

PART 1

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Stories

Have you ever written any story before?

Do you prefer listening to stories or reading them?

What stories did you like when you were young?

Electronic devices

What technology do you often use, computer or cellphones?

What electronic devices have you bought lately?

Is there any technology you want to buy?

Is technology important in your life?

Is there any technology you don't like?

What do you think are the trends in technology today compared to when you were young?

Colors

What's the color you dislike?

Have you ever bought something because of its colour?

What is your favorite color?

What color would you never use in your home?

History

Have you ever been to historical museums?

Do you like history?

When was the last time you read about history?

Did you like history when you were young?

Public gardens and parks

Would you like to play in a public garden or park?

What do you like to do when visiting a park?

How have parks changed today compared to the time you were a kid?

Would you prefer to play in a private garden or public garden?

Computers or tablets

What do you often use a computer or a tablet for?

Can you remember when you first started using a computer or tablet?
Do you sometimes find computers or tablets difficult to use? (Why/Why not?)
How would your life be different if there were no computers?

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Work or studies

What subjects are you studying?
Do you like your subject?
Why did you choose to study that subject?
What changes would you like to see in your school?
What work do you do?
Why did you choose to do that type of work (or that job)?
Do you like your job?
Do you miss being a student?

Home & Accommodation

Where do you live?
Do you live in an apartment or a house?
What part of your home do you like the most?
Do you prefer living in a house or an apartment?

Hometown

Where is your hometown?
Is that a big city or a small place?
Do you like your hometown?
What do you like (most) about your hometown?
Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?

Hats/caps

Do you like to wear hats?
What kinds of hats do you have?
Where do you like to buy hats?
Is wearing hats popular in your country?

Gifts

What gift have you received recently?
Do you think you are good at choosing gifts?
What do you consider when choosing a gift?

Have you ever received a great gift?

Have you ever sent handmade gifts to others?

Borrowing/lending

How do you feel when people don't return things they borrowed from you?

Do you like to lend things to others?

Have you ever borrowed money from others?

Have you borrowed books from others?

Social media

What do people often do on social media?

Do your friends use social media?

Do you think you spend too much time on social media?

When did you start using social media?

Plants

Do Vietnamese people send plants as gifts?

Do you know anything about growing a plant?

What plant did you grow when you were young?

Do you keep plants at home?

Morning routines

Do you like to get up early in the morning?

What is your morning routine?

Is breakfast important?

What do you do right after getting up in the morning?

Sharing

Do you have anything to share with others recently?

What kinds of things are not suitable for sharing?

What kind of things do you like to share with others?

Did your parents teach you to share when you were a child?

Pen & Pencil

What do you think if someone gives you a pen or pencil as a present?

Do you usually use a pen or a pencil?

When was the last time you bought a pen or pencil?

Which do you use more often? Pen or pencil?

Number

Do numbers matter to you?
Are you good at math?
Do you usually use numbers?
Are you good at remembering phone numbers?
What's your favorite number?

Relax

Are you a cool-headed person?
Do you often feel relaxed?
Does listening to music make you feel relaxed?
Do you think students need more relaxing time?
Do you think vacation is a good time to relax?
Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?

Holidays

Would you prefer an exciting holiday or a peaceful holiday?
Do you prefer a leisurely or a busy holiday?
Do you like to spend your day at home?
What do you do on holidays?
Where did you go for your last holiday?

Science

Do you like science?
When did you start to learn about science?
Which science subject is interesting to you?
Do you like watching science TV programs?

Daily routine

Do you often go to bed late or early?
What part of your day do you like best?
Do you think it is important to have a daily routine for your study?
Have you ever changed your routine?
What is your daily study routine?

Doing sports

Do you know any schoolmates who are good at sports?
Do you think it is important for people to exercise?
Do you know any people who are good at sports?
Do you think students need more exercise?

Did you do some sports when you were young?

Weekends

Has your weekend routine changed?

Do you do the same things every weekend?

Do you make plans for your weekends?

What do you usually do on weekends? Do you study or work?

Do you like weekends?

T-shirts

Did you often wear T-shirts when you were a child?

Would you buy T-shirts as souvenirs on vacation?

Do you think older people who wear T-shirts are fashionable?

Do you like T-shirts with pictures or prints?

How often do you wear T-shirts?

Happy things

Do you think people are happy when buying new things?

Do you feel happy when buying new things?

What do you think will make you feel happy in the future?

What made you happy when you were little?

Is there anything that has made you feel happy lately?

Language

How are languages taught and learned in your school?

How do you learn a foreign language?

What languages would you like to learn in the future?

What languages can you speak?

What kinds of difficulties would you have if you learn a new language?

Films

Do you prefer to watch films at home or in the cinema?

Do you think going to the cinema is a good way to spend time with friends?

Do you often go to the cinema with your friends?

Did you ever go to the cinema alone as a child?

Music

Do schools in your country have music lessons?

Do a lot of people like music?

Do you think music education is important for children?

Do you think children should learn to play an instrument at school?

What musical instruments do you enjoy listening to the most?

Breakfast

Would you like to change your morning routine?

Are there any differences between the mornings of your childhood and now?

Do you think breakfast is important?

What do you usually eat for breakfast?

Internet

What would you do without the internet?

Do you think you spend too much time online?

How does the internet influence people?

How often do you go online?

When did you start using the internet?

News

Do you often talk with your friends about the news?

Have you read the news this morning?

How do your friends get news?

How do you usually find news?

E-books and paper books

Do you think paper books will disappear in the future?

Will you read more online in the future?

What do you usually read online?

Which do you prefer, e-books or paper books?

Exciting activities

Would you like to try scuba diving and rock climbing?

Has anything exciting happened to you recently?

What do you think were exciting activities when you were a child?

Have you ever tried any exciting activities?

School and workplaces

Where is your school?

Do you like your school?

Do you think your school is a good place to study?

What is the environment like at your school?

Which subject do you find challenging?

What do you think would be challenging when you start working in the future?
Have you ever thought about changing jobs?

Staying at home

What do you like to do in your free time when you're at home?
Would you like to stay at home a lot in the future?
What did you often do at home as a child?
What is your favourite place at home?
What do you do when you stay at home?

Childhood memory

Who did you like to play with as a child?
Where did you go to play as a child?
Do you think it is better for children to grow up in the city or in the countryside?
Did you enjoy your childhood?

Challenges

How do you usually deal with challenges in daily life?
Do you like to live a life that has a lot of challenges?
Do you like to challenge yourself?
What subject do you think is the most challenging at school?

Bikes

Did you ride a bike when you were little?
Are bikes popular in Vietnam?
Do you often ride a bike now?
Do you have a bike now?
Did you have a bike when you were young?

Teachers

Do you want to be a teacher in the future?
Do you have a teacher from your past that you still remember?
Are you still in touch with your primary school teachers?
In what way has your favourite teacher helped you?

Coins

Did you use coins as a child?
Do you use coins in your daily life?
Is it convenient to use coins?
Have you ever collected coins?

Roads and streets

Are there any famous roads or streets in your country?
Do you think the roads in your city need improvement?
What is the condition of the roads in your city like?
How do people cross the road in the city where you live?
Are the roads and streets in the area where you live busy?

Perfume

Do you spend a lot of money on buying perfume?
Do you send perfume to others as a gift?
Where do you spray perfume?
Do you use perfume?

Fishing

Did you ever go fishing when you were a child?
Do you like fishing?
Do you like eating fish?
Is fishing popular in your country?

Teamwork

What do you dislike about teamwork?
What do you learn from working in a team?
Have you teamed up with someone else before?
Do you like teamwork?

Laughing

When was the last time you laughed?
Do you always laugh at funny things?
Are you a person who often makes others laugh?
Do you think you are a funny person?
Do you enjoy watching interesting and funny movies?

Good view

What is your favourite place? Why?
Would you take photos when you see a good view?
Have you seen an unforgettable and beautiful view or scenery?
What is the view like around the place where you live?

Meet new people

Do you meet new people more often now than in the past?

Do you enjoy talking to new people?
Where can you meet new people?
Do you like meeting new people?
What do you often talk about with your new friends?
Have you made any new friends recently?

Mirrors

Would you use mirrors to decorate your room?
Do you usually take a mirror with you?
Have you ever bought mirrors?
Do you like looking at yourself in the mirror? How often?

Dreams

Do you want to make your dreams come true?
Do you think dreams have special meanings?
Do you share your dreams with others? (or are you interested in others' dreams?)
Can you remember the dreams you had?

Email

Do you think sending emails will be more or less popular in the future?
Is sending emails popular in China?
When would you send emails to others?
Do you often send emails?

Taking photos

Do you want to improve your photography skills?
What is your favourite family photo?
Do you like taking selfies?
Do you like taking photos?

Art/Drawing

Did you learn drawing when you were a kid?
Do you want to learn more about art?
Do you like to go to the gallery?
Do you like drawing?

Sports programs

What kinds of games do you expect to watch in the future?
Who do you like to watch sports games with?
Do you like to watch live sports games?

Do you like watching sports programs on TV?

Time management

Do you like being busy?

When do you find it hard to allocate time?

Is it easy to manage time for you?

How do you plan your time in a day?

Mobile phone

How has your mobile phone changed your life?

Will you buy a new one in the future?

Do you often use your mobile phone for texting or calls?

What was your first mobile phone?

Street market

Are there many street markets in Vietnam?

When was the last time you went to a street market?

Do you prefer to go shopping in the shopping mall or on the street market?

What do people usually buy on the street market?

Websites

What kinds of websites are popular in your country?

Are there any changes to the websites you often visit?

What is your favourite website?

What kinds of websites do you often visit?

Lost and found

Will you post on social media if you lose your item?

Have you ever lost things?

Do you report to the police when finding something lost by others? Why?

What will you do if you find something lost by others?

Car

Do you think car colours are important?

What do you usually do when there is a traffic jam?

Do you prefer to be a driver or a passenger?

What types of cars do you like?

Did you enjoy traveling by car when you were a kid?

Watch

Do you think it is important to wear a watch? Why?
Why do some people wear expensive watches?
Have you ever got a watch as a gift?
Do you wear a watch?

Talents

Do you think anyone in your family has the same talent?
Do you think your talent can be useful for your future work? Why?
Was it mastered recently or when you were young?
Do you have a talent or something you are good at?

Collecting things

Where do you usually keep things you need?
Would you keep old things for a long time? Why?
Are there any things you have kept from your childhood?
Do you collect things?

Old buildings

Are there any old buildings you want to see in the future? Why?
Do you prefer living in an old building or a modern house?
Do you think we should preserve old buildings in cities?
Have you ever seen old buildings in the city?

Computers

In what conditions would it be difficult for you to use a computer?
What would your life be like without computers?
When was the first time you used a computer?
In what conditions would you use a computer?

Sitting down

Do you find it easy to fall asleep when sitting on a sofa?
When you were a kid, did you usually sit on the floor?
Do you feel sleepy when you are sitting down?
Do you always sit down for a long time?
Where is your favorite place to sit?

Evening time

Do you like the morning or evening?
What do you usually do in the evening?
What did you do in the evening when you were little? Why?

Do you spend your evenings doing the same things on both weekends and weekdays?
Why?

Reading habits

Which do you prefer, reading books or watching movies?
Have you ever read a novel that has been adapted into a film?
Are your reading habits now different than before?
Do you often read books? When?
Do you read more or less now than when you were younger?

Friends

Do you prefer to spend time with one friend or with a group of friends?
Do you have a friend you have known for a long time?
What do you usually do with your friends?
Do you often go out with your friends?
How important are friends to you?

Feeling bored

Do you think childhood is boring or adulthood is boring?
What do you do when you feel bored?
When would you feel bored?
Do you often feel bored?

Advertisement

What kind of advertising do you like?
Do you like advertisements?
Do you see a lot of advertising on trains or other transport?
Is there an advertisement that made an impression on you when you were a child?

Swimming

What's the difference between swimming in the pool and swimming in the sea?
Where do people in your country like to go swimming?
Is it difficult to learn how to swim?
Do you like swimming?

Hobby

Do you have the same hobbies as your family members?
Do you have a hobby that you've had since childhood?
Did you have any hobbies when you were a child?
Do you have any hobbies?

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Describe a time when you met a friend by surprise

You should say:

When and where you met him/her

Who he/she was

What you did together

And explain how you felt about the experience

Describe a water sport you would like to try in the future

You should say:

what the sport is

where you would do it

who you would like to do it with

and explain why what you think it would be like

Describe a time you bought something and wanted to return it

You should say:

What you bought

Where and when you bought it

Why you wanted to return it

And explain how you felt about the experience.

Describe something interesting that your friend has done but you've never done before

You should say:

What it is

When your friend did it

Where your friend did it

And explain you think it is interesting

Describe a kind of foreign food you like and you have had

You should say

What it is

When and where you had it
Why you like it
And explain how you feel about it

Describe a time when the vehicle you took broke down on your trip

You should say:
Where it happened
When it happened
Who you were with at that time
And what impacts this breakdown had

Describe a line (or a few words) you remember from a song or poem

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Describe a job that is useful to the society

You should say:
What job it is
How you know about this job
What types of people do this job
And explain why you think this job is useful to the society

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Do you think schools should provide career advice to students?
Who should receive a higher salary, young people or older people?
Do you think doctors should be well-paid?
What kind of jobs deserve a high salary?
What kind of jobs are well-paid in your country?

**Describe a place you have been to and would like to recommend others
to live there (not your hometown)**

You should say:
Where it is
What the place is like
When you visited there
Who you went there with
And explain why you would recommend this place to others

Part 3

Why do many people choose to move to big cities?
What factors make a city liveable?
What are the benefits of living close to one's workplace?
What should people prepare before they move to a different city?
Why do people move from one place to another?

Describe a historical building you have been to

You should say:
Where it is
What it looks like
What it is used for now
what you learned there
And how you felt about this historical building

Part 3

What are the differences between today's houses and those in the past?
What factors do people often consider when buying a house or an apartment?
Is it necessary to protect historical buildings?
Do most people agree to the government's funding to protect historical buildings?
Do people in your country like to visit historical buildings?
Why do people visit historical buildings?

Describe an occasion you wore the best clothes

You should say:
When it was
What you wore
Why you wore it
And how you felt about it

Part 3

Who would wear formal clothes more often, young people or old people?
Why do some people like to wear expensive clothes?
Do old people change their style of dressing?
Will traditional clothes disappear in the future?
Why do some people like to wear traditional clothes?
Do you think people need to wear formally in the workplace?

Describe a person who you are happy to know

You should say:
Who this person is

How you know this person
What he or she is like
And explain why you are happy to know him/her

Part 3

How can companies improve employee happiness?
Which do you think is more important in the workplace, happiness or high salaries?
Some people say that living in a happy city is boring. What do you think?
Do you think everyone shares a similar definition of happiness?
What's the difference between adults' and children's happiness?
How can children feel happy?

Describe a picture/photograph of you that you like

You should say:
Where it was taken/drawn
When it was taken/drawn
Who took/drew it
And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

Is it necessary for students to learn art?
What photos do people often hang on the wall at home?
How do people keep their photos?
Is it difficult for people to learn how to take good photos?
What do people use to take photos these days, cameras or phones?
Why do people take photos?

Describe a noisy place you have been to

You should say:
Where it is
When you went there
What you did there
And explain why you feel it's a noisy place

Part 3

How can people consider others' feelings when chatting in public?
How would people usually respond to noises in your country?
Which area is exposed to noise more, the city or the countryside?
What kinds of noises are there in our life?
Should children not be allowed to make noise under any circumstances?

Do you think it is good for children to make noise?

Describe a time when you missed or were late for an important meeting/event

You should say:

When it happened

What happened

Why you missed/were late for it

And explain how you felt about this experience

Part 3

Do you think people are born with time management skills or they can develop them?

Are people in your country often late for meetings?

Why are people often late for meetings or appointments?

Do you always avoid being late?

Do you think it is important to be on time?

Are you a punctual person?

Describe an interesting old person you have met

You should say:

Who this person is

When/where you met this person

What you did with this person

And explain why you think this person is interesting

Part 3

What benefits can people get if they are self-centered?

Do you think people are more selfish or self-centered now than in the past?

Are there benefits when one person is interested in another person? Why?

Is it easy for young people and old people to make friends with each other?

What can old people teach young people?

Do you think old people and young people can share interests?

Describe a time when someone gave you something that you really wanted

You should say:

What it was

When you received it

Who gave it to you

And explain why you wanted it so much

Part 3

Do you think shopping is good for a country's economy?
Why do people like shopping more now than in the past?
How should children spend their allowance money?
What kinds of gifts do young people like to receive as rewards?
How should bosses reward employees?
Should employees have their own goals?

Describe a party that you enjoyed

You should say:
When and where the party was held
Who attended the party
What kind of party it was
What you did in the party
And explain why you enjoyed this party

Part 3

What are the differences between holding a party at home and in a public place?
What would you do if you were disturbed by a neighbour's party?
Do you think music and dancing are a must at a party?
Do you think those who tend to stay at home are less healthy than those who often attend parties?
Why do some people not like going to parties?
Why do people like parties?

Describe a person who likes to buy goods with low prices

You should say:
Who this person is
What this person likes to buy
Where this person likes to buy things
And explain why this person likes cheap goods

Part 3

Do you think things are more expensive in big shopping malls?
How do you buy cheap products?
Is advertising important?
What are the disadvantages of shopping in a street market?
What are the differences between shopping in a shopping mall and in a street market?

Describe a place you have been to where things are expensive

You should say:

Where the place is

What the place is like

Why you went there

What you bought there

And explain why you think things are expensive there

Part 3

Why are things more expensive in some places than in others?

How important is it to have a variety of payment options?

Is it more important to choose a job with a high salary or with more time off?

What do you think of the view that time is as important as money?

Will the payment be paperless in the future?

Why do some people still use cash?

Describe a person who thinks music is important and enjoys music

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her

What music he/she likes

Why he/she thinks music is important

And explain how you feel about him/her

Part 3

Why are musical movies so popular?

What do you think would be the effect of background music in a film?

Would people's shopping behavior be affected in a shop with music?

Do you think there are any advantages to a shop with music playing?

Why do many teachers incorporate music into the classroom?

What do you think about playing music for children in class?

Describe an important plant in your country

You should say:

What it is

Where you see it

What it looks like

And explain why it is important

Part 3

Are there many trees in your city?

Why do some people like to keep plants at home?
Have new kinds of plants been grown in your city recently?
Why do some people prefer to live in the countryside?
Should schools teach children how to grow plants?
What are the features of living in the countryside?

Describe a person who encouraged you to achieve your goal

You should say:
Who the person is
How he/she encouraged you
What goal you achieved
And explain how you feel about this person

Part 3

Which is more important, competition or cooperation?
Is money the only motivation for people to work hard?
Who plays a more important role in children's education, parents or teachers?
Who do you think should set goals for children?
What should parents do if their children don't want to study?
Do you think children are more likely to achieve their goals if they are encouraged?

Describe something you own that you want to replace

You should say:
What it is
Where it is
How you got it
And explain why you want to replace it

Part 3

Why do some people prefer to buy things in the supermarket rather than online?
Why do some people like to buy expensive things?
Why do young people change things more often than old people?
Why do you think some people replace things more often than others?
Why do people always want to buy new things to replace old ones?
Does consumption have any impact on the environment?

Describe a place where you have taken photos more than once

You should say:
Where the place is
When you took the photos

What special features the photos taken there have
And explain why you have been there more than once to take photos

Part 3

On what occasions do people need formal photos?
Do you think being a photographer is a good job?
Would you pay a lot of money to hire a photographer?
Who would like to take photos more often, young people or older people?
Where do people often like to take photos?

Describe a new law you would like to introduce in your country

You should say:

What law it is
What changes this law brings
Whether this new law will be popular
How you came up with the new law
And explain how you feel about this new law

Part 3

How can parents teach children to obey rules?
What are the benefits for people to obey rules?
Do you think children can learn about the law outside of school?
What kinds of behavior are considered as good behavior?

Describe an indoor or outdoor place where it is easy for you to study

You should say:
Where it is
What it is like
When you go there
What you study there
And explain why you would like to study in this place

Part 3

What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying with other people?
Do most people like to study in a noisy place?
What are the benefits of gaining work experience while studying?
Do you prefer to study at home or study in other places?
Do you like to learn on your own or with others?

Describe a tourist attraction that very few people visit but you think is interesting

You should say:

What the place is

What people can see there

Why only very few people visit there

And explain why you think it is interesting

Part 3

Should all tourist attractions be free to the public?

How can people prevent the environmental damage caused by tourism?

Do local people like to visit local tourist attractions?

What makes a tourist attraction famous?

Describe a risk you took that you thought would lead to a terrible result but ended up with a positive result

You should say:

When you took the risk

Why you took the risk

How it went

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

Who is more interested in taking risks, the young or the old?

Why do some people enjoy dangerous sports?

What kinds of sports are dangerous but exciting?

Why do some people like to watch risk-taking movies?

How should parents teach their children what a risk is?

Describe a natural place (e.g. parks, mountains)

You should say:

Where this place is

How you knew this place

What it is like

And explain why you like to visit it

Part 3

Do you think it is a good idea to let animals stay in local parks for people to see?

Are there any wild animals in the city?

What can people gain from going to natural places?

Do you think that going to the park is the only way to get close to nature?

What are the differences between a natural place and a city?

What kind of people like to visit natural places?

Describe an interesting place you have been to with a friend

You should say:

What and where the place is

Who you went with

When you went there

What you did there

And explain why you think it is interesting

Part 3

Do you prefer to go out with a group of friends or just with a few close friends?

Does technology help people communicate better with others?

Can talking with people improve social skills?

Why don't some people like to socialise?

How do you communicate with friends?

Describe someone (a famous person) that is a role model for young people

You should say:

Who he/she is

How you knew him/her

What he/she has done

And explain why he/she can be a role model for young people

Part 3

Do people tend to choose the best people as their role model?

What kinds of people are likely to become famous?

What qualities do famous people have?

Are there any differences between today's famous people and those of the past?

What kinds of people are likely to be the role models for teenagers?

Describe a special meal that someone made for you

You should say:

Who did it

When and how he/she cooked

What and why he/she cooked for you

And explain how you felt about the meal

Part 3

What do you think about vegetarians?

Are there any people who wouldn't eat meat for their whole lives?

What kinds of fast food are popular in your country?

Do people in your country like to learn to cook from TV programmes?

Do you think people's eating habits would change as they get older?

Describe someone you know who made a good decision recently

You should say:

Who he/she is

When he/she made the decision

What decision he/she made

Why it was a good decision

And explain how you felt about the decision

Part 3

How should parents help their children make decisions?

Should parents interfere in children's decision-making?

Why do most children find it difficult to make decisions?

Do you think parents are the best people to make decisions about their children's education?

Describe a place (city/town) that is good for people to live in

You should say:

Where it is

How you knew this place

What it is like

And explain why it is better than other places to live in

Part 3

How different is life in the countryside to life in the city?

What are the major changes that have happened in your city?

What factors will contribute to whether a place is good to live in or not?

What are the differences between big cities and small ones?

Describe a sport you watched and would like to try

You should say:

When and where you watched it

Why you watched it

Who you watched it with

Whether you will do it in the future

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

Do you think sportsmen would use the sports gears promoted in the commercials?

Do you think that international sports games are for money?

Why do so many people like to watch sports games?

What kinds of sports games do young and old people like to watch in your country?

Describe an enjoyable journey by public transport

You should say:

Where you went

Who you were with

What you did

And how you felt about it

Part 3

What are the difficulties that commuters face during rush hours?

What do you think are the cheapest and most expensive means of transport?

What are the disadvantages of traveling by public transport?

Why do more and more people like to travel by plane?

Describe a time that you showed something which was new to a person who was younger than you

You should say:

When it was

What it was

Who you showed it to

How you showed it

Why you showed it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

Is it possible for a person to achieve something without motivation?

How can young people be motivated to learn new things?

What skills do you think children should learn before going to school?

Why are some people not willing to ask help from others while studying?

What are the differences between the things adults learn and the things that children learn?

Describe a person who contributes to the society

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her
What type of work he/she does
And explain why you think he/she contributes to the society

Part 3

What kinds of jobs are not paid fairly?
What skills should be taught at school to improve students' ability to find jobs?
Do you think younger people should be lower paid than older people?
What are the impacts of the epidemic on the work environment?

Describe something you received for free

You should say:
What it was
Who you received it from
Where you received it
And how you felt about it

Part 3

What kinds of free services should be provided by the government?
Will people be happy when they receive free things?
Why do customers like to receive free gifts from companies?
Is it good or bad for people to have a free education in the future?

Describe a time when you helped a child

You should say:
When it was
How you helped him/her
Why you helped him/her
And how you felt about it

Part 3

Why is it important to help neighbors?
Do people in your country like to help neighbors?
What can you do to help your neighbors?
Why is it necessary to do volunteer services?

Describe an online video in which you learned something new

You should say:
When and where you watched it
What it was
Why you watched it

And explain what you have learned from it

Part 3

Do you think online learning will replace face-to-face learning?

What are the advantages of online learning?

Why are so many young people obsessed with short videos?

Do you think people spend too much time watching short videos? Why?

Describe a prize you have received recently (e.g. money, something valuable, a medal)

You should say:

What it was

When you received it

What you did to receive it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

Why do some companies encourage employees to compete with each other?

Why do many companies offer prizes to their customers?

What prizes should schools set for students?

Why should we set prizes for competitions?

Describe something you did in your study/work that has made you feel confident

You should say:

When and where it happened

What you did

Why it made you feel confident

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

Why do so many people lack confidence these days?

Do you think that children of confident parents are also confident?

What can teachers do to help their students become more confident?

How can a person become more confident?

Describe an old friend you had lost touch with and got in contact with again

You should say :

Who he/she is

How you knew each other

Why you lost contact
How you got in contact again
And explain how you felt after getting in contact again

Part 3

Why do we have to give up some old friends?
Why do people need to make new friends?
Why do old friends lose touch with each other?
Do you think you are good at maintaining good relationships with others?
Is it better to have a lot of friends than just a few friends?

Describe a person who has strong opinions

You should say:
Who this person is
How you knew him/her
What kinds of strong opinions this person has
And explain why you think he/she is a person who has strong opinions

Part 3

Do you think it is good to have strong opinions?
Do you think we should only say something after thinking it through?
Which is more important, listening to others or persuading others?
Are there many young people who have strong opinions in our lives?
What do young people have strong opinions about?
What do old people have strong opinions about?

Describe an ideal and perfect place where you would like to stay (e.g. a house, an apartment)

You should say:
Where it would be
What it would look like
What special features it would have
Whether it would be big or small
And explain why it would be an ideal place for you

Part 3

What do you think buildings will be like in the future?
Why do some people choose to live in the city center?
Do different people have different preferences for houses or apartments?
What would people normally consider when they rent or buy a house or an apartment?

Describe a challenge you faced that you thought was rather difficult

You should say:

What it was

When and where you faced it

Why you thought it was a difficult challenge

And explain how you felt at the time

Part 3

Why do some people enjoy doing extreme sports?

What challenges would people face when learning new sports?

Do most people choose to face a challenge alone or with others?

What do children often do when they face a challenge?

Is it easy for children to overcome a challenge?

Describe a crowded place you went to

You should say:

Where it was

When you went there

Who you went there with

What you did there

And how you felt about it

Part 3

Do you think it is a good trend to have more big cities?

Do you think there are some people who enjoy crowded places?

Why do people go to crowded places?

Will people use bikes more or less in cities in the future?

Which cities are overcrowded in your country?

Describe an occasion when you helped a family member/relative with something

You should say:

When it happened

Who you helped

How you helped

And explain how you felt about the experience

Part 3

How do people know that their neighbours might need help?

Do neighbours often help each other in your country?

Should parents reward their children when they help others?

What can children learn by helping others?

Should parents always help their children with everything?

Describe a time when you lost an important and valuable item

You should say:

When and where it happened

What it was

How important and valuable it was

How you lost it

And explain how you felt about the experience

Part 3

Is it important for students to be organized?

Are there any good ways to remind us not to forget or lose things?

What should parents do to teach their children not to lose things?

What are the reasons why people often misplace or lose things?

What are some common items that people tend to lose easily?

Describe a movie you watched and enjoyed recently

You should say:

When and where you watched it

Who you watched it with

What it was about

And explain why you watched this movie

Part 3

Why do people prefer to watch movies in the cinema?

Do you think only well-known directors can create the best movies?

What are the factors that make a successful movie?

What kinds of movies do you think are successful in your country?

Describe a person who likes to read a lot

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her

What he/she likes to read

And explain why you think he/she likes to read a lot

Part 3

Do you think people of all ages need to read?

What are the differences between paper books and movies?

What reading topics are popular in your country?

Do you think parents should help their children develop the reading habit from an early age?

Describe a person who likes to make things by hand (e.g. toys, furniture)

You should say:

Who this person is

What he/she makes

Why he/she likes to make things by hand

And explain how you feel about the person

Part 3

How does modern technology change the handicraft industry?

Is it reasonable to charge a high price for handmade things?

Are there any traditional handicrafts in your hometown?

Why do many children like to make things by hand?

What are the benefits for students to learn to make things by hand?

Describe a person you know who has chosen a career in the medical field (e.g. a doctor, a nurse)

You should say:

Who he/she is

What he/she does

Why he/she chose this career

And explain how you feel about him/her

Part 3

Can a hospital function effectively without nurses?

What are the differences between the work of a doctor and a nurse?

Do you think it is necessary to learn first aid skills?

Do you think that doctors and nurses are not paid enough?

Describe your favourite food at a traditional festival or a special event in your country

You should say:

What it is

At which festival/event you eat it

How it is made

And explain why you like it

Part 3

Is it bad behavior for people to look at their phones during a meal?

Why do people like to have a big meal at traditional festivals or big events?

Are there any difficulties when people grow plants in cities?

Do people in your country grow plants at home?

Describe a time when you answered a phone call from someone you didn't know in a public place

You should say:

When and where it happened

Who called you

What he/she said

How you responded

And explain how you felt about the experience

Part 3

Should people be banned from talking loudly in public places?

Is it acceptable to talk on the phone in public?

Should parents teach their children to behave well in public?

Do most people mind others talking on the phone in public places?

Describe someone else's room you enjoy spending time in

You should say:

When you visited there

Whose room it is

What it is like

What you can do in it

And explain why you enjoy spending time there

Part 3

Do you think old people will be able to keep up with the pace of technology in 50 years?

Who likes to stay at home more, young people or old people?

What are the most enjoyable parts of having a meal together with your family?

Why do people often take gifts with them when they visit others' homes? in 50 years?

Describe a place you know where people can see a lot of wildlife (e.g. animals, birds, insects)

You should say:

Where it is

What kinds of wildlife people can see there
Whether people like to go there
And explain how you feel about it

Part 3

Which is the better way to see wildlife, watching documentaries or going into the wild?
What impact does only seeing wild animals in zoos have on children's understanding of these animals?
Are there many wildlife documentaries produced in your country?
Are wild animals easy to spot in your country?
Should parents take their children to the zoo to see wild animals?
Why are most children interested in wild animals?

Describe a person from whom others like to ask for advice

You should say:
Who this person is
Why people like to ask for his/her advice
What kind of advice he/she often gives
And explain how you feel about the person

Part 3

Are professional consultancy services expensive in your country?
Do you think the advice parents give their children is always good?
Why do some people like to ask others for advice on almost everything?
Do people often ask for advice from professional people, like a lawyer?
Who should people ask for advice on big issues, family members or friends?
Do you follow the advice of your family members?

Describe a place in your hometown/city that is different from other places and that you enjoy visiting with your parents/friends

You should say:
Where it is
What it is like
What you often do there
Who you often go there with
And explain why you think it is different

Part 3

What factors attract people to go to visit other places other than their hometown?
Do you think it is necessary to visit the same place many times?

What do young people like to do in their leisure time?

What are the differences between the places young people like to go and the places old people like to go?

Where do people in your hometown like to go?

What are the differences between big cities and small cities?

Describe a public park or garden

You should say:

Where it is

What it is like

How often you go there

What you often do there

And explain how you feel about it

Part 3

How can we encourage young people to go to parks more often?

What tourist attractions are popular in China?

Why do people like to visit tourist attractions?

What are the differences between a garden and a natural area?

What facilities are needed in a park?

Is it necessary to have public parks in cities?

Describe a cultural place that you would like to learn the culture there (e.g. a library, museum, theatre)

You should say:

Where it is

How you knew this place

What it is like

And explain how the place is related to culture

Part 3

Does the culture of the past have an impact on today's culture?

Which is more important in terms of culture, literature or music?

How do young people learn about different cultures?

What kind of culture is popular among young people?

How is a culture formed?

How does the internet affect culture?

Describe a time when you received good service in a shop/store

You should say:

Where the shop is

When you went to the shop

What service you received from the staff

And explain how you felt about the service

Part 3

What are the advantages and disadvantages of shopping online?

What are the differences between online shopping and in-store shopping?

Why do some people not like shopping in small shops?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of shopping in small shops?

Why are shopping malls so popular in China?

Describe an old person you know who has had an interesting life

You should say:

Who this person is

Where he/she lives

What he/she has done in his/her life

And explain how you feel about him/her

Part 3

Do you think old people's life will improve with the development of technology?

Do old people prefer to stay at home or go outside? Why?

What are the benefits of elderly people living alone?

Can old people and their grandchildren learn from each other when they live together?

Why do some people live with old people?

What do old people often do in their daily lives?

Describe an important river/lake in your country

You should say:

Where it is located

How big/long it is

What it looks like

And explain why it is important

Part 3

Are rivers and lakes important to a country?

Do you think rivers and lakes attract tourists?

How can rivers and lakes benefit local people?

Do people like that river in your country?

Do you like any activities on water?

Is it necessary for everyone to learn swimming?

Do people in your country go to swim in their spare time?

Describe a toy you liked in your childhood

You should say:

What kind of toy it is

When you received it

How you played it

And how you felt about it

Part 3

What are the advantages and disadvantages of modern toys?

What's the difference between the toys boys play with and girls play with?

Do you think parents should buy more toys for their kids or spend more time with them?

What's the difference between the toys kids play now and those they played in the past?

Should advertising aimed at kids be prohibited?

How do advertisements influence children?

Describe a gift you would like to buy for your friend

You should say:

How you knew your friend

How long you have known him/her

How you would choose a gift for him/her

And explain why you would choose that gift for him/her

Part 3

Are there any unlucky things that people should not buy as gifts in your country?

What do people usually consider when buying gifts?

Which do people give on traditional festivals, red envelopes or other kinds of gifts?

Will people feel happy when receiving an expensive gift?

Is it hard to choose a gift?

When do people normally send gifts to others?

Describe a story someone told you and you remember

You should say:

What the story was about

Who told you this story

Why you remember it

And how you feel about it

Part 3

Which do you think is better, paper books or e-books?

Will smart devices affect the relationship between children and parents?

Why do children like stories?

How do people tell stories to children?

How has technology changed storytelling?

Do young children like the same stories as older children?

Describe a time you visited a new place

You should say:

Where the new place is

When you went there

Why you went there

And explain how you feel about the place

Part 3

Why do many people enjoy visiting a new place?

Do you think it's important to get as much information as possible before going to a new place?

How do young and old people react differently to new things?

Why do some people want to go to college far away from home?

How do young children react when they go to school for the first time?

Which do you prefer, living in a city or only visiting it as a tourist?

Describe a city that you think is very interesting

You should say:

Where it is

What it is famous for

How you knew this city

And explain why you think it is very interesting

Part 3

Do you think the big cities in China today will become even larger in the future?

What are the benefits of urbanization?

Do you think well-developed tourism will have negative effects on local people?

Do most elderly people live in the city or in the countryside?

Why do some young people like to live in cities?

What advantages can tourism bring to a city?

Describe an item of clothing that someone gave you

You should say:

What the clothing was

Who gave it to you

When you got it

And explain why this person gave you the clothing

Part 3

What influences the way people dress in today's society?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of wearing a uniform at school?

Why do people from different countries wear different clothing?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of wearing uniforms at work and school?

Why do people dress casually in everyday life but dress formally at work?

Have you ever given clothes to others?

Describe a rule you dislike and would like to change in the future

You should say:

What it is

What it is for

Why you don't like it

And explain why you would like to change it

Part 3

Do you know anyone who has broken the law? How?

When is it okay to break the rules?

How are people punished when parking at a wrong spot?

What rules should children follow at home?

Are the rules at school good or bad? Why?

What are the rules students should follow at school?

Describe a person who you follow on social media

You should say:

Who he/she is

How you knew him/her

What he/she posts on social media

And explain why you follow him/her on social media

Part 3

Do you think it is easy to make friends on social media?

Do you think people will read paper newspapers and books in the future? Why?

Are non-social media like television and newspapers still useful?

Do older people spend much time on social media?

Do older people and younger people use the same kinds of social media apps?

What can people do on social media?

Describe a thing you did to learn another language

You should say:

What language you learned

What you did

How it helped you learn the language

And how you felt about it

Part 3

Some people think that technology has made it unnecessary to learn languages. What do you think?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of learning a language?

What's the best way to learn a language?

Which is better, to study a language alone or to study it in a group? Why?

Do you think language learning is important? Why?

What difficulties do people face when learning a language?

Describe an interesting discussion you had with your friend

You should say:

What the discussion was about

What opinions you and your friend had

Why you think the discussion was interesting

And how you felt about it

Part 3

Why do some young people refuse to communicate with others?

Should parents consider their children's opinions on everything? Why?

In what industries do you think communication is a necessary skill?

Should parents require their kids to obey them?

Do children have strong opinions?

When do children normally form their own views?

Describe an interesting song

You should say:

What the song is

What story the song tells

Whether the song is popular

And explain why you think it is interesting

Part 3

Are foreign songs popular in your country?

Do you like to watch music TV programs? Why?

What are the differences between live concert and online concert?

What kinds of people like traditional music?

What kinds of music do young people like?

Why are many music competitions popular in your country?

Describe a special cake you received from others

You should say:

When it happened

Where it happened

Who you got the cake from

And explain why it's a special cake

Part 3

What do you think of people using their mobile phones during a meal?

In your country, do people nowadays cook at home as frequently as people did in the past?

Do you think it's good to communicate when eating with your family?

Why are some people willing to spend a lot of money on meals on special days?

Is there any food in your country that is eaten at special times or on special occasions?

What are the differences between special food in China and other countries?

Describe someone you really like to spend time with

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her

What you usually do together

And explain why you like to spend time with him/her

Part 3

Do you think it is important for us to get along with different kinds of people?

Do you think it's important to spend some time alone?

Do you like talking with older people? Why?

Do people have time for themselves nowadays?

How do leaders get along with their subordinates?

What kinds of people are easy to get along with?

Describe something that was broken in your home and then repaired

You should say:

What it is

How it was broken

How you got it repaired

And how you felt about it

Part 3

What kinds of things are easily repaired?

Do you think luxury products are of better quality?

Why do people like to get their mobile phones repaired in specialized stores?

What kinds of things do people like to repair by themselves?

Is the quality of products worse than before?

Describe a course that impressed you a lot

You should say:

What the course was about

Where you took the course

What you did during the course

And explain why it impressed you a lot

Part 3

What can we learn from history?

What do people need to remember in their daily lives?

Can technology help people remember things better? How?

Which can help people remember things better, words or photos?

Do people like things of memorial significance?

Why do some people have a better memory than others?

Describe a person you only met once recently and want to know more about

You should say:

Who he/she is

When you met him/her

Why you want to know more about him/her

And explain how you feel about him/her

Part 3

What should we not talk about when we meet a person for the first time?

What can we do to leave a good impression on people we meet for the first time?

What qualities make true friends?

Is it important to have the same hobbies and interests when making friends?

On what occasions do people like to make friends?

How do people make friends in Vietnam?

Describe something that you can't live without (not a computer/phone)

You should say:

What it is

What you do with it

How it helps you in your life

And explain why you can't live without it

Part 3

Do you think it is good for a child to always take his or her favourite toy with them all the time?

Why do all children like toys?

What do you think influences people to buy new things?

Is the way people buy things affected? How?

Why do some grown-ups hate to throw out old things (such as clothes)?

Why are children attracted to new things (such as electronics)?

Describe a long walk you ever had)

You should say:

When this happened

Where you walked

Who you were with

And explain how you felt about this long walk

Part 3

Do you think that walking is not as helpful as playing other sports for our health?

What are the benefits of outdoor activities for children?

Do women have more leisure time than men?

Is leisure time important to everyone? Why?

What are the differences between the outdoor activities children did in the past and now?

What outdoor activities do people like?

Describe a skill that you learned from older people

You should say:

What the skill is

Who you learned it from

How you learned it

And how you feel about it

Part 3

Do you think many old people in your country feel lonely?

What new skills can old people learn?

What knowledge can children learn from their grandparents?

What skills can young people learn from older people?

What kind of help do you think older people need?

What can children learn from their parents?

Describe a time when you organized a happy event successfully

You should say:

What the event was

How you prepared for it

Who helped you to organize it

And explain why you think it was a successful event

Part 3

Do you prefer to prepare and organize an activity or just take part in an activity?

How would you feel when you were not well prepared for something?

Do people need others' help when organizing things?

Does everything need to be well prepared?

On what occasions do people need to be organized?

How can parents help children to be organized?

Describe an ambition that you haven't achieved

You should say:

What it is

Why you haven't achieved it

What you are doing about it now

And how you feel about it

Part 3

What are the traits of ambitious people?

Why do some people like to be the manager in the workplace?

How do people balance work and life?

Why don't some people have dreams?

Why are some people very ambitious in their work?

What ambitions do children usually have?

Describe something that surprised you and made you happy

You should say:

What it was

Who did this

How you found out about it and what you did

And explain why it surprised you and made you happy

Part 3

What do people usually spend money on?

Do men and women have different attitudes and feelings about shopping?

Is it good for people to be unhappy? Why?

How can people be happy?

Do you think happiness has any effect on people? How?

How do people express happiness in your culture?

Describe a family member who you want to work with in the future

You should say:

Who he/she is

Whether you worked together before

What kind of work you would like to do with him/her

And explain how you feel about this family member

Part 3

What do people need to do to change their jobs?

Why do people want to change their jobs?

What benefits are there when working for big companies?

Why do people want to have a family business?

Is it good to work with family members? Why?

Describe something you do to keep fit and healthy

You should say:

What it is

When you do it

Who you do it with

Why it is important to keep fit and healthy

And explain why it can help you keep fit and healthy

Part 3

Should schools provide physical education to students? Why and how?

How can we use technology to keep fit?

Do you think it is good for governments to utilize popular celebrities to help build health awareness?

How can parents help and guide their kids to keep healthy?

What do people normally do to keep fit and healthy in your country?

How do children and old people keep fit and healthy?

Describe an occasion that you lost something in public

You should say:

What you lost

When and where you lost it

What you did to find it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

What do people often feel after losing things?

What can we do to reduce the possibility of losing things?

What kinds of people may lose things often?

Is it effective to offer rewards to find lost things?

What will people do when losing things?

What kinds of things do people usually lose?

Describe a special day out that cost you little money/didn't cost you much

You should say:

When the day was

Where you went

How much you spent
And explain how you feel about the day

Part 3

Going out to have holidays is tiring. Why do people still want to do it?

Why do people like to have days off?

Do you think only old people have time for leisure?

How does technology affect the way people spend their leisure time?

How do people spend their leisure time in your country?

Do people like to spend their leisure time out in your country?

Describe a contest/competition you would like to participate in

You should say:

What the contest/competition is about

Where the contest/competition will take place

When it will be held

Part 3

And explain why you would like to participate in it

Do you think the ability to compete is natural or learned?

What kinds of people like to take part in competitions?

Do you think it is necessary to encourage people to compete with one another in companies?

What kinds of industries need competition? Why?

Why are competition shows popular?

Describe a traditional product in your country

You should say:

What it is

When you tried this product for the first time

What it is made of

And explain how you feel about it

Part 3

Where should children learn about culture, at school or at home?

Do you think people should be proud of their own culture? Why?

Why is it important for children to learn about traditional products?

What are some traditional Chinese products?

Do you think traditions are important for a country? Why?

Describe an invention that has changed the world in a positive way

You should say:

What it is

What benefits it has brought

How it influences people of different ages

Part 3

And explain how it changed people's lives

Do you think AI will replace human teachers? Why?

What kinds of inventions can be used at school?

What is the most helpful innovation at home?

Describe a time you were very busy

You should say:

When it happened

Where you were

What you did

And explain why you were busy

Part 3

Does technology distract people?

How does technology help with time management?

What kind of pressure people may experience at work?

Do you think children should learn through playing games or under pressure?

What are the advantages and disadvantages when people keep busy?

Are you often busy?

Describe an occasion when someone gave you positive advice or suggestions about your work/study

You should say:

Who the person is

What he/she said

How the advice/suggestion affected you
And explain how you felt about the advice/suggestions

Part 3

Do you think people care about others' comments about them?
Which is more important for adults in the workplace, positive feedback or negative feedback?
Why is negative feedback as important as positive feedback at work or in study?
Do you think negative feedback is more important than positive feedback? Why?

Describe a time when you were stuck in a traffic jam

You should say:
When it happened
Where you were stuck
What you did while waiting
And explain how you felt in the traffic jam

Part 3

Would you rather be in a car or a bus in a traffic jam?
What are good ways to manage traffic?
Do you think the high ways will help reduce traffic jams?
Do you think developing public transport can solve traffic jam problems?

Describe a job that is useful to the society

You should say:
What job it is
How you know about this job
What types of people do this job
And explain why you think this job is useful to the society

Part 3

Do you think schools should provide career advice to students?
Who should receive a higher salary, young people or older people?
Do you think doctors should be well-paid?
What kind of jobs deserve a high salary?
What kind of jobs receive a low income?

What kind of jobs are well-paid in your country