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地点类 - 新题

安静的地方

Describe a quiet place you like to go

You should say:

Where it is

How you knew it

How often you go there

What you do there

And explain how you feel about the place

思路：可使用保留题乡村一隅或想住的城市的语料，因为两个都是讲的算安静的地方。乡村一隅是比较百搭的内容因为涉及到郊游。注意下面例子对于这篇的细节更改主要体现在于把内容的位置根据话题卡中小题的顺序进行适当的调整（蓝字标注）。同时要注意时态的变化，应该用一般现在时。

用乡村一隅：

Well, I visit quiet places once in a while to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Most of those times, you will find me relieving my stress from studying in the village my grandparents grew up in called Sun Valley. I knew this place because I used to spend my summer there with my cousins when I was a kid. Now I visit this place about four times a year, just before my midterm exams and final exams, because I really need to escape from the concrete jungle, take some fresh air, and unwind myself! 这里已经回答完了前三题

The village is about 50km away from my university, and there are only a few hundred people living there. Although my grandparents no longer live there, one of my uncles still lives in the old family house. I usually contact him a few days earlier so he could prepare for my stay. He is one of my best friends who always treats me with local fruits that are just fresh off the trees. Those fruits are simply delicious. There is a creek just behind the family house, I guess that's really not something you can easily get living in a city. The water is crystal clear, and the bubbling sound is super relaxing! My uncle will sit down with me beside the creek and listen to my stressful school life and help me adjust my mood so that I am ready to go back to take the exams. It is such a magical place that really helps me rejuvenate and enjoy life to the fullest. I can't wait to visit it again.

Part 3

1. Is it easy to find quiet places in your country? Why?

Well, it is very difficult to find quiet places in the city, but the opposite is true for finding one if you are willing to drive 30 mins outside of the city. The urbanization rate is quite high in China, meaning most people live in the city's core areas. And because China is such a large country, you can easily enjoy some private time in suburban areas and villages.

2. Why do old people prefer to live in quiet places?

In China, actually more and more elderly people are not moving to quiet places because they will feel lonely. Many of them move to cities also because of the better infrastructures particularly roads and hospitals. As most younger generations live in urban area, their aged parents will find it easier to live in cities close to them for retirement life.

3. Why are there more noises made at home now than in the past?

Actually, I don't agree with this argument. It's much quieter now at home than in the past due to technological advancement. For example, the air conditioner and fans were super loud and noisy, now they are very quiet that you can even hear people whispering while having those machines turned on. Also, fridges are much more energy efficient and quiet now than ever before.

4. Why do some people like to use noise as background sound when they are working or studying?

People usually use white noise as background sounds to create help them keep focus on their work or study. Although I'm not 100% sure about the underlying theory, from my own experience, it can effectively block other noises that often distract me.

重要河流/湖泊

Describe an important river/lake in your country

You should say:

Where it is located

How big/long it is

What it looks like

And explain why it is important

思路: 题目重点在于要突出它对于国家的重要性, 不能是对你们家乡重要。不过如果家乡周围有这种湖泊的话也可以使用。其余可以记一下黄河的语料。

China's Yellow River or Huang He is often perceived as the most important river in China. It is called the Yellow River because its waters carry silt, which give the river its yellowish color. Located in northern China, the Yellow River basin has an east-west extent of about 1,900 kilometers. It is the second-longest river in China after the Yangtze River. The Yellow River's basin was the birthplace of ancient Chinese, and it was the most prosperous region in early Chinese history. Every Chinese student learned the importance of this river in history and geography classes. Some believe it looks like a dragon. And just like a dragon, it brings prosperity and disasters to the locals at the same time. Flooding of the river has caused much destruction, including multiple floods that have resulted in the deaths of over one million people. I have never personally visited the Yellow River in person, but I learned that controlling this river is one of the major challenges throughout the years. We have tried to control the river

by digging channels and building dams. However, floods are still happening occasionally, which affect millions of people's livelihoods.

Part 3

1. How can rivers/lakes benefit local people?

Rivers or lakes provide people with water to drink and fish to eat. That is why the origins of early human civilizations all came close to rivers and lakes. Nowadays, rivers and lakes can be used for tourism, generating electricity, irrigation and transportation which benefit local people and the economy.

2. Do you think rivers/lakes attract tourists?

Absolutely! Tourists are naturally attracted to the beauty of nature. Rivers and lakes constitute big parts of natural scenery. Tourists also love to participate in a variety of water activities such as fishing, kayaking, and jet skiing.

3. How do rivers/lakes affect local tourism?

See 1 and 2.

4. Are rivers/lakes good for transport? Why?

Yes. Water transportation allows people to transport huge amounts of merchandise with a lower cost than trucks or airplanes. Some also argue that it is a more environmentally friendly transportation method because it does not require drilling tunnels which could cause landslides and earthquakes.

地点类 - 保留题

想住的公寓或房子

Describe a house or an apartment you would like to live in
You should say:

What it is like

Where it would be

Why you would like to live in this house/apartment

And how you feel about this house/apartment

If I could choose my ideal house, it would be in a small town in southern California with a tropical climate, somewhere has no winter, because I'm not really one for cold weather. I'd love to live there to escape the hustle and bustle of the city, and to be close to nature. Of course, I will live with my family there, so we could enjoy the nice weather and relax. When it comes to the style of house, I think I would go for a modern house, with all the high-tech features such as home automation. For the outside, I would have a sizable garden so my family can grow some fruit and vegetables. We love cooking very much, so be able to cook everything fresh is priceless. As far as the interior goes, I would opt for wooden floors in most rooms, carpets in

the bedrooms for extra comfort. High-speed internet connection is a must, so I can work and browse the internet at home, but the icing on the cake for me would be to have an indoor swimming pool and gym, everyone in the family can work out and keep in shape together from the comfort of our own home. Living here, my family and I can finally have a chance to get to know the people in the community, but without having to live in each other's pockets. It is important to live in this quiet place to think about life. I strongly wish I could make this happen sooner.

P3:

1. What kinds of apartments are the most popular?

To be honest, as a student myself, I don't have too much knowledge about it. What I do know is that many Chinese people are under extreme pressure to purchase their own apartment whatever kinds might be. Apartment prices are out of reach for most working-class people, and I think a compact two-bedroom unit would be the most popular where you can raise a kid while being able to afford it.

2. What are the differences between houses that young people and old people like?

Young people particularly those who are in their 20s or 30s would prefer smaller and smarter homes located in city centres that are easy to manage, those houses are modern and equipped with latest gadgets. On the other hand, elderly people usually want a medium size home with gardens in the suburb, they want to live in a quiet place and enjoy their retirement life.

3. What are the differences between apartments and houses?

People would only own a unit out of many of an apartment building. Those buildings are mostly high-rises that are located in urban areas. Houses, on the other hand, are usually bigger in size with its own land; they are mostly located in the suburb and can be very expensive in China.

4. Do people usually rent or buy a house? Why?

It depends on where they are on their stages of life. For instance, people who are just out of college would rent a place while pursuing their career. Once they want to settle and start a family, they would prefer to buy their own property. That's the ideal situation, reality is, millions of people in major cities cannot afford to buy so they are forced to rent for life.

有趣的城市

Describe a city that you think is very interesting

You should say:

Where it is

What it is famous for

How you knew this city

And explain why you think it is very interesting

If I would choose an interesting city that I would love to visit again, it must be Chengdu. Chengdu is the capital city of Sichuan Province which is in Southwest China. Apart from the city's rich history, it is mostly famous for two things among young Chinese, the giant panda, and

hot pot, a traditional Chinese cuisine originate from here, made by cooking meat and veggies in boiling spicy broth and dipped with a variety of sauces. I got to know this place firstly from textbook. It is a popular and important city in China. But how it really become interesting to me was because of Tik-Tok, a popular social media app. Many vloggers and food reviewers visit Chengdu quite frequently to experience different hot pot restaurants. So, I visited Chengdu with my friends last summer, and I must say that the food is truly mouthwatering! We also visited the Nature Reserve Park for Giant Panda; those fluffy creatures are super adorable! We just had a blast there! I think it was probably the best trip that I've ever had. The traditional architectures, food, panda, and friendly locals created a lasting impression. I recommend everyone to visit this interesting place!

P3:

1. What advantages can tourism bring to a city?

In general tourism will bring new source of revenue to the city and boost the local economy and create jobs. As a result, more people would live in that particular city which will create more opportunities for cross-cultural communication. However, there are potential drawbacks as well, some places are heavily polluted due to excessive tourism activities.

2. Why do some young people like to live in cities?

People are much more educated nowadays and there aren't enough good job opportunities outside of cities. Also, there are a lot more entertainment activities in cities such as concerts and various events. Convenience is also an important factor to be considered, young people are used to fast-paced lifestyle that only cities can offer.

3. Do most elderly people live in the city or in the countryside?

In China, actually more and more elderly people are moving to cities because of the better infrastructures particularly roads and hospitals. As most younger generations live in urban area, their aged parents will find it easier to live in cities close to them for retirement life.

4. Do you think well-developed tourism will have negative effects on local people?

See 1. Pollution, traffic jam, crime, etc.

乡村一隅

Describe a place in a village that you visited

You should say:

Where it is

When you visited this place

What you did there

And how you feel about this place

Well, during my leisure time, I prefer to go out as it helps me relieve my stress from studying. Last semester, just before my midterm exam, I went back to the village my grandparents grew up in called XXX. The village is about 50km away from my university, so you won't see any high-rise buildings there anymore. I decided to visit there because I was really in a moment that I just

needed to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life. I had enough of the concrete jungle! Although my grandparents no longer live there, one of my uncles still lives in the old family house. I contacted him while I was taking a bus to go there, and he immediately brought a smile on my face, telling me that he would show me something great. I have to say, it was really something! They treated me with local fruits that were just fresh off the trees. I guess I never visited there in the late fall; those fruits are simply delicious. There is a creek just behind the family house, I guess that's really not something you can easily get living in a city. The water was crystal clear, and the bubbling sound was super relaxing, exactly what I wanted! I chatted with my uncle about how school was going, and I was so stressed out from the exam. After a long conversation, I think I have adjusted my mood enough, and am ready to go back to take the exam. It is such a magical place that really helped me rejuvenate and enjoy life to the fullest. I can't wait to visit it again.

P3:

1. Is there anything special about the villages in China?

It sounds strange, but I have to say, thanks to the Chinese government, villages in China actually have very good infrastructures compared with rural areas in other countries. Most villages have new roads that are pretty wide for local traffic. And fast speed 4G network has full coverage even in the fields.

2. Why do people want to go to the countryside?

Escape the hustle and bustle of the city, and to be close to nature is second to none. City life has become so stressful that people really need to change the surrounding a bit to recharge. Other reasons might be taking their kids for a road trip and learn about crops and cattle.

3. What do people usually do when they visit a village?

See 2.

4. Do you think people will live in villages in the future?

It depends on the villages. There are many villages in China are actually quite close to the city centre. It might take 40 minutes to drive, but that is not bad in a big city traffic standard. Many young couples move to those villages to start a family where housing is much more affordable. I think this could be a continuous trend.

一个去过的地方

Describe a time you visited a new place

You should say:

Where the new place is

When you went there

Why you went there

And explain how you feel about the place

从 village 或 city 选一个即可

P3:

1. Which do you prefer, living in a city or only visiting it as a tourist?

See 有趣城市 Q2 里面城市生活的好处, living in a city and visiting villages as a tourist is a better choice.

2. How do young children react when they go to school for the first time?

It really depends on the child, but most of kids have something called separation anxiety. Entering a new environment can be scary for the little ones and many of them do cry hard when they saw their parents are leaving. Parents don't have to worry too much, because teachers are professionals who will guide those kids to overcome it fairly quickly.

3. How do young and old people react differently to new things?

I would like to elaborate this to new technology. Young people are much early adaptors to new gadgets and are much comfortable with playing around with them. Old people mostly like to stay in their comfort zone and keep the status quo. There are still many old people who don't have a smartphone, can you believe that?

4. Why do some people want to go to college far away from home?

I think the primary reason at least for Chinese college students is to get away from the control of their parents. Chinese parents are known to be strict on their children's behaviour and academic achievement. It would be the first time for these students to have a choice to move to a new place and try to be independent as a young adult.

人物类-新题

工作中的积极建议

Describe an occasion when someone gave you positive advice or suggestions about your work
You should say:

Who the person is

What he/she said

How the advice/suggestion affected you

And explain how you felt about the advice/suggestions

思路：这题的重点在于工作建议，也就是我们要先定义什么是工作。如果你有工作经验，直接使用即可。但对于学生们，你们有两种途径，一是讲实习（internship）经历，二是把work定义为study或者project。

下面提供一个实习经历的语料。

故事线大概是：副经理跟我这个实习生1对1谈话 – 我问他怎么时间管理 – 他教给我使用 TODO list（Part 1 保留题里面study routine的内容） – 设立优先级并帮助减少拖延 – 我使用后发现很好

As a university student who is going to enter the workforce anytime soon, any career advice is valuable. **Throughout my internships**, I have received a lot of **constructive feedback** from supervisors and managers. What affected me the most was that one time the associate manager arranged a **one-on-one meeting** when **I was an intern** at a bank. He first greeted me with casual conversation and then asked me about whether the workload was too heavy. I said that I was really impressed by the **steep learning curve** and the fact that I was still taking courses at night while working full-time sometimes can be **overwhelming**. I did not want him to think that I am not a **competent worker**, so I asked him about how he managed his time efficiently as a busy man and a new parent. He was very pleased with my honest answers, and he suggested me to make a To-do list before starting the day because writing things down can help me **set priorities for tasks** and **avoid procrastination**. I quickly applied this piece of advice to my daily life and found it to be priceless. Now, I'm able to have more control of my time because I can get essential tasks done with high quality early in the day. It was the best suggestion I received that will **make a lasting impact** on my career!

Part 3

1. When should parents encourage their children?

Encouragement should be given regularly to children because it nurtures their confidence and sense of self. There are many obstacles and challenges a kid face growing up. Parents should encourage them to push beyond their fears.

2. Should parents always encourage their children?

While encouragement helps children exhibit optimism and confidence, many parents nowadays spoil their kids. They encourage their kids no matter what they have done, which leads to bad habits in the long run. They should only praise and encourage their kids for the right things.

3. Do you think negative feedbacks are more important than positive feedbacks? Why?

Both are essential to a person's development. People can get an understanding on areas of improvement from negative feedbacks. They can also understand their strengths from positive feedbacks.

4. Why are negative feedbacks as important as positive feedbacks at work?

See 3.

你的国家的名人

Describe a popular/well-known person in your country

You should say:

Who this person is
What he/she has done
Why he/she is popular
And explain how you feel about this person

思路：可继续用罗翔语料，我把保留题中罗翔内容复制过来。很长，这里给一个简化版，基本上就是把开头关于contribution的定义删掉了，新句子用蓝色标记。长版在**对社会有贡献的人**那里。

Nowadays, many people from various backgrounds become popular through the internet. Professor Luo Xiang is one of them. Professor Luo is teaching criminal law at one of the elite law schools in China. I heard about Professor Luo from a popular video he posted on social media. The post was on the trending page, and it was a short section of his criminal law lesson. The lesson was super engaging and entertaining which made a lasting impression on me. Once I started following him and watched several interviews about him, I realized he is a true academic and a person with high ethical standards about himself. He often quotes theories from Aristotle and Plato to introduce ethical theories to the public, particularly to young Chinese. Learning ethics can create tremendous positive externality to the society; however, these theories are usually so dry that most people would turn away from them. Because of his humorous teaching style, more than 20 million people follow his account now and are benefiting from his teaching. I believe he made a lasting contribution to the Chinese society, and the things he does benefit the country for days to come. I wish to become one like him.

Part 3

1. What kinds of people are popular at work?

People who are down to earth and treat people genuinely are usually popular in the office because most people appreciate sincerity and dislike office politics. The doer, meaning people who are competent, resourceful, and diligent, are popular as well because they can get things done.

2. Are bosses more popular than employees at work?

It depends on the bosses. Managers and leaders are supposed to provide leadership to a team. And leaders are often times more popular than followers by nature. However, many bosses aren't popular because many employees don't respect them.

3. Which one is more important, keeping a good relationship with colleagues or doing well at work?

Both are essential. Modern workplace requires collaborating with colleagues at a high level. So, employees must keep a good relationship with their colleagues in order to do their work well.

4. What benefits are there when a child is popular at school?

There are so many benefits of being popular at school. Popular kids get more academic help from their peers. But I think the most important one is that being popular makes people feel valued which is good for their mental health.

有趣的邻居

Describe an interesting neighbor

You should say:

Who he/she is

How you knew him/her

What you do together

And explain why he/she is interesting

思路：可以使用马斯克或罗翔，不要出现他们的真实姓名就好，可能说罗翔更容易，就说你的邻居是个法学教授还发b站就行了。见下面的修改版罗翔语料~

Most Chinese people live in apartments, so many people don't even know their neighbors. The same holds true for me for a long time, but I do know my new neighbor who just moved into the building a few years ago. He is a law professor teaching criminal law at one of the elite law schools in my city. 前面开头都有改动，更符合题目

It's quite funny that I first heard about him from a **viral** video he posted on social media. It was a short section of his criminal law lesson which was super engaging and entertaining. Once I started following him and watched several other videos he posted, I realized he was probably the new guy who just moved into my apartment compound. So, I directly messaged him on social media and asked if he was my new neighbor and he said yes. 这里稍微改动说出我是如何认识他的

I knocked on his door and invited him over for a cup of tea, we chatted for a long time because we share the same interests such as philosophy. He often quotes theories from Aristotle and Plato about their ethical theories when we hang out. He also posts videos about these theories to the public, particularly to young Chinese. I have never known a person in real life who is able to explain those theories in such an interesting way. I believe he is doing something valuable for the Chinese society because learning ethics is good for a nation's development. He encouraged me to try posting stuff online as well and he even showed me how to edit videos. What an interesting person whose career is supposed to be boring for most people! 你会看到他这个人仍然是一个法学教授，发视频，然后讲哲学，对社会有贡献。这些点是不变的，是这个人的画像，我们要变的只是编故事把他衔接到新题目中来。

Part 3

1. Do you think people are familiar with their neighbors?

I don't think so. I heard it on the news that nearly 1 in 4 people don't know the person who lives next to them. People are just too busy at their work so they might not come home at the same time. Also, social media and other platforms have made life so convenient that people don't really have to know their neighbors.

2. How can people improve the relationship with neighbors in a community?

First, people need to be open to introducing themselves so their neighbors. Be respectful and just say hello to them. Volunteering in community activities is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area. To build even stronger relationships, ask people for help such as borrow a hand tool or something and return their favors is often regarded as the most effective method!

3. How do children build relationships with others in a community?

See 2. 可以把volunteering 改成 participating参与。因为小孩通常都是参加活动的。

4. Is it beneficial to get along well with neighbors?

For sure. Most people may not realize how stressful it is to have bad neighbors who are always loud and make a mess in common areas. Getting along with neighbors will dramatically reduce the chances of those negative events which will ultimately improve the quality of life.



想要共事的家人

Describe a family member who you want to work with in the future

You should say:

Who he/she is

Whether you worked together before

What kind of work you would like to do with him/her

And explain how you feel about this family member

这可以用马斯克的语料，说你的叔叔有马斯克那些特质（企业家，科技领域，创新等）。然后你就说现在他从事的活动都很火，你也想插一脚...

同时这个也可以沿用上面邻居话题里我们把罗翔语料改动后的版本，邻居变成叔叔，然后说你想跟他一起拍视频。你认为他很有趣，而且创造了社会价值，你是学...的，你也想用自己的知识帮助其他人...

I have an interesting uncle who I would love to work with in the future. He is a law professor teaching criminal law at one of the elite law schools in my city. 前面开头都有改动，更符合题目

In his spare time, he posts educational videos on social media platforms. Several of his videos went **viral** on the internet and one of them was a short section of his criminal law lesson which was super engaging and entertaining. I started following his social media channel and watched several other videos he posted. Until then, I realized that my uncle was such a funny person. 这里稍微改动说出他做视频这个事

I have never worked with him before because I just don't have anything in common with a law professor who is supposed to be boring. But now I would love to work with him on creating educational videos. I actually already have a topic on my mind. As I'm studying accounting and finance in the university, I can use my financial literacy to educate people to better manage their personal finances. Just like my uncle who posts videos about ethical theories to the public, particularly to **young Chinese** which really benefits the society as a whole. My videos can offer lots of value to the public as well. As he has a large base of followers already, it would be very beneficial to kick-start my channel by creating collaborative videos with him. 你会发现在这里我们省略了亚里士多德这些细节，因为不重要了。这个法学教授现在就是个网红，你也想做类似的事情。

Once I shared my idea to him, he really encouraged me about pursuing it, and he even showed me how to edit videos. I have never known a person in real life who is able to explain complex ethical theories in such an interesting manner, so I think we can absolutely create something great if we work together!不要忘了最后 **explain** 的部分是要写对这个家人的彩虹屁。最后夸夸（有价值，有趣...）就行了！

Part 3

1. What kinds of family business are common in China?

Most family businesses are restaurants, I think. I have seen many restaurants that were started by the couple, the dad is the cook, and the mom is the manager with their kids serving customers. They really put in their blood, sweat and tears to make the business thrive. I don't think many of them will make a fortune, but they can usually stay in business for a long time because they care so much about their customers and provide high quality service.

2. Is it good to work with family members? Why?

It depends. It is nice to work with someone that you are familiar with because of mutual trust. However, if family members cannot draw a clear boundary between each other, they could bring personal life to professional life which often leads to greater conflicts.

3. Why do people want to do family business?

At first, starting a family business is often a safer choice because of the mutual trust between owners and employees. People have a simple common goal of building wealth together that will hopefully last for generations to come. Also, family members are much loyal than external hires; this offers greater flexibility to the founders who should focus their energy solely on growing the business.

4. What benefits are there when working for big companies?

Working for a big company is a great career starting point for most people because people can learn to understand the processes on a larger scale. Also, because the application processes are usually super competitive, one would have the chance to work with top talents in the industry. Having work experience for a large corporation on one's resume is an excellent way to impress prospective employers as well.

提高注意力

Describe something you do that can help you concentrate on work/study

You should say:

What it is
How it helps you concentrate
When you do it
And explain how you feel about it

思路: 在地点类里面讲过的white noise白噪音可以帮助集中精力。物品类里不能失去的东西coffee语料也讲到如何帮助专心。

下面会结合以上2点的例子进行重组:

I'm a night owl who have a much better focus at night. However, as a student, I still have to get up quite early to go to classes. As I'm not always getting enough sleep, coffee is essential to my life because it improves my focus, memory, and ability to learn. I'm not 100% sure about the underlying reasons, but I do know it has something to do with caffeine which can help improve alertness and enhance short-term memory. 加了一句大概的原因，使用无责任式叙述（我也不确定，可能是因为咖啡因...）

I have at least three cups of coffee per day, one in the morning, one in the afternoon, and one after dinner. Without coffee, I would totally fall asleep during classes which would ruin my GPA and perhaps my future career. However, I have to say that coffee is not the silver bullet to a more productive day because there are just too many distractions around me during the day. I sometimes combine it with listening to white noise because it can effectively block other noises and create a distraction-free environment for me to better utilize the short-term capabilities enabled by drinking coffee. To me, coffee and white noises are essential because they help me get things done. Without them, time moves sluggishly, and eyelids grow heavy. 把描述冲咖啡的地方删去，加入了 white noise 的部分，把 coffee 语料的后部分的 it 全改成 they

Part 3

1. Why is it more difficult for children to concentrate nowadays than in the past?

There are simply too many distractions around children namely smartphones and the various apps on them. Children in the past must go back home to watch TV programs and play video games on a computer which means they can concentrate on their studies in school. However, now they can stream a lot of content and play popular games on their smartphones. Just one touch away!

2. Do you think technology will harm children's ability to concentrate?

See 1.

3. What kinds of jobs require high concentration at work?

Professional jobs such as surgeons require higher concentration than others because some complex operations like liver transplants can take more than 10 hours. They are specifically trained in this way to save lives.

4. Can exercise help people improve concentration?

I'm not sure whether it works for other people or not. To me, having a 30-minute run can help me focus and stay on task. I think the reason behind this is that moderate exercise boosts my energy. And being energetic improves concentration overall.

人物类-保留题

对社会有贡献的人

Describe a person who contributes to the society

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her

What type of work he/she does

And explain why you think he/she contributes to the society

可串题目: 感兴趣的名人, 想共度时光的人, 社交媒体上常刷的人, 一见且想再见的人, 小学印象最深的人

Modern society is composed by contributions from everyone; however, the fierce competition that people are facing today turned many people to prioritize their self-interests. Therefore, people who sometimes sacrifice their own interest to contribute to the society should be remembered and admired. Professor Luo Xiang is one of those who, in my opinion, made extraordinary contribution to the Chinese society particularly among young people. Professor Luo is teaching criminal law at one of the elite law schools in China. I heard about Professor Luo from a popular video he posted on social media. The post was on the trending page, and it was a short section of his criminal law lesson. The lesson was super engaging and entertaining which made a lasting impression on me. Once I started following him and watched several interviews about him, I realized he is a true academic and a person with high ethical standards about himself. He often quotes theories from Aristotle and Plato to introduce ethical theories to the public, particularly to young Chinese. Learning ethics can create tremendous positive externality to the society, however, these theories are usually so dry that most people would turn away from them. As he has more than 20 million followers and subscribers across the internet with hundreds of millions of views, you can tell how many people benefited from his teaching. I believe he really made a lasting contribution to the Chinese society, and the things he does benefit the country for days to come. I wish to become one like him.

P3:

1. What jobs are well-paid?

Professional jobs such as lawyers and doctors make good base salary. But if you include commissions and bonuses, people can make endless amount of money working in sales. Some live-streaming salespeople make hundreds of millions of dollars per year!

2. What are the changes in working conditions?

Nowadays working conditions have improved a lot and they are clearly no longer as toxic as a few decades ago and companies usually put emphasis on employees' wellbeing. A major change during the COVID-19 pandemic is hybrid working become a much more popular option to white collar workers, meaning that they can work a few days per week in the office and the rest at home.

3. What are the impacts of the epidemic on the work environment?

See above.

4. Do you think younger people should be lower-paid than older people?

No I don't think so. Salaries should be based on skills and experiences or the economic benefits that are brought to the company. In most professions, these skills and experiences are accumulated through working for many years in the industry so older people usually are paid better. However, it's not the old age that caused the distortion but the skills and experiences. Correlation doesn't mean causation.

社交媒体上常刷的人

Describe a person who you follow on social media

You should say:

Who he/she is

How you knew him/her

What he/she posts on social media

And explain why you follow him/her on social media

马斯克，可串题目：对社会有贡献的人，想共度时光的人，有创造力的人，有趣的外国人，感兴趣的名人，佩服的商人，机智解决问题的人

I sometimes consider myself a social media addict because I really cannot stop myself from checking on platforms such as Twitter, Tik Tok and Instagram. I followed hundreds of people on twitter, they are mostly political leaders and celebrities, but there is one person that I followed whom I actually admire, Elon Musk. He is an entrepreneur and business magnate who was born in South Africa but became a billionaire in the USA. I started noticing him because of his controversial remark on how his own company Tesla, world's most popular luxury electric car maker, is overvalued. I mean, as a large shareholder, who would want to make his own fortune decrease just by twitting on the internet? But Elon is not everybody...He not only did make Tesla stock dip, but also drew SEC's attention for stock manipulation. What an interesting and weird person! After this controversial post on twitter, I found he is not only twitting these weird comments, but he also posts how his companies are changing the world and make great contribution to the society. I kept following him because he is just a remarkable genius of our time. He is the CEO of three well-known high-tech companies, Tesla, SpaceX, and The Boring Company. These three companies all have different headquarters in different cities. Managing three businesses requires so much energy and brainpower, yet he is able to make all of these companies successful. Other than Tesla we have talked about, SpaceX is an aerospace manufacturer which makes rockets. According to Elon's post, SpaceX launches cost only 10% of NASA's, which is just unbelievable. The reason he could achieve this is that they design reusable rockets so that per launch cost is drastically reduced because it can launch many times. I'm just amazed by his creative mind and ability to make ideas come true. I will keep following him because he is just a person that should be admired.

P3:

1. What can people do on social media?

See social media in part 1 speaking.

2. Do older people and younger people use the same kinds of social media apps?

3. Do older people spend much time on social media?

4. Are non-social media like TV and newspaper still useful?

For sure. Social media by its definition is really a decentralized platform that anyone can share their opinions because contents are generated by users. That comes with a major flaw of spreading misinformation. Many conspiracy theories are from social media such as many anti-vaccine contents. Traditional media like TV and Newspapers often are much more strictly regulated which often provide better quality and genuine knowledge to the public.

想共度时光的人

Describe someone you really like to spend time with

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her

What you usually do together

And explain why you like to spend time with him/her

P3:

1. What kinds of people are easy to get along with?

The ones that are humble and good listeners usually make lasting friendships with other. People want their voices being heard and valued. So good listeners can really make others feel that they are appreciated which is incredibly important for relationship building.

2. How do leaders get along with their subordinates?

A true leader must be able to communicate with the subordinates so that they can complete the assigned tasks. A good leader must be a good listener and be able to express appreciation about subordinates' good work. By active listening, they can obtain an understanding of what the team members' goals are and empower them to grow with the team.

3. Do people have time for themselves nowadays?

Very little. People are over worked and stuck on the road for hours to get home. Many people work "9-9-6" which means start from 9am to 9pm, six days a week. Not to mention that many of them work overtime as well. So people really don't have much time for themselves anymore.

4. Do you like talking with older people? Why?

See young vs old topics. Hobby, housing, activities, social media, etc.



一见且想再见的人

Describe a person you only met once and want to know more about

You should say:

Who he/she is

When you met him/her

Why you want to know more about him/her

And explain how you feel about him/her

P3:

1. How do people make friends in China?

Chinese people are very hospitable and outgoing. Many people make good friends from school, work, party and other events. If we think a person can be a friend, we would take the person to dinner and then have interesting conversation to really get to know each other.

2. On what occasions do people like to make friends?

See above.

3. Is it important to have the same hobbies and interests when making friends?

Absolutely, sharing the same interests and hobbies is the foundation for a true and pure friendship. Life is tough, and people are so stressed out from many things in life. So, it is critical to have friends who share the same values, and you can do certain activities together with.

4. What qualities make true friends?

Virtues like honesty and trustworthiness made a genuine friend. It's easy to have some fun with acquaintances but one should not confuse that with true friendship. A friend in need is a friend indeed, only an honest dependable person that you can trust will be there for you when bad things happen. Another quote is also worthy noting, a friend to all is a friend to none.

物品类 - 新题

改变世界的发明

Describe an invention that has changed the world in a positive way

You should say:

What it is

What benefits it has brought

How it influences people of different ages

And explain how it changed people's lives

思路：比较好讲的其实都跟互联网相关，比如微信（即时通讯 instant messaging），支付宝（电子支付 online payment），淘宝（电子商务 E-commerce），百度（搜索引擎 search engine），美团（外卖 food delivery platform），微博（社交网络 social network）这类。更好讲的就是互联网本身，因为这样的话你可以随使用上面这种app来举例说明互联网的好处。

Not all inventions are good for the world, but there is one invention that led to the Third Industrial Revolution, the internet. The internet changed our lives in so many ways and made our lives much more convenient than ever before. As more old people get more familiar with using smartphones and computers, everyone is now benefiting from the development of the internet.

There are so many things that could never have been achieved without the internet. Now, people don't have to spend hours looking up information in books; instead, they can get millions of results instantly by searching keywords on search engines like Google and Baidu. People can order food or goods and get them delivered at the front door in days or even hours. People no longer need to wait in line at the bank to transfer money; they can get it done online. Not to mention, people can communicate with others around the globe instantly at little to no cost. The internet also played a pivotal role during COVID lockdown. Because people had to stay at home to stop the spread of the virus, no in-person gatherings were allowed. Thanks to the internet, I was still able to meet with my family through video chat and attend classes through online meetings. Overall, the internet fundamentally changed our lives in so many ways that it's nearly impossible to think about what life was without it.

Part 3

1. What is the most helpful innovation at home?

For me, it must be the washing machine and dryer. I live a busy life and I simply don't have the time to wash clothes by hand. Not to mention, I'm also living in a small apartment; hanging clothes to dry simply takes up too much valuable space at home.

2. What household appliances make us lazy?

Well, I don't think any appliances are making people lazy, and I argue strongly that people nowadays are actually working more than ever before. Appliances are simply tools that free up our time for more valuable things.

3. What kind of invention can be used at school?

Inventions that improve safety or teaching quality are suitable for schools. Security cameras are widely used to keep campuses safe and deter misbehaving. Learning management systems are used by teachers and students to better organize learning materials and assignments.

4. Do you think AI will replace human teachers? Why?

No, Artificial Intelligence won't be replacing teachers anytime soon. As machine learning and AI continue to advance, human interaction will become even more important. Students need the love, transaction, care, and collaboration that AI cannot provide. However, I do believe that AI will be used as a tool to better serve teachers in developing materials.

传统产品

Describe a traditional product in your country

You should say:

What it is

When you tried this product for the first time

What it is made of

And explain how you feel about it

思路：借鉴coffee的内容，改成茶。中国传统，发源地，上千年历史，最大的产地和三百多年前跟欧洲尤其是英国做贸易。第一次喝是在小时候，跟爷爷喝。就是用茶叶和水做的。跟咖啡一样可以提神醒脑，都有咖啡因，不过茶没那么强烈。早上喝咖啡下午喝茶。主要是可以把coffee的内容（因为是讲离不开的东西）放在最后how you feel的部分。

China is rich in history and tradition. When people talk about China, tea is one of the things that people mention the most. It is impossible to know when tea was first discovered, but it was under the Tang dynasty which is about 1700 years ago, that tea became firmly established as the national drink of China. China is the largest producer of tea and trades this product worldwide, particularly with the Europeans. I had my first sip when I was probably 5 years old with my grandpa. He is a heavy drinker, and he consumes tea throughout the day, even during meals. 讲完前两个问题，茶的历史可以两句带过，表明是 traditional 的东西

I'm not very familiar with the variety of tea plants but it is very easy to make tea as a beverage. You simply put dried tea leaves into a teapot, pour enough boiled water into the teapot and steep tea for a few minutes depending on the type of tea. Then strain tea solids and pour hot tea into tea cups. Made of 应该是说他的原料，我们突出茶这个饮料，所以原料就是茶叶，我们第一句说出自己不熟悉茶树来避免难讲的内容

Now I consume tea daily as well. I'm a night owl who have a much better focus at night. However, as a student, I still have to get up quite early to go to classes. As I'm not always getting enough sleep, caffeine is essential to my life because it improves my focus, memory, and ability to learn. I cannot drink too much coffee because it causes headache and anxiety. So, I drink coffee in the morning and tea in the afternoon at night as it contains far less caffeine but still improves my productivity. To me, no other beverages can motivate me as strongly as these two in getting things done. I would recommend other students to try them out! 几乎就是讲的 coffee 的内容，讲到被打断即可

Part 3

1. Why are traditional products important?

They usually play a vital role in the economic development of a country. Traditional products are usually produced solely in certain areas which means locals are better at producing them. This competitive advantage offers a safety net for the local economy.

2. Do you think tradition is important for a country? Why?

Yes. Our tradition helps define who we are, reminds us of how our ancestors lived and helps us build self-esteem. Because tradition usually embeds our ancestors' wisdom, although some may not apply to today's circumstances, we can still learn from them.

3. What are the traditional Chinese products?

I think tea and traditional Chinese medicine are the most well-known traditional products in China. Tea is a beverage that is well liked around the globe, and traditional Chinese medicine offers insights for modern medical studies.

4. Why is it important for children to learn about traditional products?

See 1 and 2. 讲一下学会了可以保证生存, 还有就是可以提高自尊, 长智慧等。

丢东西的经历 (需要描述物品, 则放入物品类)

Describe an occasion that you lost something

You should say:

What you lost

When and where you lost it

What you did to find it

And explain how you felt about it

思路: 借鉴Part 1里lost and found内容。讲丢手机应该还是比较简单的。用定位什么的把手机找回来。也可以说因为你丢在学校里了, 在学校群里面发信息让同学转载后有人把手机找到并归还给你。

这里我讲的是一个反转的故事, 因为比较有趣, 可能会好记忆。这种题目其实讲自己真实经历就很好, 一般是会拿到正常分数的, 我的语料供大家参考。

I'm an organized person but I still lost things once in a blue moon. I would love to share a true story happened to me a month ago. I was studying for my final exams in the library for the entire day. However, I could not find my phone once I returned to my dorm. I soon realized that I must have lost it somewhere in the library, so I ran back to the library and tried to find it. I was

so anxious about losing it because it is quite expensive and also contains a lot of my final exam review material.

I went back to the place I sat that afternoon and did not find anything. I was so afraid that it was stolen by someone because that means I will literally have no chance of getting it back. I realized I should stop panicking and told myself that I would find it for sure. I asked a guy in the library to call my cellphone number to see if it was still turned on and it was! After a few seconds, someone actually picked up the phone. Funny enough, that person was my dorm mate. It turns out that I had my phone with me when I returned to my dorm and misplaced it on my dormmate's desk. I was probably worrying too much about the final exam, so I thought I lost it. Overall, it was a stupid incident, but I learned that I really need to unwind my mind from stress because if I can make this kind of mistake, I will not do well on the exam for sure!

Part 3

1. What kinds of things do people usually lose?

Things they always carry around such as phones and keys. Because they use these items all the time, people don't really pay attention to them anymore.

2. What do people often do when losing things?

People would try to remember the moment they misplaced the item, and perhaps re-check the area that the item is supposed to be located. If they think they lost the item at a venue such as a hotel, they will contact the venue to see if they have the lost item.

3. Is it an effective way to use rewards to find lost things?

It depends. I believe, for most lost items, it's not an effective tool because I simply don't believe someone would not return your lost item without the rewards. However, for lost pets, a cash reward could incentivize people to find them for you because there is considerable time and effort spent.

4. What kinds of people may lose things often?

People who are old and become forgetful as time goes by. Maybe the super-rich who no longer care about losing things also lose things often. Overall, it depends on the item as well; everyone could lose things that may not matter that much to them and people will try their best to look after the things they value.

物品类 - 保留题

给朋友的礼物

Describe a gift you would like to buy for your friend

You should say:

- How you knew your friend
- How long you have known him/her
- How you would choose a gift for him/her
- And explain why you would choose that gift for him/her

串别人给你的衣服, – Harry Potter Robe (costume) – Gryffindor – From universal studio LA – Almost \$200

Everyone loves receiving gifts from friends either for celebrating a special occasion or simply friendship. I actually have prepared an ideal present for one of my best friends, XXX. We have known each other like forever...since childhood. I remembered that when I first moved to the neighborhood, he was the first person talked to me because we live very close together. He is one year older than me, but we went to the same school, and we share a lot of same interests. He is a big fan of the Harry Potter series. He has all the books and watched all of the films multiple times. So, I am planning to give him a Harry Potter Robe in Halloween this year, so he could wear it as his costume, I am sure he will be thrilled. I found the robe online and it's the official one that is sold in the LA universal studio which means the quality must be top notch. So, the seller is someone living in the states and will visit the theme park and purchase it for me and ship it to China. It's quite expensive, almost \$200 USD! But I think it would be totally worth it! He always wanted to visit the universal studio in LA but because of COVID, he could not travel overseas. I'm sure he will be the happiest and the coolest Gryffindor alumni on the Halloween Party!

P3:

1. When do people normally send gifts to others?

生日, 升职加薪, 或其他 significant life events 比如结婚, 生小孩。

2. Which do people give on traditional festivals, red envelopes or other kinds of gifts?

Red envelopes are a monetary gift that are given to younger generations for the Chinese New Year. I don't think there is another traditional gift for other holidays though. Normally people would have family gatherings and share traditional food such as mooncake for the mid-autumn festival.

3. Is it hard to choose a gift?

Totally. I think the fact that the giver and the recipient have different attitude towards the gift makes it even harder. Gift givers typically select a present by picturing how it will be received, often going for a "wow" factor or a complete surprise. Yet recipients are more practical when they open a gift, focusing on its usefulness and long-term desirability.

4. Will people feel happy when receiving an expensive gift?

It depends on the person and the relationship...some people really love luxury brands and stylish things so they would feel happier when receiving an expensive gift. However, most people are practical about gifts, and they might feel they “owe” the giver something if the gifts are really valuable. This may create more pressure than pleasure for the recipient.

别人给你的衣服

Describe an item of clothing that someone gave you

You should say:

What the clothing was

Who gave it to you

When you got it

And explain why this person gave you the clothing

思路：可讲简单的，比如：

校服 – 不穿不能进门但忘穿了 – 朋友有两件

西服/裙子 – 参加 xx 典礼 + 故事

也可以用万圣节戏服（比如哈利波特袍子↑）+ 万圣节故事 or 这个人物的故事

P3:

1. Have you ever given clothes to others?

是的，上面例子挑一个就行

2. Why do people dress casually in everyday life but dress formally at work?

I think it really depends on the type of work in the current working environment. Businesses don't require white collar workers to dress formally in many professions nowadays to promote creativity. But some industries such as law and finance do require formal dress codes for showing professional image.

3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of wearing uniforms at work and school?

优点：好管理，不用想要穿什么，节省时间。

缺点：丑，没个性，质量差，不舒服。

4. Why do people from different countries wear different clothing?

People wear similar clothes for work across the world. They do sometimes wear differently in leisure times due to personal preferences or cultural differences. Particularly, people would wear unique traditional clothes for some local festivals.

收到特殊蛋糕

Describe a special cake you received from other

You should say:

When it happened

Where it happened

Who you got the cake from

And explain why it was a special cake

可联动课程里 cake 话题。

I have a sweet tooth and am just obsessed with sugary stuff. So, I always have cakes in my fridge for my dessert or even breakfast. But there is one cake I truly feel special about. It's a multi-layered rainbow cake hand made by my mother for my 18th birthday. We had a family celebration just in our home because I still have to go to school the next day. At the time I was in grade 12 which is the worst year to be a Chinese high school student. The cake is special to me not only because it was for my 18th birthday but also the first cake my mother has ever made. The layers are essentially made of crepes with cream. My mother is a great cook but she is not a baker. I can imagine how much time and effort she must put into this. She decorated the cake with some strawberries and blueberries covered in white icing which looks so stunning! It tastes great as well, the sugar level is just right, and the cream is not too heavy which just melt in your mouth. I'm so lucky to be the son of such a wonderful mother.

P3:

1. What are the differences between special food in China and other countries?

Each culture has its own special food. I'm not really familiar with how those foods are made, but I do know, unlike Western cuisines, Chinese food is dairy-free because we don't use milk and cheese in our dishes. We use different types of flours with many European countries, but I think that's simply because we don't produce the same types of crops in China.

2. Is there any food in your country that is eaten at special times or on special occasions?

See 给朋友的礼物 Q2

3. Why are some people willing to spend a lot of money on meals on special days?

There is usually a big family gathering or sometimes reunion on special days. They celebrate the day by having a big meal together usually in a private room of a restaurant. In many cultures, people don't want others to leave the room without a full stomach. Although the total bill could be expensive, people chip-in for the big meal so it's actually not that bad for each person.

4. Do you think it's good to communicate when eating with your family?

Yes absolutely. Everyone is busy in the family so communicating while having dinner is usually what we do. We can talk to each other in a relaxing atmosphere, and we can always leave after we are done with our food without having to come up with an excuse.

免费物品

Describe something you received for free

You should say:

What it was

Who you received it from

Where you received it

And how you felt about it

什么都行，挑自己会的物品讲就行，比如哈利波特的 robe 是你玩游戏赠的，比如彩虹蛋糕是买衣服赠的，比如 ipad 是银行开户赠的...

P3:

1. Do you think people should pay for higher education? Why?

Maybe a portion but should not pay very expensive tuition for higher education. Getting higher education is essential to getting a job these days, and it would be unfair for the less fortunate to not have the opportunity to get their degrees because they cannot afford it. Overall, having a more educated workforce is good for the nation which promotes productivity and reduces crime. But people should at least pay some money for their education, otherwise they won't have the desire to work hard and finish it.

2. Is it good or bad for people to have free education in the future?

同上。坏就是免费的话人们失去动力。好就是更多人学，提高生产力，减少犯罪。

3. What free gifts do companies usually give to their customers?

Usually product samples. It is widely used in the cosmetics industry. And essentially companies want you to test their other products and hope you would return to buy those products in full price and became a lifetime customer.

4. Why do customers like to receive free gifts from companies?

Everyone wants free stuff. People have the incentive to give it a try when its free and It's also part of a psychological response that people have when they see the word "FREE". Many times, the free stuff actually has great value. For instance, many people try the free food samples at Costco or Sam's club. The food is delicious and really resolve some tiredness from shopping at such as big warehouse.



坏掉又修好的东西

Describe something that was broken in your home and then repaired

You should say:

What it is

How it was broken

How you got it repaired

And how you felt about it

思路:

老手机 an old iPhone.

– can't turn it on even after recharge 充了电也没法开机

– battery is dead 电池坏了

– search online for replacement battery and parts 网上查零件

– watched tutorials of how to replace it by myself 看教程如何 DIY

– it is simply too difficult to do 太难

– took it to a licensed repair shop 拿给了修理店

– spent \$100 very expensive 花了一百刀

– but it was worth it because it has lots of photos which are invaluable 还是很值得因为有老照片, 这些照片是无价的

P3:

1. Are IT-related jobs valued more by society?

IT-related jobs such as software development became really popular around of world due to increasing demand of software and phone applications. People in this profession earn above average salaries but they also work intensively for long hours. The public probably don't value it more than doctors and lawyers but do recognize it is a highly skilled field that not everyone can do.

2. Is the quality of products worse than before?

In general, the quality must be increased due to better production processes and technology. However, many flagship consumer products became less reliable because they use the latest technology that is not mature.

3. What kinds of things do people like to repair by themselves?

Simple things in their home that are easy and safe to do and do not require a license such as replacing light bulbs, or light switches. Many people also patch and paint their walls if there is a crack or a hole.

4. Why do people like to get their mobile phones repaired in specialized stores?

See P2 思路, 自己修不好, specialized stores usually offer extended warranty (延长保修) once the repair is done.

生活中离不开的东西

Describe something that you can't live without (not a computer/phone)

You should say:

What it is

What you do with it

How it helps you in your life

And explain why you can't live without it

咖啡

I'm a night owl who have a much better focus at night. However, as a student, I still have to get up quite early to go to the classes. As I'm not always getting enough sleep, coffee is essential to my life because it improves my focus, memory, and ability to learn. I make coffee with my Keurig coffee maker and K-cup coffee pods. By pressing a single button after adding water to the machine and inserting the coffee pod, freshly brewed coffee is made in half a minute. I have at least three cups of coffee per day, one in the morning, one in the afternoon, and one after dinner. Without coffee, I would totally fall asleep during classes which would ruin my GPA and perhaps my future career. As you may have heard of the "triple S" about college life, you can only choose two among sleep, social and study. I have made my choice of ranking sleep at the bottom of the list so I can network with others while having a good grade. These two are just essential to land a good job nowadays. As a regular caffeine drinker, I can tell you that coffee really has positive effect on my mental performance. To me, no other beverages can motivate me as strongly as coffee in getting things done. Without it, time moves sluggishly, and eyelids grow heavy. It is indispensable!

P3:

1. Why are children attracted to new things (such as electronics)?

Children are curious about the world, and they are constantly looking for interesting things. However, for electronic devices, children are not attracted by them but what these devices offer – video games. And the reason why kids are attracted to or even addicted to games is simple, games are fun. No matter what attracts kids, the thing must be interesting.

2. Why do some grown-ups hate to throw out old things (such as clothes)?

复杂回答: 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. So, as grown-ups invested money to purchase those old things, they hate to throw them out even though these old things are occupying valuable spaces in their homes.

简单回答: 丢掉不环保, 但是回收的地方很少, 扔掉觉得可惜, 所以干脆不扔了。

3. Is the way people buy things affected? How?

题与下面重复, 看 Q4

4. What do you think influences people to buy new things?

There are so many factors that could affect people's purchase decisions, economic, functional, personal, and so on. To put it simple, people buy what they want not what they need. The emotional factor often times plays a much greater role. Now with increasing popularity of livestreaming selling, customers could make an impulse purchase while watching salespeople offering huge discounts.

童年喜欢的玩具

Describe a toy you liked in your childhood

You should say:

What kind of toy it is

When you received it

How you played it

And how you felt about it

简单题，结合自己真实经历准备即可。可以找比较好描述的东西，大致形容一下质地，主要讲一个跟玩具的故事。比如：芭比娃娃，LEGO（比如哈利波特的乐高积木 LEGO brick，结合到自己熟悉的卡通形象通常会有更多可以讲的东西）

P3:

1. Do you think parents should buy more toys for their kids or spend more time with them?

Parents should try their best to spend time with their little ones to show love and build a strong bond. It is okay to buy more toys for their kids, but the best would be playing those toys together so parents can guide the kid to discover and understand the world better.

2. What's the difference between the toys kids play now and those they played in the past?

思路一（更贴题）：新玩具和旧玩具没什么本质区别，可以用手机遥控而不需要真的遥控器。

I don't think there is much of a fundamental difference. Kids are still playing with similar toys such as Barbie dolls, remote control cars, and LEGO bricks. Maybe there are more electronic parts involved, some of them can be remotely controlled by smartphone apps so you don't need a physical controller anymore. But, the toys themselves are basically unchanged.

思路二（视频上的，但可能不太好，可以作为玩具思路储备）：大小孩和小小孩玩的不同 Kids would have different interests as they grow, so it is natural to have different kinds of toys along with their development. Older kids would want to play some more complicated toys such as jigsaw puzzle whereas toddlers will be totally satisfied by a teddy bear.

3. Should advertising aimed at kids be prohibited?

Totally, kids lack mature judgement, so they are especially vulnerable to manipulative advertisements. The advertising content usually express a view of happiness is achieved by possessing material goods which is not a healthy value for kids. The value shaped can carry over into adult life which could lead to bad habits such as overspending. An overspending society will be disastrous for the nation.

4. How do advertisements influence children?

Advertisements that are targeted towards children usually show children sharing new toys with each other and the kid who has the newest toy would have more friends and attention from others. 同上 *The advertising content usually express a view of happiness is achieved by possessing material goods which is not a healthy value for kids. The value shaped can carry over into adult life which could lead to bad habits such as overspending.*

事件类 - 新题

积极改变

Describe a positive change that you made in your life

You should say:

What it is

Why you did it

Who you did it with

And explain how you feel about the change

思路：很多方法套用我们已有的语料。你可以用事件类新题 **保健方式** 的内容，说你本来不喜欢运动但是看新闻很多人 in their 30s died from overwork and heart disease. 三十多岁就工作累死或者心脏病，你感觉需要保持 healthy lifestyle。重点注意一下第三个问题别忘了讲，你可以就说 I did it just myself. 或是跟某人一起，因为那个人也需要改变。

你还可以用人物类新题 **工作建议** 的内容，其实主要就是讲 make To-do list 这个点。第三个问题别忘了说就行。

Part 3

1. Is it easier for young people to change?

Of course, young people respond to changes much faster than the more senior counterparts because they grew up with rapid technological advancements particularly with the internet. So, they are natural to interruptive changes.

2. Is it easy for old people to change?

I don't think so. It is safer for old people to exercise judgement based on past experience when dealing with new events. They are reluctant to change because they have much higher sunk cost, meaning that if they are changed, their past experience and knowledge might be obsolete.

3. How can people change their daily routine if they want to?

Changing habits and forming a new daily routine is very difficult and sometimes painful for most people. It comes down to determination and execution. Make a plan and stick to it! Ask a friend to spur you on.

4. What are the disadvantages when people keep making changes?

They sometimes lose their advantages gained through past experience. For example, many people want a career change and break into tech industry. When they do that, they have to give up their current profession and go back to school for a few years to study programming. The opportunity cost could be huge!



一次非常忙碌的经历

Describe a time you were very busy

You should say:

When it happened

Where you were

What you did

And explain why you were busy

简单题，不存在不会说的现象，建议用来自主练习，如果你没有思路，可以参考下面提供的。注意这个题目的4小题都挺没内容的，所以要把当天的故事讲述清楚。可以自黑或黑别人来凑时间添加故事性（比如自己或某一个队友在这么忙的情况下由于什么原因还迟到了30分钟等等）

思路：期末考试期间，有很多group projects要due，白天要group meeting，下午要上课，晚上要准备雅思。还好之前实习时（见人物类新题 工作建议）领导教过我如果时间管理（用TODO list），否则我肯定无法handle 这么多事情。最终觉得自己成长了很多。

Part 3

1. Are you often busy?

Yes. It's a competitive world out there. As a young adult, I'm curious yet anxious about my future. Being occupied make me feel that I'm alive and advancing myself.

2. What are the advantages and disadvantages when people keep busy?

The biggest drawback is that a busy lifestyle can cause burnout which negatively affects people's health. The advantage is that because you have so much on your plate, you are forced to learn how to improve productivity. Time is scarce, getting more things done in a day can give people an edge in the long run.

3. Do you think children should learn through playing games or under pressure?

It depends on the subject. It's good to use games to introduce most subjects to children to keep them interested. However, as the material goes deeper, children must learn to manage dry and boring content. In that case, parents or teachers might need to give them some pressure.

4. What kind of pressure people may experience at work?

Excessive workload is the most common one that can exhaust a person. Additionally, few opportunities for growth or advancement can also make people feel anxious and stress about their future.



帮助小孩

Describe a time when you helped a child

You should say:

When it was

How you helped him/her

Why you helped him/her

And how you felt about it

思路: 借鉴物品类丢东西的经历, 这次是这个小孩丢了东西, 你是那个在图书馆接他手机打电话的人。帮助的原因很简单, 乐于助人。能看到他很紧张因为手机很贵。注意 Children在西方的定义是18岁以下的人, 所以你可以考虑继续使用他很着急因为手机里有 final review material也可以考虑改成别的, 如家人照片或者这个手机是生日礼物...

套用难度低, 注意事项已经提供给你, 请你用此题自己来练习~

Part 3

1. Do you often help kids? How?

Not really. I love helping people, but I don't have much exposure to children in my daily life. For the kids I have helped, I taught them how to solve problems by demonstrating each step clearly.

2. Why is it necessary to do volunteer services?

I don't think it's necessary. I mean, it must be something that you are voluntarily choosing to do. Volunteering is usually a good method of meeting new people and expanding networks; however, it is not a necessity.

3. What can schools do to develop students' awareness of volunteering?

I think it's similar to convincing employees to be loyal to the team or company; schools or teachers must lead students by example. Teachers must always walk their talk. Kids always imitate the actions of adults. If they see adults put their passion into good use, they will be inspired to do the same.

4. Who benefit more from the volunteer services, the volunteers or the people helped?

Most times it's mutually beneficial for both parties. Volunteers get the pleasure of helping others while gaining experience that could be put on their own resume. At the same time, the person received help for free. However, on rare occasions, although volunteers are helping people with good intentions, they could harm the other party unintentionally due to lack of expertise.

想参加的比赛

Describe a contest/competition you would like to participate in

You should say:

What the contest/competition is about

Where the contest/competition will take place

When it will be held

And explain why you would like to participate in it

思路：这个题目并不难，很适合讲自己参加过的比赛，相信我，自己的故事好讲，讲出来都分数不会太差的（6+，P2对于6+的同学基本只占1/4的分数，就是你很难拿P2提分，提分靠P3~~）。如果你没思路的话，可以写一些比较简单的比如唱歌比赛，参加中国好声音The voice of China，这样你还可以用上一些简单的描述喜欢唱歌的内容，见保留题（有趣的歌曲）。

我提供一个我参加过的辩论比赛，是在加拿大上学时参加的各大商学院之间的比赛。作为唯一一个决赛上的第一代移民。虽然是没拿到前三...至少也是赢了麦吉尔的。由于国会辩论有一些term是比较独特的，我在语料里没有使用，而是用的通用语言，为了让你们自己可以嫁接到自己的素材。

I'm a competitive person, and that is why, over the years, I have participated in many debate competitions. There is a national college debate competition that I'm really keen to take part in, called Canadian Business School Competition（名字是我编的，如果你要照用，把国家改成了你适当的那个）which is one of the most prestigious competitions in Canada. Unfortunately, due to COVID, this competition will be held online through Zoom, a video conference platform. 这句是为你们编的，因为疫情很久了，可能你的某个比赛也是线上的了。

The competition consists of debate teams from business schools across Canada and the resolutions are about international business which includes topics such as political economics, foreign competitions and so on. One side represents the government who bears the burden of proof which means this party must prove their proposed resolution. The other side represents the opposition party, who needs to introduce counter-plans. 介绍比赛内容，其实你截止到 and so on就够了，如果后面你觉得不好讲。

The competition will be held next January so I must start to prepare for the qualifying rounds within my debate team because only two members can represent the entire business school to participate. 回答完什么时间比赛并加上一些内容（我必须要准备了）

I think this is a really great opportunity for me to test my own debate skills because I have never competed with students from other provinces. Also, the debate style is quite new to me, not to mention the fact that the debate will be held through Zoom. I would love to take on the challenge and advance my debate skills! 蛮自我主义的原因们，羞愧啊

Part 3

1. What are the contests commonly seen on TV programs?

People love reality competition shows on TV. The most popular ones are singing competition shows such as the Voice, and cooking competition shows, like Hell's Kitchen.

2. Why are competition shows popular?

Part of the success of these reality TV shows comes down to the audience participation. Some – such as The Voice – rely on viewers to choose who they want to win. Actively supporting contestants is required and the participatory nature makes the show must-see TV. Also, these shows encourage viewers to apply to become a contestant which engages viewers to follow the shows long-term.

3. What kinds of industries need competition? Why?

All kinds of industries. Basic economic theory demonstrates that when firms have to compete for customers, it leads to lower prices, higher quality goods and services, greater variety, and more innovation. It is good for consumers and the nation's economy. Monopoly, on the other hand, eliminates the monopoly's incentive to offer more innovative products at lower prices because consumers have no choices but to buy from the monopoly.

4. Do you think it is necessary to encourage people to compete with others in companies?

Well, I believe that companies should create an environment that promotes collaboration, not competition, among colleagues. Internal competition usually leads to office politics and a toxic work environment. Colleagues should work together as a team to compete with external competitors.

花费甚少的外出日

Describe a special day out that cost you little money/didn't cost you much

You should say:

When the day was

Where you went

How much you spent

And explain how you feel about the day

思路：很简单。请借鉴地点类乡村一隅（安静的地方）的故事。可以定义一下special day 是你的生日，刚好在midterm考试附近，压力大，回乡下跟叔叔过，给你水果，带你谈心。花钱很少只是bus 的钱，100RMB。

Part 3

1. Do people like to spend their leisure time out in your country?

Absolutely! Most Chinese people live in crowded cities, so people often spend their weekends outside of the urban area to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

2. How do people spend their leisure time in your country?

It depends on the age groups. Children, particularly students, have very limited leisure time as they have to study hard the whole time for a better future. Young workers love to go clubbing to meet new people and relax from their busy work schedules. Mid-age and above often travel to the suburbs to enjoy nature.

3. How does technology affect the way people spend their leisure time?

It impacts people in a big way. Technology such as social media encourages travel by allowing people to gain more insight on where and how to travel. However, the downside is that many people are still answering phone calls and replying to emails while on vacation because their clients or bosses know that they are accessible by these tools.

4. Do you think only old people have time for leisure?

Of course not! Although many people work long hours, they still can find time to relax. I mean, people must unwind their mind to keep being healthy and productive. Many young people play video games with their colleagues or friends during lunch breaks.

保健方式

Describe something you do to keep fit and healthy

You should say:

What it is

When you do it

Who you do it with

And explain why you think this method is important

思路：类似于正课L5里，关于健康的文章。大部分东西都可以用，比如吃苹果，锻炼。下面是协助你串故事的表达，此题容易，适合自己练习。如需借鉴可参考我视频中的讲解。

- Healthy diet 健康饮食
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away
- Rich in Vitamin C 富含维生素 c
- Boost sb's immune system 增强抵抗力
- Anti-ageing 抗衰老

- Reduce the chance of getting heart disease 降低得心脏疾病的几率
- Do regular exercise 经常锻炼
- Keep in shape 保持身材
- Stay hydrated 保持水分
- Someone in my 20s 二十岁左右的人
- A morning person 早起的人

Part 3

1. How do children and old people keep fit and healthy?

Children are in their growth stage, so they usually do more intensive physical exercises that strengthen their muscles and bones, such as push-ups and football. Elderly people, on the other hand, do moderate intensity activities such as walking and hiking to improve balance and flexibility.

2. What do people normally do to keep fit and healthy in your country?

See 1. 还可以加入 maintain a healthy eating life-style, by drinking water instead of sugary drinks, eating more vegetable and fruits, reduce sodium-intake.

3. How can parents help and guide their kids to keep healthy?

跟 volunteer 那个题回答套路基本一致。Parents must lead by example and always walk their talk. Kids always imitate the actions of their parents. If they see their parents exercise regularly and maintain a healthy diet, they will do the same.

4. Do you think it is a good way for governments to use the power of idol to help people to build health awareness?

Absolutely! It's a great tool not only to build health awareness but also help people to actually change to a healthier lifestyle. Not to mention, it's very cost effective. People imitate the actions of people they worship and they do the same to fitness influencers.

让你惊讶的事情

Describe something that surprised you

You should say:

What it is

How you found out about it

What you did

And explain whether it made you happy

思路：懒人版可以用我们物品类新题 丢东西的经历 来讲，因为我们是一个反转的剧情，所以你仍然可以在这使用。注意点在于你不想说的过长，一定要涵盖到最后一个问题解释是否让你开心（让我开心因为里面的final review material真的很重要，花了我一周准备的...等等）

我再提供一个很多人适用的跟留学相关的语料，突然拿到dream school的offer at the last minute.

Actually, the story I'm going to talk about is something just happened very recently that really surprised me. I have applied to many UK universities, perhaps 10 universities, for my post-graduate studies because there are so many Chinese students applying this year! It's pretty crazy that we have over 10 million university graduates in 2022, and nearly 40% of them will be applying to graduate schools either domestically or abroad. The competition is very intense! [铺垫背景，如果你语速慢，请缩减描述毕业生数量的部分](#)

I have received conditional offers from most of the schools I have applied to, but there is one, my dream school, that did not give me an offer. I was quite sad because the university has a rich history and is located in London which is the city I really want to explore. About a few weeks ago, an email popped up and it was an offer of admission from that University! I was super happy and surprised because I thought the admission process had already ended. I soon shared this great news with my parents and my mentors, and they were all excited for me. I soon realized that they issued this offer at the last minute was probably because someone had rejected this offer. Lucky me! I was **in seventh heaven** when I accepted the offer. Now my mission is to pass the IELTS test! I can't wait to experience life in London!

Part 3

1. How do people express happiness in your culture?

Chinese rely heavily on indirect communication. We rely less on words, so we don't normally say: "I'm so happy" out loud. Most often times, people celebrate their happiness with friends and family by hosting parties in a private room at a restaurant.

2. Do you think happiness has any effect on people? How?

Of course. People who are happy are more energetic, have positive relationships with others and are usually healthier. Nowadays, many people in cities experience depression which is a mental disorder usually caused by extreme stress and lack of happiness; some of them commit suicide in the end. So yes, happiness is important to people's lives.

3. How can people be happy?

Some argue that being economically successful leads to happiness. However, I believe money can only affect happiness to a certain level. The thing that affects happiness the most is relationships with others, particularly friends and family. They are the one you truly care about.

4. *Is it good for people to be unhappy? Why?*

See 2.

庆祝过的活动

Describe an important event you celebrated

You should say:

What the event was

When it happened

Who attended the event

And explain how you feel about the event

思路: 其实最简单的应该是说庆祝生日, 毕业啊这一类的。或者就庆祝节日也行。如果你自己没故事的话就可以直接用保留题中 组织的活动 的思路, 实际上仍然是应用地点类乡村一隅的内容。你可以说成去乡下给你庆生, 或者你们组织去乡下玩《village joy》, 来庆祝final project 结束。带着你的team member去乡下老房子。你叔叔接待你们, 吃水果, 溪边聊天, 谈未来, 谈好多人要出国留学等等...总之你很高兴有这些同学和好朋友, 祝他们未来都好~

例:

We organized an event called 'Village Joy' to celebrate the end of our final project with my team members. We decided to visit the village my grandparents grew up in called Sun Valley because it's a great place to have fun with friends, **escape from the concrete jungle**, and take some fresh air! 前三个问题已经回答完了

The village is about 50km away from our university, and there are only a few hundred people living there. Although my grandparents no longer live there, one of my uncles still lives in the old family house. I contacted him a few days earlier so he could prepare for our visit. He treated us with local fruits that were just fresh off the trees. Those fruits were simply delicious. There was a creek just behind the family house where we set up grills for BBQ. The water was **crystal clear**, and the **bubbling sound** was super relaxing! After enjoying our BBQ, we sit down beside the creek and shared our future plans. Many of us will be studying abroad in different countries, and we all look forward to what our future holds. Overall, we had a great team recreation which really helped us **rejuvenate** from all the hard work. I'm so happy that I have made good friends from this team project and this event, and I wish them **all the best in their future endeavors**.

Part 3

1. Do you like to celebrate important events? Why?

Not really. I think it's really a waste of time and money. I understand most people love to celebrate milestones in life, but I rather use the time to plan for the next journey.

2. What kinds of events do people usually celebrate?

Personal milestones and life events such as birthdays, graduation, promotion, weddings, birth of a child, buying first home, and so on. Other than that, holidays are celebrated. The list is endless.

3. Do people often celebrate events with a large group of people or just a few people?

It depends. National holidays are usually celebrated with a lot of people because many activities are organized by local governments. They have the resources and a designated team for arranging such events. Personal milestones and life events are usually celebrated with a small group of family members and friends.

4. Do people often celebrate festivals with families?

Yes, of course. Most people are off work on festivals, so they will be attending government-arranged celebrations with their family or simply celebrating with their family at home.

用手机做重要事情

Describe a time you used your cellphone/smartphone to do something important

You should say:

What happened

When it happened

How important the cellphone/smartphone was

And explain how you felt about the experience

思路: 为了节省准备素材, 可以使用事件类 庆祝过的活动 作为背景信息, 讲一下你们到了village后突然想到上交的report可能有一个组员名字拼错了。there was an error in our submitted report. One of our group members' names was misspelled. 你们都没带电脑, 所以用手机来进入LMS learning management systems 把report download下来看真的是打错了。还好有一个组员saved the word document on iCloud, so we changed the typo (错别字) on the phone and resubmitted.

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The village is about 50km away from our university, and there are only a few hundred people living there. Just when we started to enjoy the local fruits that were just fresh off the trees, I realized that there was probably an error in our submitted report. One of our group members' names was misspelled, and the professor will definitely deduct lots of marks from our work. None of us had laptops with us because we were supposed to just enjoy the trip! Luckily, I can still use my phone to log onto our LMS, learning management systems, to download the report and give it a check. And I was right, we did make the mistake. Then, one of the members revised the typo on a Word document of our report she saved on iCloud, exported to one more time, and resubmitted the work. We would never have been able to do it without our phones since we didn't have a laptop and there was no WiFi around. It was so intense, and I will always remember this incident, recheck your work for at least three times! 这段除了第一句几乎就是把上面写的思路写成英文。

Part 3 (与Part1保留题mobile phones很类似)

1. What do you usually do with a cellphone?

All sorts of things. 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.

2. What are the differences between young people and old people when using a cellphone?

There isn't much of a difference since most old people nowadays can use phones quite well. They all use it to browse social media, buy things online and chat with others. The major difference might be that young people use smartphones to play video games which old people don't tend to have an interest in.

3. Which one is more important, using a cellphone to make phone calls or to read messages?

Probably read messages. Not many people make phone calls nowadays because people are very busy and don't want to waste time being on the line with someone the whole time. They usually send voice messages through instant messaging apps. People can then convert the voice message to text so they can read the message anytime without having to be on the line with the other party.

4. Do you think there should be a law to stop people from making phone calls in public?

No. A law is to prohibit people from doing something. Making phone calls in public might be inappropriate in certain cases; however, it should not be regulated by a law since freedom of speech is a fundamental human right. Instead, government should educate citizens to be respectful to others in public spaces.

节约时间的方法/改变

Describe a way/change that helps you save a lot of time

You should say:

What it is

How you implement it

How difficult it is

And explain how you feel about the way/change

思路: 借鉴人物类 工作建议, 事件类 积极改变 里Make TODO list的内容。真的讲过无数遍了, 这个思路肯定会了吧!

Part 3

1. What can people do to save time?

People can either improve their time management or the way they work. For example, by making TODO list and prioritize things, people can optimize their time and energy in getting things done faster. People can also utilize new technology to improve efficiency.

2. Does technology help people save time? How and why?

It depends. Repeated work can usually be automated by using new technology which saves a tremendous amount of time. However, it takes time to develop and test the technology, so for a one-off occasion, people might be better off not using technology, just remaining the status quo.

3. Do you think parents should be responsible for teaching children to save time?

Absolutely. Parents should be responsible for shaping children's habits because kids imitate the actions of their parents. Parents know the importance of time management and should act as role models for their kids.

4. Do people who can manage time well become successful more easily?

非常忙碌的经历Part 3里有类似的内容。

Of course. It's a competitive world and everyone is doing their best to get ahead of others. Time is scarce; managing time well means people can get more things done in a day which can give them an edge in the long run.

喜欢一起聊天的朋友

Describe a friend you like to talk with

You should say:

Who he/she is

What you like to talk about

Why you like to talk with him/her

And explain how you feel about him/her

思路: 推荐使用 人物类 想度过时光的人, 罗翔马斯克都可以。

Part 3

1. Where do young people like to meet?

Many places. Movie theatres, pubs, parks, internet cafes, you name it. Where they meet will depends on how close they are and the occasion.

2. What do young people talk about when they meet up?

It really depends on the relationship between them. For example, close colleagues might share career advancement advice, whereas co-workers that are not close to each other might simply talk about the weather.

3. Do you think people should be honest when talking with friends?

Yes. People should treat their friends genuinely because most people appreciate sincerity and dislike dishonesty. Being honest with your friends is the first step to developing a true friendship.

4. On what occasions do people talk with strangers?

Some people are social butterflies; they are super extroverted and want to talk to strangers all the time. But for most people, they talk to strangers only when they have to. For example, people talk to strangers when they ask for directions, increase their social network, and perhaps for complaining about things that they cannot do to their close friends.

交通拥堵

Describe a time when you were stuck in a traffic jam

You should say:

When it happened

Where you were stuck

What you did while waiting

And explain how you felt in the traffic jam

思路: 建议为了节省准备故事数量, 可以使用 事件类 一次忙碌的经历 里面我们讲到的思路 which 你自己用来练习准备了语料。你可以说你本来应该要参加group meeting但是坐taxi遇到堵车了, 那个project很关键, 你当天不能reschedule了因为你真的很忙, 所以你使用手机在taxi上面完成了半小时的zoom meeting, 结束后刚刚好也不堵车了。你觉得感谢现在的科技 (借鉴 成功的发明) 你可以参加视频会议然后不需要卡在车上浪费生命。

Part 3

1. How can we solve the traffic jam problem?

By building, improving and promoting public transportation and regulating private cars. No one wants to be stuck in traffic jams if they often have a better alternative transportation. Building convenient and affordable public transportation networks that have full coverage of busy urban areas will dramatically reduce the needs of driving private cars.

2. Do you think developing public transport can solve traffic jam problems?

Yes, see 1.

3. Do you think the high ways will help reduce traffic jams?

No. See 1... The problem is that a car can only transport a very small number of people. People should not use cars for everything. Building more highways will only incentivize people to drive their cars since the road was widened. But more cars will soon occupy and jam the new highway once again.

4. What are good ways to manage traffic?

See 1...重点就是在于要建公共交通!!

事件类 - 保留题

不喜欢的规则

Describe a rule that you don't like

You should say:

What it is

Why you don't like it

How others feel about the rule

And explain whether you've followed the rule

思路: 新冠隔离政策 – 下飞机隔离 14 天后, 回到当地还要再在政府安排的地点隔离 14 天, 之后再在家隔离 7 天 – 不是所有地方都这样, 无人性 – 我会遵守但是会很生气。
可串题目: 有趣的讨论, 别人讲述的故事, 困难的决定 (回不回国, 隔离很久但很想家人),

I cannot stress this enough. The quarantine rule in my cousin's city is simply absurd. My cousin who was studying in Canada, flew back to China a few months ago. His flight could not land in Beijing because it was not allowed. So, his flight landed in Chengdu which is a city located in central China. He had to first quarantine at a random hotel for 14 days before traveling back to his city. This part of the quarantine is understandable. He could have obtained COVID on the flight, so isolating at a hotel while having regular COVID tests can ensure no virus spreads in China. The really absurd part was, once he successfully passed the quarantine with a negative test result, he still had to stay in a government arranged place for another 14-day quarantine before going back to his own apartment for another 7-day self-isolation. This is not normally enforced in Chinese cities because it is inhumane. Why would you want someone who already passed quarantine and was able to use public transportation to go back to his hometown to have another 14-day quarantine? My cousin was so pissed off by this rule and I agree with him. The entire process cost him thousands of RMB and 5 weeks of his valuable life. He developed some depression during the second 14-day but fortunately he was able to put it behind him afterwards. It did not happen to me personally, but I would do the same as he did, follow the rules but feel angry about it the whole time.

P3:

1. What are the rules students should follow at school?

Do not smoke in public places. 公共场合不吸烟。Must pass all courses to graduate. 必须过所有课才能毕业。

2. Are the rules at school good or bad? Why?

合理 – 学校人多 – 禁止吸烟 – 挂科不能毕业 – 为了保护学校名声

The rules are reasonable. School is a public place with high traffic, and it is usually crowded. Rules like banning smoking in public places are for protecting public health. Additionally, if a student can graduate without passing all courses, the academic reputation will be ruined, which will damage the credibility of all alumni.

3. What rules should children follow at home?

Must stay at home after 10pm – safety.

Cannot watch TV after 11pm – protecting eyesight.

4. How are people punished when parking at a wrong spot?

会被贴罚单 – 罚钱和扣分 – 如果停太久 – 可能被拖车 – 更贵

They will receive a ticket for sure. The fine is about 200RMB in China and a deduction of credit score on your driving license. If you park at the spot for a long period of time, the car could be towed, and you would have to pay a much heavier fine, which usually costs more than 1000RMB.

印象深刻的课程

Describe a course that impressed you a lot

You should say:

- What the course was about
- Where you took the course
- What you did during the course
- And explain why it impressed you a lot

思路: 英语课 – B 站, 在家 – downloaded the slides from the teacher's website 网上下载了 pdf – 边看边做笔记 – 来回看了好几遍 – 印象深刻因为老师讲的很细节, 生动, 有逻辑, 有趣, 课通常很贵但是这是免费的...

P3:

1. Why do some people have better memory?

就是聪明 – 普通人可以增加咖啡因摄入量

Well. Some people are just smarter. Everyone knows someone in their class who has good grade but never really study. For the average joe, improved memory is usually achieved by increase caffeine intake.

2. Do people like things of memorial significance?

纪念值得被纪念的人 – 做出了伟大贡献 – 中国人很尊重他们 – 固定日期纪念

Yes. The memorial is made for honoring the people whose life worth remembering. These people usually made everlasting tribute to the society and people in China never take it for granted, we express our deep respect to them on a specific day every year.

3. Which can help people remember things better, words or photos?

看人 – 大部分人图片记忆更好 – 因为大脑就是这么运行的 – 没有文字的时候已经有图像了
Depending on the person, but most studies show pictures are remembered better than words. It's just how most people's brain functions because we created words but pictures are natural. I'm a visual learner so I agree with this idea.

4. Can technology help people remember things better? How?

相反 – 曾经能记住电话号- 现在自己的都记不住- 可以设置提醒, 所以不需要记住

I think it's the opposite. I used to remember all my friends phone number before smartphone is a thing. I can hardly remember my own number now. Technology will remind us for things need to be done, so we tend to not remember them anymore.

远距离步行

Describe a long walk you ever had

You should say:

When this happened

Where you walked

Who you were with

And explain how you felt about this long walk

参考地点类的乡村一隅, 可以讲跟叔叔在村子里走, 散心等等...我把那个语料粘贴在这, 请自行适当改动 (算是自己做小练习)。

Well, during my leisure time, I prefer to go out as it helps me to relieve my stress from studying. Last semester, just before my midterm exam, I went back to the village my grandparents grew up called XXX. The village is about 50km away from my university, so you won't see any high-rise building there anymore. I decided to visit there because I was really in a moment that I just need to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city life. I had enough of the concrete jungle! Although my grandparents no longer live there, one of my uncles still live in the old family house. I contacted him while I was taking a bus to go there, and he immediately bring a smile on my face, telling me that he will show me something great. I have to say, it was really something! They catered me with local fruits that are just fresh off the trees. I guess I never visited there in the late fall, those fruits are simply delicious. There is a creek just behind the family house, I guess that's really not something you can easily get living in a city. The water was crystal clear, and the bubbling sound was super relaxing, exactly what I wanted! I chatted with my uncle about how school was going, and I was so stressed out from the exam. After a long conversation, I think I have adjusted my mood enough, and am ready to go back to take the exam. It is such a magical place that really helped me rejuvenate and enjoy life to the fullest. I can't wait to visit it again.

P3:

1. What outdoor activities do people like?

可借鉴正课 L6 里 water sports 的内容。还可以加一句现在的潮流。

In recent years, winter sports such as skiing has become hugely popular among young Chinese. Popularities for camping is also on the rise.

2. What are the differences between the outdoor activities children did in the past and now?

之前穷, 踢个足球打个篮球。现在条件好了, 玩起滑雪了, 玩起露营了。

3. Is leisure time important to everyone? Why?

对健康很重要 – 太疲劳无法做好决策 – 适当休息有益提升效率 – 工作和健康的双赢

Yes, maintaining a healthy work-life balance is essential for cognitive wellbeing, physical health, and quality of life. People cannot make wise decisions if they are stressed out and exhausted. So, taking some time to relax and recharge can also improve people's work performance and improve creativity. It is a win-win for both work and well-being.

4. Do women have more leisure time than men?

太广, 看群体 – 职业母亲很难休息 – 希望他们能腾出自己的时间

This is such a broad topic, and it really depends on the specific group of men or women. I do know that working moms have probably the least leisure time for themselves. Being committed fully to work and family is an impossible task that working moms have to take on. So, they have to suffer their own time to make it happen. I truly hope they could keep at least 30 minutes for themselves to relax and take care of their mental health.

向长者学习的技能

Describe a skill that you learned from older people

You should say:

What the skill is

Who you learned it from

How you learned it

And how you feel about it

思路: 超老题, 建议自己用来练习。

可参考人物类, 老人生活的东西比如种花种菜。或者借鉴技能的东西, 比如画国画 art 里有。比较简单的话题可以讲学做饭, 学做蛋糕 (参考正课 L5 里 Cake 话题和物品类蛋糕) 同样可用在“难学的技能”“想学的感兴趣的技能”“一件困难的事”

P3:

1. What can children learn from their parents?

不学理论, 学行为和态度 – 会形成性格- 从而影响人生

Home is the school where kids learn the most. Kids may not learn much of the theoretical knowledge from their parents; that's the teacher's job. They do learn behaviors and attitudes towards life. Those behaviors and attitudes will shape the child's personality, which will affect the rest of his/her life.

2. What knowledge can children learn from their grandparents?

同上吧。主要集中讲述一下老人很 wise, 有很多 life experience。可以讲老人会教给孩子们乐观 be optimistic, 和身体健康的重要性 take care of your physical health。

3. What kind of help do you think older people need?

看健康状况 – 需要帮忙洗澡, 穿衣服等 – 但真正需要陪伴

Depending on their health conditions, some senior citizens may need assistance with bathing, dressing, and personal grooming. But at the end of the day, they want the company of their families.

4. What skills can young people learn from older people?

同 Part 2.

有趣的歌曲

Describe an interesting song

You should say:

What the song is

What story the song tells

Whether the song is popular

And explain why you think it is interesting

思路: 超老题, 建议自己用来练习。

我个人感觉大张伟的歌都挺有趣的, 随便翻个英文名就行了, 比如《穷开心》= 《Just happy》。我自己可能会想说前几年很火的狐狸歌《The Fox》。

话题语料:

Became a hit 一炮走红;

Catchy melody 旋律很顺口

Lyrics 歌词;

The lyrics does not have much meaning...歌词没什么意义;

meaningful lyrics 有意义的歌词

Pump up the crowd 让大家 high 起来

Lift me up 让我开心起来; 或地点里讲过的 put a smile on my face

P3:

1. Why are many music competitions popular in China?

人多, 不同的歌手 – 让有才的人比拼 – 比赛形式更刺激 – 每一秒都看

China is a super populous country, so we have lots of good singers. Music competitions give people an opportunity to show their talent, and the public enjoys their performance. The competition setting also makes the shows more intense, so people really watch every second of it.

2. What kinds of music do young people like?

3. What kinds of people like traditional music?

See 教材 music。年轻人 hip-hop, 老人 traditional (classical 古典乐)。

4. What are the differences between live concert and online concert?

线下面对面 – 线上变流行了因为 COVID – 在家舒适 – 但不如线下有气氛

In-person concerts are hosted live in a physical venue. Audiences and fans could have face-to-face interactions with the performer. Online concert or digital concert is getting more popular these days because of COVID; people join the concert through live-streaming software on their computer and they can enjoy it from the comfort of their homes. But it can hardly pump up the crowd in the same way as live concerts.

有趣的讨论

Describe an interesting discussion you had with your friend?

You should say:

What the discussion was about

What opinions you and your friend had

Why you think the discussion was interesting

And how you felt about it

思路:

万金油题, 可以把不喜欢的 rule 串过来。你朋友说他隔离了五周真烦。你说但是这是为了大家的健康, 看看其他国家因为疫情死了好多人, 中国没有。有趣是因为最后你朋友同意了你的观点并不再抱怨。

P3:

1. When do children normally form their own views?

自我认知是在 18 个月 – 世界观是 12 岁后 – 认为自己是大人了 – 但并不是

In terms of the self-concept, around 18-month. If we are talking about a view about how the world is operating, probably once they have reached 12 years old. Teens usually think they are young adults who can decide their own life directions. But they aren't there yet.

2. Do children have strong opinions?

是的, 越来越早 – 因为社交媒体 – 可能危险因为无法辨别信息

Children nowadays develop their own opinions much earlier than before because they can access so much information online. Many social media platforms use algorithms to push specific content to children which will reinforce their opinions on a particular topic. It can be dangerous as children do not have mature judgment yet.

3. Should parents request their kids to obey them?

不健康的关系 – 应该自主思考 – case-by-case – 家长应该引导而不是命令

That's not going to be a healthy relationship. Children should learn to think critically and judge each request or demand by others on a case-by-case basis. Parents' job is to raise a child who can think independently and make good judgment; not a sheep who blindly follows and obeys "authority".

4. In what industries do you think communication is a necessary skill?

所有行业 – AI 替代很多工作 – 交流能力 AI 不行 – 用同理心建立关系

It's important for any industry. AI is taking over so many jobs, and to compete with AI, people must have the skills that computers aren't that good at. Communication is one of them. Being able to communicate with passion, empathy and understanding is critical to developing relationships.

语言学习

Describe a thing you did to learn another language

You should say:

What language you learned

What you did

How it helped you learn the language

And how you felt about it

思路: 简单题, 老题, 可借鉴印象深刻的课程里面的内容。

学英语 – 看美剧 friends – 看 b 站 ethan 老师的视频 – 边学边做笔记

学韩语 – 看韩剧 – 去韩国旅游 – 吃韩国料理...

P3:

1. What difficulties do people face when learning a language?

结合正课 L3 里 Language 话题

2. Do you think language learning is important? Why?

同上

3. Which is better, to study alone or to study in a group? Why?

结合正课 L3 里 Alone 话题

4. What's the best way to learn a language?

使用语言 – 没语言环境 – 看外语内容并模仿 – 没人能一天学好

The best way is definitely to use the language. It can be difficult to find a native speaker to practice the language; so, consuming foreign language media and imitating their speaking styles

and tones can be really helpful. Overall, it's going to be a long journey; no one can pick up a language in a few days.

壮志未酬

Describe an ambition that you haven't achieved

You should say:

What it is

Why you haven't achieved it

What you did

And how you felt about it

思路: 直接讲要雅思拿 6.5, 可结合一部分学语言和印象深刻的课程里的内容。

My current ambition is simple; I want to get a band 6.5 in IELTS, and I'm aiming for a band 7 in the speaking section. This result is a requirement for me to be admitted to my dream university in England. I took my first IELTS test two months ago and got a band 5.5. I sort of expected this result as I was super nervous during the exam. However, I was still disappointed because I put in so much time and effort but still got a poor result. Not to mention, a test costs 2200RMB, as expensive as an Apple Watch! I could not sleep well the night before the exam date because the hotel room was very cold. I had to drink a cup of Americano in the morning to get myself caffeinated. But I'm not a regular coffee drinker; the coffee made me nervous even more, and I really wanted to throw up. As you can see, I'm here again because I did not get my required result last time. I studied much harder this time and I even practiced with a really good teacher. I also adjusted my body well this time and I'm here to take the score that I deserve!

P3:

1. What ambitions do children usually have?

当科学家 – 但是他们并不懂 – 学个技巧 – 打篮球

Children often say they want to become scientists, but I don't believe they know what they are talking about. The true ambition they have might be something like learning a trick for playing basketball.

2. Why are some people very ambitious in their work?

家长灌输为了面子 – 没安全感 – 所以不停努力 – 但很可能最终崩溃

I think most people are forced to be ambitious and successful by their parents because it's good for their "face". Some people become more ambitious due to deep-seated insecurity. They constantly feel like they must be better and do better, which drives them to pursue bigger and better. However, this too can work in reverse, as some insecure people end up withdrawing and giving up on life entirely.

3. Why don't some people have dreams?

看 part 1 Dream 的部分。Deep sleeper. Very productive day. Good exercise.

4. How do people balance work and life?

有些职业做不到 – 其他人是个人选择 – 逃离内卷只需要自己停下

Some professions, such as investment bankers and many doctors, simply don't have the luxury of work-life balance because they are too busy. For others, it's a personal choice they have to make. The rat race may only stop if you can withdraw yourself from that mentality and be willing to take time off.

快乐活动

Describe a time when you organized a happy event successfully

You should say:

What the event was

How you prepared for it

Who helped you to organized it

And explain why you think it was a successful event

思路： 乡村一隅，说成是你组织同学去乡村体验生活离开喧嚣。名为《village joy 农家乐》。最终结果很好，去的人都取得了好成绩。

P3:

1. How can parents help children to be organized?

参考 Part 1 新题，time management 里的 make to-do list。这其实跟 p1 老题 Time Management 考的一样

2. On what occasions do people need to be organized?

随时，因为太多事要做 – 比如学业 – 甚至买菜 – 超市太大 – 准备好 list 省时间

Generally, a person wants to be organized the whole time because there is just too much going on in our lives. Juggling through multiple school deadlines requires people to be organized. Or simple things like grocery shopping, as the supermarkets are getting bigger in size, without a proper list, you can easily get lost and spend too much of your valuable time on it.

3. Does everything need to be well prepared?

可降低焦虑 – 但没法准备所有事 – 考虑事情发生的概率和影响 做决策 – 比如买保险防洪水

Being prepared can reduce fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany disasters. But, of course, nobody can be prepared for everything. People need to consider the likelihood of something happening and the consequences to make good judgments on whether they should have a plan for that event. For example, the likelihood of flooding is super low in my hometown, so I decided that I don't need to buy flood insurance on my car.

4. Do people need others' help when organizing things?

可能需要但应该自己做 – 不难 – 只是需要行动起来

People might need someone to motivate them to start being organized, but they should do their own work. Being organized is not rocket science; it just requires people to put in their effort.

别人讲述的故事

Describe a story someone told you and you remember

You should say:

What the story was about

Who told you this story

Why you remember it

And how you feel about it

思路：用不喜欢的规则里的故事。隔离五周！

P3:

1. Do young children like the same stories as older children?

不 – 小小孩词汇量低 – 喜欢一个故事听好多遍来学习 – 大小孩喜欢更有趣的比如哈利波特

No. Young children only have limited vocabulary, so they tend to love hearing their favorite stories over and over to learn new words. Older children will find it very childish and prefer to read fantasy fiction like Harry Potter.

2. How has technology changed storytelling?

不好回答 – 更多人用手机听故事 – Podcast 播客 – 听书也很流行

It's a tough question. I guess more and more people are using their smartphones to listen to stories. There are many popular podcasts that feature interesting stories. Audiobooks are also getting more and more popular for people to consume storybooks.

3. How do people tell stories to children?

跟小孩一起拿着书看 – 用肢体语言 – 更吸引小孩

Parents and caregivers usually hold the storybook with the child and tell the stories in the book. They often use actions and body language to support their storytelling to make the child more engaged.

4. Why do children like stories?

能学很多东西 – 举例：颜色，形状，数字... - 书可以介绍新 idea 给他们

Kids learn a lot of things from stories. They can learn about colors, shapes, numbers, relationships, and places—and they can learn new words. Children love books and stories as they are introduced to wonderful ideas, places, and creatures they haven't before encountered.

