Unit 5 More than a Paycheck口语话题

1. What did you dream of doing or being when you were younger? How about now?

When I was a child, probably my biggest ambition was to become a professional footballer, which, I should admit, was a bit ridiculous, considering that my football skills at the time were by no means good. But still, that’s what I wanted to be, at least until common sense got the better of me! But now, I have totally given up my football dream. I know it’s impossible for me, so I’d rather do something more practical.

2. Are you ambitious? If so, in what way(s)?

Yes, I think I am an ambitious person. I have firm confidence that I will finally be successful. I have a short-term goal and a long-term goal, and I am seeking after them step by step. I have also made preparations for the possible obstacles and even failures. Together with determination and hard work, I think I will overcome all the challenges and difficult situations in achieving my goals.

//No, I don’t think I am ambitious and I don’t admire ambitious people either. Ambitious people usually think too high of themselves. They are too proud of themselves. Besides, I think ambition could be dangerous sometimes. Ambitious people are not likely to follow others’ advice and it could be bad for them. I never had any strange or wild ambition. I just want to choose a peaceful life that suits me well.

3. How would you describe your ideal job?

My ideal job should provide me with much free time. You know, I am quite independent. I want to do things I like after work. In my spare time, I could participate in many kinds of sport activities, or read my favorite books, feeling completely at ease with myself. What job can meet such requirements? I think it could be a teacher, or a self-employed writer.

4. Have you ever considered the potential disadvantages of your dream job? Are you prepared to accept them when you take the job?

Yes. My dream job is to be a software engineer. I know its disadvantages clearly, such as excessive use of the brain, keeping up with the ever-changing technology, and always sitting before a computer. But I am mature enough to realize the fact that there is no perfect dream job in this world. I am psychologically well-prepared to accept the disadvantages.

//No. My dream job is to become a musician. I think a job would not be a “dream job” any more if it has disadvantages that you cannot bear.

5. Suppose you see your dream job advertised. Unfortunately, it asks for several specific skills and you’ve only got some of them. What would you probably do?

I think I would probably give up this time and resolve to get at least more of the skills in the near future, so that I can apply next time.

//I would probably apply for the job anyway, focusing on the skills I’ve got and ignoring the ones I haven’t.

6. What are qualities teachers need?

They have to be hard-working. They need to be a good communicator, so that they can get the children interested in what they have to learn. They also need to be creative and be able to think outside the box because we don’t have very many resources.

7. If you were offered a job that is irrelevant to your specialty and interest but with a decent salary, would you take it? Why or why not?

I prefer a well-paid job even if it has nothing to do with my specialty or interest. Salary counts most when I choose my future job because I have to shoulder the burden of supporting my family first.

//I wouldn’t take this job because I think a job in which you do not have interest is not a job any more. It’s just a way of making a living, from which I wouldn’t derive any pleasure.

8. Set up a company to promote tourism

You are going to set up a tour company to promote tourism in your town/city/country. You need to decide on the following:

1. The name and location of the company
2. What type of tours you will organize and where tourists will go (language tour/history tour/ sports tour, etc.)
3. How you will promote tourism
4. How the tour you organize will be different from the ones organized by other companies.

Answer: 1)Name: Mystery and Adventure……

Company location: outside the center of the town/city; near the exit of the expressway.

2) We will organize a tour to Ancient Culture and Religion;

3) We can display advertisements about our company along the expressway so as to get the travelers familiar with our company.

4) differences: It’s a tour like an adventure to the mystery. The themed tours are about rock carvings.