granted (视为当然; 认为...理所当然), and um, it also helps develop a good work ethic (工作态度).

### Q5. Which do you think is better for doing housework, a machine or a person?

I think, on the whole, a person is better, because a machine might miss out a few bits. Just to give you an example, I've seen in some electrical appliance stores these robots that move in a random motion (随机运动, 无规则运动) sucking up the dust off the floor. And to me it looks pretty inefficient, because they might go over the same spots repeatedly whilst missing out other areas. And this is not something a person would do. Having said that (但话又说回来), I think a combination of both – i.e. humans

operating (操作) certain machines, like vacuum cleaners, is probably the most ideal way to do housework.

**Q6. In the future, do you think machines will replace humans for doing housework?**

Not completely, no, because, as I mentioned just now (就像我刚才所说的), machines often need humans to operate them, so I think, in all likelihood (十有八九), it will continue to be a combination of both machines and humans.

## Jeans

### Q1. Do you wear jeans?

Yes, I do. I wear them. Actually, I only have three pair of trousers that I wear often. But, you know what, three of them are jeans. I felt they are pretty durable.

### Q2. How often do you wear jeans?

I wear them quite often. Normally, I will wear them to go to school if there' s no particular requirement for me to wear the school uniform or any other formal ones because I feel jeans are fashionable and also comfortable.

### Q3. Do you like wearing jeans, why?

Yes, they are my favorite. The reason why I love jeans is that I feel that they are the most trendy kind of trousers, which somewhat makes me feel confident among my friends. Also, they are very durable. I don' t have to worry that it will be worn out easily.

### Q4. Why do you think jeans are popular?

Well, I guess the main reason why jeans are favored by most people is that they are really durable, which is cost-effective for most consumers. Also, it seems that jeans generally have good styles. You know, people of all walks find them suitable to wear on most occasions.

## Jewelry

### Q1.Do you like jewelry?

I'm fond of collecting jewelry, but I rarely wear most of the pieces I own.I purchase jewelry on every trip as sentimental souvenirs

### Q2.What kind of jewelry do you wear the most?

I have no preference for any kind of jewelry, but. i have a long gold chain with a diamond cross on it that belonged to my grandmother that ive only taken off about 5 times since it was given to me.

### Q3.Why some people like to wear jewelry

Today, people wear jewelry to express themselves. These days, everything in fashion is about being oneself, or about projecting one's personality. Jewelry is not exempt from this trend / motto. This is why there are eye-catching statement rings; and why reputable jewelry retailers accept custom-made orders.

### Q4.Have you bought any jewelry?

Yes, I'm fond of collecting jewelry. I bought beautiful Venetian glass bead necklaces and bracelets on a trip to Italy when I was thirteen.I then began purchasing jewelry on every trip as sentimental souvenirs. I also buy jewelry as gifts rather than picking up tee shirts or other items from tacky tourist shops.

### Q5.Do you wear many jewels?

I don't wear too much jewelry but I wear studs and small hoops in my ears everyday and sometimes I wear small necklace

### Q6.Have you ever sent someone jewels?

Yes, but only once, it is a purity ring on a silver chain and tShe giftee is my girlfriend. I bought it for her first birthday since we met.

## Letters

### Q1: Do you write many letters or emails?

Yes, I almost write emails for my clients as part of my job on a daily basis.

### Q2: Who do you usually write to?

There are many things I have to write, for example, I usually write end user training for my clients to teach them how to use the system, or I write the development guide for my technical staffs to tell them how to code.

### Q3: Do you prefer to write letters by hand or to use a computer?

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

### Q4: What are the differences between emails and letters?

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

### Q5: Is it hard to think of what to write?

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

### Q6: How do you feel when you receive a letter or email?

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



## Makeup

### Q1. Do you often wear makeup?

I wear makeup fairly often - most days of the week actually. I think I look okay without makeup, but I feel more confident with a little make up, a bit of eyeliner, some blusher, some lipstick. But generally speaking I like to apply my makeup very lightly. I do not like strong, thickly applied makeup. I prefer a more gentle and softer look.

### Q2. What does wearing makeup mean to you?

Wearing makeup usually makes me feel more confident and sometimes more sexy. Although I think I look pretty good without makeup, as I mentioned before, I think that it makes some of my stronger features stand out, like my high cheekbones, my eyes and my lips.

### Q3. Do you give cosmetics as gifts?

Yes, sometimes, especially if my friends go to another country and a duty free, especially Japan or Korea which are famous for very good quality cosmetics. I might get my mother a face cream or my friends some eye shadow or lipsticks. Facial masks are also quite popular... You know, those masks you put on your face which give nourishment and revitalise your skin.

### Q4. What do you think when you see a man wearing makeup?

Well, i don't usually see men wearing makeup in everyday life, so I am not sure. I might think he is an actor or a singer or something. Usually men wear makeup when they work in media or the film industry. I heard that more and more men in Korea are starting to wear makeup, but I don't think I've seen a man in the city where I live wearing makeup. I think it would depend on what the makeup was like... what type of makeup he was wearing. I am really not sure to be honest how I would react if I saw a man wearing makeup, or what I might think.

## Morning Routine

### Q1: What do you do in the mornings?

Usually I wake up at 6 o' clock and drag myself out of bed to the show at 6.30. And I made myself a quick breakfast of bread, egg and milk. At around half past seven, I leave for work.

### Q2: Is breakfast important?

Of course it is important. A nutrition-balanced breakfast will prepare you for a whole day of hectic work and more importantly it is one of the key factors to ensure your long term health.

### Q3: What is your morning routine?

The moment I wake up I like to drink one full glass of slightly cold water. Next thing that I do is put my running shoes on and go for walk. I walk/jog for around 20-30 minutes and then I do few regular exercises like jumping jacks, squats, rope skipping . After exercising, when I come back I m all worked up so I quickly take my shower and then make my coffee.

### Q4: Do you like to get up early in the morning?

Yes. When I wake up late and do not exercise there is some sense of guilt inside but when I rise early and run, it boosts up my confidence and I end up being more cheerful person.

## Name

### Q1: What's your name?

My name is (put your Chinese name here).

### Q2: How should I call you?

1. My Chinese name is (your Chinese name) but my English name is (your English name), so you can call me that if you like.
2. I don't have an English name so you may call me (Your first name in Chinese) for short

### Q3: May I see your ID?

1. Certainly.
2. Of course.
3. No problem, here you are.

### Q4: Does your Chinese name have a special meaning

1. Yes, it does. When I was born my parents wanted me to have a very happy and successful life so they settled on the name (put your name here). So far so good.
2. Not that I know of, if it does, my parents haven't told me. I think I was named after a distant relative like a great, great grandfather/ grandmother.

### Q5: Do you like your name?

1. Yes I do, I think it suits me down to the ground, besides I have gotten so used to it that I couldn't imagine being called by any other name.
2. Actually, I really don't like it because I think that it's too old fashioned. When I have a child, I will choose a more modern, up to date name like (choose a Chinese name here)

### Q6: Who gives the names in China?

Well, I don't think China is any different to any other country, our parents choose our names for us.

### Q7: What's the tradition of giving names?

Well, there are usually two ways parents choose names for their children. One way is to name their child after a relative like a grandparent, to pay respect to them, or they choose a name that will bring them luck, love, money and happiness in life.

### Q8: What do you think of nicknames?

I think names are really cool, especially among your close friends. It signifies that you belong to a special group of friends and, it usually means that they like you very much and identify you by it.

### Q9: What meanings are there in the nicknames of Chinese people?

Well nicknames are given to you by other people, usually because of what you do, what kind of person you are, whether you are good at something, clumsy or very clever. So, nicknames are associated with your character.

**Q10: Have you ever changed your name, why?**

No, not ever, there really isn't any need to do so.

**Q11: Do Chinese people like changing their names? Why?**

It would be highly unlikely for Chinese people to change their names, I mean, it would be disrespectful to our parents. We're not like Western people, we don't even change our names when we get married. Our names are very important to us.

**Q12: What's their purpose in changing their names?**

Well, as I just said, it would be highly unlikely for Chinese people to change their names. The only reason I can think of is if they wanted to change their identity to escape the law or something.

#### VOCABULARY:

- a. **For short**= means saying just your name not your whole family name.
- b. **Settled on**=means chose.
- c. **So far so good** =means up until now everything is okay
- d. **Distant relative**= a family relative from a long time ago
- e. **It suits me down to the ground**= it is perfect for me, I really like it.
- f. **As I just said**= when answering a similar question to the one you just got, you can say this.

## Outdoor

### Q1. What do you do in your spare time?

Well, there are lots of things I can do if I'm free. For instance, I stay at home sometimes to read books to enjoy the leisure hours with myself, or I'll go with my friends to do some outdoor activities such as playing football and hiking.

### Q2. Do you like outdoor activities?

Yes, I'm really into outdoor activities. You know, the main factor is that I can take some physical to keep me fit, so I always go hiking or jogging if I am free.

### Q3. What outdoor activities do you most like to do?

Normally I'll go for a jogging around my house in the morning so that I can take some physical exercises while enjoying the fresh air, but if I can invite some more friends I would go for a simple football match with them because football is a sociable activities so that I can have more fun with my friends and make new friends as well.

### Q4. How often do you do that?

Well, I do these physical exercises from time to time. Normally if I'm not busy with my work, I will go for a jogging around my house in the morning to take some physical exercises while enjoying the fresh air, probably four times in a week; but if I have lots of on things my hands I'll probably focus on my work.

### Q5. What types of outdoor activities are popular in your country?

We have various popular activities in China. For the old, they love to do Taichi in the parks in the morning; for the younger ones, they like to kick a ball around in the field and play some basketball in the court; and so many people enjoy playing table tennis over the tables offered in the community; and girls adore badminton or yoga more.

### Q6. What do you usually do in your leisure time?

In terms of outdoor activities, I usually play basketball with my friend in the court right next to our community and it is a fun time to hang and to take my mind off the big pile of homework and heavy load of studies.

### Q7. How can people make full use of leisure time?

That is a pretty difficult question to answer especially for me who have no learning and understanding of psychology. But I believe various activities, indoor and outdoor can help people make full use of their leisure time. And more importantly, we should devise some methods to drag them off the tempting sofa with delicious chips, which is a much preferred activity to do after school or work for modern citizens.

### Q8. Do you have enough leisure time?

I serious don' t think so. As a high school student going to a boarding school, I need to spend 6 days a week in school and almost 17 hours to study every day. How can we have enough time for leisure especially when we have to compete with the large amount of students of the same grade for college entry examinations?

**Q9. What is the most popular thing for people in your country enjoy doing to relax in leisure time?**

Well I gotta say that people choose differently. The aged one enjoy doing Tai Chi or playing mahjong as they have too much leisure time. Working class love to hang out with friends in KTV or cafes with friends; students love to do all kinds of sports in their spare time. So it is very difficult to define the most popular one. We have many the MOST popular ones.

## Pet

### Q1: Do you have a pet?

Yeah, I have a pet dog, a super adorable teddy dog. She's 2 years old now. And she's like a little sister to me.

No, but I've always wanted one. I'm a cat person, and I'm dying to have a Ragdoll, a British Shorthair or a Scottish Fold. They are so fluffy and just like a ball of fur.

### Q2: What is your favorite animal?

Well, definitely giant pandas, but unfortunately, I couldn't keep one as my pet.

### Q3: Do you think it's good to keep a pet at home?

Yeah, especially when there're small children at home, it's a good way to develop their sense of responsibility, you know, 'cause they need to take care of the pet, like feed them and groom them, which actually takes a lot of efforts.

Oh, and also pets can be a perfect companion to senior citizens, especially to those who have lost their spouse, pets can be a great comfort.

### Q4: Are there any disadvantages of keeping a pet?

Yeah, I guess. Um... one of the most common complaints I heard from those people who have pets is that pets like dogs and cats tend to wreck things at home, like furniture or slippers. They are like little troublemakers who always make a mess. And you just need to clean up after them.

And another downside is that pets tend to have a shorter lifespan, which means we have to accept the fact that they wouldn't be able to keep us company forever. And when that day arrives, it would be heartbreaking.

### Q5: How does the rest of your family feel about pets?

My mother saw a cat nothing but trouble because sometimes they can be very naughty. Their fur is everywhere, litter everywhere, it's a lot of effort.

## Photography

### Q1: Do you keep your old photos?

Yeah, I keep most of them. Before I had my digital camera, I kept photos in paper form, which was probably easy to turn old and a bit space-consuming. And since I had my digital camera, I have been keeping all the photos in my computer.

### Q2: Do you often see those old photos?

Not very often, because I used to put them together in one box which may be placed somewhere in my room. But once I have a chance to tidy the room, I always find them out sitting on the floor and appreciating them one by one. They remind me a lot of my experiences.

### Q3: What's the meaning of keeping old photos?

Keeping old photos is a direct way to keep memories, just like a cue of memory, which can magically remind you a series of scenes. And to some extent, I think keeping old photos is a collecting hobby. The old photos might be very valuable someday in the future, coz they witnessed the human beings' history.

### Q4: What is your most impressive photo?

It is a close-up photo of my favorite dog—pearl who has passed away two months ago. This photo was taken 8 years ago, when she was still a little girl. The big black eyes look at the camera innocently. Her face in this photo becomes the most impressive image of her in my mind now.



## Photo

### Q1. When and where do you take it?

I can't remember how many photos I have taken. Though time has gone, there is still something to be remembered. Photos always set memories at a certain time. I have a photo kept in my album which always reminds me of the happy time of my childhood. That is photo taken in 1987 when I went to study at the primary school. What I can see from the photo is the pure and brilliant smile. I remembered that was a sunny morning, my father took me to the zoo, because the next day I would go to school. He took the photo for me in front of zoo. When I see the photo every time, I find a little girl smiling at me, dressed a beautiful red skirt. When I grew up, it can't be avoided that there will some unhappy things happen. I will take out this photo to look at the little girl. I feel strong and happy; I know everything will be fine. That is a photo which could remind me what kind of person I will be.

### Q2. Why do people like to take photo?

Some people like to take photos because they like to see what they really look like. Some people take photos just to memorize special occasions.

### Q3. When will people use professional photographers to take photo for them?

People use professional photographers to take photos when there are big or important occasions and need to take seriously.

### Q4. What is the role of camera play in modern time?

It plays a more and more important role. Nowadays, more and more people have their own cameras and taking photos become much common. People may have a lot to recall looking at the photos.

### Q5. Is there any change for life taken by camera?

Yes, of course. You can tell from photos clearly the rapid changes of people's life. It has become more colorful and modern.

## Plan

### Q1. What is the hardest part about making plans?

Well, I think the hardest part about making plans is that when you make plans, you have to think in advance about the what to do and when to do, and that is very challenging. For instance, when I made plans for my exams, I have to decide which chapters are the most important and settle on the date to review them.

### Q2. What is the latest plan you made?

The latest plan I have made is about my upcoming graduation journey, I have planned to traveled to Russia after my graduation. I plan to go to Moscow and some other cities for around two weeks, where I will meet my friends.

### Q3. Do you make plans every day?

No, I do not make plans every day. However, I do make plans every week, and every month. For example, when I was preparing for my exams last semester, I made weekly and monthly plans to help me schedule my timetable.

### Q4. Are you good at managing your time?

Well, I would like to admit that although I do make plans, I am not good at managing my time. Sometimes I also wonder whether or not it is because I made too many plans and was lost in countless plans which made me unable to manage my time properly.

## Plants

### Q1. Do you keep plants at home?

Yes, i have some potted plants on the balcony that are well taken care of and also a small bouquet(束) of flowers at my bedside.

### Q2. What plant did you grow when you were young?

I didn't grow any plants myself but i helped my grandparents grow some vegetables during summer holidays. He was a good vegetable farmer living in the countryside and i would do some watering and weeding.

### Q3. Do you know anything about growing a plant?

Not quite, but i will try to list some. Before planting, the soil need to be well ploughed and well-draining. For most vegetables to grow, water regularly but make sure the soil is never soggy (湿漉漉的) . Fertilizer is important and the organic kind is best. My grandpa preferred manure (肥料) .

### Q4. Do Chinese people send plants as gifts?

Yes, like anywhere in the world, people like to send flowers as gifts at different occasions. Rose for lovers, Carnation for recovery of patients, lily for the long lasting friendships.

## Politeness

### Q1.What is politeness in your opinion?

Mmmm... for me politeness is treating other people like you would want to be treated, and remembering to say please and thank you, that was something my grandmother always reminded me about.

### Q2.When you were child who taught you to be polite?

My parents, and especially my grandmother, she was always telling me to say please when I asked for something and to remember to say thank you when somebody gave me something or did something for me.

### Q3.Why is it important to be polite to people?

It's one of those things that just makes life nicer, isn't it? When people are polite, or courteous, it's just nicer than if they're not. It makes everyday activities better... if people weren't polite then maybe we wouldn't speak to so many different people every day or help people... or ask for help either.

### Q4.Do you think people became more or less polite in your country compared to when you were a child?

I believe, people have become more of open minded, less formal and more bold in making statements. So, they tend to just say as it is. But, this does not necessarily mean that they don't respect their parents or elders. I think the problem is that people are not able to express what they feel in a better way.

### Q5. In your country's culture, how do you show that you are being polite?

To start with, a simple but convincing indicator of good manners, in my opinion, is saying "thank you" to those who help us, "sorry" when we've done something wrong and "please" when we ask someone for a favor. What's more, as you probably know, Vietnam is a hierarchical society, which means it's crucial for the people here to be respectful of their seniors, by using honorifics for instance.

### Q6.Are we less polite with members of our families than with people we don't know?

I suppose it's normal to be a bit more relaxed about politeness with family members. Most people tend to speak in a more informal way at home; in the UK, we still say "please" and "thanks", but it's fine to use colloquial language and things like nicknames that you would never use with someone you didn't know.

### Q7. Do you think we should be polite to those who are not being polite to us?

I remember reading somewhere that we should be pleasant to everyone, not because they're nice, but because we are, and that "manners maketh man". Just because someone is misbehaving doesn't necessarily mean we should act as badly in return. There's no point of downgrading our manners! This only makes other people look down on us.

## Public Holiday

### Q1. Do you like more national holiday?

No, I think we have had enough, I just expect each holiday can be longer so people will have more time to enjoy. A one-day holiday is like nothing.

### Q2. What public holiday do you prefer?

Spring festival: I like spring festival most. It's the biggest festival every year. The holiday is a weeklong. I get to see my relatives and friends. It's a lot of fun!

National holiday: national holiday is my favorite because it's in autumn, the best season for travelling ever! Besides, it's my country's birthday; I always have a sense of pride towards this holiday.

New year: I guess new year is my top preference. It's the first day of a new year. I usually feel more alive. I mean I can think about new plans and goals.

### Q3. What's the most important one?

Traditionally speaking, Spring festival is the all-time important day for every Chinese, since that's the time only for family. It really matters a lot to us.

### Q4. What public holidays do you have in your country?

We celebrate a lot of public festivals in my country. I am sure you know about the Spring Festival which is the most important one. In addition, we get together with our family for the Mid-Autumn Day and the National Day.

### Q4. Do people in your country celebrate Christmas?

Yes, there are so many people in my country, it's really hard to say, and probably most people tend to go shopping with families or friends to take advantage of the sales in the shops, but personally speaking, I am afraid we don't celebrate Christmas like the way people do in Western countries. Yes, I am fond of holidays. The main thing is that on these days, I don't have to work and have plenty of time to relax and also I will have more quality time with my family.

### Q5. Do you like public holidays?

Yes, I am fond of holidays. The main factor is that on these days, I don't have to work and have plenty of time travelling around to unwind myself and also I will have more consecutive time with my family.

### Q6. Which public holidays do you like the most?

I believe my favourite public holiday would be National Day because I get at least seven days to go travelling and also it's the best time to get around, the weather is neither too cold nor too hot, and the foliage of trees will have turned yellow or red, which is very pretty.

**Q7. What do other people in your country usually do on public holidays?**

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

**Q8. Do you think public holidays are important?**

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

## Rainy days

### Q1. Do you prefer rainy days or sunny days?

Well, I really like sunny days because they are warm and bright, which pushes me to spend time doing all sorts of activities and soaking up the sun really gives me a lot of energy and optimism.

### Q2. What do you do on rainy days?

Well, as rainy days make me feel sluggish and lazy, all I do is stay in bed all day long or indulge in a massage. I can also get immersed in a good book or watch some romantic movies.

### Q3. What do you usually do when it rains and you are outside?

Oh, I really hate getting soaked to the skin. That's why if I am outside when it starts raining and don't have an umbrella with me, I either take a taxi and go straight to the destination or run as fast as I can to the nearest shelter.

### Q4. Do you think rain is good?

I wouldn't say it always is, as too much rain can cause flash floods, destroy crops and make rivers overflow so that homes get flooded or swept away completely.

### Q5. How does rain affect life in your country

I think the right amount of rain brings much needed relief to farmers because it leads to an increase in crop yields and as a result, boosts the income of all the people engaged in agriculture.

### Q6. Is there any part in your country where it doesn't rain much?

Definitely there is. I guess that the place that receives the least amount of rainfall in China is the desert area of Xinjiang.

## Robots

### Q1.Are you interested in robots? Why?

Yes, i have to say that i am fanatical about robots. I uesed to watch a very touching movie named Cyborg girl, which tells about the love story of a robot and her owner. we often think that robots can not think and love, but the movie has shown the opposite, by which i was deeply impressed.

### Q2.Why are robots part of many TV shows and movies?

That's a very interesting question ! Scientists and science researchers improve techniques by testing advanced technologies with robots to better understand our world as well as the universe in the film-making field. The audience feel like they have superpowers while the television or film is speaking to them .

### Q3. Would you like a robot to help out around the home?

I hope so ! I'm in charge of making sure that everyone and everything is in the right place at home . Almost every day I am in need of urgent help . A robot , my most anticipated assistance , may reduce the frequency of my daily stress . It can become a part of my family .

### Q4. Would you ride in a car driven by a robot?

I would love to have a car with a robot in it, but only if there is an option of manually driving the car as well. Having a robot every time in the car, will just take away the fun of driving the car. The fun that you get, the rush of reaching to a place, the fact that you can control something is amazing. Although, having a robot will help in having those long trips but a permanent driver is something I' ll avoid.

### Q5.Will robots replace human beings in the workplace completely?

Well, i don't think so. Even though robots are massively replaceing human labour and this helps us avoid potential dangers as well as saving labour, the role of human beings is rereplaceable. We still need to control robots as well as find solutions for arising problems or process data as robots are still unable to do these tasks.



## Rubbish

### Q1. Why do some people litter?

Generally, for the adults, they litter as they are with the bad behaviors and low quality, which is unacceptable action in my eyes. However, for the children and teenagers, they litter as they are immature and without enough self-control ability so that they have to be educated in a positive way continuously.

### Q2. How do you feel about littering?

It depends, sometimes, it is an acceptable behavior, but sometimes, it is hard to be accepted. Generally, for the adults, they litter as they are with the bad behaviors and low quality, which is unacceptable action in my eyes. However, or the children and teenagers, they litter as they are immature and without enough self-control ability so that they have to be educated in a positive way continuously.

### Q3. What measures should be taken to avoid littering?

Lots of effective measures could be taken for avoiding littering behavior. First of all, punishing the people who littered is the best way and the penalty could be used for environmental protection. Besides, installing the camera on the streets and taking the photo for the people are littering are also effective, as no one wants to be published on the newspaper. Furthermore, regulating the compulsory subjects of protecting the environment and of classifying the rubbish is also useful.

## Schools

### Q1: What was the first school you attended?

The first school? Well, I guess I was just like everyone else, it was kindergarten. It wasn't really a school though, it was more like play school, it was great fun.

### Q2: Where was it?

In my home town, (put your hometown name here),

### Q3: Was it far from your home?

### Q4: How did you go to school?

1. No it wasn't far at all, only about a mile or so, and unless the weather was really bad, I would always walk to get some exercise. Otherwise, I'd take a bus.

2. Yeah, it was quite a ways away. It took me nearly 2 hours to get there and come home. I had first take the subway then catch a bus. The only good thing was that the bus stopped right outside my school.

3. Mostly my mum would walk me there on her way to work. Other times, if mum was too busy my older brother or neighbors' would make sure I got there okay.

### Q5: Did you like your school?

It was okay I guess, it's not like I had any choice in the matter. At first I didn't like it at all but, after I had been there a while, and made some friends it got better.

### Q6: What schools have you attended?

### Q7: What types of schools have you been to?

### Q8: What different types of schools have you been to?

Oh, you know, the usual. First there was kindergarten, then primary school, then on to middle and senior school.

### Q9: What were the good things about school?

Mostly, it was my friends, without them it would have been very difficult to get through it all. Some of the teachers were okay, they knew their stuff and had good teaching styles, and some were even funny, which made learning a lot easier.

### Q10: Would you say it was a good school?

1. So! So! It certainly wasn't the best school in town. We lacked a lot of facilities like sporting fields, air-conditioning and a swimming pool, but it wasn't the worst one either. Many students went on and got into the best Uni's in Beijing. So, it couldn't have been all that bad.

2. Well, fortunately, I went to a great school. It had all the mod-cons and all the trimmings. There were up to date computers in every classroom as well as air conditioning. They had great facilities like a basketball and tennis courts, a gymnasium and a swimming pool. But the best thing about my school was that some of the teachers were really cool. They gave me plenty of encouragement, motivation and a can do attitude. I will never forget them

### VOCABULARY:

1. **Mod-cons and all the trimmings.** = means = modern and full of up to date equipment and facilities.

### **Q11: Would you send your child to that school?**

I can't see why not. I mean if it was good enough me it should be good enough for them and I didn't turn out all that bad. If my circumstances improve, like I get successful and have a prosperous career, well, of course I would choose a much better school. We will just have to wait and see.

### **Q12: Which school did you like the most, why?**

### **Q13: Which school did you like the most? Will you send your children to that school?**

When I look back and think about it, it was primary school. Back then, although some of the teachers were really strict, we had more time for sport and play. It was the first time that I met and made friends with people my own age, some of which are still my friends today. So, primary school was the happiest time of my life really.

### **Q14: Did your parents choose a secondary school for you?**

Of course. I wasn't asked or didn't have a say. I've never given it any thought; I know my parents have my best interest at heart.

### **Q15: Did your parents choose your university for you?**

Sort of, I mean, because I was nearly an adult, I was eighteen at the time, we had a discussion and weighed up our options. Fortunately, my grades were high enough to give us several options. We chose (put your university name here), because of its reputation and locality.

## Science

### Q1.Do you like science?

Yes, definitely. Who doesn't want to know how things work? I've always been curious about a whole range of things, and science is all about learning how they work.

### Q2.What do you find most interesting in science?

I like science in that it challenges ideas that we thought/think are 'right' ! It makes us push our understanding and want to know more about everything! There is always something new and interesting to discover and the journey to get there can be really exciting.

### Q3.Are there many science museums in your hometown?

Not a single one yet. I was born in a mountainous town, so maybe a science museum is still not so high on the local government's agenda.

### Q4.Did you like science classes when you were young?

Except the test part, I like any bit of science classes at school. As a kid I took stuff to bits all the time to see how it worked (much to my parents annoyance!) and I think science classes is just a focused, more general way of finding out how stuff works and where it comes from!

### Q5.Do you think school children should learn both art classes and science classes?

Of course they should learn both. Arts are all about creativity and science about curiosity, so each of the two classes serves a great purpose and, also they converge when they both teach children to see and find the beauty of the world. No wonder great scientist are often big fans of some sorts of arts or music.

## Season

### Q1. What's your favorite season?

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

### Q2. What do people in your country like to do in different seasons?

When in spring and autumn, the temperature is neither too cold nor too hot, people in China tend to hike in the mountains, or go running. When it comes to summer, people can choose more physical activities like swimming, camping in the forests and playing balls, etc. But in winter, people believe it not suitable for outdoor exercises, so they prefer to stay at home for resting.

### Q3. What's the least favorite season in your country?

I'm afraid there is no apparent unfavorable season in my favorite, but relatively I believe summer is least favorite season because it's much too hot everywhere which will bring inconvenience to everything, especially for people to fall asleep at night.

### Q4. What are the differences between different seasons?

There are four distinctive seasons in my country. Basically, summer is the hottest season of the year, while winter is coldest. Autumn and spring are not severe seasons. Moreover, in summers people love to wear light clothes while in winter use of woolen clothes increase. Summer and winter are longer seasons, while autumn and spring are shorter ones.

### Q5. What season is good for travelling in your hometown?

As for my hometown, I guess the autumn is the best time to travel as in the Huangshan Mountain, it is neither too hot nor too cold, people will feel comfortable to hike. Besides, it will rains a lot which will have the stunning cloud sea in the mountain.

## Sharing

### Q1. Do you have anything to share with others recently?

Yes, I have bought a hair dryer which is from Dyson. It's been quite popular on the Internet recently. You know I couldn't resist my temptation and bought it with nearly 3000 RMB. After a few days' trials, I've found it pretty useful and shared it with my besties. They were all into it.

### Q2. What kind of things are not suitable for sharing?

I think it depends on different types of people you are going to share with. Generally speaking, things that cause negative impacts on people are better not to be shared with others. For example, those meaningless complaints about people's behaviors.

### Q3. What kind of things do you like to share with others?

Oh, it must be good news. You know whenever I got a piece of good news, big or small, I would immediately tell my friends. I think good news deserves to be shared with others because it can spread positive energy to others.

### Q4. Did your parents teach you to share when you were a child?

Yes, they did. They even told me an old story in ancient China to remind me of the good merit of sharing things to others. From that on, I always follow their advice to share whenever possible, for example, some stationaries when my classmates needed.

## Shoes

### Q1. Do you like to buy expensive shoes?

Well, to be honest, I prefer to purchase comfortable and cheap shoes than expensive shoes. Because I am not a big fan of luxurious fashion.

### Q2. When you buy shoes, do you prefer convenience or style?

Well, to be honest, I prefer to put on my feet pairs of shoes which is comfortable and practical rather than style. Because I am not keen on state-of-the-art fashion.

### Q3. Why do you think some people buy many pairs of shoes?

Well, I suppose that a number of people purchase a lot of pairs of shoes because they have to put them on their feet every day for working or doing exercise or entertaining. Moreover, they could be showed their style by these pairs of shoes.

### Q4. Have you ever bought shoes online?

Well, I have not purchased shoes online although it is on trend. Because I could not try to put pairs of shoes on my feet and the quality of these online products could be worse than realistic products when they are delivered to me.

## Singing

### Q1. How often do you sing?

I absolutely love singing. When I'm into a song, I can't help myself from singing it all day and night. Although my family hate it when I sing and they complain that it's not sounding great.

### Q2. When do you like to sing?

I sing whenever I feel like to, you know, when I'm bored or when I'm in a good mood. And since I'm not that type of a so-called performer, most of the time I sing for myself.

### Q3. Do you like to hear other people sing?

Well, it really depends who it is. My mother has an excellent voice and I love to hear her sing. However, my little sister has an annoying high pitch tone and I can't stand to hear her sing.

### Q4. Have you ever wanted to be a singer?

Well, from what I've known, being a singer is not easy at all. It's not just about performing, but it also involves in interaction with fans and other colleagues. Based on what I've known about showbiz, and even the music industry in general, I think that I don't belong to that world.



## Sky

### Q1. Do you like to watch the sky?

Yeah, I'm really fond of the sky. When I'm feeling kind of upset, I tend to watch the sky alone. The sky at night is peaceful yet mysterious, so I can ponder over my life and it feels like all my worries go away.

### Q2. Do you like the sky during the day or at night?

As I've mentioned before, I like to watch the sky at night. When the sky is full of stars, I can recall all my favorite stories of the Milky Way and the cosmos.

### Q3. Have you done any courses about the stars?

I guess I haven't taken an exact course about the stars, but back at high school, in the geography class, we've learnt something about them.

### Q4. Where is a good place to watch the stars?

The observatory in the city is definitely a good choice. But personally/ to me, a large balcony where all my friends could chat during the watching, is also wonderful.

## Smile

### Q1. When do people smile to others?

In general, when people take photos, they would like to smile in front of the camera as they all want to have a beautiful photo. Besides, we always like to have a smile when we are being approved by teacher, leader and parents. Furthermore, in the railway station or terminal, we always like to smile to our friends and relatives when we meet them, which is a happy moment.

### Q2. Do you like to smile when someone take photos for you?

Almost, I would like to smile if others help me to take the photo, such as in the tourism attraction, in the ceremony or in the happy occasion. However, I certainly cannot smile if take the photo for the ID card, driving license and passport because of the legal requirement.

### Q3. Can you identify the fake smile?

It is hard for me to identify the fake smile if I face the senior people as they are full of the social experience. However, if I stand in front of the children and teenagers, I could identify the fake smile when I am listening their speech and watch their face, because they are innocent.

### Q4. In what occasions do people like to smile?

In general, when people take photos, they would like to smile in front of the camera as they all want to have a beautiful photo. Besides, we always like to have a smile when we are being approved by teacher, leader and parents. Furthermore, in the railway station or terminal, we always like to smile to our friends and relatives when we meet them, which is a happy moment.

## Celebrity/Popstar

### Q1: Who is your favorite celebrity in your country?

I guess not only me, a number of young people have been highly impressed by her for the past months-Deshauna Barber. She is our 2016 Miss USA and the representative of USA in Miss Universe taking place in Las Vegas in the same year. After the beauty contests, she became well-known for her outstanding beauty, her amazing characteristics and also her professionalism.

### Q2: Do you like any foreign celebrities?

Absolutely. The person I'm gonna talk about is my bias ever since I was a teenage girl-Miley Cyrus. I guess most people at the same age as me grew up with Disney Channel and among its successful series, Hannah Montanah starring Miley Cyrus would always be on top of my list. Although now she's grown up, I'm still a big fan of her amazing voice and highly inspiring songs.

### Q3: Would you like to be a celebrity? Why?

Well though I've never thought about it, I'm pretty sure that rising to stardom would never be one of my life goals. I appreciate all the efforts that the celebrities, no matter which field they're working on, are making every single day. However, I find myself not belong to that world, I mean, you never know what's going on when the curtains close, right? So yeah, I don't think I want to become a public figure, to be honest.

### Q4: Do you think we should protect famous people's privacy?

Indeed. As you probably can tell, these days fans, anti-fans and even non-fans are so curious about what their bias are doing. Some are aggressive that they mentally attack their bias by leaving bad comments online. Some even approach them in person on the street, especially the so-called paparazzi. Thus I strongly agree that there should be some regulations to protect the celebrities' privacy.

### Q5: How do celebrities influence their fans in your country?

I think the influence of celebrities on fans is extensive. It's somehow natural to follow our bias and try to be like them. At the first place it could probably be just physical changes like clothing, hairstyle or makeup. However thanks to social network, fans and idols are much closer now, sometimes it's just a status away. However this mental connection is a two-edged sword, meaning the idols actually need to be more careful about their lifestyle or their manners.

## Study or Work

**Q1: Are you working or studying? / Do you work or are you a student?**

Right now, I'm a student.

**Q2: What's the most enjoyable part of being a student?**

The camaraderie, I have got a lot great friends at school and we all love to hang out together, to play sports and computer games. It makes being a student a lot easier.

### VOCABULARY:

- a. The camaraderie = means = friendship/ fellowship.
- b. Hang out together = means = stay and be with each other.

**Q3: Who are more important, teachers or students?**

Hard to say, one can't exist without the other. Without students, teachers would be out of a job and without teachers; students would find it nigh near impossible to learn. Sure, there are books and libraries, but teachers, good teachers, provide encouragement, motivation and the wealth of their experience and knowledge. So, I think it's a symbiotic relationship; they both rely on each other.

### VOCABULARY:

- a. Hard to say = means = it is difficult to say.
- b. Nigh near impossible = means = nearly impossible
- c. Symbiotic relationship = means = having an interdependent relationship, one depends on the other.

**Q4: Will children tell their parents when they face difficulties in their studies?**

Well, if they don't, their teachers certainly will. It will show up in their grades anyway so, I think most kids discuss their study problems with their parents to seek extra help.

**Q5: Do you think it's good for teachers to praise their students when they do something good and point it out when they do something wrong?**

Well, in my opinion, the carrot is always better than the stick. Praising children for a job well done encourages them and keeps them motivated. If pointing it out means punishment, especially if it's just for small misdemeanors like handing in their homework late, falling asleep in class or being tardy may have the opposite result. So, unless it is really serious, like fighting in class or being rude to teachers and other students, punishment should be used sparingly.

### VOCABULARY:

- a. The carrot is always better than the stick. = reward achieves better results than punishment.

**Q6: What's your major?**

My major is (put the name of your major here).

**Q7: Do you like your major or dislike it? Why?**

I love it! It's interesting, challenging and best of all fun. I have many great teachers and my classmates are all friendly. All the teachers have different styles which breaks the monotony of the same old same old. I believe it is easier to remember things when there is a little bit of fun involved.

**VOCABULARY:**

a. **Same old same old.** = means the same thing day after day, boring and dull.

b. I hate it! It's so boring, so difficult and I am always **snowed-under with too much** study and homework. If I had had my way, I would've chosen something different, like architecture or the arts, **I'm really into** those kinds of things but, my parents thought otherwise.

**VOCABULARY:**

a. **Snowed-under with too much** = far too much work or study for you to do.

b. **I'm really into.** = means that you like something very much.

**Q8: What attracted you most to your major?**

I've always liked a challenge; you know something I can get my teeth in to. This major while being difficult, while having abstract concepts, just wets my appetite for more. That's why I chose it.

**VOCABULARY:**

a. Something I can get my teeth in to = means something that is both interesting, challenging and enjoyable.

b. Just wets my appetite for more. = means it makes you hungrier to learn more.

b. Nothing!! My parents decided it would be the best choice for my future prospects, like finding a well paid job. I guess they are right, I do love them and all, but I hate this major.

**Q9: Is your major popular in China?**

1. Yes, it is very popular, too popular maybe. Most families believe that if I **graduate with flying colors** it will be easy for me to get a good job, but sometimes I worry that there will be a glut of (put your major here). I hope that won't be the case.

**VOCABULARY:**

a. **Graduate with flying colors.** = means = that achieve high scores in your exams.

b. **A glut of.** = means = far too many of something.

c. **I hope that won't be the case.** = means = that I hope that it won't happen.

2. Not so much, most students choose majors that will give them brighter career prospects, whereas, I chose mine (put your major here), because I just love it, always have.

**Q10: What's the value of your major?**

Well, there are all kinds of businesses that require the services of a good (put your major here), businesses like construction, designers, retailers, manufacturing and export. (say what kind of industry your major relates to), The list is endless really. So, the value lies in the demand for these kinds of people and as China's economy grows, that demand can only grow with it.

**Q11: Is there anything special about your teachers and classmates in this major?**

Yeah, most of my teachers know their stuff but not all of them are interesting and funny. Some of the older ones are just like a stuck record, and I can't help nodding off to sleep in their classes, while there are some that really go out of their way to make their classes engaging, sometimes even hilarious. I never nod off in their classes. As for my classmates, well we are more like friends really, we all get along well and hang out together so, no problems there.

**VOCABULARY:**

- a. **Just like a stuck record.** = means = that say the same thing over and over again.
- b. **Some that really goes out of their way.** = means = that they really try hard to do something well.

**Q12: Is it difficult to learn your major?**

1. Some of my classmates find it difficult, but for me, I just seem to have the knack for it, always have really. Most of my classmates come to me for advice when they don't understand something. I don't mind, besides they usually repay me in other ways like buying me some fruit or just being a good friend.

**VOCABULARY:**

- a. Have the knack for it. = means to know something intuitively, without really being taught.
- 2. Most definitely! Some of the concepts and thoughts are so difficult for me to grasp, even if I study 24/7. My parents think that I am a slacker that I don't try hard enough but I really do. Maybe it is just beyond me, but I haven't given up, not yet anyway.

**VOCABULARY:**

- 1. **I am a slacker.** = means = a lazy person.
- 2. **Just beyond me.** = means = out of reach or too difficult to understand.

**Q13: What are the advantages of your school?**

Well, fortunately, I go to a great school. It has all the mod-cons and all the trimmings. We have up to date computers in every classroom, as well as air conditioning. We also have great facilities like basketball and tennis courts, a gymnasium and swimming pool. But the best thing about my school is that some of

the teachers are really cool. They give me plenty of encouragement, motivation and a can do attitude. I will never forget them.

#### VOCABULARY:

- a. **Mod-cons and all the trimmings.** = means = modern and full of up to date equipment and facilities.
- b. **A can do attitude.** = means = that I know that I can do it. a positive attitude.

#### **Q14: Will it be difficult for you to find job after graduation?**

Obviously, this is China and I think that it is difficult for everyone to get a job, especially a job that you really want. As there are so many people, thousands of people, chasing the same job as you are. That's why your grades in school are so important. Employers only want the best people for the jobs they have on offer. So finding a good job is very hard.

#### **Q15: What's your most interesting subject?**

#### **Q16: For you, what's the most interesting part (or subject or class) of your course?**

#### **Q17: For you, what's the best part (or subject or class) of your course?**

1. My most interesting subject is (put yours here) because I find it easy and it comes naturally to me somehow. Call me lazy but, I have never really had to study hard or long for an exam on this subject, just a day or two of cramming, just before the exam, usually gets me through okay.

#### VOCABULARY:

- a. **Cramming** = means = waiting to the last minute, to the last few days to study hard for an exam.
- 2. Actually, there are a few subjects that I like and they are, (put them here). I like them for several reasons, first, I've always liked to draw, even when I was just a kid, I would doodle on just about anything. Secondly, I have never been afraid of creepy crawlies, you know a bug, that's the real reason why I chose biology. Finally, my love for art, and the art found in nature grabbed my interest so much that I combined them to be my major. I love it.

#### VOCABULARY:

- a. **Creepy crawlies.** = means things like bugs, insects and spiders.

#### **Q18: Do you think it's important to choose a subject you are interested in? (Why?)**

Well, I think that depends on your circumstances, I mean, if you come from a well to do family, you could just take your pick, you know, choose a major you really like, but if you're not so well off, you will probably have to choose a major that gives you and your family better career prospects. You might not like it but, sadly, you might not have any other choice.

**VOCABULARY:**

- a. **Well to do.** = means = rich and wealthy  
b. **Not so well off.** = means = poor or that you don't have a lot of money.

**Q19: What job (or, what work) does you do?**

Well, right now I am a (put your job title here), and I work for; (put your company name here).

**Q20: How long have you been working?**

Okay, well let's see, I graduated in July three years ago (put your graduation date here) and I started work in October of the same year. Now, it is (put today's date here), so that would make it (put the length of time here). So I have been working for (say over the amount of time here), now.

**Q21: What is the nature of that work?**

I am a (put your job title here), and we are a (what type of company, e.g. computer, distribution, retail, manufacturing etc), and we are in the business of (Say what your company does).

**Q22: What're your main responsibilities?****Q23: What do you do in that job?**

I am responsible (list your responsibilities here such as, accounting, logistics, sales, credit, research and development or advertising), I have to ensure the smooth flow of information between departments, manage the distribution to and from our customers and always make sure that the boss is happy.

**Q24: Would you say your job (or, your work) is very important?**

Yes I would. I know that I'm just a small cog in a much bigger wheel but, if my cog stops so does the wheel. We are all interdependent and that is how it should be. A good business relies on good people, each one doing their part.

**Q25: How do you think your subject will help you (or, benefit you) in the future?****Q26: Do you think this subject has good prospects for the future?**

Well, as you probably know technology is rapidly taking over from many manual type jobs and to find well paid careers in the future, people are going to need a much different skill set than people had before. I chose this subject for exactly that reason, for the good prospects but, I really want to be a (put what you'd rather be here), and I will give it a go. If it fails, my major is kind of like a fall-back position; something I can always go back to if all else fails.

**VOCABULARY:**

- a. **Fall-back position.** = means = something you can always go back to if something else fails.

**Q27: What benefits can people have if they do the jobs they like?**

Well, as far as I am concerned, there is nothing worse than being stuck in a job you hate. Life



becomes so boring, dull and uninteresting. Just the same thing day in day out. It's more like a prison than a job. So, doing a job you enjoy makes life more worthwhile and keeps you mentally healthy as well.

### VOCABULARY:

a. **Day in day out** = means = all the time.

### **Q28: Do you like your job?**

1. I love it, my boss is really great. He is patient, understanding and although he can get angry at times, especially if I miss a deadline, or a customer makes a complaint, but his bark is far worse than his bite. So, I really like working there, but I could always use a pay rise.

### VOCABULARY:

a. **His bark is far worse than his bite.** = means = that he shouts a lot but he doesn't really mean it.

2. I hate it! Some days I think to myself I should just drag my bed in to the office and live there. It is so demanding and the work is never ending. The inbox of my email account is busier than the subway, and my boss is always complaining that I don't do enough. As soon as I can find a better job, I'll be out of here as quick as a wink.

### VOCABULARY:

a. **As quick as a wink.** = means = very quickly.

### **Q29: What's your ideal job? / What would be your ideal job?**

That's easy; I think that the best job in the world, without a doubt, would be a travel critic. You know, he's the guy that gets to travel the world, goes to the best locations, and stays in the finest hotels and eats at all the fancy restaurants, all for free. He's the guy that writes reports for T.V. programs, newspapers, magazines and websites, to tell the readers how good the food, the service, the scenery and the prices really are. One day it's Paris the next it's Rome and so on. I don't know how someone gets a job like that but I sure would like to find out.

### **Q30: What are your future work plans? (After you graduate)**

Well it's funny you should ask that question because my family and I were just discussing it the other day. We have decided to further my studies abroad, to complete my masters or P.H.D. in a western country. This will give me a heads up over any fellow competitors in the job market here in China. After that, well, that's still up in the air.

### VOCABULARY:

a. **Well it's funny you should ask that question.** = means = that you have been recently been asked the same question.

b. **That's still up in the air.** = means = that it hasn't been decided yet.

c. **Heads up** = means = to have an advantage over others.

**Q31: Do you think you that it will be easy for you to find work in the future after studying\_\_\_ (your subject)**

Unfortunately no, the competition for jobs in China is really high, due to the large population. Having great qualifications won't necessarily guarantee you finding that perfect job. I suppose if you know someone, like a C.E.O. or a V.I.P you could pull a few strings but, for most of us, we have to put our best foot forward and hope.

**VOCABULARY:**

a. **Pull a few strings.** = means = to get an advantage from a friend or family member to improve your situation.

b. **Put our best foot forward.** = means = to put on your best clothes on and try and present yourself the best way possible way.

**Q32: What' s the most difficult thing at work?**

The hours!! It's like I almost live there. It feels like my life is just work sleep work sleep work and sleep!! Honestly, there is just not enough hours in the day. The only saving grace is that I know it won't be forever, that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Someday I will be the boss.

**VOCABULARY:**

a. **The only saving grace.** = means = the only good thing.

b. **There is light at the end of the tunnel.** = means = there is still some hope for something better

**Q33: What' re the most popular jobs in your country?**

Well, it seems to me that everyone wants to be a big business man and run their own successful business. Let's face it, no one ever gets rich by working for someone else, so it is of no surprise that everyone wants to be a Bill Gates, Steve Jobs or Warren Buffet. Not everyone can of course, but I for one am going to give it one hell of a shake.

**VOCABULARY:**

a. **Let' s face it.** = means = to tell the truth, to say the obvious, to be honest.

b. **Give it one hell of a shake.** = means = that you are going to try your best to make it happen.

**Q34: Have you ever had a part-time job?**

1. No, I have never needed or wanted a part-time job. My parents and I both agree that my studies and grades are much more important than just earning a few extra bucks. Besides, there will be plenty of time to earn money after I graduate.

2. Oh, I've done the odd job here and there. I've worked in a bar, done some cleaning work; I've

even done some night time delivery jobs, so as to help my folks make ends meet. We're not a rich family and I don't want to bother them by asking them for more money. They have already sacrificed and done enough for me, so it's time for me to return the favor.

#### VOCABULARY:

- a. **a few extra bucks.** = means = a few extra dollars. One buck is one dollar in America
- b. **make ends meet.** = means = to just be able to pay for everything like rent, food and necessities, but with no money left over for anything else.
- c. **return the favor.** = means = to do someone a favor that that someone has previously done one for you.

#### **Q35: Are there any jobs that only men or women should do**

You know, I honestly think that there isn't a job on this earth that a man can do that a woman can't. Sure, you might argue about dangerous construction like jobs, or jobs that require a lot of strength and bravery, but I think that women just don't like or want to do these jobs, not that they can't. Cultural traditions do play a role in attitudes but, I've known some strong women and they are every bit as capable as men.

## Sunny days

### Q1.Do you like sunny days?

Yes, well, It depends, I sweat a lot in sunny days ,but in winter ,it gives me a warm feeling and put me in a good mood for the whole day .I really like the feeling when seeing the sunshine through the window in winter .It is fantastic!

### Q2.What do you like to do when it' s a sunny day?

Well ,on sunny day .I can do some outdoor activities such as swimming ,camping ,hiking or have a bbq with my friend in the park or even flying kite with my little cousin .

### Q3.Would you like to stay at home or go outside when the weather is great?

Personally, I prefer going outside. Especially in summer, I like to go to the beach and I can swimming in the sea and lie down on the soft sand ,enjoying a wonderful sunbath and the nice view of the sea and sky.

### Q4.Are there many sunny days in your hometown?

The weather is quite extreme in my hometown, actually. I mean in spring and summer, there are many sunny days, and it' s scorching. While in autumn and winter, it's always rainy and freezing cold.

## Sunshine

### Q1. Do you like sunshine?

Honestly, I haven't ever thought about this question. But since cloudy days tend to make people gloomy and emotional, it won't be bad to have some sunshine for us to get rid of such negative sentiments. Besides, the bad air qualities in major cities of China lead to heavy smog in winter, when sunshine becomes a true luxury. Everybody loves luxury. Isn't that right?

### Q2. Do you like a place with more sunshine or less sunshine?

Of course I like a place with more sunshine.

If that place is a room, sunshine makes it bright and cozy to stay in. You can lower your electricity bill if so. And if that place is outdoor, sunshine will make it positive and supportive for some sports like football or basketball and so on. In case of a beach, a sun bath is always welcome.

### Q3. What do you think of when we mention the word sunshine?

I have got two things in my head on hearing this word.

First one is that I am standing in a savanna, open and free. Green and long grass wiggles along the wind. A herd of wilder beasts take their first walk in the morning and zebras stand by and watch me. A sudden turmoil shows up and all herbivores have their ears up. They all gaze at one direction and I turn my eyes towards that direction too. A lion, big and strong and glowing, walks towards the herd. Sunshine bounces off its golden mane and glamor rises from its paws of death. When the eyes of the wilder beasts get blind due to the sunshine, the lions makes its pounce.

Second thing I have in my mind at this word is love. I remember from somewhere I came across this sentence or the like, however dark my world might be, a smile from you will bring sunshine and make it bright.

### Q4. Do you like sun bath?

Not really. In my opinion, old people enjoy that, sitting in the sun and talking with neighbors or friends. I mean, they have the time for that and don't have the bodies for some intense activities like ball games. I am still young and strong so it is not my first choice to bathe in the sun.

### Q5. What technologies do you have concerning the sun?

Well, I am not an expert about technology, but I know we have that solar panels, which absorb power from sun rays and avert it to electricity. Now many lights, e-appliances and cars are using such power. It is called clean energy.

## Tea and Coffee

### Q1: Do Chinese people like to drink tea or coffee?

Certainly, Chinese people always like to drink the tea and coffee very much. In general, young people, especially the young working adults, would like to drink the coffee at least once a day, normally after getting up, they would like to drink a cup of coffee. Besides, the elderly people and middle-aged people like drinking the tea after dinner or chatting with their friends. In fact, some businessmen even have their own tea room.

### Q2: Do you prepare tea or coffee for the guests at home?

Definitely, I have to prepare both the tea and coffee for my guests who visit my home. I really like to prepare the green tea and black tea for my grandparents, besides, I also have the Spanish and Italian coffee for my friends and classmates.

### Q3: When was the last time you drank the tea or coffee?

This morning, at about 7am, I drank two cups of coffee after getting up. I have to be fresh and full of energy in order to have a good statement for IELTS Speaking Test.

## Tiredness

### Q1. What things make you tired?

Generally, I hate studying so much, as I have to study day by night and have studied for more than 15 years. I am so tired of studying, especially remembering the English words. It is so tired. But I have to remember more than 100 words each day, even if I forget 90 of them in next morning.

### Q2. What do you do when you feel tired?

When I am tired, I would like to listen to the pop music and enjoy the novel in my bedroom. While, when I am in the school, I prefer playing basketball on the court with my classmates or playing the badminton.

### Q3. Who do you prefer to talk to when you feel mentally tired, your friends or your families?

I prefer talking with my friends instead of talking with my parents. In fact, I am keen to a famous pop star, WU Yi fan and I will feel sad or mentally tired if I meet the picture in which he is with another lady. So I would like to shout to my friends and tell them, I love him so much!

## Transportation

### Q1. When was the first time you took a taxi?

Well, to tell the truth. I can't remember it clearly. Maybe when I was 5,6 years old. One day, my grandpa found that I had a high fever, and the hospital was far away from home. So we finally choose to take a taxi. Actually, I think taking a taxi is a good choice if you are in an emergency.

### Q2. What are the advantages of taking a taxi compared with buses.

Compared with buses, a taxi obviously has many advantages. Firstly, you don't need to worry that there's no seat, since you can always get a seat on the taxi. Also, taking a taxi is faster than taking a bus, because it can arrive the destination directly.

### Q3. Is it convenient to take the bus/taxi in your city?

Yes, it's really convenient. There's a bus stop almost every block. For me, I take a bus to work every day. It's both cheap and convenient.

### Q4. Do you often use public transportation?

Sure, In the larger towns even WASP also rely on Public Transportation, without public transport I can't go anywhere. I am a native, Suzhou is very well organized. Buses and trams have access to most parts of the urban built up areas. In the capital city there is also the Metro and BRT (A.K.A. Bus Rapid Transportation). In smaller towns there are also have Taxi and local bus services.

### Q5. How do you think the transport system could be improved?

Well, that's definitely a significant thing to talk about, In my opinion, one of the biggest problems to solve is traffic jams. We have more choice on the transportation than the past. Such as tube, plane etc, even though in the small city. We can choose green transportation, just like bicycle, by the way, I like tube, coz tube is safety and tube ticket is cheap.



## Weather

### Q1: What types of weather do people in your country dislike most? Why is that?

In England, it rains all the time and it's really cold here on such days. I think that most people hate when it's raining and windy at the same time, because apart from the fact that they can't see anything and want to move forward, the pressure of the wind makes them go backwards. Something else that really gets me on my nerves is that my clothes get wet and I can't use my umbrella because of the wind.

Tip: You can also say that you don't like the hot weather or even the snow. Just think of the weather in your country and mention which is the worst one for you.

### Q2: How do rainy days make you feel?

A) Well! Along with rain drops, rainy days bring ecstatic changes around us. We can enjoy variety of dishes sitting at home and seeing rain drops makes us feel blissful indeed. The precept outside elevates our mood. The tiny drops of water seem wrapping the happiness around them and more likely tend to be the lifeline for vegetation, along with sheer boon to draught prone areas and deserts.

B) Frankly speaking, I feel slightly uneasy during rainy days. It's muddiness all around the street and every class of society gets the day to day life affected due to mud and water gathered all around. Sometimes heavy rainfall halts the life and people don't even have proper access to household commodities. From transportation to electricity everything has ceased to be stopped. In rainy season not only the quality of drinking water gets worse but also untimely rain affects our vegetation adversely. Many diseases like Malaria, Hepatitis and Diarrhea etc. also spread their tentacles during this weather.

### Q3: What jobs can be affected by different weather conditions? Why?

It seems to me that different weather conditions can affect different occupations. Builders and farmers are negatively affected if it rains heavily. For example, if the weather is rainy people who works outside cannot work properly. Pilots and ice-cream sellers are two other professions that are affected by bad weather as well. In the first case, rain, snow and wind have a great impact on schedules while for the ice cream sellers, the volume of sales and whole business depends on the season and weather.

### Q4: Are there any important festivals in your country that celebrate a season or type of weather?

I cannot recall such festivals or celebrations in my country. However, I am certain in many countries this is quite a common trend to celebrate different weathers and seasons. For instance, the first day of the year, Rainy season, autumn and spring are often celebrated in India and Bangladesh. If we look back in our history, our ancestors mostly celebrated different festivals which were based on different seasons and weathers.

Tip: Think of different kinds of festivals in your own country and mention few of them and how they are celebrated.

If there is no such festivals in your country, simply state that this types of festivals are not celebrated in your country. Just remember, if the answer is negative, don't be upset that you said very few words. As mentioned, not all of your answers can be extended.

**Q5: How important do you think it is for everyone to check what the next day's weather will be? Why?**

It's very necessary to know the weather forecast because people should know the type of clothes they should put on. For example, if it's going to rain, they'll wear boots, jacket and of course take an umbrella with them. In addition, it's important for the means of transport they are going to use, for instance, if they want to go to work by car, bus or on foot. Finally, if they have any kind of plans they should be informed about the weather conditions because their plans can be ruined by bad weather. So I would say people's activity, dress and type of vehicles they will take depends on weather condition and that is why they should always check the next day's weather. From my experience I can say that people do not do that, often suffer and regret a lot.

**Q6: What is the best way to get accurate information about the weather?**

I would say that watching the weather forecast on TV or the internet is the best ways to be informed about the weather conditions. But, we should be very careful because the internet can provide inaccurate information so we must be sure that the site we have access is reliable. Apart from that cross checking different TV channels and websites is another good idea to get more accurate weather forecasting.

**Q7: How easy or difficult is it to predict the weather in your country? Why is that?**

It's really difficult to predict accurate weather condition in my country because the weather in England fluctuates a lot. For example, a few days ago when I woke up at 9 am, the sun was shining and ten minutes later it started raining heavily. Two hours later the wind was blowing and for the rest of the day, the weather was like that. The only thing that is standard is the low temperature in the winter. The weather forecast thus often quite tough and unpredictable in England.

**Q8: Which months have the best weather in your country?**

Well, I suppose it's a matter of personal taste really. I like it around the end of October and November, you know, the middle of autumn when there has mild climate, very agreeable weather. I'm not fond of scorching days we often get during the summer and it's not freezing cold during these months yet, we still get lots of sunny spells. It's kind of nice.

## Weekends

### Q1: Are weekends important to you?

Well, it's quite important. I normally work round the clock (全天睡觉) on workweek; so sleeping all-day and chilling out (放松) during weekends are just right for me. Plus, I may go clubbing(泡夜店) with close friends though I need a couple of days to sleep it off.

### Q2: How do you (usually) spend the weekend?

Well, the best thing to do is to treat my friends to a night out. I normally take my friends out for dinner; finding some best-kept secret restaurants is the most interesting thing we often do. After that, we usually go to a jazz club or live house, as I'm a die-hard jazz fan (铁杆爵士乐迷).

### Q3: Which do you prefer, Saturday or Sunday?

I love Sunday. I don't need to hang out with friends and lie-in, as I have to shoot off early on the next day, otherwise I will be late for work. Plus, listening to some ambient music or reading literature at home is like a good day for me.

### Q4: Is it important for people to have weekends off?

Well, it's quite essential for people to have 2 days off per week. You know, in order to work efficiently, people need a good rest and should have leisure time to do some outdoor activities, especially those white-collar workers, to keep healthy and replenish their energy(保持健康能量).

### Q5: Should people be paid overtime for working at the weekend?

Yes, because workers have to spend all days in the office at the expense of leisure activities. Bosses should reward them with high salaries, higher chance of promotion and perceive them as role models.