**Question 1**

**列举并描述你学校活动的兴趣水平和参与水平（学校，志愿组织运动，音乐等）列举过去两年内你获得的任何奖励或者荣誉。有哪项活动你将来希望参与? （这个项目我有足够多的素材可以写。如果你们希望再自己罗列一次不妨。这个题需要列举学校组织的活动）**

**List and describe your level of interest and participation in school activities (school, volunteer groups, athletics, music, etc.). List any awards or honors you received in the past two years. In which activities do you plan to participate in the future?**

School Merit Student Award (Also known as 3-good student for outstanding Moral, Academics and PE) (All years): I win this award every year since first grade.

School Outstanding Subject Officer Award (2014): I serve as the class officer for the English subject. Subject officers help teacher of the corresponding subject collect homework and answer questions. We also help with all class chores.

School Civility Star Award (2014): This is an award for high moral standard and good manner.

1st place, School Chinese Dictation Contest (2014)

1st place, School English Contest (2014)

3rd place, School Science Festival Mathematics Contest (2014)

Electronic Organ (2013-present): I have been playing electronic organ since 2013 and serving as the designated organ accompaniment player for the class choir. We won numerous awards, including the 3rd place win in 2014 for “We believe” in the school choir contest.

Tennis (2015): I won the 5th place, Tennis Double, Juvenile Division, Xiamen City Games. I have been playing tennis for 4 years and served several terms as the school tennis team captain.

Model UN (2015): I am a member of Xiamen No.1 High School Model UN Team. We represented the school in the Xiamen City Model UN Conference. We played Mexico in the conference.

English Contest (2015): Chinese Central TV Hope Star English contest. I won the Xiamen City Division and advanced to the next round.

Micro-Cinema (2014): I led a team of 4 in the Xiamen City Micro-cinema contest. We shot a video called “Dream” and won the 3rd place at the city level.

Poster (2014): I was the winner of Xiamen City Water Saving Poster Contest, part of an environmental awareness campaign.

**Question 2**

**列举并描述你的校外活动的兴趣水平和参与水平。列举过去两年内你获得的任何奖励或者荣誉。这个项目我有足够多的素材可以写。如果你们希望再自己罗列一次不妨。这个题需要列举不是学校组织的活动）**

**List and describe your level of interest and participation in hobbies, activities and groups not associated with school. List any awards or honors you received in the past two years.**

Piano (2006-present): I have been playing piano since 2/2006 when I was 4. I am certified for level 1 in 2007, level 3 in 2009, level 7 in 2011, and level 9 in 2012 by the National Center for Art Level Exam.

Study abroad (2013-2015): I participated in studying abroad programs every summer. They are as follows.

Explo Summer School of Wellesley College (7/2015): I attended “Leaders in Training” and “Explo Entrepreneur” classes and visited Harvard and Brown University.

Summer camp in Weymouth, UK (3 weeks, 7/2014): I visited London during this trip. I also organized a football game between the Chinese students and Russian students.

Summer camp in Seattle (3 weeks, 7/2013): This was my first visit to the U.S. We visited Microsoft, Boeing, Starbucks and Amazon. I boarded with Mrs. Rebeca and experienced the American life. She treated me like a grandson. We visited parks and friends and watched a football games. We still have contact today. I fell in love with the U.S. during this trip (see essay). I organized a group of students to interpret for the students who did not speak English fluently

Travel (2009-present): I have visited a lot of places around the world. The following is an incomplete list.

Yogyakarta, Indonesia (2/2015): I visited the Borobudur and Prambanan temples and a live volcano.

American University Tour (2/2014): I visited UCLA. UC Berkeley, Stanford, Cal Tech, Princeton, NYU and Columbia.

Southeast Asia (7/2013): I visited Singapore and Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Cambodia (2/2013): I visited Angkor Wat and the notorious S-21 concentration camp.

Earlier International Travel (2009-2012): Dubai, Japan, Australia, Taiwan, etc.

Domestic Travel (2009-present): Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Guilin and Nanjing.

Blogging (2012-present): I have been blogging on WeChat since my first visit abroad to Seattle. I have hundreds of followers. My series blogs include:

16 Must See Places in Washington DC and Boston (7/2015)

12 Must See Places in Bali and Java Islands (2/2015),

7 Must See Places in Weymouth and the Rest of UK (7/2014)

12 Must See Places in the U.S (1/2014)

4 Must See Places in Chiang Mai and Singapore (9/2013)

33 Must See Places in Seattle (7/2013)

**Question 3**

**你过去一年内读的书里喜欢那几本，为什么？这个题的答法是选取5到10本书。最好是有英文原版的书。譬如斯蒂芬霍金的时间简史。然后按照这个格式列举出来。**

**《书名》，作者名，两三句话的感言。**

**这个我其实是可以帮你列举的。但是我列举的你不一定了解。怕面试穿帮。你先列。回头我帮你添。我添的书我会教你念。**

**What reading have you enjoyed most in the past year and why?**

My Brief History, Stephen Hawking. I learned about Stephen Hawking because of my grandfather. He has Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). He is wheelchair bound and can only communicate with a tablet. I then learned about ALS through Ice Bucket Challenge, the activity that raises money to combat the disease. In his book, Stephen Hawking talked about how he overcome his disability and become one of the most famous scientist in the world. It was very inspirational.

A Brief History of Time, Stephen Hawking. From this book I learned about how our universe come about. I learned about the Big Bang, the Black Hole, and the time travel. Later I visited the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum and watched the Einstein Planetarium. It showed us over 9000 stars, galaxies and constellations. I felt like I was in the world Stephen Hawking depicted in this book.

The Catcher in the Rye, J. D. Salinger. I am currently reading this book. It is about growing up and the pain associated with growing up. The protagonist Holden has a tough life. He gets expelled from his school, then wanders around New York for a couple days, experiencing more misery. He wants to escape from the hypocrisy of the adult world and achieve his ideal, being the catcher in the rye. I think it symbolized that he wants to be the savior of innocence. My experience is quite opposite of Holden’s. The reason I like this book is that it shows me a glimpse into how others live.

Letters to my Young Readers, Bing Xin. I read this book before and reread it recently. It is a series of 29 travel journals in the form of letters from the famous poet. I learned about the beautiful scenery and nice people of the U.S. from this book. I loved it so much that I participated in a summer school at her alma mater, Wellesley College, the place she wrote so much about in the book. Inspired by the book, I also write blogs about my travel.

The Story of Abraham Lincoln for Young Readers (1896), James Baldwin. I read this book after I visited the Lincoln memorial at Washington DC. I enjoy reading this book because Lincoln is one of the greatest American presidents. He freed the slaves.

Chinese Educational Mission Students, Gang Qian & Jingcao Hu. The book details the story of a group of 120 Chinese students traveling to the U.S. to study wester science and engineering in 1872. They were the first Chinese students studying in the U.S. Many of them returned to China and became iconic figures in Chinese civil services, engineering and science. The story are inspirational because I am following their footstep to study in the U.S.

**Question 4**

**请告诉我们一些可以帮助我们加深对你的印象的事情。（这个我也有绰绰有余的素材可以写。但是我不知道你更愿意写什么。请将你更愿意说项目的非常简单地罗列一下。我会尽可能写你愿意的项目。不过我会挑更能打动人的事迹。过往的学生，我喜欢写保送，重点学校，重点班。拍虎妈猫爸的姚导的儿子。我写他当时在初中保送。无所事事。到高中部自己要求参加机器人队。并在一群高中学生中脱颖而出，成为队里的主操作手去参加国际比赛。这个事迹反映非常多优秀品质：成熟性，主动性，想象力，原创力，执行力，领导力，组织力，上进心，才华。他以托福80的成绩，击败无数托福100或者110的学生进入雅典人学校。全仗这个事迹。你领导拍摄微电影那个事迹，也许可以同样加以放大渲染。总之需要将自己塑造一个敢于并善于打破现实条件限制去创造成就的形象）**

**Please note anything more you would like us to know about you.**

**(Love, respect feeling)**

In July 2013, I attended a summer camp in Seattle as part of a studying abroad program. I boarded with a senior lady named Rebeca for a couple weeks to experience the American life. She lives with a couple dogs, one of them was handicapped.

Rebeca treated me like her grandson. She taught me how to play cards, brought me to visit her neighbors and friends, and brought me to a football game. Everything was novel and exciting to me. I brought home lots of happy memories. The most unforgettable thing I brought home, however, was what love really means.

I have a dog too. Her name is Xiaomo. She was kept in a cage when I was not playing with her, much like an animal in a zoo. Xiaomo is incredibly smart. She always gave me the warmest welcome when I approached the cage, licking my hands and wagging her tail like crazy, because she knew she was getting fed and would have a moment of freedom. I do not know how she learned language. She simply knows everything I say. If I tell her to fetch something, she will fetch it. If I say walk, she will walk on her hind legs. I shared Xiaomo’s story with Rebeca. We had a great time.

Getting Xiaomo back to her cage was not always easy. She would play deaf on me. Then she would sit on her butt and let me drag her back into her cage. “Dogs are just like kids, aren’t they?” Rebeca asked me.

I agreed. She dug up a dog license from her purse. The first line in the back says “My life is likely to last ten to fifteen years. Any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you buy me. Give me time to understand what you want of me.” The third line says “Don’t be angry of me for long and don’t lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your entertainment and your friends. I have only you.”

The words hit me like a lightning rod. I always said I loved Xiaomo. But the way I loved her was the way a boy loves a toy. I learned to say “Dogs are man’s best friends” but it never crossed my mind that I was locking up my best friend in a cage all day long, and clearly against her will. Dogs are not toys. They have feelings just likes us. I had been wondering why Rebeca allowed her dogs to roam free in the house and talked to them like talking to kids. Now I knew the answers. She treated them like friends, like family, like fellow beings.

I set Xiaomo free after I returned to China. We got a second dog for her companion. She is much happier. I brought home a simple idea during this trip. Love is caring about others’ feelings. It is why I love the U.S. Because it is a place with love.

**Question 5**

**请在下面三个题目选一个写一篇250-500词(一页纸) (我其实也有 足够的素材帮你从零写一篇。不过我还是想看看你最中意哪一个题。用中文列一个大致提纲给我就可以)**

**Please choose one of these statements and then write a 250-500 word response to it.**

**描述一个对你影响巨大的你敬佩的人（ 譬如那篇你的钢琴老师）**

**Describe a person you admire or who has influenced you a great deal.**

**你身上有什么品质让你成为一个有趣的人(请写你因为自豪的品质)**

**What makes you the interesting person you are? (be sure to include the qualities you like best about yourself.)**

Prompt 2:

When doing things, some will go for the easiest and work their way toward the hardest. I am the opposite. I start with the hardest and save the best for the last. When I was in the kindergarten, I would eat the vegetable first and eat the delicious food later. The nice teacher thought I love vegetable. She would keep giving me another scoop and I would keep eating it first until I had a bellyful of vegetable. I prayed that she would not give me another scoop but was too timid to tell her that I hated vegetable.

Today I still do not like vegetable but still eat them first. What is different is that I am no longer as shy. Music changed me over time. While I loved playing piano, I was not comfortable standing on the stage with so many people looking at me. I am glad that I never turned around and ran off the stage. I would walk to the piano with shaking legs, sit down and do my best, just like I would eat my vegetable quietly. Once I started to play music, I would forget about the people. Little by little, I lose the fear and started to like the performances. What I learned from this experience was that you would get used to anything as long as you keep doing it, even if it was difficult at the beginning.

Last year, my music teacher asked if I would play my class choir’s electronic organ accompaniment in place of her. Although I had the highest piano certification, I had no idea how to play the double keyboard of an electronic organ. I agreed to give it a try with hesitation. I kept practicing and we improved so much that we eventually won the 3rd place in the school choir contest with the song “I Believe”.

I did not always start an activity with lots of confidence or a resolution to win. Sometimes I did it because I was asked to do it or because everybody else was doing it. The good thing about me was that I would keep doing it and would often get somewhere. This was the case with the tennis, the Model UN, and the Poster Contest. When you are good at something, you fall in love with it. This happened to everything I did except for vegetable eating. I am still working on that.

I have been doing studying abroad every summer for the last 3 years. As what happened with my other activities, I have experienced and overcome the painful language barrier and eventually fell in love with it. Now I would like to take the next giant leap by attending a high school in the U.S. My legs are shaking like one who is standing on a diving platform when I think about the uncertainties ahead. But I understand if I just shut my eyes and jump, things will turn out to be OK or even wonderful.

**请解释一件改变你的生活或者改变你的想法的事件或者活动。**

**Explain the impact of an event or activity that has created a change in your life or in your way of thinking.**