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**Study**

**Do you study or do you work?**

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

(Khanh)

At this moment in time, I work as a programmer at a foreign company that specializes in the field of information technology. I’ve been with them for almost a decade, which has allowed me to progress to a senior software engineer position within my department. Lately, I’ve been focusing on further developing my technical skills to keep up with the evolving trends: những xu hướng thay đổi liên tục of the industry. It’s a continuous learning process: quá trình học hỏi không ngừng, but I must say that I’m very satisfied with my job and have no plan for career change in the near future.

**Why did you choose that job/ occupation?**

(Khanh) Frankly speaking, I choose to pursue a career in IT mainly because of its promising prospects: viễn cảnh đầy hứa hẹn. You know when I began university, the IT sector was flourishing (v): phát triển mạnh, and there was a high demand for professionals in this field. It was clear to me that this trend would continue to grow and the potential for a well-paid position after graduation would be very high. Now Looking back, I am glad that I made that choice because it has provided me with a stable job.

**What do you like most about your job?**

(Khanh) What I really cherish about my job is getting to connect with people from all walks of life: tầng lớp xã hội. There’s a rich tapestry of cultures and backgrounds that I encounter, which truly open my eyes to different perspectives. It’s very interesting to learn about the world in this way - it’s like broadening my horizons: mở mang đầu óc right from my desk. Also, every project I work on is unique, which requires a new set of approaches, a new set of skills. This challenges me to improve myself continuously.

**Do you have anything that you don't like about your job?**

(Khanh) Well, every jobs has its ups and downs, and mine is no exception: và việc của tôi cũng không ngoại lệ. One particular aspect/ thing that can be tough for me is when I have to switch from one project to another. It’s not just about changing tasks you know. It’s the whole process of adapting to the new project, to get into a new mindset, to learn different systems. This can eat into (v): gặm mất the time I could spend with my beloved family, especially my kids.

**Do you prefer to work in the mornings or in the evening?**

(Khanh) Honestly speaking, I’m inclined toward: thiên về morning hours when it comes to working you know. After a good night’s sleep, my mind always become sharp and my body feel recharged/ rejuvenated. It feels like I can tackle the most complex tasks with more mental clarity: sự minh mẫu đầu óc. So I tend to schedule my most demanding work for the morning when I ‘m at my peak performance.

1. **What technologies do you use at work?**

(Khanh)

At work, my mainstay: cánh tay phải (n) is my laptop computer. You know a programmer without a computer is like a chef without his knives. It’s an indispensable (adj): bất ly thân tool for coding, testing software, and managing my daily tasks. I use a variety of development tools and applications that are specific to my programming needs.

**Weather**

What’s the weather like in your country each season?

(Khanh) The weather in HCMC is completely different from the weather in my hometown Thái Bình, which is located in the North of Vietnam. I mean while the North experience 4 distinct seasons, There are only 2 seasons in South Vietnam: dry season which lasts from December to April and rainy season from May to November. Dry seasons are characterized by: có đặc điểm super hot days. On the other hand, it always rains cats and dogs: mưa lớn during rainy months, which makes going around the city a nuisance (n): 1 điều phiền toái because of slippery roads and traffic congestion.

What type of weather do you like best?

(Khanh) I like cool and dry days, which is similar to the climate of Da Lat in Lam Dong province. You know Da lat is known for its mild temperatures, and little rainfall, which offers a refreshing respite from : sự nghỉ ngơi khỏi the typical heat of HCMC. This kind of weather not only makes everyday tasks more comfortable but also improve my mood.

Does the weather ever affect what you do?

(Khanh) Absolutely yes, the weather has a big impact on my daily activities. For instance, heavy rainfall during rainy season can cause streets to become slippery: trở nên trơn trượt, making it very difficult to go around the city. On the other hand, during dry months, I always have to wear sweat-wicking, breathable clothing: quần áo chống nắng thấm hút mồ hôi thoáng mát to combat the intense heat: sức nóng dữ dội from the sun.

Does rain ever affect transportation in your city/ hometown?

(Khanh) Of course. Rain has a big impact: tác động rõ rệt on transportation in my hometown. Heavy rains make road very slippery, making controlling motorbike a pain in the neck: 1 điều phiền toái. This difficulty when wearing raincoats really makes daily commute: di chuyển hàng ngày a big nuisance.

**Home/Accommodation**

What kind of housing/accommodation do you live in?

(Khanh) At this moment in time, My family and I reside in a decently-sized: kích cỡ vừa phải 2-storey: 2 tầng private home that suits us perfectly in terms of space and comfort. It has 4 rooms in total, each well-equipped and fully-furnished, which really adds to: gia tăng the ease of our day-to-day living: sự thoải mái của cuộc sống hàng ngày. The house is located in District 12, which is convenient because it’s not too far from the city center, and we have easy access to: tiếp cận dễ dàng tới local amenities: cơ sở tiện nghi like hospitals, schools, markets, shops and recreational establishments: cơ sở giải trí. You know, the house itself is in an alley that’s quite narrow - just wide enough for motorbikes to pass through.

Do you plan to live there for a long time?

(Khanh) In all honesty: thực lòng mà nói, I haven’t really thought about changing where I live. My current home meets all my needs: đáp ứng được hết nhu cầu, and it has become a place I’m really fond of. But I’m open to opportunities: sẵn lòng chào đón cơ hội mới, and should the change to move a better house arise, I would certainly consider it.

**Which room does your family spend most of the time in?**

(Khanh) I must say that the kitchen is the heart of our home: linh hồn của cả ngôi nhà. That’s where we all gather and spend most of our time. It’s not just a place for cooking but also for sharing meals and conversations. I and my wife enjoy preparing dishes together, which makes for: tạo ra some of our most cherished moments: khoảnh khắc trân quý. It’s a warm, inviting space where all family members bond and enjoy the simple pleasure of good food: niềm vui đơn giản của việc ăn uống.

Are the transport facilities to your home very good?

(Khanh) I’ve got to say, in terms of public transport, the facilities near my home are not ideal. The roads where I live are not well-suited for : không hợp với larger vehicles like buses, mainly because they are not wide enough. This means we often rely on motorbikes for our daily commute: di chuyển hàng ngày. It’s the most practical solution for now, but I’m hopeful that the infrastructure will improve in the future to accommodate better transportation options.

Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?

(Khanh) When it comes to my favorite living arrangements: sắp xếp chỗ ăn ở , nothing beats: không gì hơn được a personal house. There is a vast array of : nhiều loại reasons why I lean toward : nghiêng về phía a house. In a house, I can truly make it my own space: biến nó thành không gian riêng and do whatever I feel like doing without any restriction. Living in a flat often means dealing with management rules, and oftentimes you need to ask for permission for certain things, which can feel a bit limiting/ frustrating.

What part of your home do you like the most?

As I have mentioned before

### **The area you live in**

1. Do you like the area you live in?

(Khanh) Absolutely yes, I really like my neighborhood. One of the biggest pluses there is how secure it feels. The crime rate is almost non-existent: (adj): không có, which provides peace of mind: sự yên tâm. On top of that, the community here is very tight-knit / close-knit: gắn kết. I mean, the people in my neighborhood are not only friendly but also kind, willing to lend a helping hand: giúp 1 tay to those in need. Moreover, its proximity: sự gần/ vị trí gần to the local amenities and the city center really adds to the convenience, making everyday life easier and more enjoyable.

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

(Khanh) There’s a park just a stone’s throw away from: rất gần với our home where my family loves to spend time, especially on weekends. It’s my go-to destination: địa điểm ưa thích for playing badminton. But it’s more than just a place for physical activities. It’s where we temporarily escape from the hustle and bustle of: sự bộn bề tất bật của daily life and enjoy the serene/ tranquil atmosphere: bầu không khí thanh bình. We also use these visits as a chance to meet up with our relatives, to catch up and spend quality time together with them.

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

(Khanh) No, not that I’m aware of: theo tôi biết thì không. Having resided in district 12 for over 10 years, I’ve never rubbed shoulders: gặp gỡ with any celebrities in the local area. From what I observed: theo những gì quan sát được, people in this neighborhood are just ordinary (adj): bình thường folks

What are some changes in the area recently?

(Khanh) Frankly speaking: nói thẳng ra là, there haven’t been many changes in the area, with one notable exception: với 1 ngoại lệ I’ve notice an increase in new neighbors moving in. It’s always nice to welcome new members into our tight-knit community: cộng đồng gắn kết and see our area continue to grow in a positive way.

Is there anything you dislike about the area that you live in ?

(Khanh) If there’s one thing that I find inconvenient about my area, it’s the narrow roads. They are not wide enough to handle public transport, which greatly limits our commuting options. As a result, we always have to rely on motorbikes for our daily trips. And I must say that while motorbikes are a common and practical modes of transportation here, the lack of public transport does affect the overall accessibility of our area and can be a bit of a drawback for us.

Is the transport facility in your neighborhood good or bad?

Giống HOME

Do you know any of your neighbors?

(Khanh) yes of course. You can say that I’m on really good terms with: có mối quan hệ rất tốt all the neighbors in the area. You know we have a tradition of throwing a small parties: tổ chức tiệc nhỏ together during special occasions or holidays, like Tết or Christmas. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity for us to bond, share experiences, and create lasting memories. It’s these moments that really emphasize the close-knit nature of our community and make the neighborhood feel more like a big family.

**Daily routine**

What is your daily routine?

Have you ever changed your daily routine?

What part of your day do you like best?

(Khanh) To be honest with you, my favorite time of day is during the evening hours, particularly from (time) p.m onwards. It’s the time of day when I’m usually free from work duties and can freely engage in any recreational activities with my friends and family.

Do you usually have the same routine everyday?

(Khanh) My daily routine varies greatly between: biến đổi nhiều giữa weekdays and weekends. During the weekdays, my schedule is usually packed: đầy ứ with work commitments: trách nhiệm công việc and household responsibilities: việc nhà. But when weekend comes, the pace of life slows down. I take this time to relax and to indulge in leisure activities: hoạt động giải trí like …… .

What is the busiest part of the day for you?

(Khanh) For me, the busiest part of the day is the period from (time) to (time) in the morning. It’s a whirlwind of activity : vòng xoáy 1 mớ những hoạt động from the moment I wake up. I have to get out of bed very early to get ready for a whole new day and to take my children to school on time. And waking up early also helps me avoid traffic jams, which is very frequent in HCMC.

### **Hometown**

Where is your hometown? Is that a big city or a small place?  
Please describe your hometown a little.

(Khanh) My hometown is nestled in: nằm trong/ lọt thỏm trong Thái Bình, a province in Northern Vietnam. To tell you the truth, there’s nothing to write home about: không có gì đáng nói hết về thái Bình. You would be disappointed If you expect to find resorts, five-star hotels or luxury restaurants in Thái Bình because all you can see there are vast emerald paddy fields and rustic landscape, which ,in my opinion, is suitable for city-dwellers to escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Do you like your hometown? What do you like (most) about your hometown?

(Khanh) Absolutely yes, I have a deep affection for : có tình yêu sâu sắc với my hometown. Although I moved to HCMC after graduating from high school almost 20 years ago, the tranquil landscape and the warmth of the local people of Thái Bình is still vivid (adj): sống động on my mind. And what I love most about my hometown is the beautiful sunsets that paints the sky every evening. When the sun dips below the horizon, it casts a vibrant shade of oranges, pinks, and purples over the paddy fields, transforming them into rich tapestry of colors.

Is there anything you dislike about it?

(Khanh) While I hold my hometown in great affection: yêu mến, I must say that there’s one aspect that needs improvement. It’s the lack of modern amenities. For example, public transport options are very rare, which means getting around the area can be difficult for people who don’t have motorbikes. In addition, shopping facilities and healthcare services in Thái Bình are not as developed as in big cities.

Do you think you’ll live in your hometown in the future?

(Khanh) No. I don’t think I will return to live in my hometown for good : mãi mãi in the future. I prefer bustling metropolises: những khu đô thị nhộn nhịp like HCMC, where I can access to modern amenities easily. Living a major city offers me the convenience of well-developed transportation, diverse shopping centers, and advanced health care facilities, which are essential for modern lifestyle.

**Leisure time**

What do you do in your spare time?

(Khanh) When I have time on my hands, I engage in a wide variety of activities. More often than not, I listen to the soothing melodies of classical music to unwind and de-stress after a busy day. Sometimes, I enjoy socializing with friends at a local cafe where we can catch up and share stories. And on weekends, my family and I often visit a shopping center in the locality to purchase items for our house or to watch a movie.

Do you like to spend your free time with family or friends?

(Khanh) I prefer to spend my free time with family because I consider myself as a family-oriented person: 1 người hướng về gia đình. My top priority is my children, I always strive to : cố gắng be the best father I can be. I love taking them to new places and exploring fun activities together. Whether it is a trip to a park, a museum, or just a simple outing around the city, each experience is an opportunity to teach them something new and create lasting memories with them.

Do you prefer to stay at home in the evenings or to go out?

(Hiền) My preference for staying indoors or going out in the evening depends on the day of the week. On weekdays, I am typically up to ears in: ngập đầu trong work commitments until my shift ends at 6 p.m, so I tend to stay at home to look after my kids and recharge my battery for the next day. However, during the weekends when I’m free from work duties, I do prefer going out. Weekends are the precious time to let my hair down: xả hơi with my family or friends.

Do old and young people spend their leisure time in the same way?

(Khanh) From my observation, popular free time activity vary greatly with age. Among youngsters, playing video games and surfing social media platforms like Tiktok or Facebook are very popular. On the other hand, adults seem to enjoy gathering at cafes, not just for drinking their favorite beverages but also for engaging in lively discussions.

**Name**

**Who gave you your name?**

(Khanh) My name, Khanh, was bestowed on : ban tặng me by my parents, chosen with great care and love. Actually, I have no idea why my mom and dad picked the name “Khanh” for me because it does not bear any special meaning in Vietnamese language. But you know, there is an old belief in Vietnam that giving a child a simple or even ugly name can make their life easier as they grow up.

**Does your name have any particular (or, special) meaning?**

**Do you like your name?**

(Khanh) yes of course. I always hold my name dear: trâng trọng. Khanh may be a common name, but it carries a strong sense of identity for me. It is a unique signature of my existence in this world.

**In your country, do people feel that their names are very important?**

(Khanh) From my observation, Names are held in high esteem: rất được trân trọng in Vietnamese culture. In fact, names are carefully chosen with affection, to reflect hope-for qualities and aspirations that parents have for their child.

**Are there many Vietnamese people who have the same name as you?**

(Khanh) Yes, you know the name “Khanh” is quite popular in Vietnam. In my experience: theo kinh nghiệp của tôi, I’ve encountered: gặp numerous people who share the same name “Khanh.” In fact, it is not uncommon: không lạ gì in public places to see several heads turn in response when someone calls out “Khanh”

**Birthday**

What do you usually do on your birthdays?

(Khanh) The way I celebrate has evolved over the years. Back then when I was still bachelor, I used to spend the birthday hanging out with friends at various cafes or catering establishments. But now, as a family man, I prefer having a small birthday party at home with my beloved family. It’s a quieter, cozier, and more meaningful celebration where we enjoy each other’s company: tận hưởng sự có mặt bên gia đình and share some quality time together.

What kinds of birthday gifts do you like to receive?

(Khanh) To be honest. I am truly grateful for any gift I receive on my birthday. To me, gifts are more than just material items, they are the expressions of connection and affection. Each gift carries a unique meaning and reflects the giver’s intentions and thoughtfulness.

How do people often celebrate birthdays in your country?

(Khanh) From my observation, the way how people celebrate their birthday often depends on one’s budget. Some people with limited budget: ngân sách eo hẹp tend to have intimate gatherings: những buổi họp mặt thân tình right at their home, where they cook their favorite dishes and spend quality time with each other. And those wealthier individuals usually opt for: chọn lựa luxurious catering establishments: địa điểm ăn uống that can host large birthday parties with a wide range of delicious dishes.

**Music**

What music do you like?

(Khanh) I particularly love classical and country music, mainly because of their soothing qualities. Classical music, with its harmonious arrangement: bản phối âm hài hòa, and country music, with its heartfelt lyrics: lời nhạc chân thành and melodious tunes: giai điệu êm tai, have a way of calming the mind and relieve stress, especially after a long, busy day. I have developed a habit of listening to these genres before hitting the bed as it help lull me to sleep easier: đưa tôi vào giấc ngủ dễ hơn.

**What music do you dislike?**

(Khanh) Frankly speaking, I just can’t wrap my head around: không thể hiểu nổi why youngsters these days are so obsessed over: cuồng rap music. For me, music is about the message and emotions it conveys. Rap songs, which usually use violent and explicit language, have none of these things.

**Do you often listen to one type of music?**

**What music do your friends like? Do you enjoy the same type of music?**

(Khanh) I can’t seem to deliver a definitive answer for this question because I have no clue about my friends’ taste in music. We usually chat about many different topics, such as work, sports, family, or news around the world, but we have never talked about music.

**What is the most popular type of music where you live?**

(Khanh) From my observation, the most popular type of music in my neighborhood is the bolero, or pre-1975 golden Vietnamese music. In fact, it’s very common to hear the melodies of this genre’s songs wafting through the air: văng vẳng trong gió while taking a stroll: đi dạo in my alley.

**Which singer or musician would you like to see in person?**

(Khanh) No. The idea of meeting face-to-face with a singer or a musician, or a celebrity in general has never crossed my mind. I just prefer to enjoy their music through recordings at home.

**Name**

Who gave you your name? Do you like your name?

(Khuê) The name “Khuê” was bestowed upon me by my uncle, who holds a special place in my life. I am truly grateful for this meaningful gesture because my name carries a sense of personal identity. However, I must admit that I’m not really fond of my name because “Khuê” is often considered a feminine name.

Does your name have any particular meaning?

(Khuê) No, I don’t think so. The name “Khuê” does not hold any specific meaning in Vietnamese language. And the word “Khuê” alone does not encompass any literal meaning either.

Is your name common or unusual name in your country?

(Khuê) From my observation, the name “Khuê” can be considered as relatively rare. In fact, I’ve never encountered or heard of anyone who have the same name as mine.

What kinds of names are popular in your country?

(Khuê) To the best of my knowledge, the most commonly-used names in Vietnam include …… …. . Just go to some public places and shout out these names and you’ll surely see a lot of people turn around.

In your country, do people feel that their name are very important?

(Khuê) In my opinion, the importance of one’s name can vary among individuals. While some people highly treasured their names, others may regard their name as nothing more than a personal identity, a thing to address each other.

Would you like to change your name?

(Khuê) I must confess that I have no desire to change my name. You know I’m pretty content with the name I have been given as it holds personal significance and has been a unique symbol of my individuality since I was born.

**Birthday**

What do you usually do on your birthday?

(Khuê) My birthday is just slightly different from the other days because apart from my daily routine, I and my beloved family often indulge in a modest party in the evening where we enjoy some delicious dishes and exchange birthday presents.

What kinds of birthday gift do you like to receive?

(Khuê) After some careful consideration, I believe I want a new laptop for my next birthday. You know my current laptop is a used one that I inherited from my ….., which is quite slow and outdated by today’s standard. So I think It’s time to retire it and get a new one to better suit my needs.

How do people often celebrate birthday in your country?

Do you think it’s important to celebrate your birthday?

**Hobby**

Do you have any hobbies?

(Khanh) absolutely yes. I have several hobbies that I am quite passionate about. One of them is playing football. I have developed a habit of engaging in friendly football matches with my colleagues after work hours/ our shift has ended. It is a great way to connect with people and stay active. In addition, I frequently take my family to the local swimming pool on weekends, especially during the hot summer months in SG. It is an amazing physical activity for all of us to cool down and spend some quality time together.

What hobbies are popular in your country?

(Khanh) From my observation, popular hobbies vary greatly with age. Among youngsters, playing video games and surfing social media platforms like Tiktok or Facebook are very popular. On the other hand, adults seem to enjoy gathering at cafes, not just for drinking their favorite beverages but also for engaging in lively discussions.

Is it important to have a hobby?

(Khanh) Of course it is. Hobbies serve as a crucial escape from the demands of every life, helping people to relieve stress and enhance mood. Moreover, pursuing hobbies often provide opportunities to meet new people with shared interests and establish meaningful relationships.

Is it harmful to spend too much time on a hobby?

(Khanh) I strongly believe that It depends on the nature of the hobby and the amount of time we spend on it. For example, spending excessive time on activities considered unproductive, such as gaming, could lead to time wastage and neglect of important responsibilities. This can impact one’s academic of professional performance and may even negatively affect personal relationship.

What sort of hobbies would you like to try in the future?

(Khanh) At the moment, I must say that I am totally clueless about: hoàn toàn không biết what new hobbies I may try in the future. In fact, the idea of pursuing a new hobby has never crossed my mind. Maybe only time will tell: để 1 thời gian rồi mới biết được.

**Dreams and ambitions**

What was your childhood dream?

(Hiền) It may sound strange, but in my childhood and even at present, I’ve had no dream, no ambition at all. I’m one of those girls who prefer to enjoy the moment and take each day as it comes. You know I have a belief that no matter how meticulous we plan ahead, life always finds a way to throws you a curve ball: gây khó dễ cho bạn at the least expected moments: những lúc bất ngờ nhất.

Are you the kind of person who sticks to dream?

What is your dream job?

= study and work

Do you think you are an ambitious person?

**Talents**

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

(Hiền) No, not at all. I must admit that I’m a “Jack of all trade, master of none.” In study, I just an above-average student with no remarkable speciality and achievement. In physical activities, I’m able to do most of the casual sports played by the masses like badminton, volleyball, football, but just at amateur level.

1. Was it mastered recently or when you were young?
2. Do you think your talent can be useful for your future work? Why?

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

**Doing sports**

What sports do you like?

(Khanh) I have several sports that I am quite passionate about. One of them is playing football. I have developed a habit of engaging in friendly football matches with my colleagues after work hours/ our shift has ended. It is a great way to connect with people and stay active. In addition, I frequently take my family to the local swimming pool on weekends, especially during the hot summer months in SG. It is an amazing physical activity for all of us to cool down and spend some quality time together.

Where did you learn how to do it?

(Khanh) If my memory serves me correctly: nếu tôi nhớ không lầm, I first learned about my favorite sports, football and swimming, when I was a little kid in my hometown - .I didn’t attend any formal training. Instead, I picked up these sports by playing and practicing with my peers. We often gathered after school or on weekend to play football in .… and during the hot summer months, we often went swimming in a nearby river.

Did you do some sports when you were young?

Do you think students need more exercise?

(Khanh) Absolutely yes, I strongly believe that students nowadays really need to do more physical exercises. In today’s digital age, many young people spend a large portion of: 1 phần lớn their time in front of screens playing games or surfing the Internet, which fosters a sedentary lifestyle: lối sống thụ động . So making them participate in regular exercise is crucial for maintaining good health.

Do you know any people who are good at sports?

(Khanh) Personally speaking, among my friends and acquaintances, there aren’t many people who are really skilled in sports. However, I’m sure you know about Lionel Messi - a professional football player who possesses extraordinary skills on the football field and is an inspiration to millions of football lovers around the world.

**Friends**

Do you have many friends?

(Khanh) Not really, I would say that I have a pretty small circle of friends. Currently, most of my friends are colleagues from work and old classmates from university time. We have developed a close bond due to our shared experiences and daily interactions at the office.

What do you think makes a great friend?

(Khanh) In my opinion, a good friend is someone who is honest and is willing to listen to me. It is important that friends can rely on each other to speak the truth, even when it might be uncomfortable. In addition, I believe that having similar mindsets or ways of thinking can enhance the friendship. It allows for a deeper understanding between friends.

How important are friends to you?

(Khanh) Friends are very important to me. They are not only companions, but also confidants and supporters. Having friends means I have people to share experiences with, whether it is moments of joy or times of challenge. They help to broaden my horizons, and offer emotional support when I need.

Do you often go out with your friends?

(Khanh) Not as often as I would like to. For me, My family commitments always take precedence: ưu tiên hàng đầu and these duties often limit the time I can spend on social outings with my friends. However, I do make an effort to meet up with friends at least once a month.

Where do you and your friends often meet each other? What do you usually do with your friends?

(Khanh) I usually meet my friends at a local cafe, which has become our preferred spot to gather. It’s a cozy place with relaxed atmosphere, which is perfect for catching up with my friend. When we meet, we typically spend our time chatting about everything, from personal updates to current events around the world while sipping at our favorite drinks. It’s a great way for us to relax and connect with each other.

Do you have friend whom you have known for a long time?

(Khanh) No, I don’t have an friends from my childhood because I moved away from my hometown to HCMC to pursue higher education when I graduated from high school, which was … years ago. The oldest friend I have now is individuals I met during my university days.

**Movies**

Do you like to watch movies?

(Khanh) Definitely yes. I really love watching movies. I am particularly fond of hollywood blockbusters, especially the action genre. There is something very thrilling about the fast-paced: nhịp điệu nhanh, high-octane: táo bạo mạnh mẽ action sequences : phân cảnh hành động that these films typically feature. Watching action movies serves as a way for me to unwind and escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

What kind of movies do you like best?

How often do you go to the cinema to watch a movie? Do you prefer to watch a movie at home or at the cinema?

(Khanh) While I appreciate the immersive experience created by the big screen and surround sound that cinema offer, I still prefer watching movies at home with my beloved family. It is more convenient and allows us to share the experience in a cozy, familiar setting. We can pause or take breaks whenever we need and we can complete a single movie in several sittings.

Do you prefer to watch movie alone or with other people?

(Khanh) I definitely prefer watching movies with other people, particularly with my family. It turns movie-watching into a shared experience, where we can all react together and discuss our thoughts on the film afterward. It is wonderful way to strengthen the bond between us while creating lasting memories.

What was the first film that you watch?

(Khanh) Well I don’t think I can recall the first movie that I watched since it was a really long time ago. Even more so, Cable TV was non-existent back then when I was a little kid and we had to rely on Antenna TV to watch a very limited number of programs, which had very weak signal and poor quality.

Do you prefer foreign films or film made in your country?

(Khanh) I tend to prefer foreign movies as I find them to be far superior to : trội hơn hoàn toàn Vietnamese movies in all regards: về mọi phương diện. They are better in terms of production quality and story telling. They bring stunning visual effects: kỹ xảo điện ảnh ấn tượng and mind-blowing: ấn tượng soundtracks, which enhance the emotional impact of the movie

**Clothing**

What kind of clothes do you like to wear?

(Khanh) I am more inclined toward jeans and T-shirt most of the time when I go out and come to my workplace. This combination not only offers comfort but also versatility. Jeans and T-shirts can easily be mixed and matched : phối đồ to suit various occasions. Besides, the classic look of jeans with a T-shirt never goes out of fashion: lỗi thời, allowing me to look contemporary without having chase the latest trend. On the other hand, I tend to wear more relaxed clothes, such as T-shirts and shorts made from breathable (adj): thoáng mát, and sweat-wicking : thấm hút mồ hôi fabric to combat/ deal with the crazy heat of HCMC.

What kind of clothes do you never wear?

(Khanh) I generally avoid wearing suits and ties, as I find them uncomfortable and impractical, especially in the tropical climate of Southern Vietnam. Suits and ties can feel restrictive, making them less appealing for daily wear in the hot and humid environment of HCMC.

Do you wear the same style of clothes on weekdays and weekends?

(Hiền) Well yes. I’ve developed a habit of sticking to the same style of clothing throughout the week for the sake of: vì convenience and time efficiency. While I do reserve formal garments: trang phục trang trọng for special occasions such as wedding or birthday parties, my everyday attire tends to be comprised mostly of T-shirts, hoddies, and pants.

~~Do you prefer to wear comfortable and casual clothes or smart clothes?~~

Do you spend a lot of time choosing clothes?

(Hiền) Yes indeed. I’ve got to admit that I do spend a considerable amount of time selecting clothes, especially when I am shopping. This habit stems from: my desire to find clothes that not only suit my preferences: hợp sở thích but also fit within my personal budget: hợp túi tiền. In fact, I always find great joy being able to lay my hand on an affordable piece of clothing that match my fashion taste.

**FOOD**

**What is your favorite food?**

(Hiền) When it comes to my favorite food, the first dish that springs to my mind: nảy ra trong đầu is “bún bò Huế” - a traditional Vietnamese noodle soup originated from central Vietnam and is rich in flavour: đậm đà hương vị. You know this dish is a perfect mix of spicy beef broth (n): nước lèo, tender slices of beef, rice vermicelli: bún, and a variety of aromatic herbs. Every spoon offers a harmonious combination of: 1 sự kết hợp hài hòa giữa spicy, savory, and slightly sweet taste: vị cay, vị mặn mà, và ngọt dịu, making it a culinary delights.

**Is there any food that you dislike?**

(Hiền) I’ve got to say that I’m not a big fan of foods with a bitter taste, for example: Vietnamese stuffed bitter melon soup: canh khổ qua nhồi thịt. While I understand that bitter melon is lauded: được khen ngợi for its health benefits, I find its intense bitterness unbearable. You know the bitterness in the bitter melon dominates (v): áp đảo the dish, overshadowing: áp đảo other flavors and ingredients.

What are some traditional food in your country?

(Hiền) You know Vietnam boast a wide array of traditional foods, each with its unique flavor and cultural significance. There is “Cơm tấm” - a beloved dish of Southern Vietnam that is often served with grilled pork: sườn nướng, steamed egg cakes: chả, shredded pork skin: bì with special fish sauce. There is “Phở” - a noddle soup dish with a rich, aromatic broth, usually accompanied by: thường đi kèm với beef or chicken. There is “bánh mì”, which is a crispy Vietnamese baguette filled with a variety of ingredients such as meats, pickled vegetables: đồ chua, and condiments: sốt.

**Do you have a healthy diet?**

(Hiền) To be honest, maintaining a healthy diet is a big challenge for me due to the hectic university schedule .You know the nature of academic life, with it deadlines, exams, and irregular class hours, often force me to adopt a flexible, less healthy approach to eating. I mean I frequently opt for quick and convenient food options including ready-to-eat meals or fast food which are not always the most nutritious choice.

**Do you like trying new food?**

(Hiền) Absolutely yes. To me, trying new food is an essential part of life. I always find great joy and excitement in exploring the vast world of culinary delights. Each new dish or cuisine is like an adventure, offering a glimpse into : đem lại 1 cái nhìn vào different cultures and traditions around the world. Whether it’s a local specialty: đặc sản địa phương from a street peddler: 1 gánh hàng rong or a sophisticated (adj): tinh vi/ tinh tế dish from a famous restaurant, each experience enriches my understanding and appreciation of the world’s diversity through flavors.

COLOR

What is your favorite color?

What is the color that you dislike?

What color do you want to paint your house/ room with?

Do you usually wear clothes in your favorite color?

Public holiday

How many public holidays are there in your country?

(Hiền) I can’t give you a definitive answer: tôi không trả lời chắc chắn for this question because there is quite a large number of public holidays in my country. For instance: The International Labour’ day on the 1st of May or Lunar New year, commonly known as: thường được biết tới với tên gọi là Tet in Vietnamese language, and the Mid Autumn festival on the 15th of Lunar Calendar.

Which public holidays do you like the most?

(Hiền) It is definitely Tet holiday or Lunar New year which usually falls within the final days of January or the first days of February. In fact, Tet is the most long-standing: lâu đời and widely-celebrated: tổ chức rộng rãi national holiday in Vietnam. On average, Vietnamese people, be it: không cần biết students or workers, have 14 days off on Tet so it is a great opportunity for me to have a warm family reunion: buổi họp mặt gia đình with my parents and my grandmas. Tet is also the perfect time for me to visit the tombs of my ancestors: thăm mồ mả ông bà.

What did you do during the last public holiday?

(Hiền) If memory serves: nếu nhớ không lầm, Just like every other year, I helped my parents with the clean up process around the house during the week prior to Tet holiday. In particular,……. Once all the preparation for Tet had been finished, I put on some elegant Tet-themed garments : quần áo chơi tết and hang out with my buddies at some focal points: tụ điểm in the locality: tại địa phương to enjoy the Tet atmosphere.

Do you think public holidays are important?

(Hiền) From my perspective, there is a multitude of reasons why public holidays are of utmost importance to: tốt quan trọng a society. First of all, since people are eligible to: được phép/ có phép have some days-off during holidays, they can take some time away from their jobs or study to enjoy a vacation with their loved ones or just let their hair down: xõa for a little while. Second of all, some specific holidays act as a reminder of: đóng vai trò nhắc nhở an important historical event of a nation or encompass religious significance: bao hàm ý nghĩa quan trọng về tôn giáo for the community so if there were no holidays, people would be more likely to forget about such things.

**Do you think there should be more public holiday? Why or why not?**

(Hiền) No. There’s no need for more public holiday in Vietnam. In my opinion, the current number of public holidays here is quite sufficient (adj): đủ. If there were more holidays, the regular flow of both professional and educational environments: guồng chảy của môi trường lao động và học tập could be disrupted.