**TOPIC 1:**

**Some people claim that for the success of the interview, the interviewee**  **should agree with what the recruiter believes while others think that the**  **interviewee should have their own opinions even though the opinions might**  **contrast the interviewer’s belief.**

**Which do you think is better? Give reasons**  **and examples to support your point of view.**

**(Một số người cho rằng để cuộc phỏng vấn thành công, người được phỏng vấn nên đồng ý với những gì nhà tuyển dụng tin tưởng trong khi những người khác cho rằng người được phỏng vấn nên có ý kiến riêng của họ mặc dù các ý kiến có thể trái ngược với niềm tin của người phỏng vấn.)**

**A:, B**

A: Hey, how was your interview today?

B: I don't know, I'm a bit nervous

A: What's the matter? Tell me about your interview

B: The interview went quite smoothly, but when the manager gave me an opinion, I didn't agree with it so there was a reaction against them and i gave my own opinion, so I'm afraid I won't pass the interview.

A: Come on, it's okay. I'm glad that you confidently dare to voice your own opinion and everyone has the right to speak their mind. So what did your interviewer ask?

B: The manager believed that I can't do marketing because my major in university is accounting, She said that I only have knowledge of numbers but don't know how to market or attract customers to buy products of the company.

A: That seems like old-fashioned thinking. Nowadays many people do marketing while their major in college is not another major. I see you also work hard to acquire marketing knowledge.

B: Yes, I have invested a lot of time and effort in learning about marketing. Recently I have taken many courses to improve my knowledge about marketing.

A: How did you object to your interviewer's opinion?

B: I have confirmed that I also have a strong foundation in marketing through self-study and research. Besides, according to my knowldge, I think that majoring will be a part that helps me apply in work, not a barrier in work.

A: I think you can do it, a major is just a tool to support you in your work, more importantly, you already have the background knowledge and how you apply it to work more effectively. .

B: Do you think so? I am afraid that going against their point of view will make them unhappy and they will rate me low.

A: There's nothing wrong with expressing your personal opinion, you did a great job. I agree that they have to change that point of view to be more open-minded, they can't work in such a rigid way.

B: They considered my opinion on the day of the interview and announced that the final results will be released by the end of this week. I think I've tried my best.

A: You've worked hard, are you hungry?

B: You make me feel so much better. I know a good restaurant nearby, let's go for lunch

A: Alright, let's go

**TOPIC 2.**

**When people succeed, it is entirely because of hard work. Luck has nothing to do with their success. To what extend do you agree or disagree with the statement? Give reasons and examples to support your point of view.**

**(Khi con người ta thành công, đó hoàn toàn là do làm việc chăm chỉ. May mắn không liên quan gì đến thành công của họ. Bạn đồng ý hay không )**

A: Did you watch the Marketing Finals contest that was just held tonight?

B: Yes, I watched the show till the end, it was very good and more thrilling than I expected

A: I was really shocked at the talent of the teams, their marketing project presentation was very good and the critical part was also very convincing both the judges and the audience. To choose the winning team is a difficult choice

B: In a situation like this, do you think winning results need luck?

A: I think not. Although there are many talented people, it is all the result of their hard work over the years to deliver such a successful presentation. It should be as fair as possible

B: Well, luck isn't the deciding factor. But to be successful, a bit of luck is required. In situations like these, luck is the factor that helps them win the competition

A: I believe that those who work hard and are diligent will eventually achieve their goals. They deserve to be recognized for their efforts

B: Not really because I witnessed my friend trying all day and night to study very hard but the test result was missing 0.1 point which caused her to drop out of college.

A: It's a pity for her. She must be very sad.

B: Yes, she worked hard. If only she had a little more luck to be able to get into the university of her dreams.

A: However, I think we should not be too dependent on luck, our own efforts are still an important thing that we should aim to strive to achieve what we aim for.

B: Yes, of course success only comes to those who make an effort, I don't deny that. Just a few cases where we also really need luck, it will bring completely different results.

A: Through this competition, I think they tried their best, I appreciate that. Surely the judges will properly evaluate their ability to find the person who deserves to receive the first prize in the contest

B: Yes, they did their best. I very admirable.

A: Yahh, congrats on their win

**TOPIC 3**

**Some people claim “prevention is better than cure”. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this saying? Give reasons and examples to support**  **your point of view.**

**(Một số người khẳng định "phòng bệnh hơn chữa bệnh".)**

A: Hey, how are your overseas travel plans with your friends?

B: Unfortunately, I had to cancel that trip.

A: Oh, what a pity! What happened?

B: I heard the news about the Covid epidemic becoming serious in many areas, so we decided we should postpone the trip until everything stabilizes and the epidemic subsides before we can start the trip

A: Yes, prevention is better than cure. The corona epidemic is extremely dangerous, moving the travel date is not a bad decision. We should think about our health and the community as well.

B: I was so excited for this trip but it's sad that I haven't been able to do it yet

A: I hope the epidemic will end soon and I will hear your travel story.

B: I hope so too. I will take advantage of this free time to learn more foreign languages, provide myself with a stable vocabulary so that I can be ready to confidently communicate with foreigners. How about you?

A: I also have some study plans in this time, I'm taking some online marketing classes. Besides, I also do not forget to wear a mask every time I go out and limit going out.

B: Lately, I've been at home almost all day because the news about covid is updated every day with a very complicated situation, it's very dangerous to go out.

A: My parents always remind me to eat well and wash my hands often to prevent illness. Please try to stay healthy during this difficult time

B: Thank you for your attention. I hope this epidemic will pass quickly and not make many people sick, please also pay attention to your health because this disease is very contagious.

A: Okay. As long as we consciously follow the regulations to prevent Covid, I believe we will soon overcome this pandemic. If you accidentally get infected, it will be extremely dangerous to your life.

B: Fully vaccinated is also an effective way to prevent disease

A: Ahh, I know. I have now had 2 doses of the vaccine, but I am still very attentive and vigilant so that I do not get infected with the virus. Long time no see you, I miss you so much

B: Hopefully Vietnam will soon overcome the pandemic and we will have the opportunity to meet, then I will take you to eat delicious restaurants.

A: Okay, see you soon

**TOPIC 4**

**Nowadays, young people often send their parents who get old to nursing homes. Do you think this is a positive or negative trend? Give examples to clarify your viewpoint.**

**(Ngày nay, những người trẻ tuổi thường gửi cha mẹ già của họ vào viện dưỡng lão. )**

A: Hey, where are your grandparents? Why haven't I seen them coming to your house these days?

B: Well, my parents just moved my grandparents to a nursing home to be cared for with the best equipment

A: Why did your parents do that? Are your parents too busy to take care of them?

B: My parents said that most nursing homes are equipped with modern equipment that the elderly need, they want my grandparents to enjoy that convenience.

A: Your grandparents live far away from home, you must miss your grandparents, right?

B: Sure, I can only visit them at the nursing home but I can't spend as much time with them as I used to.

A: Do you think it was the right decision of your parents? I find seniors to be very sensitive emotionally, they need love from your family.

B: I think my grandparents will have the opportunity to participate in social activities that have a positive impact on the mental health of the elderly while in the nursing home.

A: But no one can measure the sadness and loneliness they feel when they are separated from their loved ones.

B: I also worry about my grandparents when my family is not around, although the facilities there are very good, but I think they will also miss me a lot.

A: I think your parents should take your grandparents home and spend more time with them, they don't have much time with us anymore so we need to cherish this time.

B: I thought about it too, but my family just wanted them to live comfortably in such an great environment.

A: I think you are wrong, old people don't need those modern things, what they need is time to be with their children and grandchildren.

B: I have missed my grandparents so much since they entered the nursing home, I thought I would talk to my parents about bringing them home.

A: I'm looking forward to seeing your grandparents again

**TOPIC 5**

**Recently, while young people often consider backpacking as a thrilling way to travel, parents only see dangers out of this trend.**

**Do you think the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages? Give examples to clarify your viewpoint.**

**(Trong khi giới trẻ thường coi du lịch bụi như một cách cảm giác mạnh thì các bậc phụ huynh lại chỉ nhìn thấy những nguy hiểm từ trào lưu này.)**

A: Hey, Have you packed your bags for the upcoming trip?

B: I've already prepared everything, but I haven't announced this trip to my parents yet.

A: We have a few more days to go, what makes you procrastinate?

B: My parents will be very worried when they find out that I go on a road trip, they only think about the dangers of the trip

A: Oh, I get it. Parents often worry when their child is out of their control, they can't take care of their child and will think of countless bad cases that can happen.

B: But I'm an adult and I want to experience, I want to see new lands and exciting ways of life that only backpacks can offer. I wish my parents could understand that

A: I think you should talk about that with your parents and they can understand you, they will feel reassured when you let them know about the trip plans. Show them that backpacking is something worth trying once in a lifetime

B: I'm afraid that after telling my parents about backpacking they will stop my trip. They thought I was going to be robbed, scammed or had an accident...

A: Relax, it's almost time to go on a trip so you need to tell your parents early to give them more time to think carefully, they need to respect their child's wishes because they can't keep you with them forever. Okay.

B: I hope my parents can understand and allow me to go on trips like this. It will help me broaden my horizons and understanding of new lands, different cultures and cuisines, which my parents will definitely consider when they hear that.

A: Surely your parents will understand for you, we're still young, let's just experience it

B: Thanks for your advice, I will talk to my parents about backpacking to change their mind.

***6. Plastic bags should be banned completely to help protect the environment.***

***To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give examples to support your***

***point of view.***

A: Hey!!! What are you doing?

B: Nothing. I just wondering if I should take part in LiveForUs Project organized by our school.

A: What is the Project about?

B: About some environmental issues, especially plastic waste.

A: Sound great. Join now!

B: But there is an interview before I join the Project, and I have to answer a question that quite difficult.

A: What is that?

B: It is “Plastic bags should be banned completely to help protect the environment. Do you agree or disagree?”

A: Hmm. If I were you I would say “No one would deny that the plastic bags used in supermarkets and shops have a negative effect on the environment because they do not degrade and end up as litter in our cities or oceans. However, the replacements for plastic bags also carry significant environmental risks. That is why I think plastic bags should not be banned.”

B: Why do you think like that???? My point is’ The main environmental side effect related to plastic bags is that they pollute both the land and water. An insignificant percentage of people may reuse or recycle plastic bags, but most ultimately litter or throw them in the trash. This is why many feel that plastic bags should be banned.’

A: Espite the advantages of banning plastic bags, the solutions for plastic bags are worse than the original problem. Most people who advocate banning plastic bags suggest paper bags or reusable bags that are made from cotton or plastic. Paper bags require us to continue clearing forests and also carry a large carbon footprint. Some Studies have shown that the production of cotton and reusable plastic causes more harm to the environment than disposable plastic bags.

CORRECT B: That sound straight, but your ideas seem irrefutable. I will think more what I gonna say in my interview, although your idea still make me confuse, it is the perfect explain for this question. Hmm, I don’t know, Can I use your opinion for my interview?

A: Yes, sure.

***7. People eat too much sugar and salt these days. To what extent do you agree***

***or disagree? Give examples to support your point of view.***

A: Why look you so sad, sweetheart?

B: Yeah. I went to the hospital for a routine checkup today. And the doctor said I am too overweight, And I could not eat too much sugar and salt, It is best to remove it from the diet.

A: Not that bad…But he said right. Too much sugar can cause insulin resistance, obesity and diabetes, Salt can cause water gain and high blood pressure, which can lead to heart failure, heart attack and stroke.

B: I don’t get it, if it's so harmful, why doesn't the government ban it. And I think salt and sugar are important spices in food, without them, what would be food? And I will never eat food without salt and sugar.

A: I think you should change your thinking. There are a lot of survey were made for this problem. But luckily for you, except sugar, you can get sweet taste from other ingredients.

B: What is it? Another ingredients? I don’t there are another can replace sugar and salt

A: Yeah, you can get sugar from fruits or honey like orange or bananas, and a lot of vegetables contain a lot of glucozo compounds, which are sweeteners.

B: Oh I heard it, salt too, we can use herbs, spices, garlic and citrus in place of salt to add flavour to your food during cooking and at the table instead of salt. And it is healthy too.

A: yeah, that right.

B: Thanks for you advises, I will pay more attention to my foods.

A: No problem.

***8. Should schools teach subjects like art and music? Give examples to support***

***your point of view.***

A: So Awful!!!

B: What? What is that?

A: I am searching on the forum, and there was an opinion that schools in Vietnam should not teach art and music.

B: How? Why?

A: I don’t know, they said these subjects were not important.

B: How terrible!

A: They must know that first and the most important reason is that art and music can helps students to better learn and concentrate on their education. As we all know, schools, which teach just theoretical courses, have the harsh atmosphere and students usually have not enough enthusiasm for going there.

B: A further point is that students can have more chances for finding a job in future by learning art and music. Hence, the schools have to prepare students and increase their ability for have more job opportunities.

A: That’s true. We’ve already known, the unemployment is the trouble crisis not only in the poor country, but also in the developed countries. And the Government should pay attention.

B: It is quite normal that students who learned music can work in concert halls, students who learned painting can work in art galleries. Nowadays, many countries acquire a great part of their budget like Korea, they make a huge amount of money every year from their showbiz.

A: You are right. I don’t why there are some people think we shouldn’t teach art and music.

B: Yeah, me too.

***9. Do you think foreign cultures threaten the identity of the nation? Give***

***examples to support your point of view.***

A: Do you think foreign cultures threaten the identity of the nation? B, This morning I read a newspaper and they said about this problem.

B: I think that foreign cultures do not threaten the identity of the nation, but it also brings many different benefits to the country.

A: So. What is that?

B: Firstly, it can increase the knowledge and information of a layman about other cultures. Secondly, thanks to technology like internet and satellites which brought this world so close. Finally, people have more choices than ever before. Therefore, there is a possibility of no more culture shocks for everybody.

A: But… Despite these benefits, the principal against cultural globalization is that it can cause loss of cultural identity. For example, people preferred to listen pop and jazz than classic music. Most people from different countries speak only English rather than their mother tongue and wear almost same clothes as well all over the world

B: So there are two sides to it, right? But we can also keep our VietNam cuturals throught foods, language and clothes

A: Yeah, right. No matter you want it or not, you must wear Áo Dài for school and eat food made by my mother.

B: hí hí

***10. Are social skills more important than education when looking for a job? Give examples to support your point of view.***

A: Good morning? What are you watching?

B: I'm looking at how to write a curriculum vitae (CV), I want to apply for a commercial company

A: So Why are you look so sad?

B: You know that I am just a student and I haven’n had some social skills yet. So Am I gonna do?

A: Hey, no problem. You are really smart. Undeniably, formal qualifications play a critical role in one’s career because they are generally good indicators of a person’s capability and specialized knowledge. In fact, all employers treasure the intellectual power of their employees. Without technical knowledge, a person stands little chance of being hired.

B: But I read that, most businesses today always prioritize people with more than 2 years of working experience, and good social skills. there are many reasons company aware of the importance of social skills. It is not uncommon that a person with life experience helps everyone to deal with difficult situations more effectively, which help improve worker productivity.

A: But you should remember that there more than 1 milion students graduated and are finding jobs each year. And you should try your best in your interview, keep smile and always confident, Ok?

B: Ok. Thank you.