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Part 1 新题

Hats/caps

1. *Is wearing hats popular in your country?*

I would say it's not that popular in China. Wearing a hat, especially indoors, is often seen as **disrespectful**, so people tend to avoid it in **formal or social settings**. Moreover, some believe that wearing a hat too often might **lead to hair loss**, which makes people even more **hesitant**.

2. *Where do you like to buy hats?*

Frankly, due to the reasons above, I never buy hats and never wear them. But I have seen people purchasing hats from department stores or online.

3. *What kinds of hats do you have?*

See 2. I have none.

4. *Do you like to wear hats?*

See 1 & 2, don't like.

Borrowing/lending

1. *Have you borrowed books from others?*

Yes, I've borrowed books from friends and classmates, especially when preparing for exams or studying **topics outside my field**. It's convenient and saves money, and good for the environment! Haha. I always return them **in good condition** and treat them to a coffee or bubble tea **as a thank-you**.

2. *Have you ever borrowed money from others?*

I've borrowed small amounts from friends, like when I forgot my wallet or needed a coin for the bus or something. Since the amount isn't significant, I usually treat them to a meal or some drinks to **show my appreciation**. I think it's **not a big deal** as long as it's not **a large sum**.

3. *Do you like to lend things to others?*

I don't mind lending small things, like a pen or a phone charger, especially to close friends. It feels good to help someone when they're in need. But I'm **a bit cautious with** more valuable items since it can ruin the friendship if something goes wrong with the item.

4. *How do you feel when people don't return things they borrowed from you?*

It's quite frustrating, to be honest, especially if it's something expensive. One time, my best friend borrowed my iPad for a week but didn't return it until a few months later. **Ever since that incident, the friendship has felt awkward**. I feel like they don't **value my trust** or the effort it took to lend it.

Colours

1. What's your favourite color?

I love black the most! Actually, I just prefer dark colors overall. I look good in black; it makes me look thinner.

2. What's the colour you dislike? Why?

I don't really hate any color. I mean, I'm a man, so I'm **not a big fan of** pink. It's just a **personal preference**, fits in the **gender stereotype** perfectly though, haha.

3. What colors do your friends like most?

Blue?? Honestly, I never thought about this. I guess pink for all my female friends and blue for all my male friends...Wait, my best friend, XXX, he definitely loves black because he always wears a black jacket, he has a black Audi, and a black iPhone, MacBook and so on.

4. What colour makes you uncomfortable in your room?

Although black is my favourite color, I will never want my walls to be black. I think **bright colors** are better to be used for decorating my room because they **evoke emotions** like passion and happiness which are essential to me. I'm an **optimistic** person!

App

1. What apps have you recently used?

I use a lot of apps on my smartphones and tablets every single day because **they are essential to my daily life**. I just bought a pair of shoes on Amazon which is **an E-commerce app**. I also use WeChat which is **an instant messaging app** for connecting with my friends and family.

2. What kinds of apps are you usually interested in?

I have never thought about this. Apps are so **embedded in my life** and **my phone is glued on my hand all the time**. I guess I'm interested in all the apps that I use, like **e-commerce apps** for online shopping, and **social media apps** to follow the latest trends.

3. How do you find out different apps?

Well, that's something happened a long time ago. I think I started to use smartphones 10 years ago and at the time there weren't many mobile apps available. I probably used WeChat first because I needed it to connect with my friends and family.

4. What kinds of apps would you like to use in the future?

I'm not really **a tech-savvy person** and I have no idea about what kinds of app that are not created already. For me, I would probably be using the same apps because I can do literally anything already. Recently, with so many trending movies, I've been using **movie ticket booking apps** a lot more often.

Housework and cooking

1. Do you do some cooking/help your family cook at home now?

Yes, I do. Although I'm not a very good cook, I enjoy preparing ingredients for my mother.

Chopping green onions into tiny thin pieces is so satisfying!

2. Did you do some house cleaning when you were young?

All the time! I earn \$1 every time I wash all the dishes, and \$2 if I mop all the floors, so I took all the chances I could to make money to buy the latest comic books.

3. Do you have breakfast at home everyday?

No, I rarely eat breakfast at home. I really don't have the time for it on weekdays. I normally just eat a muffin or sometime simple on my way to school. And on weekends, I usually wake up at lunch time, so no breakfast is needed.

4. Do you want to learn how to cook well?

Yes, absolutely! I'm about to study abroad and I really cannot afford to order Chinese food everyday. So, I want to make sure that I can cook all my favorite dishes before I step onto the flight.

Gifts

1. Have you ever sent handmade gifts to others?

Never. I know sending handmade gifts is thoughtful, as it's the thought that counts, but I just don't have the talent for making things myself. Instead, I always buy gifts from stores.

2. Have you ever received a great gift?

Definitely, I still remember the day I received my first MacBook; it was my 18th birthday present from my mother. I've always been a big fan of Apple products, and it was a wonderful experience that I will never forget.

3. What do you consider when choosing a gift?

I consider the recipient's interests, our relationship, and the occasion. For instance, sending an expensive gift to someone I'm not very close to might create pressure to the recipient, but it's suitable for a close relationship like giving my mom a Gucci bag for her 50th birthday.

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

Not really. I try to avoid that, and sometimes I just send people money as a gift so they can use it to buy whatever they like. Choosing an appropriate gift can be a really stressful task for me.

Party

1. Do you like parties?

It depends on the type of party. I enjoy small gatherings with close friends because they feel more comfortable and fun. But I'm not a big fan of loud and crowded parties since they can be overwhelming.

2. How often did you have a party when you were a kid?

Not very often, to be honest. Birthday parties were the only real parties I had, and even those were usually small family gatherings. In China, kids don't have parties as frequently as in some Western countries.

3. Have you ever organized a party?

Yes, I helped organize a birthday party for my best friend once. We booked a small café, decorated the place, and planned some fun activities. It was a bit stressful, but seeing everyone enjoy themselves **made it worth it**.

Stories

1. What stories did you like when you were young?

I loved **adventure and fantasy** stories because they took me to a completely different world. One of my favorites was *Journey to the West*, also called Xiyouji in Chinese, since it was full of action and cool mythical creatures. It's one of most respected literatures in China and I learn different things from it every time I read it.

2. Do you prefer listening to stories or reading them?

I think I prefer reading because **I can imagine the scenes in my own way**. But listening to stories is certainly very convenient especially if I'm on the road and have to pay attention to the road itself. Listening to stories is a good way to kill time and also hopefully learn something.

3. Have you ever written any story before?

Yes, I wrote some short stories when I was in primary school. They were usually about superheroes and robots because I was really into those books at the time. I don't write much now as I'm so busy with studying, but sometimes I think it would be fun to try again.

Part 1 保留题

Hobby

1. Do you have any hobbies?

Yes, I have a few hobbies that I enjoy in my free time. I like playing video games, watching movies, and hitting the gym. Recently, I've been very busy with studying so did not get a chance to enjoy these activities.

2. Did you have any hobbies when you were a child?

When I was a kid, I was really into building Lego sets and drawing cartoon characters. I also spent a lot of time playing basketball with my friends at school. Looking back, those hobbies made my childhood really fun.

3. Do you have a hobby that you've had since childhood?

See 2.

4. Do you have the same hobbies as your family members?

Not really, to be honest. My parents don't play video games or watch the same kinds of movies as I do. But sometimes, we watch classic Chinese films together, which is something we all enjoy. I think it's quite rare to have the same hobbies with parents in general.

Swimming

1. Do you like swimming?

Yes, I enjoy swimming, especially because it's a refreshing way to exercise and cool off, especially in the summer. It's a nice break from my usual routine, and I find being in the water really relaxing.

2. Is it difficult to learn how to swim?

Learning to swim can be a bit challenging at first, especially if you're not comfortable in the water. Getting the breathing technique and coordination right takes practice, but with patience and guidance, it becomes easier.

3. Where do people in your country like to go swimming?

In my country, people often go swimming at local pools, especially in city areas where there aren't many natural water spots. During the summer, popular beach destinations, like those in Hainan or Qingdao, attract many visitors for swimming and relaxing by the sea.

4. What's the difference between swimming in the pool and swimming in the sea?

Swimming in a pool is generally more controlled and safer, with clear water, stable temperatures, and no waves, making it easier to practice. In the sea, you deal with natural elements like waves, currents, and saltwater, which adds a bit of a challenge.

Making friends/Meeting new people

1. Do you like making friends?

Of course, I really enjoy making friends because it's a great way to learn from others and share experiences. Meeting new people often opens up new perspectives and makes life more interesting. I also find having a good circle of friends is always fun and gives me a sense of belonging.

2. Did you make a lot of friends when you were a child?

I didn't have a ton of friends as a child, but I did have a number of very close ones that I grew up with, we call it "faxiao". Since I grew up in a small neighborhood, we used to hang out in parks or play video games together. Those friendships have stayed with me even now.

3. Have you made any new friends recently?

Oh ya, I've made a few new friends recently through **social events** in my university. It's much easier to connect with people nowadays, especially with **shared interests** in technology and games. Some of them have even become my close friends over time.

4. What do you often talk about with your new friends?

We usually talk about **shared interests** like gaming, tech, or movies. Sometimes we discuss **university life and future plans, like studying abroad or career goals**. It's always fun when we **joke around** or **share memes** online too.

5. Do you like meeting new people?

For sure, I do enjoy meeting new people. It's exciting to **hear different perspectives** and learn about their experiences. Besides, it can lead to new opportunities and friendships that **I wouldn't have had otherwise**.

6. Where can you meet new people?

I think you can meet new people almost anywhere, but for me, it's mostly through social events or online communities. These are great places to **connect with others** who share similar interests and backgrounds.

7. Do you enjoy talking to new people?

Definitely, I do enjoy talking to new people, especially when we **have something in common**. It can be a little awkward at first, but once we find **common ground, the conversation flows naturally**. It's always interesting to hear their stories and experiences.

Teamwork

1. Do you like teamwork?

Always, I enjoy teamwork because it allows people to **combine their strengths** and come up with better solutions. Working together can make tasks more efficient, and it's always nice to share ideas and learn from others. To me, it also helps build **a sense of collaboration and trust**.

2. Have you teamed up with someone else before?

Yes, I've teamed up with others many times, especially during **group projects** at university. I've also worked with friends on personal projects, like creating social media content. It really allowed us to **combine our strengths** and come up with better solutions.

3. What do you learn from working in a team?

Through teamwork, I've learned how to **be a better listener and communicator**. It teaches patience, since everyone has their own pace and style of working. Most importantly, it shows how important collaboration is to achieve **common goals**.

4. What do you dislike about teamwork?

Sometimes, team members don't **pull their weight** or don't show up to meetings. **This really annoys me**. Miscommunication can also lead to frustration, especially if everyone **isn't on**

the same page. It really slows things down and makes others' lives very challenging amid deadlines.

Place of work/study

1. Do you prefer to study at home or in a library?

I prefer studying at home because it's more comfortable and I can take breaks whenever I want. But the library is also great when I need a quiet place with fewer distractions. It really depends on my mood and the type of work I'm doing.

2. What is your favourite place to study?

My favorite place to study is probably my own room. I have my desk set up just how I like it, with everything I need close by. It's also where I feel the most relaxed and can focus the best.

3. What part of your school do you like the most?

I really like the student lounge area in my school. It's a nice spot to relax, meet friends, or even get some light studying done. The vibe is chill, and it's a great place to take a break between classes.

4. Do you prefer to work at home or in the workplace?

I prefer working at home because it's more flexible and comfortable. I can set my own schedule and avoid commuting, which saves time and money. However, the workplace is better for focus when I need fewer distractions and meet with others.

5. Do you prefer to work alone or in a group?

I usually prefer working alone because I can move at my own pace and focus better. But working in a group can be great for brainstorming and solving complex problems, as everyone brings different ideas to the table. It depends on the task.

Good view

1. What is the view like around the place where you live?

The view around where I live is quite simple, mostly consisting of parks and some apartment buildings. There aren't any mountains or rivers, but the green spaces are nice, especially in spring. It's more of an urban setting with a lot of everyday life happening around.

2. Have you seen an unforgettable and beautiful view or scenery?

Absolutely, I once visited Chengdu, and the scenery there was breathtaking. The combination of the mountains and rivers, especially at sunset, is something I'll never forget. It felt like stepping into a traditional Chinese painting.

3. Would you take photos when you see a good view?

Definitely, I always take photos when I see a good view. It's a great way to capture the moment and share it with others. Not to mention, it's nice to look back at the pictures and relive the experience.

4. What is your favourite place? Why?

My favorite place is probably the beach. I love the **sound of the waves**, the fresh air, and the peaceful atmosphere. It's a great spot to relax, think, or just enjoy the scenery, especially during sunset.

Perfume

1. Do you like perfume?

Oh ya, I'm a big fan of perfume because it **adds a nice personal touch** and can **lift my mood**. A good scent can make me feel more confident and leave a positive impression. I enjoy **subtle, fresh fragrances** that aren't too **overpowering**.

2. Do you use perfume?

Well, I do use perfume, but I keep it **subtle**. I usually go for **lighter, fresh scents** that aren't too overpowering. It's a small detail, but it makes a difference in how you feel throughout the day.

3. Where do you spray perfume?

I usually spray perfume on my wrists and behind my ears. Sometimes, I'll also spray a little on my clothes or neck for a longer-lasting scent. **Those areas seem to hold the fragrance well**.

4. Do you send perfume to others as a gift?

Sometimes, I do. I think perfume can be a **thoughtful** gift if you know **the person's taste**. It's a personal item, so I usually give it to close friends or family. It feels like a nice way to show that you know someone's style.

5. Do you spend a lot of money on buying perfume?

Not really, I don't spend a lot of money on perfume. I usually go for **affordable**, quality brands that **suit my style**. It's nice to have a good scent, but I don't think it's worth spending too much on it.

Teachers

1. Do you have a favourite teacher?

I do have a favorite teacher. He was my math teacher in high school, and he really made learning math enjoyable. His teaching style was **engaging**, and he always **encouraged us to think critically**.

2. In what way has your favourite teacher helped you?

He helped me **build confidence** in solving complex problems and made math **less intimidating**. He also taught me to **approach challenges** with a positive mindset, which has been useful **beyond just academics**. His support **made a huge difference** in my learning.

3. Do you have a teacher from your past that you still remember?

Yes. See 1.

4. Are you still in touch with your primary school teachers?

Not so much, I'm **not in touch with** my primary school teachers anymore. It's been a long time since I left. But I still have fond memories of some of them.

5. Do you want to be a teacher in the future?

I don't think I want to be a teacher in the future, though I admire the **profession**. I prefer working in fields related to technology or business. Teaching requires a lot of patience and **dedication**, which **I'm not sure I have for that kind of role**.

Fishing

1. Is fishing popular in your country?

Yes, fishing is quite popular in China, especially in coastal areas and along rivers. Many people enjoy it as a relaxing outdoor activity, and it's also **part of some traditional livelihoods**. Fishing competitions are even held in some places.

2. Do you like eating fish?

Absolutely, I like eating fish, especially when it's prepared in different styles like **deep fried or grilled**. Fish is a big part of Chinese cuisine, and it's both healthy and delicious. I enjoy it the most when it's cooked with flavorful sauces or spices.

3. Do you like fishing?

I haven't done much fishing myself, but I think it could be a relaxing way to spend time outdoors. It seems like a peaceful activity that requires patience, so **I've been reluctant to try it**. Maybe I'll give it a try once I'm older.

4. Did you ever go fishing when you were a child?

Not really, I didn't go fishing when I was a child. Growing up in a more urban area, there weren't many opportunities for it. But I did hear stories about it from some of my relatives who travel long distances for fishing near rivers.

Laughing

1. Do you enjoy watching interesting and funny movies?

Yes, for sure, I love watching funny and interesting movies. Comedy is a great way to relax and **de-stress**, and it's always fun to share a good laugh with friends. I think funny movies can also be a nice break from more serious stuff.

2. Do you think you are a funny person?

I think I have **a good sense of humor**, but I wouldn't say I'm **the funniest person in the room**. I enjoy making witty comments and sharing jokes, but it really depends on the situation and who I'm with.

3. Are you a person who often makes others laugh?

Sometimes, yes, I do make others laugh, especially when I'm with close friends. I like to **keep things light** and share jokes or **funny memes**. It's always great to see people smile and have a good time.

4. Do you always laugh at funny things?

Yes, I usually laugh at funny things, especially if the joke or situation **catches me off guard**. I have a pretty **laid-back** sense of humor, so even small, silly things can make me laugh. It's hard not to when something is genuinely funny.

5. When was the last time you laughed?

The last time I laughed was yesterday when I was watching a talk show with my friends. There was a really **hilarious** scene that had all of us **cracking up**. It's always fun to laugh together over something like that.

Roads and streets

1. Are the roads and streets in the area where you live busy?

Definitely, the roads and streets where I live are quite busy, especially during **rush hours**. There's a lot of traffic with cars, buses, and bikes. It can get pretty crowded, especially in the city center.

2. How do people cross the road in the city where you live?

People mostly use pedestrian crossings or overpasses to cross the roads. At busy intersections, there are traffic lights specifically for **pedestrians**, but some people do rush across when they can, even if it's a bit risky.

3. What is the condition of the roads in your city like?

The roads in my city are generally **in good condition**, especially the main ones, which are **well-maintained**. However, some smaller streets have **potholes** or uneven surfaces that could use repair. Traffic can get **congested** during peak hours, but overall, the **infrastructure** is **decent**.

4. Do you think the roads in your city need improvement?

Absolutely, I think some roads in my city could use improvement, especially in **residential areas**. Better maintenance and clearer markings would make driving and walking safer. Also, **improving traffic flow** in busy spots would help reduce congestion.

Coins

1. Do you often carry coins with you?

Never, I haven't carried coins with me for years. These days, I mostly use **mobile payments** or cards, which are much more convenient. Coins feel a bit **outdated**, especially with how digital everything has become.

2. Have you ever collected coins?

No, I've never seriously collected coins, but I have kept a few interesting ones from different countries when I travel. They're **more like souvenirs to me than a real collection**. It's always fun to see how coins vary from place to place.

3. Is it convenient to use coins?

Not really, using coins isn't very convenient compared to digital payments. They're **bulky**, and it can be annoying to carry and count them. Mobile payment methods are much faster and easier nowadays.

4. Do you use coins in your daily life?

No, I don't use coins in my daily life anymore. With mobile payments being so convenient and **widely accepted**, I rarely need to carry cash or coins. It's much easier to just pay with my phone for almost everything.

5. Did you use coins as a child?

Well, yes, I used coins as a child, especially for buying small snacks or toys. Back then, **mobile payments weren't invented yet**, so coins were the easiest way to make small purchases.

Bikes

1. Did you have a bike when you were young?

Oh ya, I had a bike when I was young. I remember riding it around the neighborhood with my friends, especially during the weekends. It was one of the best ways to have fun and feel **a sense of freedom** as a kid.

2. Do you have a bike now?

No, I don't have a bike now. I usually rely on public transportation or just walk. Also, with **bike-sharing services** everywhere, it's easy to rent one when I need it.

3. Do you often ride a bike now?

Not as often as I used to, but I do ride occasionally. When the weather is nice, I'll rent a shared bike to get around, especially for short trips to avoid traffic. It's a great way to get some exercise too.

4. Are bikes popular in China?

I would say so, bikes are still very popular in China, especially with the rise of bike-sharing services. People use them for short commutes, exercise, or just to get around quickly without dealing with traffic. Cycling has always been a part of everyday life here.

5. Did you ride a bike when you were little?

Oh ya, I rode a bike a lot when I was little. It was a fun way to hang out with friends, and we often rode around parks or quiet streets. It felt like a small adventure every time!

Teachers

1. Do you want to be a teacher in the future?

I would not want to be an elementary school teacher because I'm not very good with young children. However, I would love to be a high school teacher or a professor at universities because I can focus on **guiding them towards a profession or career**. I think that **suits my personality** better. In my opinion, the role of a teacher who can offer **sound guidance and support to young people is priceless** and if I have a chance to be one, I will.

2. Do you remember one of your teachers?

The teacher I have the most memories of is my highschool math teacher as I spent three valuable years growing up with him. He was a very responsible and respectful individual who worked hard to **impart technical knowledge** as well as **instill good manners** in me. He has won numerous teaching awards, yet he remains dedicated to helping students who are struggling. I wish him all the best.

3. What were your primary school teachers like?

I cannot remember much about them because it has been so long. However, I have a good impression of all of them. They were very responsible and worked hard to **guide us in the right direction and keep us out of trouble**. Overall, they were respectful individuals.

4. Do you have a favorite teacher?

See 2.

Challenges

1. What subject do you think is the most challenging at school?

For me, the most challenging subject at school has always been Chinese literature. While I'm quite good at math, **interpreting** and analyzing texts in depth is something that doesn't **come as naturally** to me.

2. Do you like to challenge yourself?

Yes, I definitely like to challenge myself. I believe **stepping out of my comfort zone** is crucial for personal growth. Whether it's tackling complex problems in my studies or trying new activities, I find that **pushing my limits** can be very rewarding.

3. Do you like to live a life that has a lot of challenges?

I believe a life filled with challenges is enriching and helps build character. While it can be stressful at times, facing and overcoming these challenges often leads to a deeper sense of accomplishment.

4. How do you usually deal with challenges in daily life?

When facing challenges, I usually start by breaking the problem down into smaller, more manageable parts. This approach helps me stay organized and reduces **overwhelm**. Additionally, I often seek advice from friends or mentors, as gaining different perspectives can be incredibly helpful.

Childhood memory

1. What did you enjoy doing as a child?

As a child, I enjoyed all sorts of sports such as soccer, roller blading and basketball. These activities not only **kept me entertained** but also helped develop my teamwork skills and build friendships.

2. Did you enjoy your childhood?

Yes, I enjoyed my childhood. Growing up without **siblings**, I learned to be independent and made strong connections with my childhood friends, which made my younger years quite memorable and enjoyable.

3. What are your best childhood memories?

My best childhood memories are of spending time with my friends after school. We would play video games, play sports at local parks, and sometimes work on homework together. Those **moments of shared laughter** are very **dear to me**.

4. Do you think it is better for children to grow up in the city or in the countryside?

I believe both environments have their **merits**. Growing up in the city offers more educational opportunities, while the countryside can provide a peaceful setting with a closer connection to nature. It really depends on the individual needs of the family and what environment they **thrive** in.

Exciting activities

1. Have you ever tried any exciting activities?

Yes, I have tried several exciting activities, such as **rock climbing** and **zip-lining**. These experiences were **thrilling** and **pushed me to overcome my fears** while enjoying the sense of achievement.

2. What do you think were exciting activities when you were a child?

See 1.

3. Has anything exciting happened to you recently?

Recently, I was selected to participate in a country-wide student debate competition. Preparing for it and engaging with talented students from different parts of the country has been an exciting experience.

4. Would you like to try scuba diving and bungee jumping?

While both activities sound incredibly thrilling, I am particularly interested in trying scuba diving to explore underwater life. Bungee jumping, however, might be a bit too intense for my tastes right now.

E-books and paper books

1. Which do you prefer, e-books or paper books?

I prefer paper books because of the satisfaction of turning each page. Although e-books are **better suited** for searching content quickly, there's also a certain comfort in having a physical book that e-books can't quite **replicate**. I find myself more focused when reading a paper book too.

2. When do you usually read online?

I usually read online when I need quick access to information or when I'm researching academic topics. It's especially handy for accessing a wide range of resources instantly.

3. Will you read more online in the future?

Yes, I expect I'll read more online in the future, especially as **digital content becomes increasingly accessible and convenient**. As publishers follow the trend of **digitization**, fewer books will be published in **printed form** in the future as well, so I will have no choice but to read more online.

4. Do you think paper books will disappear in the future?

I don't think paper books will completely disappear in the future. Despite the rise of digital media, there's a lasting appeal to physical books, whether for collecting or gifting, that I believe will **preserve their presence** for a long time.

News

1. Are you interested in news?

Yes, I am interested in the news because it helps me stay informed about what's happening around the world and understand different **perspectives**. I'm particularly interested in world economics and politics.

2. How do you usually find news?

I usually find news through social media, which provide me with quick and easy access to the latest updates from around the globe. I also occasionally read magazines such as The Economist for **detailed, high-quality analysis**.

3. How do your friends get news?

My friends generally get their news from social media and news apps. These platforms are convenient for them as they can quickly **catch up on the latest events** directly from their smartphones.

4. Have you read the news this morning?

Not really, as I was busy preparing for the IELTS test this morning, I didn't check my phone for news. Instead, I took the time to enjoy a good breakfast to **boost my energy**, focusing on having a balanced meal that could help me **stay alert** and perform well during my test.

5. Do you often talk with your friends about the news?

Yes, I often talk with my friends about the news and sometimes **engage in economic and political debates**. It's a good way to **exchange ideas** and opinions about current events and deepen our understanding of different issues.

Staying at home

1. *Are you a person who likes to stay at home?*

Yes, I do enjoy staying at home quite a bit. It gives me the space and quiet I need to focus on my studies and also unwind by **indulging in my favourite shows**.

2. *What do you do when you stay at home?*

When I'm at home, I usually spend time studying, completing assignment, or watching educational videos to further my knowledge. I also enjoy playing video games or catching up on my favorite TV shows **as a way to relax**. I can always find something to do at home; never bored!

3. *What is your favourite place at home?*

My favorite place at home is definitely my **desk setup**. It's where I have my computer, dual monitors, and all my favourite electronic devices such as my phone, iPad, and apple watch. It's a little nook where I feel most productive and **at ease**.

4. *What did you often do at home as a child?*

When I was a child, I had tons of homework to complete each day, so that's what I spent most of my time at home on. Other than that, I would **take every second I had** and **immerse myself in** different video games for hours.

5. *Would you like to stay at home a lot in the future?*

In the future, I would still like to spend a good amount of time at home as it's my comfort zone where I can learn and relax. However, I also hope to balance this with more outdoor activities and socializing to ensure **a well-rounded lifestyle**.

Schools and workplace

此话题非常个人化，强烈推荐按照自身真实情况来准备，很好的练习机会，因此在这仅提供个别难题语料

1. *Where is your school?*

2. *Do you like your school?*

3. *Do you think your school is a good place to study?*

4. *What is the environment like at your school?*

5. *What do you think could be improved in your school?*

6. *How important is interest in study?*

Interest in study is crucial because it **fuels motivation** and **deepens engagement** with the material. When students are genuinely interested in their subjects, they tend to understand and retain information better, which enhances their overall academic performance and **cultivates a lifelong passion for learning**.

- 7. Which subject do you find challenging?**
- 8. Do you like your job?**
- 9. Do you currently have a good work environment?**
- 10. What do you think could be improved at your workplace?**
- 11. Have you ever thought about changing jobs?**
- 12. What do you think would be challenging when you start working in the future?**

I think adapting to the **professional environment** and **balancing work responsibilities with personal life** will be challenging when I start working. There's also the aspect of continuous learning and skill development in a rapidly changing job market, which requires diligence and adaptability.

13. Is there a place in your company that makes you feel relaxed?

As a student, I'm not yet working in a company, but I believe having a **dedicated** relaxation space at work, such as a lounge or a quiet room, would be highly beneficial for employees to unwind and recharge during breaks.

14. What are the advantages of a company having a relaxation room?

A relaxation room in a company can significantly enhance employee well-being and productivity. It provides a space for employees to take **mental and physical breaks**, reducing stress and **preventing burnout**. This not only helps maintain a positive work environment but also promotes creativity and efficiency among staff.

Breakfast

1. What do you usually eat for breakfast?

Usually, for breakfast, I **grab** some steamed buns or congee, sometimes with eggs or vegetables on the side. Occasionally, I might switch it up with noodles or pancakes if I'm **feeling adventurous**.

2. Do you think breakfast is important?

Yeah, I think breakfast is crucial because it **kickstarts** your metabolism and gives you the energy to **tackle the day**. Skipping it can leave you feeling **sluggish** and unfocused, so I try to never miss it.

3. Are there any differences between the mornings of your childhood and now?

Mornings now are way busier compared to my childhood when I could take my time getting ready for school and watch cartoons. Nowadays, it's all about **rushing to classes** or studying, but I kinda miss those relaxed mornings sometimes.

4. Would you like to change your morning routine?

I'm pretty happy with my morning routine, but I wouldn't mind adding some variety, like trying out different breakfast recipes or **incorporating more fruits and healthier options**. Overall, though, I think it works well for me.

Internet

1. *When did you start using the internet?*

I started using the internet around age 6, mostly for playing online games and chatting with friends on instant messaging platforms like QQ. My parents were strict about my computer usage, so I started relatively late.

2. *How often do you go online?*

Every day! Mainly to check social media, watch videos, and stay updated with news and trends both locally and globally. Honestly, I can get everything done online nowadays, including **attending lectures and completing assignments**. Sometimes, I even think there's no need for me to leave my room.

3. *How does the internet influence people?*

The internet has a profound influence on people, **shaping our communication patterns**, access to information, and even our perceptions of reality through social media **algorithms**. For example, the internet has made Americans highly **ideologically polarized**, which causes chaos in society.

4. *Do you think you spend too much time online?*

Sometimes I feel like I spend too much time online, especially when I lose track of time **scrolling through social media feeds** or watching short videos on TikTok for hours on end. It's super addictive, and frankly waste of time.

5. *What would you do without the internet?*

I guess without the internet, I would rely more on **traditional forms of entertainment** like reading books, spending time with family and friends, and engaging in outdoor activities like hiking or playing sports. **Life was fine without the internet**, and I'm sure I can adapt fairly quickly.

Relax

1. *What would you do to relax?*

To relax, I usually listen to music, take a long walk in a nearby park, or play sports with my friends. These activities help me unwind and clear my mind, especially after a busy day of studies.

2. *Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?*

Yes, I think doing sports is a great way to relax. It not only helps in reducing stress but also boosts physical health and **overall well-being**. Personally, I found that playing sports with friends can provide a **much-needed break** from routine and clear my mind.

3. Do you think vacation is a good time to relax?

Absolutely, vacations are an excellent time to relax. They allow you to **step away from your daily responsibilities and recharge**. Whether it's exploring new places or just relaxing at home, vacations provide a valuable opportunity to **rejuvenate**.

4. Do you think students need more relaxing time?

Yes, I do think students need more relaxing time. The academic pressure can be quite intense, and having time to relax is crucial for **mental and emotional health**. Adequate relaxation helps **improve focus and productivity** when it's time to study again.

Number

1. What's your favorite number?

My favorite number is eight. **It might sound cliché**, but in Chinese culture, it's considered very lucky because it sounds like the word for **wealth and prosperity**. As a student on a tight budget, I hope this number brings me luck and prosperity.

2. Are you good at remembering phone numbers?

No, not anymore. I used to be able to remember most of my friends' and family's numbers, but since I started using a smartphone, I can no longer remember phone numbers. I tend to **rely on my phone's contact list** to keep track of them, which is much more convenient.

3. Do you usually use numbers?

Yes, I use numbers frequently, especially in my studies since I'm good at math. Numbers are a big part of daily life, whether for managing time, budgeting, or analyzing data.

4. Are you good at math?

Yes, I am good at math. It has always been one of my stronger subjects since I enjoy solving problems and working through equations. It's a skill that I find very practical and rewarding.

Pen & Pencil

1. Do you usually use pen or pencil?

I only use a pen once in a while for signing documents. Everything is **digital** now. I can complete my assignments, take class notes, and write my essays **directly by typing on my computer**. Sometimes I feel like I've already forgotten how to write many common words.

2. Which do you use more often? Pen or pencil?

See 1, neither.

3. When was the last time you bought a pen or pencil?

OMG, **it's been like forever**. To be honest, I typically just keep the free pens and pencils from events I attend, like seminars. Since I rarely use pens or pencils for writing, I never really **run out of them**. Based on my usage, I guess I'll never need to buy a pen or pencil.

4. What do you think if someone gives you a pen or pencil as a present?

Well, I would be **more than happy** to receive a Montblanc pen as a gift; however, to me, a pencil seems like **a strange choice**. Nevertheless, I would still be grateful if someone sent me a pencil; after all, **it's the thought that counts**.

Holidays

1. *Where did you go for your last holiday?*

For my last holiday, I visited a nearby city to explore a local art gallery. It was **a refreshing change of pace from my usual routine**. As a foodie, I also tried the local highly recommended seafood restaurant, which was indeed very impressive.

2. *Do you like holidays? Why?*

Of course! I love holidays because they provide a chance to **relax and recharge**. It's a time when I can **step away from my studies** and enjoy different experiences, whether it's traveling or just relaxing at home.

3. *Which public holiday do you like best?*

My favorite public holiday is the Spring Festival, also known as Chinese New Year. It's a time for **family reunions** and delicious food. It's also a very long holiday that usually last more than 10 days which allows me to relax and recharge.

4. *What do you do on holidays?*

On holidays, I usually like to relax and indulge in my hobbies, such as reading, gaming, or catching up on movies. If it's a longer holiday, I might travel to a new place or visit family and friends.

5. *Do you like to spend your day at home?*

Yes, I do enjoy staying at home quite a bit. It gives me the space and quiet I need to focus on my studies and also unwind by **indulging in my favourite shows**.

6. *Do you prefer a leisurely or a busy holiday?*

I prefer a leisurely holiday. It's nice to take a break from the usual **hustle and bustle** and have time to **relax without a packed schedule**. This way, I can truly enjoy my **time off** and return to my routine feeling **rejuvenated**.

Art

1. *Do you like art?*

It's not **my cup of tea**. I don't have any talent in it...

2. *Do you like visiting art galleries?*

Well, I would love to visit one, but there aren't any in my city. Apart from that, I'm still a student with a heavy workload and no money for traveling. I think I would visit one once I got a job after graduation.

3. *Do you want to be an artist?*

Well, as I have mentioned, I have no talent in it. That's why I'm majoring in STEM other than art. I rather do math problems than drawing. So, definitely, I won't become an artist any day in my life.

4. Do you like modern art or traditional art?

As I have mentioned, I'm not talented in art nor interested in it. I'm not even sure what's the line distinguishing the two. But I'm usually able to **appreciate** the traditional Chinese art called **ink and wash painting**. Those paintings are quite fascinating because they do not necessarily illustrate the actual scenery the painter is facing; it usually express certain feelings of the painter.

Morning routines

1. What do you do in the mornings?

My mornings are usually quite structured because I like to **start my day off on the right foot**. I typically wake up early, do a bit of stretching to wake up my body, and then I spend some time checking updates on my phone to **catch up on any messages and news**.

2. Is breakfast important?

Yeah, I think breakfast is crucial because it **kickstarts** your metabolism and gives you the energy to **tackle the day**. Skipping it can leave you feeling **sluggish** and unfocused, so I try to never miss it.

3. What is your morning routine?

See 1.

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

Yes, I actually enjoy getting up early in the morning. It gives me a **sense of peace and quiet**, and I find that I'm most **productive** in the early hours. So, I usually allocate the most **brain-demanding tasks** to the early morning and use the rest of the day for meetings and socializing.

Sharing

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

Yes, absolutely. As an **only child**, I naturally felt that everything belonged to me. However, my parents tried their best to encourage me to play with other kids when I was a child, teaching me that sharing toys and food with peers can be fun and eventually lead to good friendships.

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

This changes as I mature. When I was younger, I used to share my favorite toys with my childhood friends. In middle school, I typically shared my basketball with my team. However, since high school, my class notes have become perhaps the most frequently shared item.

3. What kind of things are not suitable for sharing?

Well, I suppose it depends on the item's **personal significance** to someone. For instance, sharing a regular book might not seem like a big deal, but if it's a **collectible classic** or a gift from someone special, then that item should be kept and not shared with others.

4. Do you have anything to share with others recently?

I manage several social media accounts where I occasionally share study tips and tricks. I'm planning to write an article about how I improve my English speaking skills by watching 'Friends'.

Science

1. Do you like science?

Well. Not so much, I guess. I mean, I love technology especially digital devices. But, I don't really know much about the actual science behind the technology. I was pretty **struggling with physics classes** when I was in high school. I guess I just did not build a good foundation.

2. When did you start to learn about science?

Actually, the science course was mandatory in primary school, but I cannot remember the exact grade when it first started. Probably from the third grade? I remember the classes were very fun because the teacher loved to **use experiments to help us learn the concepts**.

3. Which science subject is interesting to you?

None of them really. I'm not good at them. I mean, when you can never get good marks in the exams, you tend **to lose faith in those subjects**.

4. What kinds of interesting things have you done with science?

None. I'm not a big fan of science. See 3.

5. Do you like watching science TV programs?

Not really. I have never really enjoyed those shows. I like watching singing competitions instead, like *The Voice*. There are so many talented people on the show!

6. Do Chinese people often visit science museums?

To be honest, I'm not so sure about it since I have never visited one myself. But I guess people in bigger cities would want to take their kids to science museums to get interested in science. Overall, science subjects are quite important for people to become **a high earner**.

Flowers/Plant

1. What kinds of flowers do you know?

I'm familiar with several types of flowers such as **roses, tulips, and lilies**, which are quite popular globally. In China, we also have **peonies (mudan)** which is known as our national flower. They are regarded as a symbol of **wealth and prosperity**.

2. Are there any flowers that have special meanings in China?

Yes, in China, different flowers have unique meanings and are often used in various festivals and literature. For instance, the peony is considered a symbol of wealth and prosperity, while the **plum blossom, is often associated with resilience and the ability to overcome adversity.**

3. Have you planted any flowers?

Yes, I have tried planting flowers, but unfortunately, I **haven't had much success.** It's been a learning experience for sure, but it seems I might lack a **green thumb.** Additionally, being a busy student and relatively young, I find that I **don't always have the patience required** to give each plant the careful attention it needs.

4. Have you sent flowers to others?

Indeed, I have sent flowers to friends and family on several **occasions,** such as birthdays and graduations. I also sent flowers to my mom on Mother's Day. I find that flowers can really **brighten people's days.**

The city you live in (其实跟必考题几乎一致)

1. What city do you live in?

参考必考题 Hometown, 第 1,2 题

2. Do you like this city? Why?

参考必考题 Hometown, 第 4 题

3. How long have you lived in this city?

参考必考题 Hometown, 第 6 题

4. Are there big changes in this city?

参考必考题 Hometown, 第 15 题

5. Is this city your permanent residence?

如果还在家乡:

Yes, I've been living here ever since. My family, friends, and colleagues are all here, and I just love **the vibe of my hometown.** Although I've traveled to many places over the years, I still believe that my city is the best fit for me.

对于不在故乡生活之人, 上面的例子仍然可以借鉴:

Yes, even though I wasn't born and raised in this city, I believe **it's the perfect fit for me. The energy, diversity, and opportunities this city offers** attract me and keep me going every day. While I do travel back home to visit family every year, it's just a **small city without much excitement.** I think I'll stay in my current city **permanently.**

Websites

5. What kinds of websites do you usually use?

Bilibili, the Chinese YouTube, is for sure the most visited website for me. I get news from Bilibili and watch some deep analytical videos posted by a few **channels** I followed every day.

6. Are there any changes about the websites you usually use?

Not so much I think, except they released a membership feature so that you could download the videos and watch anything **ad-free**. It's not a **deal breaker** for me, so I'm still a free user, everything remains basically the same for the past 10 years or so.

7. What is your favourite website?

See 1.

8. What kinds of websites are popular in your country?

See 1.

Street market

1. What do people usually buy on the street market?

I'd say the most common items are fresh **produce**, maybe even meats or fish as well. Elderlies love to shop on street markets in China. For youngsters, I think most people would enjoy local food on the **night market**.

2. Do you prefer to go shopping in the shopping mall or on the street market?

Personally, neither of them. I'm super busy at my schoolwork so I won't waste my valuable time shopping in the mall or on the street market. I **shop online** instead. Everything can be **delivered** to me in one or two days, it's super convenient!

3. When was the last time you went to a street market?

I have no idea...probably in years. I visited a night market when I was travelling in Chengdu but that's about it. I had a blast there because the food was so delicious.

4. Are there many street markets in China?

There are a lot of them in the past, but in recent years, there are fewer of them left mainly because the development of the city. Many of the sellers now have a physical store.

Cars

1. Did you enjoy traveling by car when you were a kid?

Yup. We have weekly **road trip** when I was young. We usually visit different small towns and experience local food on those trips. They are really fun!

2. What types of cars do you like?

I love SUVs. Although they are a little **bulky**, they are super **practical**. It's **roomy** and I can put everything I need for camping in there! The higher **ground clearance** also helps when it comes to traveling to certain camp sites.

3. Do you prefer to be a driver or a passenger?

I'm **a natural at** driving so I prefer to be the driver anytime. I sometimes drive more than 8 hours a day on road trips without feeling tired. I enjoy every moment **behind the wheels**.

4. What do you usually do when there is a traffic jam?

Traffic jams are **unavoidable** nowadays in cities. That's why I listen to my favourite podcast on the road, so I don't feel angry about being **stuck in traffic**.

Computers

1. In what conditions would you use a computer?

When **productivity** is required. Although smartphones and tablets are getting better, there are still a lot of tasks that require a computer's **high performance**. For example, **making spreadsheets** in Excel is one of the tasks that can be easily done on a computer but not on a touch screen tablet.

2. When was the first time you used a computer?

When I was 5? I can't remember the exact age. I remembered that I participated in a junior PowerPoint competition, so I used my parents' computer to learn the tricks you can do in PPT.

3. What would your life be like without computers?

It's **unimaginable** and will be **disastrous** for me because I'm **overly dependent on computers**. Because the internet is also powered by computers, without computers, I will have very limited access to information and can no longer communicate as instantly as of now.

4. In what conditions would it be difficult for you to use a computer?

When I'm staying in a crowded place such as on a plane. Because laptops have a much larger screen than smartphones, people could see your computer screen which could **undermine** personal privacy.

Feeling bored

1. Do you often feel bored?

Not really, to be frank. I **have a lot on my plate**, so I always have something to do, even if I'm just **standing in line** or **stuck in traffic**. I use those **mindless moments** as an opportunity to relax, allowing me to **maintain laser focus** on my tasks afterward.

1. When would you feel bored?

See 1. Rarely.

2. What do you do when you feel bored?

In the past, I always used to listen to music to **kill the time**, but now I listen to my favorite podcasts because they provide not only good entertainment but also great education.

3. Do you think childhood is boring or adulthood is boring?

Well, to me, childhood is boring because I don't have many goals and a vision for the future. I mean, as a young child or teenager, I am **uncertain about** whether I am having a **productive** day; I actually feel bored quite easily. Adulthood, on the other hand, is less boring as there are **always potential goals to work towards**, so I can always set new goals to **keep myself motivated**. I now eagerly look forward to each new day of my life!

Evening time

Do you like the morning or evening?

I can tell you that I'm not **a morning person**. And I guess I am **a night owl** because I usually go to bed around 2am every night. There is just **too many distractions during the day** so I can only focus on the things I really wanna do at night.

1. What do you usually do in the evening?

All **sorts of things**. It's the best time of day to **productively clear out my ToDo list** because I can keep focused for a long time at night. Also, it is great for relaxing myself. I usually watch reality shows with my friends in the evening.

2. What did you do in the evening when you were little? Why?

Wow, it's been a long time, I don't think I can remember clearly. But I do know that I had lots of homework when I was a little kid. I think I spent at least 2 to 3 hours each night on doing homework. I guess that would **kill the entire night** already since I usually went to bed around 9:30pm when I was young.

3. Are there any differences between what you do in the evening now and what you did in the past?

Not really. **I've always enjoyed my evenings**. I might watch more films **a few years back** rather than reality shows now because I was a member of a film club.

Mobile phone

1. What was your first mobile phone?

I can't remember exactly the model, but I do know it was my mother's old Nokia phone. It only has very **basic functions** such as **text messaging and calling**. I don't think it has a camera. It was a very very cheap and basic model.

2. Do you often use your mobile phone for texting or calls?

Nowadays. Neither of them. I use my smartphone for browsing the internet, particularly social media. I also use instant messaging apps such as WeChat for connecting with my family and friends. I haven't sent a text message for years, and I don't even know many of my friends' current phone number.

3. Will you buy a new one in the future?

I just **upgraded** my iPhone to iPhone 12, I think the **features** and **specifications** are already kinda **overkill** for my daily use. I have no plan to upgrade it again in the next three years or so.

4. How has your mobile phone changed your life?

It changed everything especially during the **lockdown** period. Smartphones these days are super powerful like a minicomputer. I was able to do most of my schoolwork on my phone and video chat with my friends and family which **made life a little bit better** during that difficult time.

Taking photos

1. Do you like taking photos?

Yes! I believe there are many beautiful things in life, you just have to find them. By taking pictures, I always trying to find the beauty in life so I can **capture the moment** as a photo.

2. Do you like taking selfies?

Yes, I do enjoy taking selfies, especially when I'm traveling or hanging out with friends because it's a fun way to capture memories. It's also convenient since you don't need anyone else to take the photo, so you can quickly snap a picture anywhere. Plus, it's nice to look back at those photos and remember the moments.

3. What is your favourite family photo?

My favorite family photo is one we took during a trip to the Great Wall a few years ago. We're all smiling in front of this amazing view, and it really captures a rare moment where we're all together and relaxed. It reminds me of the fun we had that day and how special family time is, especially with everyone's busy schedules.

4. Do you want to improve your photography skills?

Yes, I'd love to improve my photography skills, especially since it would help me capture moments more creatively and professionally. Learning about things like lighting, composition, and editing would make my photos look much better, even if I'm just using my phone. Plus, it would be great for traveling and creating memorable pictures I can look back on.

Advertisement

1. Are you interested in watching TV advertisements or internet advertisements?

Sometimes. I mean, some advertisements are super well created and humorous. But most times I hate ads because I don't want to be **manipulated** to purchase things that I may not want or truly need.

2. What kinds of advertisements do you dislike?

The online ads that pop up while I am browsing the website. Sometimes I simply stop reading and visiting the website because of a **pop-up ad** that ruined my experience. They are super **annoying**!

3. Do you share advertisements with others?

Unconsciously yes. Often times ads are **embedded in** useful content that **is worth sharing**. For example, I love sharing smartphone reviews with my friends, but some of those reviews include ads for compatible gadgets.

4. Do you want to work in advertising in the future?

No. I'm not a really good salesman nor a creative person. I don't think I have the talent in advertising and also I heard a career in advertising usually consists with a terrible **work-life balance**.

Dreams

1. Do you often remember your dreams?

Once in a blue moon. I'm a **deep sleeper** so I don't usually remember my dreams. However, one time I had a **nightmare**, and I woke up with **sweat and tears**, it was so real but luckily just a dream.

2. What do you usually dream about?

I'm not so sure. I'm a deep sleeper so I don't usually remember dreams. For those I have memory of are mostly got chased by something or someone. Or maybe I **fell from a cliff** or something.

3. Are you interested in other's dreams?

Not really. I think that's one's **privacy** that we should respect. I will have a listen if they want to share their dreams with me, but I won't ask for it.

4. Do you want to make your dreams come true?

Occasionally for my **daydreams**. Haha. As I said, I don't usually remember my dreams other than nightmares and obviously I don't want nightmares to come true. I sometimes daydream about how my life would change if I won the lottery. But maybe not winning the lottery is better for me to **chase a meaningful life with my own hands**.

Emails

1. Do you often send emails?

Absolutely. It's part of my daily job. I often check my emails when I'm having my coffee in the morning, and reply to those that can be quickly resolved. I will leave the more complicated ones on my To-do list so I can respond to them once I can concentrate on it.

2. When would you send emails to others?

See 1.

3. Is sending emails popular in China?

I would say, compared with western countries, emails are used more often **in business settings** in China. So it's not a popular means of communication for personal use. We have instant messaging apps instead. People in the West use emails for both business and personal conversations as far as I know.

4. Do you think sending emails will be more or less popular in the future?

I think it will continue to be popular **for the foreseeable future** at least in business conversations because it has a more formal format that can really **get logical thoughts together**. You can easily get lost from messaging important issues through instant messaging apps particularly in group chats.

Lost and found

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

I will check the item to see if there is any contact information so I could return it to the owner. Otherwise, I will leave it at the same place because the owner might return to get it.

2. Do you report to the police when finding something lost by others? Why?

It depends on the item. For valuable stuff like smartphones or keys, I will do definitely report to the police because they have valuable information about the owner.

3. Have you ever lost things?

Once in a blue moon. I'm a very organized person and I pay close attention to my **valuable belongings**. I can't even remember the last time I lost something.

4. Will you post on social media if you lose your item?

No, I won't. People could pretend to be me to take the item before me. I rather call the police to help me.

Old buildings

Have you ever seen some old buildings in the city?

Yes. I'm **born and raised** in a city **with a rich history**. There are a few buildings that were built hundreds of years ago that are still **well maintained** and **open to visitors**. They are popular **tourist attractions** and I have visited them several times with my friends.

1. Do you think we should preserve old buildings in cities?

It depends. Cities should try to preserve old buildings that are **historically significant** because seeing these buildings help **modern-day people remember the past as to not repeat it or to be mindful of how a city came to be**. For the ones **that are not of historical significance**, it may not make much **economic sense** as they often require high maintenance costs.

2. Do you prefer living in an old building or a modern house?

A modern house for sure. A modern house is much safer and has all the **bells and whistles** that could improve quality of living. Although old buildings **have their unique characters**, they are usually **not well insulated**, so they aren't the most comfortable place to live in.

3. Are there any old buildings you want to see in the future? Why?

Not really. I'm **not a big fan of** them. I would rather spend my vacation fund on a beach than visiting old buildings. I might watch a documentary about old buildings, but no need for in-person visits.

Mirrors

1. Do you like looking at yourself in the mirror? How often?

For sure. I check my **appearance** whenever I could. So multiple times a day. I would make sure I'm looking good and energetic to start the day before I leave my house and check it again when I'm using washroom throughout the day.

2. Have you ever bought mirrors?

Not really. I don't **wear makeup**, so I don't need a **lighted makeup mirror**. I just use the mirrors in the bathroom.

3. Do you usually take a mirror with you?

I don't really do that. Although I'm checking up myself **throughout the day**, I'm not that **obsessed with** mirrors. I would never bring one with me.

4. Would you use mirrors to decorate your room?

I thought about it once long time ago, but the idea was rejected by my mother due to some **local believes** that having mirrors in bedrooms could bring bad luck or something. Therefore, I've never decorated my rooms with mirrors and use **framed paintings** instead.

Talents

1. Do you have a talent, or something you are good at?

Yes. I'm quite good at math and most things related to math, such as **creating budgets**, calculating **investment returns**, and so on. I think it's a useful talent because it helps me manage my **personal finances**.

2. Was it mastered recently or when you were young?

I don't think I would ever master it, but I discovered it when I was young. I've always achieved high math grades and everything else just became natural to me.

3. Do you think your talent can be useful for your future work? Why?

See 1, 说可以做 financial advisor/planner 这种职业

4. Do you think anyone in your family has the same talent?

Surprisingly, no one shares the same talent with me. So, it is not something that **runs in blood**. Because they all hate math, they often come to me for financial advice.

Watch

1. Do you wear a watch?

Yes, I do. Although I could tell the time on my phone, it often **distracts me from doing other things** when I just want to know what time it is. So, I wear a watch to prevent myself from wasting time checking my phone.

2. Have you ever got a watch as a gift?

No. Although a waist watch does not really **fall into the category of clock**, many people don't like to receive watches as a gift because of the pronunciation in Chinese sounds like "bury a parent".

3. Why do some people wear expensive watches?

The most important reason why someone wants to wear a luxury **timepiece** is to **demonstrate that they can afford it**. They use it to **show off their wealth** and perhaps **social status**.

4. Do you think it is important to wear a watch? Why?

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Musical instruments

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

Yes. I played guitar for a while when I was in middle school, but I stopped playing it because I just don't have talent in it. I'm not planning to learn any other musical instrument in the future.

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

The piano is second to none. To my limited musical knowledge, the piano is the most versatile instrument that can play any song on its own. My favourite is a **classical piano piece** – "Moonlight Sonata". It's **heart-stoppingly** beautiful.

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

Not really. Playing musical instruments should be a personal choice and hobby rather than mandatory because it's very specialized and not a necessity in most people's lives.

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

I think music education is certainly quite beneficial to students, as it **provides an opportunity for children to express their creativity and emotions**. That's why music classes are offered once a week in every school in China.

Films

1. What films do you like?

I like many types of films, such as thrillers, romance, and science fiction. My favorite is science fiction movies because they create a world that I cannot personally experience in real life. These movies often **spark my imagination about the future**, which I really enjoy.

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

Not really. I wasn't interested in watching films during my childhood as **I was busy playing sports** such as soccer and basketball with my childhood friends. Additionally, there were very few movies that were **kid-friendly** at that time, so I guess that's part of the reason why I rarely watched movies **back then**.

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

No, **I never have, and I never will**. Firstly, as I mentioned, I rarely watched movies as a child and almost never went to the cinema. Secondly, I believe going to the cinema alone can be **one of the loneliest experiences on earth**. I would rather watch a movie at home if I cannot find a companion.

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

Yes. I usually go to the cinema with friends because we **share the same interest in science fiction movies**. We typically gather some background knowledge about the story before watching the movie and then discuss our understanding after leaving the cinema. It's really fun!

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

I don't think so. We are so busy with our lives, and it's not a very effective use of time to **spend two hours in the dark** watching a movie without actually hanging out with my friends. We would prefer to find a café or restaurant to chat about life for two hours rather than watch a movie.

Friends

1. How important are friends to you?

Friends are absolutely essential to me **for many good reasons**. It is a **dog-eat-dog** world out there, and friends provide me with emotional support, which help me keep going. Additionally, friends can provide social opportunities for me to engage in activities and, if needed, help me solve unexpected problems. What's really important is that friends can offer **a sense of belonging** and acceptance, which is critical in **modern society where people often feel like strangers**. This can improve my overall **quality of life**.

2. Do you often go out with your friends?

Not as much as I would like to. I'm just **having too much on my plate** in recent years, with all the studying abroad, internship and maintaining a good GPA, etc. So now I only go out with my best friends once every month or so. Since we are all busy with life, we just hang out at the mall, enjoy some delicious meals, and watch a movie.

3. Where do you often meet each other?

See 2.

4. What do you usually do with your friends?

See 2.

5. Do you have a friend you have known for a long time?

Of course. My best friends are still my childhood friends because we have known each other for **what feels like forever**, and the trust between us is just **second-to-none**. If anyone of us experiences **adversity** in life, we will immediately offer our best support. I think the friendship is **priceless**.

Language

1. What languages can you speak?

I speak two languages: Mandarin Chinese and English. I'm definitely proficient in Chinese at **a native level**, and my English skills are **strong enough to handle** most professional working situations.

2. What languages would you like to learn in the future?

I would like to learn French because I'm interested in traveling to Canada, specifically Quebec, which is a French-speaking province. I was inspired to visit Quebec after watching a Korean drama that featured beautiful scenes from the region. Being able to speak French would make my trip so much easier and more enjoyable, so I'm motivated to learn the language.

3. How do you learn a foreign language?

To learn a new language effectively, I **immerse myself in the language** as much as possible, listening to music, watching movies, and speaking with native speakers. I also use language learning apps to connect with native speakers for practice. Additionally, I **prioritize** learning vocabulary and grammar through reading and practicing on paper for better absorption of knowledge.

4. How are languages taught and learned in your school?

The Chinese education **system places a strong emphasis on** things such as vocabulary and grammar. Therefore, schools prioritize memorization and paper practice for learning these things. While this approach helps students build a solid foundation, it can also kill the fun of learning a new language, ultimately hindering overall language learning results.

Social media

1. Do you or your friends like using social media?

Absolutely! It's so essential to our lives because everyone is using social media platforms, which means that you must be on there to connect with your friends and family. I can easily spend three hours a day on various social media apps.

2. Do you think you or your friends use too much social media?

I'm definitely **a heavy user**. Like I have said, I often spend more than three hours on those apps every day, which is **like the time of a part-time job**...I sometimes feel anxious when I

stop checking and scrolling through social media for just a few minutes. I should really seek help to beat this addiction.

3. Do you want to work in social media? Why?

Not really. I love getting information from social media, but I'm not interested in the social media industry. I studied accounting and wish to become a public accountant helping clients optimize their taxes.

4. What's the most popular social media in china? Why?

It must be WeChat, an instant messaging app with many social media features. There are more than a billion people actively using this app on a daily basis. People can use this app to get news updates, check friends' timelines, transfer money with friends and so much more. It's truly a super app that every Chinese people uses.

Books and reading habits

1. Do you often read books? When?

Yes, I have to...I'm definitely not a bookworm, but I have a really big reading list for my university courses. I go through them every day and night.

2. Do you read differently now than you did before?

Not really. I tried to read on iPad or Kindle, but I still prefer reading paper books because of the better sensory experience. Holding a book in hand combined with the scent of ink and paper makes me feel that I'm learning and advancing myself.

3. Have you ever read a novel that has been adapted into a film?

Yes. I'm a huge Harry Potter fan. I have read the entire series and watched each movie at least once a year. I think the movies are well adapted, but they still lack so many details.

4. Which do you prefer, reading books or watching movies?

Watching movies for sure because of the visualization and breathtaking sound. Not to mention, I can enjoy films with my friends and family together.

Doing sports

1. What sports do you like?

I'm an active person and I like playing all sorts of sports such as basketball, tennis and swimming. My favourite one is tennis; I played it competitively during high school.

2. Where did you learn how to do it?

There was a tennis club at my middle school. I learned how to play tennis there and developed the hobby.

3. Did you do some sports when you were young?

See 1

4. Do you think students need more exercise?

Of course. Students are still in their growth stage, so they should do more intensive physical exercises to strengthen their muscles and bones. They are sitting too long studying and doing homework which is terrible for their growth and health.

Collecting things

1. Do you collect things?

I used to collect stamps when I was in primary school, but I stopped doing it because the ones I want to collect became so expensive that are **out of my price range**.

2. Are there any things you keep from childhood?

I kept all of my Harry Potter books that I bought year by year when I was young. There are good memories that I want to keep, such as saving a dollar each day to buy the book on the release date.

3. Would you keep old things for a long time? Why?

Often times, yes. I don't throw old things much because it makes me sad. In economics, the term usually used to describe this phenomenon is **sunk cost fallacy** which means people tend to **follow through on an endeavor** if they already invested time, effort or money into it.

4. Where do you usually keep things you need?

In my bedroom of course. I will put them either on my desk or in my bookshelves. For the things that I do not need, I keep them in boxes in my storage room.

Daily routine

1. Do you have a study routine? What's your routine like in your everyday study?

I have really heavy workload so having a routine is essential for me to manage them. I will add a **reminder** in my TODO list every time I think of sometime, I needed to finish. As I have lots of class in during the day, I can only control my evening. Each evening after dinner, I will visit the TODO list and plan what things cannot be left to next day, so I will finish those tasks at night.

2. Do you prefer to study in the morning or in the evening?

I must say I'm not a morning person and I'm way more efficient at night. It's quite and I can really set my phone to **do not disturb** and concentrate on the work that needs to be done. There are just too many distractions in the morning such as traffic, eating breakfast, watching news and etc.

3. Why do some people find it difficult to focus in the morning?

See 2.

4. What do you do to improve your efficiency?

Make the TODO list! When I'm making the list, I often separate the task into smaller pieces so I can keep track my progress. Also, it motivates me even more when I'm **hitting a milestone and ticking off a task**.

Time management

1. How do you plan your time in a day?

See study routine. 几乎一样, 用 TODO list

2. Is it easy to manage time for you?

Absolutely, it's all about setting priorities. I normally put all my tasks on a Todo list and then set the orders to complete them and the resources I need. So far I have been able to manage my time effectively and get a lot done.

3. When do you find it hard to allocate time?

When I **have too much on my plate**...In the final period, I often find myself **struggling with** allocating my time for different courses and I have to **sacrifice some personal life to meet all the deadlines**.

4. Do you like being busy?

Yes absolutely, I consider myself a **workaholic** person, so I do enjoy being busy. Sometimes I even feel guilty about not being occupied by work.

Sport programs

1. Do you like watching sports programs on TV?

No, I don't even have a TV. I watch **live streaming** through the internet on my smartphone or tablets.

2. Do you watch live sport games?

I have never done that. My city is not famous in sports, so I have never got interest in watching live games. I would love to watch one in other cities if I got a chance.

3. What is your favorite sport? What are the rules?

Basketball is my favorite. There are lots of rules but the major one to pay attention to is never kick the ball. It's not soccer!

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

Definitely badminton. It's easy to play and people across ages play it quite often.

5. What are the sporting facilities like in your university?

We have a large gym for working out. Many outdoor basketball courts and tennis courts as well. They are recently **upgraded** and are currently **in a great condition**. I'm super fortunate to have these **top-notch** facilities!

Sitting down

1. *Where is your favorite place to sit?*

Definitely my gaming chair in my home office. I'm in my last year of university and I'm just **having too much on my plate** right now, you know, multiple projects and essays. Sitting on my gaming chair and playing some video games is the best way to **unwind myself**.

2. *Do you always sit down for a long time?*

Yes. As I have mentioned, I have many projects and essays to do. I often sit for more than five hours a day just to **keep on track**. Sometimes I even sit for the entire day.

3. *Do you feel sleepy when you are sitting down?*

Sometimes for sure. I mean, I think everyone will feel the same when they spend hours sitting down with their computer or textbooks. I drink lots of coffee to **keep concentrated**.

4. *When you were a kid, did you usually sit on the floor?*

I don't think so. My mother is a **cleaning freak**, and she **prohibits me from** sitting on the floor because it is not **hygienic**.

The area you live in

1. *Where do you like to go in that area?*

There is a small park in my neighbourhood where I usually exercise in the morning. The park is quiet which makes an ideal place for working out without **distractions**.

2. *Do you know any famous people in your area?*

No idea. I don't even know all my neighbours. City life is busy, I don't spend much time in my community other than morning exercise.

3. *What are some changes in the area recently?*

The old library just got **renovated** this year. I haven't visited it yet because of my busy schedule. But I heard there are new **recreation spaces** for families to **hang out**.

4. *Do you like the area that you live in?*

Yes. It's a very safe and quiet area. People are friendly and we have good **amenities** such as a park, a golf course, a library and a childcare centre. It's an ideal place to live in and **raise a family**.

Weekends

1. *Do you like weekends?*

Of course, I do. There is lots of stuff on my plate right now and weekends are typically the only time I can unwind. Also, all my good friends have busy schedules too, so we could hang out on the weekends.

2. *What do you usually do on weekends? Do you study or work?*

For me, it's really about having a good night's sleep to recharge and hang out with friends and family. We all like the outdoors, so in the winter we would go skiing and we would go hiking in other seasons.

3. What did you do last weekends?

Last week, I went to shopping mall with my family for some Chinese New Year shopping. We bought some new clothes for each one of us, and some holiday decorations. There were so many people that you cannot believe, but we had a really good time together.

4. Do you make plans for your weekends?

Absolutely, since all my friend and myself have busy schedules, I always look forward to the weekend and plan ahead. For instance, the road trip we went last month was actually planned about three months ago.

Happy things

1. Is there anything that has made you feel happy lately?

Messi finally got his World Cup Champion! Although I'm not a super soccer fan, I do know he is one of the most talented players in the past decade. I'm so happy he finally realized his dream and won all the big titles.

2. What made you happy when you were little?

Oh, lots of things. Childhood is such a magical time that any little things can make your day. To me, I really enjoy the time spent with family during Chinese New Year holiday. My grandparents, my parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins will get together and exchange gifts and red pockets. Everyone is happy and have smile on their face!

3. What do you think will make you feel happy in the future?

Honestly, I don't know. I think that is the sad part of growing up. I think have accomplished many things, but I only have a second of excitement and then I will move on to the next goal. It's a **rat race** of everything, you want to **get promoted**, make more money, buy a better house so you can offer a better life for your family, and **the race is endless**. So, will the bigger house actually make me feel happy? Maybe yes, but it's just a moment of pleasure.

4. When do you feel happy at work? Why?

I'm certain that I feel so much happier at work when I'm around with good colleagues! There are always works to do, but nowadays teamwork is essential to get anything done. Good colleagues who are **competent, diligent, respectful, and humorous** will make the work more **satisfying**.

5. Do you feel happy when buying new things?

See 3. Well, like I have said, I will, but just for a very short moment. I still remember how excited I felt couple of years back when I got a new MacBook, I will try every single possible function at the night I bought it. It was like a treasure. But this year, I got an even better MacBook, it is beautiful and very capable. But I didn't get that excitement. I took a picture of it and shared it on Instagram, and that was about it.

6. Do you think people are happy when buying new things?

I would say so. Material goods are still what most people are chasing for. That's just the reality. You can see how excited people are when they have just bought a **big-ticket item** such as a new car, a house, or maybe just a luxury bag. People are so happy because got what they have worked hard for, and they feel that they have achieved something.

T-shirt

1. Do you like wearing T-shirts?

Oh ya, all the time. They are just so comfortable to wear because they are made from soft and breathable materials. So, even if I wear a suit and tie for some special occasions, I will still wear a T-shirt underneath the shirt.

2. How often do you wear T-shirts?

See 1. All the time, the only time I'm not wearing a T-shirt is during a shower or a bath. Or swimming too.

3. Do you like T-shirts with pictures or prints?

Neither of them. I like **plain color T-shirts**. I like the **comfort and simplicity** of them. For T-shirts with pictures or prints, the pictures or printed areas are usually made from a **screen with ink**, which is an **unbreathable material** which sticks to your body after a period of time.

4. Do you think older people who wear T-shirts are fashionable?

I think they are because T-shirts are essentially very **versatile and timeless**. They **never go out of style**, especially the plain color ones, so old people who wear these appear to be younger than their age and fashionable.

5. Would you buy T-shirts as souvenirs on vacation?

Yes, I do. I buy them to have a tangible reminder of the memories and experiences I had. Overall, they are good souvenirs because they are **relatively inexpensive** and **practical** compared to other options such as artwork or jewelry. Not to mention, T-shirts with designs or logos specific to a certain location or attraction can serve as a conversation starter and a way to show off where I have been.