1. What are your goals for high school?

I have always been a top student in my class. I want to continue to excel academically and go to a top college after high school. My favorite subject is physics. I want to be a physicist and discover the secrets of the universe in the future, just like my idol Stephen Hawking. For extracurricular activities, I would love to continue to improve my piano playing if I have the opportunity to play piano in high school. I would pick up another instrument if that is impossible. I would also love to continue to play tennis. My other interests include model UN and debate. I would keep my options open for anything interesting. Lastly, I want to make friends. As the old Chinese saying goes, “People rely on parents at home. People rely on friends outside the home”. It is very important to always have a lot of good friends.

1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about your future ?

It is the Internet. I once saw a cartoon with 2 dogs talking to each other over the Internet. One says, No one knows you are dog on the net. The other replies, they don’t know where we are either. If there is one thing that can determine our future, it is the Internet. Internet is making education more accessible and our world more equal.. It connects the whole world and give everyone an equal share of opportunities, even if you are a dog. I spent a lot of time with my grandmother at an impoverished fishing village outside the city limit. The countryside lacks good education. A community network would help kids there learn about their hometown and the world outside and receive an equal opportunity for an education. I want to be an Internet entrepreneur in the future. I will create a social network to help millions of kids to receive good education no matter where they live.

3. Tell us about a time when you had to make a difficult choice.

I faced a difficult choice when I rose to the middle school. The school work load became much heavier in the middle school. Since I want to study abroad, I started to take extra English class outside school. The English classes competed with piano and music for my time. At one point my parents told me it was OK if I wished to stop studying piano. However, I had be studying piano since 5. Music had become an indispensable part of my life. I decided to continue to study piano with better time management. For the last 2 and half years, I was not only able to continue to study piano. I even participated in more activities like math Olympics training, model UN, and tennis Club. The piano playing did not affect my study. Instead it taught me an important time management skill.

4. What is the most significant problem facing the world? How would you solve it?

It is undoubtedly the environmental protection problem. American author Henry David Thoreau once wrote “What's the use of a fine house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?” I grow up in a beautify island city in the southeast China. It was name the 4th most livable city in China. Yet it is not escape from environmental problems. The problem facing the city is the disappearance of the mangrove forest along the coast. Without their protection the storms brought by the typhoons have destroyed many beautify beaches we have been so proud of. More recently, we were also hit by the severe smog problem that has plagued most of China. The PM 2.5 reading has been as high as 1500. It take all of us to raise awareness to the problem and protect the planet we live.

我的父亲出生在厦门一个叫做鼓浪屿的小岛上，一百多年前，这个岛是个万国租界，岛上有两所英国圣公会的教堂和一所美国归正教的教堂，还有美国、英国等十几个国家的领事馆。当年的传教士最早带来了钢琴，为教会礼拜合唱团伴奏，岛上现在还有一所钢琴博物馆。这个小岛出过许多闻名世界的钢琴家，被称为“钢琴之岛”。

我出生和成长的城市在中国南部海边的地方，那是一座被称为“最适宜人类居住的城市”，我为此感到幸运和自豪。可是，我们依然不得不忧虑地看到，这座城市的许多环境正在被破坏。那里的浅滩上原本生长着一大片茂密的红树林。这是一种很特殊的常绿灌木或乔木组成的植物群，每到夏季，台风带来的风暴潮中，有红树林的地方，堤岸就不易被冲跨，经济损失就小，当地人都把红树林当作是保护神。不幸的是，由于围海造地、滩涂养殖、乱砍滥伐等，海洋生态被破坏殆尽，每到涨潮的时候，海面上总是漂满了垃圾物。我听说，中国沿海地区的红树林面积已由四十年前的4.2万公顷减少到1.4万公顷，不及世界红树林面积的千分之一。然而，如今这个小岛正在被海面上的垃圾飘流物所包围。我的童年有很多时光是在外婆家度过。外婆家在城市周边一个正在日浙消失的小渔村。拥挤而喧闹的工业厂房和外来人口的大量涌入，工业化和城市化正在彻底催毁这片村庄，在中国，每年都有上百个村庄就这样消失了。从北方到南方，雾霾笼罩着中国，有时，PM2·5指数高达一千五百多点。我真担心，有一天长城会从我们的眼中消失。环境保护无疑是世界面临的共同问题，需要世界各国，尤其是象美国和中国这样的大国共同携手来解决。我注意到，刚刚在巴黎结束的世界气候大会终于达成了共识，工业大国决心减少碳排放，投入更多资金扶持发展中国家，大力促进环保产品的推广和运用。我个人更关注的解决问题的方法是：移民外星球。我最崇拜的科学家霍金

曾经预言，地球将在二百年内毁灭，而人类继续存活只有一条路：移民外星球。霍金说，人类对于地球的掠夺日盛，资源正在一点点耗尽，人类不能把所有的鸡蛋都放在一个篮子里，所以，不能将赌注放在一个星球上。霍金乐观的认为，以现在人类的科学发展水平，在二百年内找到适合移居外太空的方法或类地星球是可能的。我不知道人类是否能找到这条生存之道，但是，无论如何，人类应该重视环境保护，善待我们赖以生存的地球，从现在做起，从每个人做起。

上述题目要增加两个内容：1、我很高兴看到，中美两国政府达成协议，鼓励厦门和美国旧金山两个城市就海洋保护开展合作。2、环境保护你做了什么？每年，我都会参加由当地媒体发起和组织的植树节，到沙滩上清扫垃圾，参与制作有关环保主题的宣传品，参观环保企业和展览。