1. Hometown

What is your hometown?

Is that a big city or a small place?

Well, my hometown is Harbin, which is the capital city of Heilongjiang Province with a high population density so of course it is a big city. Harbin is really famous for its ice and snow, so people always call it the city of ice or oriental Paris.

How long have you been living there?

I am a local here, so I have been living here for almost 18 years.

Now I am a college student studying in Harbin Institute of

Technology, which is one of the best universities in China. Next

year I plan to study abroad, maybe UK, so I am really looking

forward to studying there.

Do you like your hometown?

What do you like most about your hometown?

Of course I like my hometown very much. Firstly, the local

people are very easy-going and hospitable. When you have some problems, they will help you all the time. So you are very easy to make friends with them. Secondly, the local snacks are very mouthwatering, for example, Harbin Red Sausages, Modern Ice Cream or double fried pork slices. They are very tasty. So I like my hometown very much.

Is there anything that you don't like about your hometown?

Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?

Well, even though Harbin is my hometown, there are still something that needs to be improved. Firstly, the traffic jams are very serious in Harbin, so people have to get up early in the morning during the rush hour. Secondly, the economy is not that developed, so it is hard for local people to find a good job. When I finish my study, I don't think I will come back to live.

2. Work or study

Do you work or are you a student?
What do you plan to do after your studies?

Well, currently I am a college student studying in Harbin Institute of Technology, which is one of the best universities in China. Next year I am going to study in UK, so I am really looking forward to studying there.

What subjects are you studying?

What subjects do you like or dislike?

My major is accounting, which is very popular in China. So I study lots of subjects such as business, finance and marketing. I am really interested in marketing, because I like talking with different people. But I don't think I like history, because it is really hard for me to remember all the details.

Why did you choose to study in the university/subject?

I am really interested in learning accounting. And also accounting is one of the best majors in my university. It can bring me a bright future. So I choose to study that major in my university.

Are you looking forward to working?

Well, I think so. But not at the moment. Because I am only a college student which means I am lack of knowledge and experience. That is why I am going to study in UK. But when I finish my study in UK, I think it is time to find a job.

3. Home or accommodation

What kind of housing or accommodation do you live in?
Who do you live with?

Well, it depends. You know, I am a college student studying in Harbin Institute of Technology, so most of the time I live in the dormitory with my roommates. But when it comes to weekends or long holidays, I will go back to my home to live with my parents.

How long have you lived there?

Well, for my home, I have been living there for almost 18 years since I was born with my parents. And then I went to the

university to live with my roommates. It's been 3 years. Next year I am going to study in UK, so I may leave here.

What is the difference between where you are living and where you lived in the past?

Well, there are lots of differences. Firstly, when I lived at home in the past, I had my own bedroom which means I can do anything I want. But now I live with my roommates, so I have to share everything with them, and it is not convenient. Secondly, when I lived at home, my mom cooked for me and it was very tasty and healthy. But now, I live in the dorm, so I have to buy take-away food and it is very expensive.

Which room does your family spend most of the time in?
What do you usually do in your home/flat?

Well, as you can see, I am a college student, so most of the time I have to live in the dorm with my roommates. So I don't have enough time to go back to my home. But when I come back to home, my mom will cook lots of yummy food for me, so I thing dining room is a good place for my family to stay.

Are the transport facilities to your home very good?

Of course yes. There are lots of public transportation that I can take to go back to my home such as subways or buses. They are very convenient. It only takes me half an hour from my school to my home.

4. The area you live in

Where you like to go in your area?

Well, it depends. On weekdays, I usually stay at campus and focus on my study. So I usually go to the library or the study room to do some review. But on weekends, it is time for relaxation. I always hang out with my friends to go to the shopping center or cinemas

Do you know any famous people in your area?

Well, there are so many famous people in Harbin. For example, Jia Nailiang and Sun Honglei, they are very popular actors who are born in Harbin. And also Li Jian, a very famous musician in China, he graduates from Tsing Hua University.

What are some changes in your area?

Well, there are lots of changes in Harbin. Firstly, the traffic is getting more and more convenient, because the subways and buses are everywhere. Secondly, the air quality/condition is much better than before, because the government is now working on it.