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Transcript:

(00:00) let's start off by talking about your daily routine tell me about your daily routine okay well I wake up around 8 a.m. uh every morning it's like clockwork and I brush my teeth I wash my face breakfast um and then I get in my car and I drive to work and uh yeah that's basically it I come back home and uh fix myself up some dinner and watch on Netflix very average mundane how has your daily routine changed since you were a child not much except I go to work now instead of school um but uh I get a lot of free time over the weekends

(00:45) so I get to do the things I like to do such as meditation and writing I love journaling I'd love to put out some novels one day um I always thought that I would retire to the countryside in my old age with my animals and write books so yeah so writing yoga what else do I do on the weekends oh I want to try horse riding as well is your daily routine different at the weekend compared to during the week yes 100% so uh the weekday are for work mainly being productive paying the bills and the weekends I get to do whatever I

(01:27) want to do so really treasure and enjoy my weekends let's talk now about dreams do you dream much at night I do dream sometimes but not very often and when I do dream I don't tend to remember my dreams do you think we can learn anything from dreams I think so I think there's lots of repressed emotions and stress that come out um during our dreams uh that perhaps we haven't addressed in real life so yes I believe we can learn quite a lot and I suppose some people can even you know predict the future through dreams or

(02:07) images that they see I'm kind of on the fence about that I don't know but seems credible now let's talk about email what kind of emails do you receive about your work I receive a lot of emails from my hups so my manager people from other departments as well usually following up for things um or scheduling meetings um just a lot of work that needs to be done and reminders to please do this work so do you normally reply to emails as soon as you receive them oh no um I don't because I feel like there's no point in replying if the work

(02:50) hasn't been done so let's say we're supposed to schedule a meeting and something needs to be done I'd much prefer to get that thing done and then respond by saying okay here it is here's the file that you um that you requested and that you asked for and um yeah instead of you know a random sort of hello well received thank you are you happy to receive emails that are advertising things no I don't think anyone would be unless it's for a brand that I follow or that I like unless they're having a

(03:25) sale um in that case I'd be more than happy to receive their emails now let's talk about exercise how often do you exercise not as often as I would like I find the gym to be quite tedious and boring I prefer doing classes but then to get myself to the class and sit through traffic coming back so I would love to work out a bit more frequently and I tend to like slower exercises such as yoga or swimming something where I don't really have to break a sweat which is not very um realistic but yeah what do you think

(04:06) is the best exercise to keep fit um I've tried Pilates I think it's really good for toning the the body and the muscles and you see a big difference it might not burn as many calories but you do see a huge difference in your silhouette so have the types of exercise people like to do changed since you were a child I would say not really the types of exercises that people do I

would say they just don't exercise as much perhaps it's gone from cycling and Tennis to dancing on Tik Tok I think that would be

(04:42) the main difference if I'm really honest describe a time when you enjoyed visiting a family member or friends I went back to Taiwan uh last month and I stayed for about 3 weeks I was visiting friends and family um but uh I don't really have much family in Taiwan just my mom so I've noticed that you know in life when you don't have a lot of family the universe brings you friends and it might sound a bit cliché but friends really are the family that you know you've chosen and so I've now moved away from

(05:17) Taiwan but when I was there made a lot of very very good I think lifelong friends who I go back and visit periodically I visited Shirley I've been friends with her since I was 15 so so that's about 15 years now so you can guess my age um Tiffany I've known her since I was 18 um still Eva so I visited these friends in particular we just pretty much not to sound boring we just hung out and talked a lot caught up a lot on life what's been happening who are you dating you know are you happy so there was a lot of that over wine or tea

(05:58) and um I also went and visited sir's new uh restaurant and he's been doing really really well for himself I'm very happy about that we went and visited um Jackie and um found out that he was actually also back in Taiwan for his wedding so he went to his wedding had a bit too much whiskey but that's okay we won't repeat that experience um it was fun in in general it was it was a lot of fun um it it was lovely to see Tiffany and Eva because they both had babies during the past one or two years and it was lovely

(06:37) to see them yeah so we've been talking about people that you visited and we're going to continue to talk about family when do families celebrate together in your country to thank you for watching this video I want to give you a free course that has helped thousands of students improve their I speaking score what it's going to do is take you through every single part of the test and give you strategies for part one part two and part three and also allow you to practice at home for free and get feedback to sign up for that for free

(07:12) all you have to do is just click the link in the description thanks very much and let's get back to the video Chinese New Year that's a big one uh the mid- Autumn Festival that's also a big one any celebration really is an excuse for the family to get together which can be a bit stressful at times because we all know how we feel about our families we love them but it's sort of a LoveHate relationship CU they can get on our no sometimes but oh well why is it that some people might not enjoy attending family gatherings I

(07:47) think because you know relatives especially get it in their heads that their family and so they think they can ask any questions you know when are you going to get married that's a big one when are you going to have a baby while you wasting your time so that that can be a bit stressful because the whole point of you know being on vacation cuz now to see my family I have to go on vacation and go back to my country to see them is to relax uh not to get stressed out so I think a lot of people have the same experience now let's talk about everyday

(08:24) life in families do you think it is a good thing for parents to help their children with their homework yes I think it's a very good thing I think it's important to have your mom or your dad present in your childhood it's very good for mental health so you don't need to see a therapist when you grow up how important do you think it is for families to eat dinner together oh very very very important it's important to feel that connection because you could be people living in the same house if you don't

(08:57) communicate regularly interact regularly what's the point of having a family what's the point of having you know your parents around then if they're not going to be parents do you believe that everyone in a family should share chores yes I think so I think uh that's very important however let's say if Dad is out working most of the week then maybe he doesn't need to do as many chores I know it might sound a bit sexist but it's really about um um what's the word Distributing work evenly I'm now going

(09:34) to give you some feedback on your performance so we're going to break the feedback down into uh part one part two and part three and then I'm going to give you some band scores and your scores for pronunciation fluency grammar and vocabulary so thank you for making it this far in the video I want to give you 10% off our VIP course I VIP course is the most successful I course in the world that is a fact because we have more band seven8 and N success stories than any other I course in the entire world we do that by simplifying the

(10:08) whole is process supporting you with some of the best is teachers in the world and being with you every step of the way until you get the score that you need all you have to do is just look down in the description just click that and you can sign up if you have any questions about the VIP course always feel free to get in touch with us we answer 100% of the questions that we get hope that you would become a VIP if not enjoy the rest of this free video part one you did a great job with part one it was like talking to a colleague talking

(10:39) to a friend um you didn't really have to think much about the answers you didn't really have to think about the language you were using it was all very very natural one thing I don't think this is going to be a huge issue for you um but sometimes under pressure on exam day some students do this and you do it a little bit which is you list like lots of things if you did that with too many answers you're indicating to The Examiner I don't really know how to construct a sentence exactly exactly so

(11:11) it is much better to pick one or two things and go deep on those things rather than go wide so going wide is just you know what's your favorite food I like pizza I like burgers I like sushi I like Thai I like it's better to pick one of those I like taii because and explain why that is so that allows you to really show off your grammar show off your vocabulary because your grammar and vocabulary is amazing we want to show that to the examiner I don't think it's going to be an issue for you but as I

(11:41) said some people when they're practicing um do amazingly well and then as soon as you I call it test mode as soon as they get going to the test they start to do these little weird things that are kind of defensive um for someone like you we don't want you to be defensive we want to show how how good you are part two you had no problem talking about that you could have talked about that for many more minutes than than two minutes um and I have no no feedback on that it's just it was really really good part

(12:12) three you did develop your answers probably enough but you could have developed them a little bit more you could have possibly shown the other side of things you you talked about everything kind of from a personal point of view which is good because it's you're very fluent when you do that just remember part three is a discussion of ideas so it's good to think well I really think this but I can sort of see why other people would think this way um so for example do you think it's a good idea for parents to help children with

(12:44) their school work now that's pretty obvious that yes that's a good thing but you could say something like however I understand that some moms and dads are really busy and and they

don't have time to do that I don't agree with that but I can understand why why is it that some people might not enjoy attending family occasions you gave a very straight answer which was very very good but you could have maybe well that's what I feel but maybe there's this other reason why people um you don't need to list you know five

(13:16) different reasons but maybe say but some people might not have these issues perhaps yeah yeah or something like that pronunciation you would get a band nine which is the top band because you're your pronunciation is perfect um not just accent so a lot of people watching this video will listen to you and think oh she has a beautiful British accent and that is something that people can strive for but they don't need a particular type of British accent to do well you could have a Taiwanese accent an Indian accent a Vietnamese accent and

(13:51) still get a band nine it's more about the clarity of your accent rather than the type of accent that you have now you do have one of those very uh admired accents for people on our channel so people will be very impressed with that but people watching shouldn't think I need to sign more British um because it's not a British RP test it is a you know it is an English test Clarity I understood 100% of what you were saying and then you also have very high level pronunciation features such as

(14:26) intonation so you show meaning and humor and things like that through intonation you also show that through um sentence stress so sentence stress is like this is my phone this isn't your phone so you emphasize certain words to display meaning your connected speech is great so if somebody's learning they might say do you want to go to the coffee shop so everything is perfectly clear but how you would say it do you want to go to the coffee shop do you want to go so it signs kind of like one continuous a sign

(14:59) or word so band nine for pronunciation coherence and fluency are in the same band and you get whatever is lowest so if your coherence is band eight and your fluency is band nine you get a band eight and vice versa your fluency is perfect if you listen to someone who is learning English their fluency suffers because they're trying to fetch the correct word or the correct phrase or should I use past simple or present perfect you don't have any issues with that and you don't have any issues with ideas and information you're just

(15:35) without effort your coherence coherence is did you answer the question and did you develop it enough you did but we need to be careful with that if you did the real test because as I said your fluency could be perfect but you're not developing your answers enough which could drag you down I don't think it would but we need to out of abundance of caution grammar I didn't hear a single grammar mistake so the examiner will be thinking about accuracy did she make any mistakes and range does she have enough tenses enough

(16:08) grammatical structures to talk about the things that she wants to talk about so for example I asked you about how is exercise change since you were a child that requires you to use past simple present perfect things like that you had no problem with that whatsoever so band nine for grammar band nine for vocabulary as well because you used amazing idiomatic vocabulary like this a native English speaker will use idiomatic phrases which are phrases that Learners don't really know how to use you only really know how to use them if you grew

(16:44) up in an English speaking country or you got to a very very high level of English vocabulary is very precise and accurate and you have a huge range of vocabulary you could talk about any topic that I could throw at you so band nine all across the board thank you which is extremely rare uh less than 1% of people get upline oh wow okay well thank you very much I'll

work on my coherence it is true I tend to think out loud so maybe it's not coherent in that sense
because I'm just basically listing in my head
(17:16) yeah yeah good thank you very much thank you