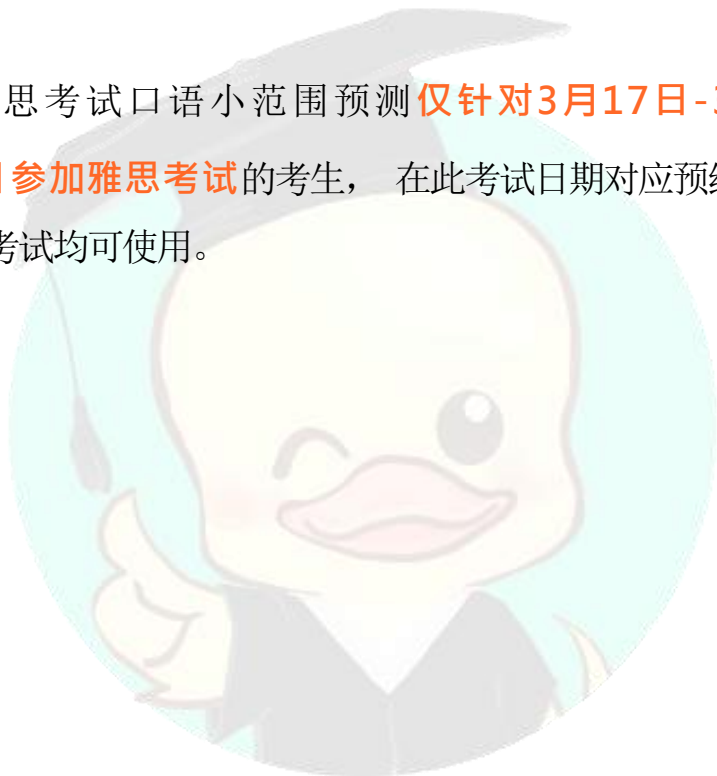


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Part1:

1. Colors

1. What's your favorite color?

My favorite color is blue. I like blue because Blue is a non-threatening color that calls to mind feelings of calmness or serenity. While seeing the color blue, I feel like being surrounded by the sea and sky. Both are enormous and placid. I once read an article that said people who like blue are reliable and trustworthy. This is exactly who I am.

2. What's the color you dislike? Why?

I dislike the color white because it triggers emptiness to me, a feeling I don't like. In addition, throughout Chinese history, the white color has been tied to death as opposed to red which often symbolizes good luck in our culture. So the white color often reminds me the death of my beloved ones and evokes strong feelings of anger, aggression, fear, and sadness.

3. What colors do your friends like most?

My friend Amy likes pink color so much so that it occupies a majority of clothes in her closet. I guess the main reason is that many people immediately associate the color with all things feminine and girly, and my friend likes to be seen as feminine and girly. Moreover, the color might also bring to the mind romance and holidays such as Valentine's Day. And who don't like romance?

4. What color makes you uncomfortable in your room?

Red color makes me uncomfortable in my bedroom. I did some research and it is said that the human brain has a visceral response to the color red because it's the color of blood, and we associate it with danger, so it gets the blood running and the heart beating faster. That explains why the red color makes me uncomfortable while I'm trying to fall asleep at night.

5. Have you ever bought something because of its color?

Yes, I have bought something because of its color. For instance, I once purchased a vibrant red dress for a special occasion. The striking color caught my attention immediately, making it stand out among other options. The boldness of the color made me feel confident and energized when wearing it, which was exactly what I was looking for. The unique shade of red added an extra charm to the dress and enhanced my overall appearance.

2. *Stories*

1. What stories did you like when you were young?

When I was young, I enjoyed a variety of stories. Fairy tales like "Cinderella" and "Snow White" captivated my imagination with their enchanting settings and magical elements. I also loved adventure stories like "Treasure Island," where brave characters embarked on thrilling quests for hidden riches. Additionally, I cherished animal stories like "The Jungle Book," which taught valuable lessons about friendship and loyalty. These stories sparked my creativity and opened up a world of wonder and imagination.

2. Do you prefer listening to stories or reading them?

Personally, I enjoy both listening to stories and reading them, as they offer different experiences. When it comes to reading, I appreciate the ability to visualize the settings and characters in my own unique way. On the other hand, hearing a story being told allows me to immerse myself in the emotions and voice nuances of the narrator, which brings a different level of engagement. Ultimately, I find value in both mediums and choose based on my mood and the story itself.

3. Have you ever written any story before?

Yes, I have written several stories before. Writing has always been a passion of mine, and I enjoy exploring different genres and styles of storytelling. One memorable story I wrote was a mystery novel set in a small town where a detective had to solve a perplexing murder case. The story was filled with suspense, plot twists, and intriguing characters. It was a challenging but rewarding experience that allowed me to unleash my creativity and captivate readers. Writing stories provides an avenue for me to express myself and share my imagination with others.

3. *Borrowing/Lending*

1. Have you borrowed books from others?

Yes, I have borrowed books from others on multiple occasions. It is beneficial to borrow books as it allows me to access a wide variety of literature without spending too much money. One memorable instance was when I borrowed a classic novel from a friend, and it turned out to be a fascinating read that I wouldn't have discovered otherwise. I believe that borrowing books is not only a cost-effective option, but it also promotes a sense of community among readers.

2. Have you ever borrowed money from others?

Yes, I have borrowed money from others before, particularly during my primary school years. Back then, I would often borrow money from my classmates to buy snacks. On certain occasions, when I didn't have enough pocket money, I would ask my friends if they could lend me some money. It wasn't a significant amount, usually just a few dollars, but it helped satisfy my cravings for tasty treats. Looking back, those moments taught me the importance of managing my expenses and being responsible with money.

3. Do you like to lend things to others?

Not really, in fact, I prefer to only lend things to my closest friends. I believe that lending personal belongings is a reflection of trust and I would feel more comfortable lending to those whom I have a strong relationship with. It's important for me to know that my belongings will be taken care of and returned in a timely manner. This approach helps me maintain a sense of security and peace of mind when lending my things.

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

I feel disappointed when people don't return things they borrowed from me. It's frustrating because it shows a lack of respect and responsibility. Additionally, it can create inconvenience and disrupt my plans if I am relying on the borrowed item. For example, if someone doesn't return a book I lent them, I might not be able to read it when I planned to. Overall, it's important for people to understand the importance of returning borrowed items on time to maintain trust and consider the impact it has on others.

4. *Hats/caps*

1. Is wearing hats popular in your country?

Wearing hats is quite popular in my country. It is not only a fashion statement but also serves as protection from the sun or the cold weather. People of all ages and different walks of life wear hats for various reasons. For instance, during summer, beachgoers prefer wide-brimmed hats to shield themselves from the scorching sun. On the other hand, during winter, knitted hats with pom-poms are trendy among youngsters. Hats have become a versatile accessory that adds style and functionality to our daily outfits.

2. Where do you like to buy hats?

I personally enjoy buying hats from local artisan markets. The vibrant atmosphere and the wide variety of unique styles truly make the experience enjoyable. Additionally, I appreciate supporting local designers and small businesses. Their attention to detail and craftsmanship is unparalleled. It's always exciting to discover a one-of-a-kind hat that reflects my personal style and makes a statement. Plus, every purchase feels like a small piece of art that I can wear on my head.

3. What kinds of hats do you have?

I have various types of hats in my collection. From casual baseball caps to more formal fedoras, I enjoy experimenting with different styles. One of my favorite hats is a wide-brimmed straw hat that I wear during sunny days at the beach. I also have a cozy beanie for colder weather, which keeps me warm and stylish. Overall, I find that hats are a great accessory to enhance any outfit and express personal style.

4. Do you like to wear hats?

Yes, I do enjoy wearing hats. They add a touch of style and elegance to any outfit. Whether it's a wide-brimmed hat for a sunny day at the beach or a cozy beanie in the winter, hats can be both functional and fashionable. Plus, they allow me to express my personal style and make a statement. Overall, I find hats to be a fun and versatile accessory.

5. *Gifts*

1. Have you ever sent handmade gifts to others?

Yes, I have sent handmade gifts to others on several occasions. Handmade gifts add a personal touch and demonstrate the effort and thought put into creating something special. They can be more meaningful and unique compared to store-bought items.

2. Have you ever received a great gift?

Yes, I have received a great gift. It was a watch given to me by my parents on my graduation. This gift holds sentimental value as it symbolizes their pride in my achievements. Every time I wear it, I am reminded of their love and support.

3. What do you consider when choosing a gift?

When choosing a gift, I consider the recipient's interests, preferences, and needs. I think about their hobbies and passions to find something meaningful and personalized. It is important to select a gift that reflects their personality and shows that I truly understand and value them.

4. Do you think you are good at choosing gifts?

Yes, I believe I am good at choosing gifts. I carefully consider the recipient's preferences, interests, and needs. I try to find a gift that is thoughtful and meaningful, something that they will truly appreciate. I pay attention to their personality and try to select something that aligns with their taste.

5. What gift have you received recently?

Recently, I received a gift in the form of a shopping card. It was a pleasant surprise as it gave me the opportunity to choose exactly what I needed or desired. With the shopping card, I could explore different stores and select something that truly brought joy to my life. It was a thoughtful present that allowed me to indulge in a shopping experience that was both exciting and satisfying. This gift made me appreciate the gesture even more, as it showed that the giver had put thought into selecting a present that would truly be beneficial to me.

6. *Party*

1. Do you like parties?

I don't mind attending parties occasionally. While I enjoy spending time with friends and music can be uplifting, I prefer quieter gatherings where I can have meaningful conversations. I appreciate the chance to socialize but also value solitude. Parties are fun, but I find smaller get-togethers more fulfilling.

2. How often did you have a party when you were a kid?

When I was a child, we didn't have many parties because my family lived in a small town where social events were infrequent. However, for special occasions like birthdays, we would usually have a small gathering with close friends and family. It was always a fun and memorable time for me, enjoying games and delicious homemade food with the people I love.

3. Have you ever organized a party?

Yes, I have organized a party to celebrate my friend's graduation. The theme was a masquerade ball, where guests wore elaborate masks and enjoyed dancing to music from different cultures. The atmosphere was vibrant, with decorations adorning every corner of the venue, and the event was a huge success, creating lasting memories for everyone who attended.

7. *Housework and cooking*

1. Do you do some cooking/help your family cook at home now?

Yes, I cook from time to time now, and as a matter of fact, I just started learning to cook earlier this year, due to the pandemic and city lockdown. My dad used to do the cooking, and he was really a great chef, however, I DO want to share some of the family chores, so I bought ingredients online and learned a few recipes. So far, I have been improving a lot and it is exciting.

2. Did you do some house cleaning when you were young?

I did, ever since primary school. I was responsible for cleaning my study room then, such as making the bed and cleaning the desk. Later on, I started doing laundry with my grandma during the summer. At first, I was kind of reluctant to do household cleaning, so my mum sometimes gave me candy or pocket money as incentives. But I gradually developed this habit because I felt that in my home, everyone takes responsibility for making the home sweet and clean.

3. Do you have breakfast at home every day?

I have breakfast mostly at home. In fact, it has been discovered that breakfast should be the most nutritious meal, and it should be eaten at a rather early and fixed time of the day. That is why I usually prepare and eat breakfast at home before heading out the school and work. But of course, when I planned for brunch with my friends, I skip breakfast and leave room for smoothies and avocado toasts!

4. Do you want to learn how to cook well?

For sure. I have always wanted to learn cooking in my spare time. You know, I enjoy hanging out with friends to try all kinds of local and international cuisines, and there are a couple of great dishes that I hope to cook on my own one day. Therefore, I have recently made up my mind to learn one recipe each weekend, and to ask my friends for their reviews. I look forward to making healthy and tasty dishes all by myself soon.

5. Do you think your home is clean and tidy?

I'd say so. I make sure to clean my home at least once a week. Perhaps it's not as clean as a five-star hotel, but I think it's clean enough for living. Having said that, occasionally it gets messy. But that's only when I'm too busy to place things in order.

6. What housework do you like or dislike doing?

I enjoy washing dishes. I find it kind of calming - although I enjoyed it a lot more back when I still lived with my parents and the kitchen sink was in front of a window, so I could look outside while washing. I enjoy most cleaning as long as I'm in a good mood and have some music in the background. I hate cleaning the bathtub. It just seems like it's so difficult to get clean and it's gross.

8. *App*

1. What apps have you recently used?

I recently used Bilibili, a video sharing like YouTube. But what's special about it is its real-time captioning system that displays user comments as streams of scrolling subtitles overlaid on the video playback screen. Such subtitles are simultaneously broadcast to all viewers in real-time, creating a chat room experience in which users feel like watching and playing together with others.

2. What kinds of apps are you usually interested in?

I'm interested in memory training apps because improving memory for names, faces, information and other data can be helpful for my daily life. Yet not only can these apps train my brain to concentrate, relax, learn, accomplish goals, they are themselves interesting to play with. I find them a great way to kill time.

3. How do you find out different apps?

I usually discover new apps through recommendations from friends or online reviews. For example, my friends often suggest useful apps they've tried, like budgeting tools or travel planners. I also check the "Top Charts" or "Editor's Choice" sections in the App Store to see what's trending. Sometimes, I come across apps through social media ads or blogs that review tech products.

4. What kinds of apps would you like to use in the future?

A "slack for families". An app that tracks all family members and keeps everyone updated (without them doing anything). Notifications such as "X left home", "Y is arriving at work", "Z is at Safeway" keep the family automatically updated on where they are, and let them have conversations around it "While you're at Safeway get some milk".

9. *Quiet/noisy places*

1. Do you like quiet or noisy places?

I appreciate both quiet and noisy places for different reasons. Quiet settings give me a chance to relax and concentrate, while lively environments can be energizing and fun. For example, I enjoy quiet evenings for reading, but I also like attending noisy concerts for the vibrant atmosphere. It's the balance between the two that adds richness to my experiences.

2. Would you like to go to quiet or noisy places on weekends when you are free?

Certainly! Personally, I would prefer quiet places to unwind and relax during my free time on weekends. I enjoy the tranquility and peaceful atmosphere that such places offer. It allows me to recharge and escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Reading a book in a serene environment is my ideal way to spend my leisure time.

10. Young people

1. What activities do young people like to do in your country?

Certainly! Young people in China enjoy a variety of activities, such as playing popular mobile games like Honor of Kings, exploring trendy bubble tea shops with friends, attending K-pop dance classes to stay fit, and participating in traditional martial arts like Tai Chi for relaxation. All these activities reflect the vibrant and diverse interests of today's Chinese youth.

2. Do you know what the fashion trend among young people is like in your country?

Certainly! Fashion trends among young people in China are currently diverse and influenced by a mix of Western and traditional Chinese styles. Many young Chinese individuals like to blend trendy Western outfits with elements of traditional Chinese fashion, creating unique and fashionable looks. Streetwear, minimalist styles, and athleisure are also popular choices among young people in China today.

11. Electronic devices/Technology

1. What technology do you often use, computers or cellphones?

Well, to be honest, computers and mobile phones are really indispensable in our daily life nowadays. It's hard to say which is used more often. I almost use both of them every day. If I must choose one, I'll say it is the mobile phone. Because I take it all the time, from the second I wake up in the morning until I fall back to bed at night. It is the online payment that makes the mobile phone so indispensable.

2. What electronic devices have you bought lately?

The latest electronic device that I have bought is my apple watch. It is so useful that I regret I haven't bought it earlier. For example, wearing the apple watch, I'm able to unlock my iPhone with the mask on. It saves a lot of time and energy to take on and off my mask again and again. Especially during the pandemic period. Besides, it can record my data when I exercise. And that gives me a concrete idea of my training.

3. Is there any technology you want to buy?

I would like to try an electric car, especially one with driverless capabilities. I believe electric cars will be the future. It is one of the latest human technologies, which can give me a totally different driving experience. With the price of petrol rising, I am increasingly tempted to buy an electric car.

4. Is technology important in your life?

Yes, of course. This is because, in my perspective, technology helps me to reach out to people from all walks of life. I still remember a guy I once met on the Internet and later found out he was my alumnus. He gave me a lot of solid advice when I was looking for a job. It's amazing how technology connects us.

5. Is there any technology you don't like?

Personally, I have reservations about facial recognition technology due to privacy concerns. While it has benefits in security and convenience, its potential misuse for extensive surveillance makes me uneasy. The lack of clear regulations on its usage is also troubling. I believe balance is needed between technological advancements and safeguarding individual privacy and rights.

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

When I was a kid, people focused more on the technology of communication tools. From telephones to pagers then to cellphones, people were always looking forward to smarter designs and multi-functions. But now, we are expecting technology to change our life, such as electric vehicles, automatic driving, and robots.

12. Public gardens and parks

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

I'd like to play in a public park because I think a public park has all the exercise equipment I need like bars and parallel bars. Besides, if I play in a public park, I don't have to worry about ruining those delicate flowers or plants along the road. Playing in a public park makes me feel more relaxed and carefree.

2. What do you like to do when visiting a park?

A growing number of parks and green spaces now have free-to-use gym equipment like pull-up bars, step-ups, static bikes and parallel bars, so I'd like to do some outdoors gym there on week days. In addition, as a pet owner, I love taking my pets outside for some fresh air and exercise.

3. How are the parks today different from those you visited as a kid?

The parks today offer a wider range of facilities such as interactive playgrounds and outdoor gyms, which were not available when I was a child. Moreover, the parks now host various cultural events, making them more vibrant and engaging for visitors of all ages.

4. Would you prefer to play in a personal garden or public garden?

I'd like to play in a personal garden because I can be more carefree in my own space and have a lot more fun. For instance, I can cut flowers and leafy stems to display indoors, pick herbs such as mint and chamomile to make herbal tea. I can even freeze fruit, herbs and edible flowers in ice cube trays for decorative drinks. These wonderful things are never allowed in a public garden.

Part2&3 新题:

1. 精力充沛的人

Describe an energetic person that you know

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew this person

Why you think this person is energetic

And explain how you feel about this person

参考答案

Well, the person that immediately comes to mind when I think of an energetic individual is my best friend Jack. We have known each other for more than a decade now, and I must say, he is a force to be reckoned with (不可忽视的力量) when it comes to his energy levels.

I first met Jack back in high school when we were both in the same class. Even back then, he stood out for his lively and enthusiastic nature. Whether it was participating in sports or engaging in class discussions, he always had this incredible level of energy that was contagious. (他总是精力充沛, 极具感染力。)

What makes Jack energetic is his passion for life and his unwavering determination. (杰克之所以充满活力, 是因为他对生活充满热情, 而且坚定不移。)

He approaches every task and challenge with utmost enthusiasm, never seeming to run out of steam. Whether it's his job as a fitness instructor or his hobbies like hiking and dancing, he puts in his heart and soul, radiating a genuine energy that is inspiring to witness.

Personally, I feel incredibly lucky to have Jack as my friend. His energy is so infectious that spending time with him automatically fills me with positivity and motivation. Whenever I find myself feeling low or demotivated, all I need to do is have a conversation with Jack, and his boundless energy rejuvenates me.

In conclusion, Jack is undoubtedly one of the most energetic individuals I know. His vibrant and passionate approach to life is truly admirable. Being in his presence, I feel uplifted, motivated, and ready to take on any challenge that comes my way.

Part 3

1. What kinds of jobs need a lot of physical work?

There are various types of jobs that require a significant amount of physical labor. One example is construction workers who engage in tasks such as lifting heavy materials, operating machinery, and working in challenging weather conditions. Another physically demanding profession is farming or agricultural work, which involves activities like digging, plowing, and harvesting crops. Additionally, professions like firefighters and deep-sea fishermen also involve immense physical effort due to the demanding nature of their work. These jobs not only require strength and endurance but also often involve working in high-pressure and hazardous environments.

2. What's the difference between the payment for physical work and that for mental work?

There are several differences between payment for physical work and payment for mental work. Firstly, physical work often requires manual labor and is usually based on an hourly or daily wage. On the other hand, payment for mental work is typically based on skills, qualifications, and the complexity of the task. It can be a salary, commission, or project-based payment. Secondly, physical work is often more physically demanding, while mental work requires cognitive abilities and problem-solving skills. Lastly, the payment for physical work may vary depending on the industry and location, whereas payment for mental work is influenced by factors such as experience, education, and market demand.

3. Can physical workers receive higher salaries in the future?

In the future, it is possible that physical workers may receive higher salaries due to various factors. Firstly, advancements in technology may lead to an increased demand for skilled physical labor, as certain tasks cannot be automated. As a result, the expertise and specialization required for these roles may drive up wages. Secondly, the recognition of the essential role played by physical workers in industries such as construction, manufacturing, and infrastructure development may lead to improved compensation packages. Finally, changing societal attitudes and a greater emphasis on fair remuneration for all types of work may contribute to higher salaries for physical workers. However, it is important to note that the future is uncertain, and various other factors can influence wage trends.

4. Do you think machines could replace human workers in the future?

In my opinion, it is possible for machines to replace human workers to some extent in the future. With advancements in artificial intelligence and automation, machines have become more capable of performing complex tasks. For instance, in manufacturing industries, machines have already taken over repetitive and physically demanding jobs. However, I believe that there are certain skills and qualities that only humans possess, such as creativity, critical thinking, and empathy. These skills are highly valued in fields like arts, healthcare, and customer service, where human interaction and emotional intelligence are crucial. Hence, while machines can assist in various tasks, human expertise and adaptability will always remain indispensable in many areas.

5. Do you think you are an energetic person?

Well, personally, I wouldn't necessarily describe myself as an energetic person. While I do engage in certain activities that require physical or mental exertion, I tend to prefer a more balanced and relaxed lifestyle. Instead of constantly seeking out high-energy pursuits, I find value in taking moments to recharge and reflect. For instance, I enjoy reading and spending time in nature, which allow me to unwind and find inner peace. Nonetheless, I acknowledge that energy levels can vary among individuals, and it's important to embrace and celebrate our unique qualities.

6. Do you think there was more physical labor in the past than there is now?

In my opinion, there was indeed more physical labor in the past compared to the present. In the past, manual work was the dominant form of employment, with people working in fields, factories, and other labor-intensive industries. They had to exert physical effort on a daily basis to earn a living. However, with the advent of technology and automation, many manual tasks have been replaced by machines and robots. This has led to a decrease in the demand for physical labor. Nowadays, there is a greater emphasis on intellectual work and service-based industries. While physical labor still exists, its prevalence has significantly decreased in modern society.

2. 近期日常改变

Describe a positive change that you have made recently in your daily routine

You should say:

What the change is

How you have changed the routine

Why you think it is a positive change

And explain how you feel about the change

参考答案

Recently, I made a positive change in my daily routine by incorporating yoga into my mornings(把瑜伽融入我的早晨). Initially, my routine consisted of waking up, having breakfast, and rushing out the door for work. However, after realizing the importance of physical and mental well-being, I decided to make a change.

Now, every morning, I set aside 30 minutes for practicing yoga. I follow online tutorials that guide me through different poses and breathing exercises.(我跟着在线教程学习不同的姿势和呼吸训练) This new routine has not only helped me improve my flexibility and strength, but it has also provided me with a sense of calm and inner peace.

I believe this change is highly positive for several reasons. Firstly, it allows me to start my day with a sense of mindfulness, which helps me stay focused and productive throughout the day. Additionally, yoga has improved my physical health, reducing muscular tension and improving my posture. (减轻了肌肉紧张, 改善了姿势。) Lastly, it has become a self-care practice that allows me to prioritize my well-being, which is essential in our fast-paced world.

Overall, I feel extremely positive about this change in my daily routine. The benefits of practicing yoga go beyond physical well-being; it has greatly improved my mental clarity and emotional stability. The sense of tranquility I experience after each session has had a significant impact on my overall happiness and outlook on life. I am truly grateful for this positive change and intend to continue incorporating yoga into my daily routine.

Part 3

1. What do people normally plan in their daily lives?

In their daily lives, people usually plan various tasks and activities to ensure a smooth and organized day. They plan their schedules and prioritize important tasks to complete. For example, they might plan their work or study hours, allocate time for exercise and relaxation, decide on meal plans, or schedule social engagements with friends and family. Planning helps individuals stay on track and make the most of their day.

2. Is time management very important in our daily lives?

Time management is crucial in our daily lives as it helps us make the most of our limited time. By effectively allocating our time, we can accomplish tasks efficiently, reduce stress, and maintain a healthy work-life balance. For instance, setting priorities and creating a schedule ensures that important tasks are not overlooked. Moreover, time management allows us to allocate time for relaxation, hobbies, and spending quality time with loved ones. Therefore, mastering time management skills is essential for personal and professional success.

3. What changes would people often make?

People often make various changes in their lives to adapt to different circumstances. One common change that people make is in their career. They might switch jobs or even change their entire profession to pursue new opportunities or personal growth. Another change people often make involves their living arrangements. They might move to a different city or country to experience new cultures or seek better living conditions. Additionally, people may also make changes to their lifestyle, such as adopting healthier habits or pursuing new hobbies and interests. In conclusion, people frequently make changes in their careers, living arrangements, and lifestyles to enhance their overall well-being and personal development.

4. Do you think it is good to change jobs frequently?

Personally, I believe that frequent job changes can have both positive and negative aspects. On the one hand, changing jobs regularly can provide individuals with new opportunities for growth and development, as well as a chance to broaden their skill set. Moreover, it can help individuals explore different industries and find the job that best aligns with their interests and goals. On the other hand, frequent job changes may lead to a lack of stability and continuity, making it difficult for individuals to establish long-term professional relationships and progress in their careers. Therefore, it is important for individuals to carefully consider the potential benefits and drawbacks before deciding to change jobs frequently.

5. Who do you think would make changes more often, young people or old people?

In my opinion, young people are more likely to make changes more often compared to older people. Young individuals are often more open-minded, adaptive, and eager to explore new experiences. They are in a phase of constant learning and personal growth, which makes them more willing to embrace change. Moreover, young people are often more exposed to evolving trends and technologies, which further motivates them to adapt and make necessary adjustments. Overall, the lifestyle and mindset of young people make them more inclined towards change.

6. Who should get more promotion opportunities in the workplace, young people or older people?

From my perspective, promotion opportunities should be based on merit and qualifications, rather than age. It is essential to recognize the potential and capabilities of both young people and older individuals in the workplace. Young people often bring fresh perspectives and technological savvy, while older employees can offer experience and proven skills. In order to create a fair and inclusive work environment, it is important to provide equal opportunities for career advancement regardless of age.

3. 想去的外国

Describe a foreign country you would like to visit in the future

You should say:

What it is

What you have known about it

Who you would like to go there with

And explain why you would like to visit it

参考答案

I would really love to visit Singapore in the future. Singapore is a small but vibrant city-state located in Southeast Asia. It is known for its clean streets, modern skyscrapers, and bustling markets.

I have heard so many interesting things about Singapore. For one, it is a melting pot of cultures (文化大熔炉), with people from various ethnic backgrounds living harmoniously together. I have also learned that Singapore has a diverse culinary scene, offering a wide array of local and international dishes.

If I had the chance, I would love to visit Singapore with my best friend. Exploring the city's incredible architecture, such as the iconic Marina Bay Sands and Gardens by the Bay, (滨海湾金沙和滨海湾花园) would be even more enjoyable with someone I trust and have fun with.

There are several reasons why I am so keen to visit Singapore. Firstly, I am fascinated by its efficient public transportation system and I would love to experience traveling around the city using their famous MRT trains (地铁列车). Additionally, I have heard that Singapore is known as the "Garden City," (花园城市) with numerous botanical gardens and green spaces. Being a nature lover, I can't wait to visit the stunning Singapore Botanic Gardens and immerse myself in its natural beauty.

In conclusion, Singapore stands out to me as a dream destination because of its unique blend of modernity, rich cultural heritage, and mouth-watering cuisine. I am eager to experience all that this mesmerizing city has to offer and create unforgettable memories with my traveling companion.

Part 3

1. What do you think of national identity?

Well, national identity is a complex and multi-faceted concept that varies from person to person. In my opinion, national identity is not just about citizenship or belonging to a particular country, but it also encompasses cultural heritage, shared values, and historical legacy. For instance, in my country, national identity is deeply rooted in traditions, festivals, and even language. It's a sense of pride and belonging that unites people and shapes their collective identity. However, I also believe that national identity should not be exclusive or divisive, but rather inclusive, allowing for diversity and embracing different cultures within a nation.

2. What are the advantages of working in an international company?

Working in an international company has several advantages. Firstly, it provides great opportunities for career growth and professional development. As an employee, you will be exposed to diverse work environments, cultures, and business practices that can enhance your skill set and broaden your perspective. Secondly, working in an international company allows for cross-cultural collaboration and networking. You will have the chance to connect with professionals from different backgrounds, which can lead to valuable connections and potential collaborations. Lastly, being part of an international company often offers competitive compensation packages and benefits, which can contribute to a stable and fulfilling career. Overall, working in an international company offers personal and professional growth, networking opportunities, and attractive remuneration packages.

3. How does travelling abroad affect young people?

Travelling abroad can have a profound impact on young people. Firstly, it broadens their horizons by exposing them to different cultures, traditions, and ways of life. This cultural immersion provides a unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of diversity. Additionally, travelling encourages independence and self-reliance as young people navigate unfamiliar environments, make their own decisions, and solve problems. Moreover, encountering diverse perspectives and challenges while abroad enhances their adaptability and resilience. Finally, exploring new places fosters personal growth, self-discovery, and confidence-building, as young people step out of their comfort zones and gain a new sense of perspective on the world.

4. How do people get information about other countries?

People can acquire information about other countries through various means. One common way is through the internet, where people can access news websites, watch videos, or engage in online discussions to learn about different cultures, customs, and current events. In addition, television and radio programs offer a window into other nations, providing viewers and listeners with insights into their traditions, history, and lifestyle. Alternatively, individuals may consult books, magazines, or travel guides to gain knowledge about different countries. Social media platforms also contribute to information sharing, as users can follow pages and accounts dedicated to international affairs, politics, or travel.

5. Do you think reading is a good way to get to know other countries? Why?

Yes, I believe reading is a wonderful way to gain knowledge about other countries. It provides us with an opportunity to explore different cultures, traditions, and perspectives. Through books, we can delve into the history, lifestyle, and customs of various nations, helping us to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for their uniqueness. Additionally, reading exposes us to diverse viewpoints and challenges our own preconceived notions, broadening our horizons and fostering a sense of global awareness. In short, reading opens doors to the world, enabling us to connect with people and places beyond our own borders.

6. What do you think makes countries different?

There are several factors that contribute to the differences between countries. One key aspect is the variation in their historical backgrounds. History plays a significant role in shaping a nation's culture, traditions, and values. For instance, the differences in the colonial past have had a profound impact on the economic and social developments of various countries. Additionally, historical events such as wars, revolutions, and independence movements have shaped the political structures and governance systems. Hence, the diverse historical experiences have made countries distinct from one another.

4. 感兴趣的科学学科

Describe an area/subject of science (biology,robotics, etc.) that you are interested in and would like to learn more about

You should say:

Which area/subject it is

When and where you came to know this area/subject

How you get information about this area/subject

And explain why you are interested in this area/subject

参考答案

One science subject that I am particularly interested in is astrophysics (天体物理学). Astrophysics is a branch of science that focuses on the study of celestial objects (天体) and the physical processes that govern them.

I first got to know about astrophysics when I was in high school. I remember coming across a documentary on television that showcased the wonders of the universe and the fascinating discoveries of astrophysicists. It captivated my attention and sparked my curiosity to explore this field further.

Since then, I have been actively learning about astrophysics through various means. I have read numerous books written by renowned astrophysicists, such as Stephen Hawking and Carl Sagan (斯蒂芬·霍金和卡尔·萨根). These books have provided me with a solid foundation of knowledge and have deepened my understanding of the subject.

Furthermore, I have taken online courses and attended lectures by astrophysics experts. These resources have allowed me to delve into the complexities of the universe, from the birth of stars to the expansion of galaxies. I have also participated in stargazing events and joined astronomy clubs, where I have had the opportunity to observe celestial objects through telescopes and engage in discussions with fellow enthusiasts.

The reason why I am so fascinated with astrophysics is its ability to answer fundamental questions about our existence. It explores the vastness of the universe and uncovers the hidden secrets of celestial bodies. The concepts of black holes, gravitational waves, and the Big Bang theory intrigue me immensely. Moreover, astrophysics allows us to appreciate the beauty and interconnectedness of the cosmos, giving us a greater perspective on our place in the universe.

In conclusion, astrophysics is a science subject that has captivated my interest. Through books, online courses, and practical experiences, I have gained a deeper understanding of the mysteries of the universe. The ability of astrophysics to shed light on our origins and expand our knowledge about the cosmos is what continues to make it an enthralling subject for me.

Part3

1. Why do some children not like learning science at school?

I think it may be because science is abstract and difficult to learn. Firstly, many principles of science are abstract and cannot be observed by eyes without any assistance. For example, children cannot actually see the existence of force, but some of them may be asked to conduct force analysis based on abstract thinking. It requires consistent thinking and may appear to be boring for children. Secondly, all science subjects are based on math and require a certain amount of calculation, which can be difficult and challenging for children. Children who are bad at math may dislike science as well because they cannot choose the correct formula.

2. Is it important to study science at school?

Yes, it is important for children to study science because science and technology is the cornerstone of innovation and development. Most epoch-making inventions are based on the breakthroughs of science and technology. For example, the development of quantum mechanics led to the invention of atomic bombs, which completely changed human history and the process of World War 2. If science is not taught in school, there will be fewer people working in the related fields in the future, and then the development of the modern world will stagnate. Therefore, for the future development and the next generation, science must be taught at schools.

3. Which science subject is the most important for children to learn?

I think computer science is the most important for children currently, because the 21st century is part of the digital era. I think every child should learn basic computer science knowledge and know basic programming before they step into society. Nowadays, every worker needs to possess certain computer skills to handle their work. There is a lot of software both on PS and mobile phones which greatly benefit people's life, and children need to learn how to operate them and learn the principles behind them. Computer skills will also benefit their career choices as programmers and software developers get high salaries.

4. Should people continue to study science after graduating from school?

Yes, people should definitely continue studying science even after graduating from school. Not only does it allow individuals to stay updated with the latest developments in the field, but it also helps in personal and professional growth. For instance, studying science after graduation can enable individuals to deepen their understanding of scientific principles and enhance their problem-solving skills. Furthermore, it opens up opportunities to contribute to scientific research and innovation. Therefore, ongoing study of science beyond graduation is highly beneficial and encourages lifelong learning.

5. How do you get to know about scientific news?

There are several ways to stay updated with scientific news. Firstly, I regularly read reputable science journals and publications such as Nature, Science, and Scientific American. These sources provide in-depth analysis and reports on the latest scientific discoveries and breakthroughs. Additionally, I follow renowned scientists and science organizations on social media platforms like Twitter and LinkedIn. They often share updates and insights on current research and scientific developments. Lastly, I attend scientific conferences, seminars, and lectures both online and offline, where experts present their findings and discuss recent advancements. These methods ensure that I am constantly exposed to new scientific information and remain knowledgeable about the latest happenings in the field.

6. Should scientists explain the research process to the public?

Well, there are various ways I stay informed about scientific news. One of the most convenient methods is through social media platforms. I follow reputed science accounts on platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, where they regularly share updates on the latest scientific discoveries and research. It's interesting to see posts from credible sources, highlighting groundbreaking studies or breakthroughs in different fields. Additionally, I also make sure to subscribe to scientific journals and newsletters to receive in-depth articles and features straight to my email. This way, I can stay updated on the advancements happening in the scientific world.

5. 重要决定

Describe an important decision that you made

You should say:

What the decision was

How you made your decision

What the results of the decision were

And explain why it was important

参考答案

One of the most significant decisions I've made so far in my life was to buy a house. It may seem like an unusual decision for someone my age, but it was something that I had been thinking about for quite some time.

I made this decision after carefully considering my financial goals and plans for the future. (在仔细考虑了我的财务目标和未来计划后, 我做出了这个决定。) I had been saving up money for several years and felt that investing in property was the smartest decision I could make.

The process of buying a house involved a lot of research and hard work. I read books on real estate investment (房地产投资方面的书籍), consulted with financial advisors, and attended seminars on property investment. I finally found my dream home after months of searching.

The results of this decision have been overwhelmingly positive. The value of the property has continued to increase over time, and I'm able to generate rental income from it each month. Additionally, it has given me a sense of security knowing that I have a valuable asset (宝贵的资产) that I can rely on in the future.

The decision to buy a house was incredibly important to me because it allowed me to plan for the future and invest in myself. It gave me the opportunity to create a solid financial foundation that I can build upon over time. It also gave me a sense of pride and accomplishment for taking such a significant step at a young age. Overall, this decision has changed my life for the better, and I'm grateful for the experiences that have come along with it.

Part 3

1. Do you think children sometimes have to make important decisions?

Yes, children sometimes have to make important decisions. While some decisions may be small and insignificant, others can significantly impact their lives and the lives of those around them. For instance, deciding which college to attend, what major to choose, or whether to pursue a specific career path are essential decisions that many young adults face. Moreover, children may also have to make choices related to their personal beliefs, values, or priorities as they grow older, which can shape their character and worldview. Learning to make informed decisions from a young age is crucial for building independence, responsibility, and critical thinking skills.

2. What important decisions do teenagers need to make after graduation?

After graduation, teenagers need to make several important decisions that will shape their future. One major decision is choosing what career path to pursue. Many teenagers are unsure about their career goals after graduation, which can be daunting as it will determine what they do for the rest of their lives. Another crucial decision is whether to continue their education or not and if so, at what level. Going to graduate school can offer more flexibility and higher pay potential in some fields, but it can also mean additional student debt. Moreover, teenagers may need to decide where they'd like to live and if they want to start a family shortly after graduation. These choices can all impact their lives for years to come.

3. Who can children turn to for help when making a decision?

Children can turn to a variety of people for help when making a decision, depending on the nature of the decision. Parents are often a primary source of guidance and support, as they are typically involved in their children's lives and have their best interests at heart. Teachers, mentors, and guidance counselors can also provide valuable advice and insights, particularly when it comes to academic or career-related decisions. Additionally, siblings, friends, and other relatives can offer emotional support and alternative perspectives. In some cases, professional services like therapists or life coaches can help children clarify their goals and make confident decisions. Ultimately, the most important thing is for children to seek out people who they trust and who can help them make informed choices.

4. Do you think advertisements can influence our decisions when shopping?

Yes, I believe advertisements can definitely influence our decisions when shopping. They have the power to shape our preferences and create a desire for certain products. For instance, when we see a captivating advertisement showcasing a new smartphone, it can make us want to buy it even if we originally had no intention of doing so. Advertisements use persuasive techniques such as emotional appeal and celebrity endorsements to convince us that a certain product is worth purchasing. As consumers, it is important for us to be aware of these influences and make informed decisions based on our actual needs and preferences.

5. Do you think the influence of advertising is good?

I believe that the influence of advertising can have both positive and negative effects. On one hand, advertising plays a significant role in providing information about products and services, enabling consumers to make informed choices. Moreover, it contributes to economic growth by stimulating industry and creating job opportunities. However, some may argue that advertising promotes excessive consumerism and can manipulate individuals' behavior and desires. Overall, it is important to have regulations in place to ensure that advertising remains ethical and focuses on the truthfulness of the products and services being promoted.

6. How do people usually make important decisions?

People often make important decisions by gathering information, weighing the pros and cons, and consulting with others. However, some people prefer to trust their instincts and make decisions based on their intuition. For instance, when it comes to career choices, some individuals may rely on their passion and follow their heart, while others may prefer to conduct extensive research and consider the long-term benefits. So, the decision-making process can vary depending on an individual's personality, values, and the specific situation at hand.

6. 学校/工作中的重要规则

Describe a rule that is important in your school or at work

You should say:

What the rule is about

What happens when people break the rule

Why you think it is an important rule

And explain how you feel about the rule

参考答案

In my workplace, one important rule is maintaining confidentiality and ensuring data security, needless to say. This rule entails protecting sensitive information regarding clients, employees, and the organization itself.

When people break this rule by sharing confidential information without authorization, if I'm not mistaken, severe consequences can occur(未经许可，可能导致严重后果). It compromises the trust and reputation of the organization. Additionally, it can result in legal issues, loss of clients, and financial damages, yeah.

I believe this rule is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it respects and protects the privacy of individuals and entities involved. Confidentiality is essential in building trusting relationships with clients and safeguarding their personal information. Moreover, it ensures fair competition by preventing the unauthorized sharing of business strategies or trade secrets(防止未经授权共享商业战略或商业秘密).

Personally, I strongly support and uphold this rule. Seriously! I understand the importance of respecting privacy and maintaining confidentiality. I feel a sense of responsibility to safeguard sensitive data entrusted to me and to contribute to a secure working environment.

Part 3

1.What rules should children follow at home in your country?

In my country, there are several rules that children should follow at home. Firstly, they should always show respect and obey their parents or guardians. This means listening to their instructions and following their guidelines. Secondly, children are expected to participate in household chores and help with tasks such as cleaning their rooms, setting the table, or doing laundry. Thirdly, it is important for children to maintain a disciplined routine, including studying regularly, finishing homework, and going to bed on time.

2.On what occasions can children be forgiven if they don't follow some rules?

In certain instances, children can be forgiven if they don't follow certain rules. One such occasion is when they make a genuine mistake or misunderstanding. If a child unintentionally breaks a rule due to confusion or lack of awareness, it is important for parents or guardians to forgive and educate them on the correct behavior.

3. What rules should people follow when using public transport?

When using public transport, there are several rules that people should follow to ensure a smooth and safe travel experience. Firstly, it is essential to respect the queuing system and wait for your turn to board the vehicle. Secondly, passengers should refrain from eating or drinking to maintain cleanliness and avoid any inconveniences to fellow commuters. Thirdly, it is important to give up seats for elderly, pregnant women, or individuals with disabilities.

4. What kinds of rules do people need to follow in public places?

In public places, there are various rules that people need to adhere to in order to ensure order and harmony. Firstly, it is essential to maintain a reasonable noise level to avoid disturbing others who might be engaged in different activities. Additionally, it is important to dispose of waste appropriately and keep the surroundings clean. Furthermore, respecting personal space and not causing inconvenience to others are vital rules to follow. Lastly, being mindful of safety regulations and adhering to them is crucial to protect oneself and others. These rules contribute to a pleasant and comfortable environment for everyone in public places.

5. What are the reasons that cause people to break rules?

There can be various reasons why people break rules. One possible reason is the urgent need for help or immediate action, such as in the case of an ambulance rushing through a red light to save a life. Another reason could be a lack of awareness or understanding of the rules, which leads to unintentional rule-breaking. Additionally, some individuals may break rules to challenge authority or rebel against societal norms. Ultimately, it is crucial to strike a balance between upholding rules for the greater good while considering exceptional circumstances.

6. When people break rules, how would they be punished in your country?

In China, when individuals violate rules, the consequences can vary depending on the severity of the offense. Punishments can range from warnings or fines, to community service or probation. More serious breaches may lead to imprisonment or even criminal charges. For example, if a person is caught driving under the influence of alcohol, they could face a driving license suspension, a hefty fine, or even imprisonment. Ultimately, the punishment is determined by the relevant laws and regulations in place to maintain social order and ensure public safety.

7. 祖辈工作

Describe one of your grandparents' job

You should say:

what it was

how long he or she had this job

how he or she got the job

what skills this job needs

and whether you would like to have this job in the future

参考答案

My grandfather was a mathematics teacher, and he held this job for over 30 years. He started his career as a teacher right after completing his master's degree in mathematics from a prestigious university. He always had a passion for numbers and took great joy in sharing his knowledge with students.

Being a mathematics teacher requires not only a deep understanding of mathematical concepts but also excellent communication skills. My grandfather had the ability to explain complex ideas in simple terms (用简单的语言解释复杂的概念), making it easier for his students to grasp difficult concepts. He also possessed great patience, as sometimes students would struggle to understand certain topics.

Personally, I don't think I have the same level of passion for mathematics as my grandfather did. While I appreciate and respect the importance of the subject, I am more inclined towards other fields (倾向于其他领域). I am drawn to the creative arts and would like to pursue a career in graphic design or writing.

Although I may not choose to follow in my grandfather's footsteps, I am grateful for the impact he made as a mathematics teacher. His dedication to his craft and his commitment to helping students succeed has inspired me to pursue my own passions and make a positive difference in the world.

Part 3

1. What jobs do you think are rather difficult?

I believe jobs that involve high levels of responsibility and decision-making are particularly challenging. Professions such as air traffic controllers, where split-second decisions can have serious consequences, require immense focus and skill. Moreover, healthcare workers, like surgeons or emergency room doctors, face immense pressure due to the critical nature of their work and the need to make crucial decisions quickly.

2. What qualities do people need to do difficult jobs?

They need patience, resilience, and good problem-solving skills. For example, doctors must stay calm under pressure, and firefighters need teamwork and courage. Physical stamina is also important for jobs like construction or farming.

3. Do you think difficult jobs deserve higher salaries?

While it is important for individuals to be fairly compensated for their work, the value of a job should not solely be determined by its difficulty. Other factors like demand, skills required, and societal contribution should also be considered. Therefore, a higher salary for difficult jobs may be warranted, but it is not the only criteria for determining fair wages.

4. What are the differences between difficult jobs and easy jobs?

Difficult jobs usually require more skills, responsibility, or physical effort. For example, a software engineer solving complex problems has a harder job than a cashier scanning items. Easy jobs might be repetitive, less stressful, or require minimal training.

5. Do you think robots can replace human beings in every industry?

While robots have improved efficiency in various industries, I believe that human qualities like creativity and empathy are irreplaceable. For example, in fields such as art, education, and healthcare, human touch is essential for empathy and understanding. Robots lack the emotional intelligence necessary for these roles. So, while robots can enhance productivity, the uniqueness of human skills will always be invaluable.

6. What role can robots play in the car manufacturing process?

Robots can play a crucial role in the car manufacturing process by improving efficiency and precision. Automated robots can carry out repetitive tasks with high accuracy, such as welding and assembling components. This not only increases production speed but also ensures consistent quality in the final product. Robots can also enhance workplace safety by performing hazardous tasks, allowing human workers to focus on more complex responsibilities.

8. 诗句/歌词

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

You should say:

What it is

Which song or poem it is from

How you knew it

And explain how you feel about it

参考答案

One line that I vividly remember from a song is "Let it be" by The Beatles. This timeless anthem has made a lasting impact on me. I first came across this line when I was browsing through my father's music collection. Intrigued by the album cover (被专辑封面所吸引), I decided to give it a listen, and as soon as the chorus hit, the words "Let it be" resonated with me deeply.

To me, "Let it be" encapsulates the essence of acceptance and resilience in the face of adversity (面对逆境时的接纳和韧性的精髓). It serves as a reminder to let go of worries and find solace in the present moment. This simple phrase carries a profound message of embracing life's challenges with grace and tranquility.

I appreciate how The Beatles conveyed this thought in such a concise and melodic way. The effortless harmonies, accompanied by the soothing melody, create a serene atmosphere that lingers long after the song ends. Whenever I find myself overwhelmed by life's complexities, I find solace (慰藉) in repeating these comforting words, allowing them to guide me towards a sense of inner peace.

Moreover, "Let it be" also highlights the timeless quality of music. Despite being released decades ago, the song's message remains relevant and relatable to audiences of all generations. It serves as a testament to the universal power of music to transcend time and connect people through shared experiences and emotions.

In conclusion, the line "Let it be" from The Beatles' song holds a special place in my heart. Its simplicity and profound meaning make it a valuable reminder to approach life's difficulties with acceptance and resilience. This line, along with the entire song, has undoubtedly left an indelible mark on my soul, reminding me to find peace amidst chaos and live with a sense of serenity.

Part 3

1. What can people learn from songs or poems?

People can learn various things from songs and poems. Apart from the emotions they evoke, songs and poems can also teach us valuable life lessons. For instance, they can teach us about love, resilience, and the power of self-expression. Moreover, songs and poems often reflect different cultures and traditions, providing insights into diverse perspectives and experiences. In addition, the literary devices used in these artistic forms can enhance our language skills and stimulate our creativity. Finally, songs and poems can be a means of raising awareness about important social issues. They have the power to inspire change and promote empathy and understanding among individuals. Overall, songs and poems can serve as both a source of entertainment and a medium for personal and societal growth.

2. Do you think it is easier for children to learn a song or poem than adults? Why?

I believe that it may not necessarily be easier for children to learn a song or poem compared to adults. It depends on the individual's ability to comprehend and retain information. Children often have a natural inclination towards music and rhythm, which can aid in their learning process. However, adults possess the advantage of analytical thinking and prior knowledge, which can accelerate their understanding of complex lyrics or intricate rhyme schemes. Ultimately, the ease of learning a song or poem depends on an individual's cognitive abilities and prior exposure to music and literature.

3. Do you think children would like the rhythm of songs or poems? Why?

There is no definitive answer as the preference for rhythm in songs or poems can vary among children. Some children may enjoy the rhythmic patterns and melodic tunes in songs, as it can be engaging and fun. They might find it easier to remember lyrics and express their emotions through music. On the other hand, some children may appreciate the structured and rhythmic flow of poems, as it allows them to explore language and creativity in a different way. Ultimately, it depends on the individual child and their personal preferences and inclinations.

4. Are you good at memorizing things?

Yes, I consider myself to be quite adept at memorizing things. From my academic pursuits to daily life, I have developed effective strategies to retain information. One method I find useful is the use of mnemonics, which help me associate key facts with memorable cues. Additionally, I try to connect new information with existing knowledge, as this helps facilitate the learning process. I believe that the ability to memorize effectively is not solely dependent on innate skills, but can be developed with practice and perseverance.

5. Do you think it is a waste of time for kids to learn songs or poems?

Not at all. Learning songs and poems can be **incredibly beneficial for children**. They help improve memory retention, develop language skills, enhance creativity, and provide cultural insights. Songs and poems often **convey emotions** and stories in a **concise and engaging manner**, making learning enjoyable. Moreover, they can stimulate imagination and help with stress relief. Encouraging children to **engage with music** and poetry can **broaden their horizons** and foster a lifelong appreciation of the arts. Thus, it's definitely not a waste of time for kids to learn songs and poems.

6. Do you think it is important for kids to learn history at school?

Yes, I believe it is crucial for children to learn about history in school. By studying historical events, students can **gain valuable insights** into the world, **understand the origins of different cultures**, and **learn from the mistakes of the past**. History also helps develop critical thinking skills, fosters a sense of empathy and understanding, and provides a **context for current global** issues. Overall, learning history plays a fundamental role in shaping well-rounded individuals with a deeper appreciation for the world around them.

9. 许下的承诺

Describe a time you made a promise to someone

You should say:

What the promise was

To whom you made it

Whether it was easy or difficult to keep

And explain why you made it

参考答案

Well, there was a time when I made a promise to my best friend, Emma. The promise was to accompany her on an adventurous trip to the Amazon rainforest. I made this promise as she had always dream of exploring the beauty of the rainforest, and I wanted to make sure her dream would come true.

I remember sitting in a café when she shared her fascination with the Amazon rainforest. The excitement in her eyes was infectious, and I couldn't help but feel a sense of responsibility to make this happen for her. Although I knew it would not be an easy task, given the challenges of planning such a trip, I was determined to keep my promise.

However, fulfilling the promise was indeed a daunting task (艰难的任务). From researching the best travel packages to arranging suitable accommodations, there were numerous difficulties. Moreover, as neither of us had any prior experience in jungle survival, we had to prepare ourselves mentally and physically for the trip. It was not an easy undertaking, but our shared enthusiasm kept us motivated.

The reason behind making this promise was to strengthen our bond as friends and create lasting memories together. I believed that by embarking on this challenging venture, we would not only explore the wonders of nature but also overcome obstacles and learn from each other's strengths. (克服障碍, 取长补短)

In conclusion, making a promise to accompany my friend on an unforgettable trip to the Amazon rainforest was indeed a unique experience. It required significant effort and determination to fulfill it, but the joy and fulfillment it brought to both of us made it all worthwhile.

Part 3

1. Why do some people fail to keep their promises?

Well, there could be several reasons why some individuals fail to keep their promises. Firstly, it could be due to a **lack of commitment or discipline**. Some people may set goals without fully considering the effort required to achieve them. Secondly, external circumstances could also play a role. Unforeseen events or changing priorities may make it difficult for individuals to follow through on their promises. Additionally, some people may simply lack the necessary resources or support to fulfill their commitments. Finally, it's important to consider that cultural differences and personal values can also influence one's ability to honor their promises. So, it's crucial to understand that failure to keep promises can be attributed to various factors, both internal and external.

2. Do children keep their promises?

In my opinion, whether children keep their promises varies. Based on my experience, I was a trustworthy child when I was younger. I always kept my promises and never let anyone down. However, it is important to recognize that not every child is the same. Some children may struggle with keeping their promises due to various reasons such as forgetfulness or lack of commitment. Therefore, it is not always guaranteed that children will keep their promises, but I believe that teaching them the value of integrity and responsibility can greatly influence their behavior.

3. Do parents in China make promise to their children?

Certainly, parents in China often make promises to their children. These promises serve as a way to motivate and encourage their children. For instance, parents may promise to buy their children a toy or take them on a special outing if they perform well in school.

Similarly, parents may make promises about granting certain privileges or rewards if their children demonstrate good behavior. These promises not only instill a sense of excitement and anticipation in children but also provide parents with a way to reinforce positive habits and values.

4. What kinds of promises do people often make?

People often make various promises in different areas of their lives. For instance, in personal relationships, individuals often promise to be faithful, supportive, and there for their partners. On a professional level, people make promises to complete tasks on time, deliver quality work, and contribute to the success of their teams. Additionally, promises are often made to family members and friends, such as promises to help out, be available in times of need, or participate in important events. Furthermore, individuals may make promises to themselves, such as promises to exercise regularly, learn a new skill, or pursue personal growth.

5. Do you often keep your promises?

Well, keeping promises is something I strive to do consistently. I firmly believe in the importance of honoring my commitments, as it demonstrates integrity and builds trust. For instance, when I promise to meet a friend for lunch, I ensure I'm punctual and present. However, there have been instances when unforeseen circumstances arise, and I am unable to keep a promise. But I make it a point to communicate any changes promptly and apologize sincerely. Overall, I try my best to fulfill my promises unless circumstances beyond my control intervene.

6. Is it useful to write down promises?

Yes, it can be useful to write down promises for several reasons. Firstly, writing down promises helps to improve accountability and responsibility. When we put our promises on paper, we are more likely to remember and take them seriously. Secondly, having a written record of promises can serve as a reminder and reference point in case any disputes or misunderstandings arise in the future. Lastly, writing down promises allows us to track and evaluate our progress in fulfilling them, which can contribute to personal growth and development. Overall, while not necessary in all situations, writing down promises can be a helpful practice in many aspects of life.

10. 近期改变的计划

Describe a plan that you had to change recently

You should say:

When this happened

What made you change the plan

What the new plan was

And how you felt about the change

参考答案

A plan that I recently had to change was a hiking trip that I had organized with my friends. It was scheduled to take place last month during the holidays. However, due to unforeseen circumstances (由于不可预测的事情), we had to alter our original plan.

The main reason behind changing the plan was the unexpected change in weather conditions. Just a few days before the trip, the weather forecast predicted heavy rain and thunderstorms for the entire weekend. This made it impossible for us to go ahead with the hiking trip as it would have been risky and unpleasant to hike in such weather.

Considering the safety and comfort of all the participants, we decided to come up with a new plan. Instead of canceling the trip altogether, we chose to go for a different outdoor activity - cycling. Fortunately, there's a beautiful cycling trail near our city that we had never explored before, so we thought it would be a great alternative.

Initially, I felt a bit disappointed about not being able to go hiking as planned. I had been looking forward to it for weeks, and it was something I had been longing to do. However, I soon realized that changing the plan was the best decision considering the circumstances. It allowed us to still engage in an outdoor activity and spend quality time together, while avoiding the unpleasant weather conditions.

In the end, the new plan turned out to be quite enjoyable. We had a wonderful time cycling along the scenic trail, appreciating the beauty of nature and having fun along the way. Although it was different from what we had initially planned, the experience taught me the importance of adaptability and finding alternatives in unforeseen circumstances. (寻找替代方案的重要性)

Overall, while I was initially disappointed, changing the plan ultimately led to a positive outcome. It was a valuable lesson in flexibility and making the best of any situation.

Part 3

1. Do people often change their plans?

Absolutely, people often find themselves changing their plans. This can be due to a variety of reasons, ranging from unforeseen circumstances to personal decision-making processes. For instance, a sudden illness or a sudden change in financial circumstances may require individuals to adjust their plans. On a more personal level, individuals may also change their plans due to a change in their aspirations, goals, or simply to pursue new opportunities.

2. Would you tell others if you change your plan?

Yes, I believe it's important to communicate any changes in plans to others. By doing so, it shows respect for their time and allows for better coordination. For instance, if I had made plans to meet a friend for dinner but something unexpected came up, I would inform them as soon as possible. It's all about maintaining open and honest communication in relationships, be it personal or professional. Moreover, by sharing changes in plans, we can avoid inconvenience or disappointment, as others may have made preparations or adjustments based on the initial plan.

3. How does technology help people make plans?

Technology has greatly facilitated the process of making plans for individuals. It provides us with a wide array of tools and platforms that make planning more efficient and convenient. For instance, with smartphones and various mobile applications, people can easily **schedule and organize their daily activities**. They can set reminders, create to-do lists, and keep track of deadlines, all at the tip of their fingers. Moreover, technology enables seamless collaboration and coordination among multiple individuals. Through online platforms, people can share calendars, exchange documents, and coordinate schedules, making it easier to plan and execute group activities.

4. **Why** do you think parents still make plans for their children nowadays?

Parents still make plans for their children nowadays for several reasons. Firstly, it is a natural instinct for parents to want what is **best for** their children. They believe that by making plans, they can guide their children towards successful and fulfilling lives. Secondly, in this competitive world, parents are aware of the importance of early preparation and organization. They want to **provide their children** with **every opportunity** to excel academically and professionally. Lastly, parents may also make plans for their children to ensure their safety and well-being. By planning for their education, health, and overall development, parents feel a sense of security and peace of mind.

11. 有趣的建筑

Describe an interesting building

You should say.

Where it is

What it looks like

What function it has

And explain why you think it is interesting

参考答案

Well, one interesting building that I want to talk about is the Sydney Opera House (悉尼歌剧院) located in Sydney, Australia. It is an iconic structure situated on the stunning Sydney Harbour.

The Sydney Opera House is an architectural masterpiece (建筑杰作) that never fails to mesmerize visitors (让游客着迷) with its unique design. It consists of multiple sail-like shells that are nestled beautifully together. The gleaming white exterior reflects the sunlight, creating a dazzling sight against the backdrop of the sparkling blue water.

In terms of its function, the Sydney Opera House serves as a venue for various performing arts, including opera, ballet, and theater. It also houses multiple concert halls where renowned musicians from around the world perform. Furthermore, it has become a symbol of Australia's cultural identity and a major tourist attraction.

I consider this building interesting for several reasons. Firstly, its design is truly one-of-a-kind and showcases the genius of Danish architect Jørn Utzon, who won the competition to design it in the 1950s. This architectural marvel pushes the boundaries of creativity and engineering. Secondly, the Sydney Opera House is an embodiment of human accomplishment and cultural significance (人类成就和文化意义的体现). Its inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage list also adds to its appeal.

In conclusion, the Sydney Opera House stands as an impressive and captivating building. Its striking appearance, multifunctionality, and cultural significance make it a truly remarkable architectural icon that draws admiration from people all around the world.

Part 3

1. What types of buildings are popular in your country?

In China, a variety of buildings are popular, varying from ancient to modern structures. Traditional Chinese architecture, such as pagodas and temples, are still admired and frequently visited. Additionally, the country is known for its remarkable skyline, featuring towering skyscrapers and iconic landmarks like the Shanghai Tower and the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing. These buildings showcase China's rapid urban development and architectural prowess. Moreover, the country's rich history is well-preserved through the presence of imperial palaces like the Forbidden City in Beijing. Thus, a diverse range of buildings, incorporating traditional and contemporary styles, can be found throughout China.

2. Is it worth spending a lot of money on the exterior appearance of a building?

It is indeed worth investing a considerable amount of money in enhancing the exterior appearance of a building. Not only does an attractive facade create a favorable first impression, but it also contributes to the overall aesthetic appeal of the surrounding area. Moreover, a visually appealing building attracts attention and can potentially enhance its market value. Renovating and maintaining the exterior can also help preserve the architectural heritage and cultural significance of a building. In conclusion, while the cost may be high, the benefits of investing in the exterior appearance of a building outweigh the expenses involved.

3. Is it more important for a building to look good on the outside or on the inside?

In my opinion, both the exterior and interior of a building are equally important. While a visually appealing exterior creates a positive first impression, it is the functionality and aesthetics of the interior that truly matter. For instance, a beautiful facade might attract attention, but if the inside lacks crucial amenities or is poorly designed, it diminishes the overall value of the building. Therefore, a balance between external attractiveness and internal functionality is crucial for creating a truly remarkable and sustainable structure.

4. Why do people like to visit historical sites?

People like to visit historical sites for various reasons. Firstly, historical sites provide a glimpse into the past, enabling people to experience and understand different cultures and civilizations. Secondly, visiting such sites offers an opportunity to appreciate the architectural brilliance and craftsmanship of ancient civilizations. Additionally, historical sites often have great cultural significance, serving as a reminder of our collective heritage. Lastly, visiting historical sites allows people to connect with history on a personal and emotional level, fostering a sense of identity and belonging.

12. 家庭重要设备

Describe a piece of equipment that is important in your home

You should say:

What it is

How often you use it

With whom you use it

And explain why it is important

参考答案

One significant piece of equipment in my home is the coffee maker. It is an automatic drip coffee machine (咖啡机) that allows me to brew a fresh cup of coffee every morning. I use it religiously, practically on a daily basis, as it helps me kickstart my day with a dose of caffeine. On occasion, I also use it when guests come over and everyone desires a warm cup of coffee.

The reason why this coffee maker is important to me is two-fold (双重的). Firstly, I am an avid coffee lover, and having the ability to make a fresh cup of coffee at home saves me the time and money that I would otherwise spend at a coffee shop. It allows me to personalize my coffee according to my preference, whether it's adjusting the intensity or adding a hint of flavor. The convenience of having this equipment at home cannot be overstated.

Secondly, utilizing the coffee maker is an essential part of my morning routine. It has become a ritual for me to start the day with a freshly brewed cup of coffee. The aroma spreads throughout my kitchen, awakening my senses and preparing me for the day ahead. It is a calming and intimate moment for me, where I can gather my thoughts and plan for the day ahead.

In addition, the presence of the coffee maker also serves as a social gathering tool. When friends or family come to visit, offering them a cup of coffee creates a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It becomes a bonding experience, where we can catch up and share stories over a steaming cup of coffee.

Overall, the coffee maker is a significant piece of equipment in my home due to its ability to provide me with a fresh cup of coffee every morning, enhance my morning routine, and create a welcoming environment for socializing (社交). Its presence has become an integral part of my daily life, and I cannot imagine my home without it.

13. 喜欢的电视剧

Describe a TV series you like

You should say:

What is the name of the TV series

When you watched it

What it is about

And explain why you like it.

参考答案

I would like to talk about a TV series that I thoroughly enjoy called "Stranger Things." (《怪奇物语》) I first watched this series about two years ago when it was recommended to me by a friend. It is a science fiction drama series (电视剧) set in the 1980s, and it revolves around the mysterious disappearance of a young boy named Will Byers.

What I particularly enjoy about "Stranger Things" is its gripping storyline and the nostalgic feel it brings. The series brilliantly combines elements of horror, drama, and adventure, making it a truly captivating watch. The young actors in the show deliver outstanding performances, which adds to the authenticity of the 80s setting.

Moreover, the unique blend of supernatural occurrences, government conspiracies (密谋), and interpersonal relationships makes "Stranger Things" stand out among other TV shows. The unpredictable twists and turns always leave me on the edge of my seat.

Another reason why I like this series is its ability to transport me back in time. The attention to detail in recreating the 80s era, from the fashion to the music and even the set designs, is commendable. It allows me to reminisce about a period I did not personally experience.

In conclusion, "Stranger Things" is a TV series that truly captivates me. Its intriguing storyline, exceptional performances, and nostalgic appeal make it a must-watch. I highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys thrilling and suspenseful entertainment.

Part 3

1. Is it beneficial to insert advertisements within a TV series?

In my opinion, incorporating advertisements within a TV series benefits both broadcasters and viewers. Firstly, it allows broadcasters to generate revenue, funding high-quality content. This enables audiences to enjoy well-produced shows without hefty subscription fees. Additionally, ads provide businesses with opportunities to reach a wider audience and promote their products or services, which is especially beneficial for smaller companies lacking resources for standalone campaigns. However, it's crucial that ad placement is done carefully to avoid disrupting the narrative flow and becoming intrusive for viewers.

2. Do you think that parents should limit their children from watching television?

In my opinion, parents should definitely limit their children's television viewing time. While some may argue that TV shows can be educational and informative, excessive screen time can have negative impacts on a child's physical and mental well-being. By setting time limits, parents can ensure that their children engage in a balanced lifestyle that includes outdoor activities, reading, and social interactions. Additionally, parents can monitor the content their children are exposed to, ensuring that it is appropriate and aligns with the family's values.

3. Would your family watch TV together?

Yes, my family enjoys watching TV together. It's a great way for us to relax and spend quality time together. We have a variety of shows and genres that we all enjoy, from documentaries to sitcoms. Sometimes, we even have lively discussions and debates about the shows we watch. It's a bonding experience for us, and we look forward to our TV nights.

4. What are the differences in television viewing habits between the elderly and young people?

There are notable variations in television watching patterns between older adults and young individuals. The elderly tend to prefer traditional TV channels, such as news and documentaries, while young people are more inclined towards online streaming platforms and series binge-watching. Moreover, the older generation tends to stick to set schedules for their favorite shows, whereas the youth opt for on-demand and flexible viewing. These differences can be attributed to technological advancements and evolving entertainment preferences. Overall, age plays a significant role in shaping television viewing habits.

5. How has technology changed the way people watch television?

Technology has revolutionized the way people watch television. With the advent of smart TVs and streaming services, viewers now have an unprecedented level of control over what and when they watch. Traditional broadcast schedules have given way to on-demand programming, allowing individuals to watch their favorite shows at their convenience. Furthermore, the rise of social media has transformed television into a communal experience, as viewers discuss, debate, and share their thoughts in real-time. Overall, technology has made television more interactive, personalized, and accessible for everyone.

14. 和你分享东西的人

Describe someone who is willing to openly share things with you

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew this person

What this person openly shares

And how you feel about the sharing

参考答案

The person who willingly shares things with me is my close friend, Sarah. We met during our first year of university when we were assigned as roommates. Since then, we have developed a strong bond（牢固的关系）based on trust and understanding.

Sarah is an open book when it comes to sharing things with me. She is not hesitant to express her thoughts, emotions, and experiences. Whether it is her personal struggles, achievements, or even her dreams and aspirations, Sarah is always willing to openly discuss them with me. She believes in the power of communication and feels that sharing openly helps strengthen our friendship.

I truly appreciate her openness and willingness to share. It has helped create a deeper connection between us, allowing us to understand and support each other better. For instance, during challenging times, Sarah has shared her own experiences and offered valuable advice, which has helped me navigate（引领、导航）through difficult situations.

Furthermore, her openness（开放）has also encouraged me to reciprocate and share my own thoughts and feelings with her. This two-way sharing has fostered a sense of trust, making our friendship even stronger.

In conclusion, Sarah is not only a dear friend but also someone who willingly shares her thoughts and experiences with me. Her openness has enriched our friendship, allowing us to grow and support each other.

Part 3

1. What kinds of emotional support do people need at work?

Well emotional support at work is vital to maintaining mental health and overall job satisfaction. I believe that people often seek different types of emotional support in the workplace. For example, encouragement and positive feedback from coworkers plays a vital role in boosting morale. When coworkers recognize and appreciate each other's efforts, it creates a more inclusive and supportive work environment. For example, a simple "Good job!" or "well done!" can go a long way in motivating others and fostering a sense of belonging.

2. Would you share your feelings with your coworkers?

Yes, I would be willing to share my feelings with my coworkers. Open and honest communication is crucial for building a positive work environment and fostering strong relationships with colleagues. By expressing my thoughts and emotions, I believe we can create a supportive atmosphere where everyone feels valued and understood. For instance, if I'm facing a personal challenge that affects my performance at work, sharing my feelings with coworkers can lead to compassionate support and potential solutions. Ultimately, effective communication strengthens teamwork and enhances productivity within the workplace.

3. Is it possible to know a job applicant's emotional resilience through the recruiting process?

Yes, it is possible to assess a job applicant's emotional resilience during the recruiting process. By incorporating situational and behavioral questions, recruiters can gauge how candidates handle and recover from challenging situations. For example, asking about a time when a candidate faced a setback at work and how they managed it could provide insight into their emotional resilience. Additionally, conducting group activities or role-playing exercises can help observe how well candidates stay composed and adaptable in stressful situations. These methods offer valuable glimpses into an applicant's emotional resilience and their ability to handle work-related challenges effectively.

15. 最喜欢的运动

Describe a sport that you really like

You should say:

What it is

How often you do it

How you learned to do it

And explain why you like it

参考答案

Well, one sport that I'm particularly fond of is rock climbing (攀岩). It's not your conventional mainstream sport, but it offers an incomparable adrenaline rush (肾上腺素) and a unique perspective on physical fitness.

I try to engage in rock climbing at least once a week. I'm lucky to have a climbing gym in my city, so I often visit it to practice my skills and techniques. Additionally, I make it a point to participate in outdoor climbing trips whenever the opportunity arises. There's something remarkably invigorating (使精力充足) about conquering a challenging climbing route while surrounded by breathtaking natural scenery.

I first got introduced to rock climbing when I traveled to Tibet a few years ago. I stumbled upon a rock climbing class in the Himalayas (喜马拉雅), and decided to give it a try. The experienced climbers there taught me the basics and provided valuable guidance and encouragement throughout the sessions. Since then, I've been devoted to the sport and continuously honing my climbing abilities.

The reason I'm so passionate about rock climbing is multifaceted. Firstly, it pushes me to test my limits, both mentally and physically. Overcoming difficult climbing routes requires strategic problem-solving skills, as well as strength and flexibility. This constant challenge keeps me motivated to improve myself. Secondly, it offers a sense of freedom and liberation. When I'm up on that wall, hanging on to dear life, it's just me and the rock – an escape from the daily hustle and bustle of life.

Moreover, rock climbing has allowed me to connect with a community of similarly adventurous souls. I've made some incredible friendships with fellow climbers, bonding over our shared passion for the sport. Climbing together not only enhances the experience, but also fosters a sense of camaraderie and support.

All in all, rock climbing is an extraordinary sport that has brought immense joy and fulfillment into my life. The combination of physical challenges, mental stimulation, and the beauty of the natural world make it an unparalleled activity that I'm truly enamored with.

Part 3

1. Is sports important for children?

Sports play a **pivotal role** in the physical and mental development of children. It is not just about the physical fitness; rather, it instills several crucial life skills. Firstly, through sports, children learn the importance of teamwork and cooperation. Playing in a team teaches them how to communicate effectively, handle conflicts, and work towards a common goal. Additionally, engaging in sports fosters discipline and perseverance, as children learn to push their limits and overcome challenges. Moreover, sports provide a platform for children to explore their interests and talents, boosting their self-confidence and self-esteem. Overall, sports are not only important for children's health but also instrumental in shaping their character and overall well-being.

2. How can we make children aware of the importance of sports?

There are several ways to make children aware of the importance of sports. Firstly, parents can play a crucial role by encouraging their children to participate in different sports activities and explaining the benefits of being physically active. Secondly, schools should incorporate sports into their curriculum, organizing regular sports events and highlighting the positive impact of sports on overall development. Lastly, government initiatives can promote sports through campaigns and funding, ensuring that adequate resources and facilities are available for children to engage in sports activities. Overall, it is essential to create a supportive environment that emphasizes the significance of sports for children's well-being.

16. 环保人士

Describe a person who helps to protect the environment

You should say:

Who this person is

When this person does this

What has the person done

And explain why you think this person does this

参考答案

One individual who I believe plays a significant role in protecting the environment is my friend Emily. She is an environmental activist who dedicates her time and efforts to raising awareness about sustainability (持续性) and conservation.

Emily became actively involved in environmental protection during her college years when she joined various organizations advocating for eco-friendly (环境友好) practices. She regularly participates in beach clean-ups, tree-planting activities, and environmental campaigns within our community.

Moreover, Emily has initiated several initiatives to promote recycling and reduce plastic waste. For example, she organized a reusable bag distribution drive to discourage the use of single-use plastics (一次性塑料). She also conducted workshops in local schools to educate students about the importance of protecting the environment.

I believe Emily is passionate about environmental protection because she understands the urgent need to preserve our planet for future generations. Her dedication to promoting sustainable living practices and her relentless efforts to combat climate change truly inspire me and others around her. Emily's commitment to environmental causes serves as a powerful reminder of the impact of individual actions on the well-being of our environment.

Part 3

1. Why can recycling help the environment?

Recycling plays a crucial role in preserving the environment for various reasons. Firstly, it helps reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills, which decreases the emission of harmful greenhouse gases. Additionally, recycling conserves natural resources by allowing materials to be reused instead of constantly extracting new resources. By reprocessing items like paper, glass, and plastic, recycling helps to save energy and reduce pollution associated with extraction and manufacturing processes. Overall, incorporating recycling practices into our daily lives is an effective way to contribute to environmental protection and sustainability.

2. What have people done to damage the environment?

One major way people have damaged the environment is through deforestation, leading to loss of wildlife habitats and disruption of ecosystems. Pollution from industrial activities and transportation has also greatly harmed the environment, affecting air and water quality. Additionally, irresponsible waste disposal, such as plastic pollution in oceans and landfills, has further contributed to environmental degradation. Overfishing and illegal dumping of hazardous materials are other activities damaging ecosystems. Overall, human activities like these have had detrimental effects on the environment, highlighting the urgent need for sustainable practices.

3. Do you think technology can improve environment-related problems?

Absolutely, technology has the potential to address environment-related issues effectively. For example, advancements in renewable energy can reduce reliance on fossil fuels, thus curbing pollution levels. Additionally, smart monitoring systems can help track and manage waste disposal, promoting a cleaner environment. Innovative solutions like using drones for reforestation efforts showcase the positive impact technology can have on ecological restoration. Therefore, by embracing technological innovations, we can make significant strides towards enhancing environmental sustainability.

4. Is it important to teach students environmental protection at school?

Absolutely, teaching students about environmental protection in schools is crucial. This education cultivates eco-consciousness in the younger generation, fostering a sense of responsibility towards our planet. By integrating environmental topics into the curriculum, students not only learn about the importance of sustainability but also develop the necessary skills to contribute positively to environmental issues in the future. Furthermore, through hands-on activities such as recycling programs or garden projects, students can directly engage with environmental concepts, making learning more practical and impactful. In this way, schools play a vital role in shaping environmentally-aware citizens who can actively protect our planet.

17. 智力游戏

Describe a(jigsaw, crossword, etc)puzzle you have played

You should say:

What it is like

How easy or difficult it is

How long it takes you to solve

And how you feel about it

参考答案

I would like to talk about jigsaw puzzles (拼图游戏), a classic pastime (消遣) I thoroughly enjoy. Jigsaw puzzles are captivating (迷人的) games where small, differently shaped pieces need to be assembled to form a complete picture. The challenge lies in finding where each piece fits in the overall image, fostering patience and attention to detail.

The difficulty level of a jigsaw puzzle varies depending on the number of pieces and complexity of the picture. However, regardless of the complexity, each puzzle provides a unique mental challenge that improves problem-solving skills. I find that the more intricate puzzles with a vast array of colors and patterns are the most challenging and rewarding.

On average, it can take me a few hours to a few days to complete a jigsaw puzzle, depending on its size and complexity. Larger puzzles with thousands of pieces definitely require more time and dedication, often becoming a relaxing yet time-consuming activity to unwind (放松).

The satisfaction of completing a jigsaw puzzle is immense. The sense of accomplishment upon seeing the puzzle fully assembled, each piece perfectly fitting together, is truly gratifying. Moreover, working on a puzzle is a calming experience that allows me to unwind and focus my mind solely on the task at hand. Overall, jigsaw puzzles are a fantastic way to challenge oneself, relax, and enjoy the beauty of intricate designs coming together harmoniously.

Part 3

1. Which do you think is better? A detective movie or its original novel?

In my opinion, I believe that a detective movie can often be more captivating than its original novel. The visual elements, such as the cinematography, sound effects, and performances by actors, can bring the story to life in a way that a book cannot.

Additionally, the pacing of a movie can make the suspense more intense, keeping viewers on the edge of their seats. However, some people may prefer the depth and intricacies that a novel can provide in exploring characters and plot details.

2. Why are detective stories attractive to people?

Detective stories captivate people due to their intriguing plots, engaging characters, and suspenseful atmosphere. The element of mystery keeps readers on edge, trying to solve the puzzle alongside the detective. Moreover, the thrill of uncovering secrets and the satisfaction of solving a complex case make these stories so appealing. They allow readers to escape into a world of enigma and adventure, offering a temporary respite from reality as they immerse themselves in the narrative.

3. What kinds of puzzles improve people's intelligence?

Certainly! Solving logic puzzles like Sudokus (数独) can enhance people's problem-solving skills significantly. Additionally, complex jigsaw puzzles can improve spatial reasoning and attention to detail. Brain teasers such as riddles or lateral thinking puzzles can also stimulate creative thinking and cognitive flexibility. Engaging with a variety of puzzles challenges different aspects of intelligence and promotes mental agility.

4. Why do parents let their children play puzzles?

Parents allow their children to play puzzles because it promotes cognitive skills, problem-solving abilities, and concentration. By engaging with puzzles, children enhance their creativity and critical thinking, helping them excel in school and develop logical reasoning. Furthermore, solving puzzles together fosters bonding between parents and children, creating special moments. Additionally, puzzles offer a break from technology and encourage hands-on learning, contributing to a balanced lifestyle for children.

5. How can technology and intellectual games be combined better?

Technology can enhance intellectual games by providing interactive experiences that stimulate cognitive skills in players. Online platforms can offer multiplayer options, connecting individuals globally for challenging competitions. For example, virtual reality systems can create immersive environments for problem-solving games, fostering critical thinking abilities. By integrating cutting-edge technology with intellectual games, players can enjoy engaging challenges that encourage strategic thinking and creativity.

6. Does the government need to take steps to boost the development of intellectual games?

Certainly, promoting the development of intellectual games is vital as they enhance cognitive skills and critical thinking. The government can take measures like increasing funding for game development studios, organizing competitions at the national level, and integrating educational games into school curricula. By doing so, the government can not only support the growth of intellectual games but also help in nurturing creativity and problem-solving skills among the population.

18. 现场表演

Describe a live performance you enjoyed watching

You should say:

Who performed in it

What kind of performance it was

When you watched it

And explain why you enjoyed watching it

Part2

I once watched a live performance by the famous Italian tenor (男高音) Andrea Bocelli, and it was an absolute delight.

The performance was a classical music concert filled with arias (咏叹调) from operas and some of his most well - known solo pieces. His powerful and soul - stirring voice could reach every corner of the concert hall, making the music feel incredibly immersive (身临其境).

I watched this amazing show last year during the summer. The concert was held in an open - air amphitheater under the starry sky, which added a touch of romance to the whole experience.

I enjoyed this performance for several reasons. Firstly, Bocelli's vocal skills are out of this world. His ability to convey deep emotions through his singing was simply breathtaking. Each note was filled with passion and precision. Secondly, the combination of the beautiful music and the charming outdoor setting was magical. The gentle breeze (微风) and the twinkling stars created a perfect backdrop for the performance. Finally, the atmosphere in the audience was electric.

Everyone was completely engrossed in the music, and the shared appreciation for Bocelli's talent made the night even more special. It was truly a night to remember.

Part 3

1. What kind of party have you had so far?

I've had quite a few different kinds of parties. There was a birthday party I threw for myself once. I decorated the room with balloons and streamers, and we had a big cake. We played some fun party games like charades and had a great time laughing and joking. I've also been to a few housewarming parties. Those are always nice because people get to see the new place, and there's usually lots of good food and drinks. And of course, there were some New Year's Eve parties where we counted down to the new year, watched the fireworks, and celebrated with friends and family.

2. Do you think it is hard for people to perform in front of their friends?

Well, I think it can be hard for some people. I mean, your friends know you so well, and maybe you're worried about looking silly or making mistakes in front of them. There's this kind of pressure to do well because you want them to be proud of you. But on the other hand, because they're your friends, they're usually more forgiving and supportive. So it really depends on the person and their level of confidence. Some people might thrive on the familiarity and feel more comfortable performing in front of friends, while others might get more nervous.

3. Is it easy to invite your friends to attend your party or your performance?

Most of the time, it's pretty easy to invite my friends to parties or my performances. We're all pretty close, and we like to hang out and support each other. I usually just send them a message or give them a call, and they're usually happy to come. But sometimes, it can be a bit tricky. If it's a last-minute thing or if they have other prior commitments, then it might be difficult for them to make it. But overall, I'd say it's more easy than hard to get them to come.

4. Is it expensive to watch a live performance in your country?

It really varies. For some big - name concerts or Broadway - style shows in big cities, it can be quite expensive. Tickets can cost a few hundred yuan or even more, especially if it's a really popular artist or production. But then there are also smaller, local performances, like those in community theaters or at local music venues. Those are usually much more affordable, and you can often get tickets for less than 100 yuan. So it depends on what kind of live performance you're talking about.

5. Why do many people prefer to watch a live performance rather than watch it on TV?

I think there are several reasons. First of all, the atmosphere at a live performance is just amazing. You can feel the energy of the performers and the excitement of the crowd. It's like a shared experience that you don't get when you're watching TV at home. Also, the visual and auditory effects in a live setting are often much better. You can see the details of the stage design, the costumes, and hear the sound in a more immersive way. And there's always that element of spontaneity. Something unexpected might happen during a live performance, which makes it even more exciting and memorable. Watching it on TV just doesn't have the same charm.

19. 想修改的新法律

Describe a newly enacted law that you like but you want to change part of it

You should say:

When it was enacted

What the law is about

Which part you want to change

And explain why you want to change the part

参考答案

Last year, a new law was enacted in my city, and it's all about garbage classification (垃圾分类). This law requires every household and business to sort their waste into different categories, such as recyclables, kitchen waste, hazardous (有危险的) waste, and other waste. There are also specific collection times and designated bins (箱子) for each type of waste. This law is really important as it can significantly improve the environment by reducing landfill (填埋场) waste and promoting recycling. It also raises public awareness about environmental protection.

However, I think one part that could be changed is the lack of flexibility in the collection schedule. Currently, the garbage collection times are fixed, and if a family misses the collection, they have to wait for the next scheduled day. This can be a problem, especially for those who are busy or have unexpected situations.

I want to change this part because it can be quite inconvenient for some people. For example, if someone has a large amount of recyclables that have been piling up and they miss the collection, it not only takes up space at home but also might attract pests (害虫). If there could be some kind of on - demand collection option, like an app where you can request a special pick - up for a small fee, it would make the law more user - friendly and ensure that people are more likely to stick to the garbage classification requirements.

Part 3

1. Why is law important?

Well, laws are super important for a bunch of reasons. First off, they keep society in order. Without laws, there'd be chaos everywhere. People could do whatever they wanted, and that would lead to a lot of problems, like crime and disputes. Laws also protect our rights. They make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally. For example, we have the right to a fair trial if we're accused of something. And laws set standards for our behavior. They tell us what's acceptable and what's not. This helps us know how to interact with others in a civilized way. Overall, laws are the foundation of a stable and just society.

2. Why are there people who like a law but want to change part of it?

I think it's because most laws are made with good intentions, but they might not be perfect in every way. People might like the main idea or the goal of a law. For instance, a law aiming to protect the environment is great in principle. But maybe the way it's implemented or some specific details don't work well in practice. Some parts might be too strict and cause inconvenience to people, or they might be too lenient and not achieve the desired effect. Also, people have different perspectives and needs. What works for one group might not work for another. So, they might want to change a part of the law to make it more suitable for their situation or to make it more effective in achieving its objective.

20. 仰慕的运动员/体育队

Describe an athlete/sports team you admire

You should say:

Who/what the athlete/sports team is

Where/how you got to know the athlete/sports team

How often you watch their sports games

And explain why you admire the athlete/sports team

One sportsperson whom I greatly admire is absolutely Roger Federer, a professional tennis player who has made a significant impact on the sport. Federer is known for his exceptional skills, sportsmanship, and remarkable achievements throughout his career.

I've been following Roger Federer's journey in the tennis world ever since I watched him play on TV as a kid. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest tennis players of all time, and his influence on the game cannot be overstated(他对比赛的影响怎么说都不为过). When I was learning tennis, I watched videos of his matches every week and learned from them.

In real life, Federer is humble, respectful, and highly disciplined. He maintains a positive attitude on and off the court, which has earned him immense respect from both fans and fellow athletes alike. Despite his numerous accomplishments, he remains grounded and approachable, always taking the time to interact with his fans and give back to the community through his philanthropic endeavors.

Federer's list of achievements is truly remarkable in any sense. He holds the record for the most Grand Slam titles won by a male player, with 20 titles to his name. Additionally, he has held the world number one ranking for a record 310 weeks, showcasing his dominance in the sport.

I admire Roger Federer for several reasons. His dedication and work ethic are commendable. He continues to push himself and strive for excellence, even after achieving so much success. His sportsmanship sets a great example for aspiring athletes.

Part 3

1. Do you think it is very important for students to do sports?

I definitely think it's crucial for students to do sports. Firstly, it keeps them physically fit and healthy, reducing the risk of various diseases. It also helps improve their concentration and memory, which is beneficial for their studies. Moreover, sports can cultivate their teamwork spirit and communication skills when they participate in team sports.

Additionally, it offers a great way to relieve stress and anxiety. In a nutshell, sports play a vital role in a student's overall development.

2. Does winning in a sports game make students feel proud?

Yes, winning a sports game can definitely make students feel proud. Not only does it bring a sense of accomplishment, but it also boosts their confidence and self-esteem. For students who have put in hard work and dedication, winning represents the reward for their efforts. Moreover, celebrating a victory with teammates can create a sense of camaraderie and unity among them. All in all, winning in a sports game can have a positive impact on students' morale and motivation.

3. Do you think winning is everything in sports competitions?

Not necessarily. While winning is important in sports competitions as it signifies success and achievement, the value of participation and sportsmanship should not be underestimated. Athletes can learn important life lessons such as teamwork, perseverance, and resilience regardless of winning or losing. Therefore, the experience gained from participating in sports competitions is valuable regardless of the outcome.

21. 不用工作或学习的一天

Describe a time you enjoyed a free day off work or school

You should say:

Where you were

What you did

Who you were with

And how you felt about it

参考答案

On my last free day off from work, I decided to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and journeyed to a serene national park located a couple of hours away. The park was nestled amidst lush greenery(郁郁葱葱), with winding trails that led to picturesque waterfalls and serene lakes. I spent the day immersing myself in nature, basking in the beauty and tranquility that surrounded me.

As I explored the trails, I stumbled upon a hidden waterfall cascading gracefully into a crystal-clear(清澈见底的) pool. The sight was mesmerizing, and I couldn't resist the temptation to dip my toes into the cool, refreshing water. I felt a sense of awe and gratitude at being able to witness such natural beauty.

Accompanying me on this relaxing day was my close friend, who shares my love for nature and adventure. We hiked through the park, sharing stories and laughter along the way, creating memories that would last a lifetime. We enjoyed a peaceful picnic by the lakeside, soaking in the sun and the sounds of nature surrounding us.

The day off provided me with a much-needed break from the stresses of work, allowing me to recharge and rejuvenate both my body and mind. As the sun began to set, casting a golden hue over the park, I felt a deep sense of contentment and inner peace. It was a day filled with joy, laughter, and a profound appreciation for the beauty of the natural world.

Part 3

1. Do people nowadays have more free time than in the past?

In the contemporary world, individuals arguably have more leisure time compared to previous generations. The rapid advancement of technology has automated many tasks, freeing up time that would have been spent on manual labor. Furthermore, flexible working schedules and the ability to work remotely have provided people with more control over their time. Despite this, some argue that increased connectivity and societal expectations may offset these gains by blurring the boundaries between work and personal life.

2. Do you think most people are able to manage their free time well?

I don't believe most people manage their free time well. Many waste it on **unproductive activities** like **excessive social media scrolling**. **Some** may have good intentions to relax or learn something new, **but end up procrastinating**. For example, they plan to read a book but end up watching TV shows all day. Without proper planning and self-discipline, it's hard for them to make the most of their free time.

3. What do people like to do when they are free in your country?

In my country, when people are free, they have various hobbies. A lot of them like to go shopping, either in malls or online. It's a way to relax and find new things. Others enjoy **outdoor activities** such as **hiking or cycling** in the parks. Some also prefer **staying at home**, watching **movies or TV series**, and having a cozy time with their families. Socializing with friends over a cup of coffee is also quite popular.

4. What's the difference between the things people did in their free time in the past and the things they do nowadays?

In the past, people often spent their free time doing more **traditional activities** like knitting, reading physical books, or playing **board games** with family. Nowadays, technology has changed things. People are more likely to play video games, stream online content, or use social media. The way of socializing has also shifted from face-to-face gatherings to virtual meetups, which is a significant difference from the past.

5. Why is working extra hours common nowadays?

Working extra hours is common nowadays mainly because of competition. In a highly competitive job market, employees feel they need to put in more effort to stand out and keep their jobs. Also, companies often have high demands and tight deadlines, pushing workers to work overtime. Additionally, the rise of the gig economy means people sometimes take on multiple jobs to make ends meet, resulting in longer working hours.

6. What can we do to stop working long hours?

To reduce working long hours, we can focus on achieving better work-life balance. This involves prioritizing tasks, setting specific work hours, and delegating responsibilities when possible. Additionally, employers can implement policies that promote flexible scheduling and remote work options. Encouraging regular breaks and promoting a supportive work environment can also help employees manage their time effectively and prevent overworking.

2025年1-4月保留题库

Part1:

1. *Home/Accommodation*

1.What kind of house or flat do you want to live in in the future?

If I could afford it, I would buy a house close to the city center of Beijing. I plan to live and work in Beijing for a couple of years, and the company I want to work for is located in the very center of the city, so I really don't want to travel hours to get to work every day.

2.What's your favorite room in your apartment or house?

Well, to tell the truth, my favorite room is the bathroom. My parents always nag at me for spending too much time in there, but I only get to enjoy some peace and quiet when I'm in the bathroom!

3.What makes you feel pleasant in your home?

I can take off my makeup and wear whatever I feel comfortable in at home. Home is the only place I feel completely free and can be whatever I like to be. So yeah, it's this freedom that makes me feel pleasant. It makes home an appealing place for me.

4.Do you think it is important to live in a comfortable environment?

Of course it is important to live comfortably. A pleasant environment can put you in a good mood. It can also increase your sleep quality, which is critical to your health and well-being. So if we can, we should always strive to make our living environment comfortable.

5.What can you see outside the window?

There are three big windows in my unit. The living room window looks out onto the garden which is full of flowers and bushes. The window views are the best, though! The two bedroom windows both look out onto a big tree in the neighbor's yard.

6.Do you live in a house or a flat?

I live in a unit. It's almost like a house, but not as spacious. The bedrooms in my unit aren't very big, but they are quite comfy. The living room is big enough for me to cater for a group of guests. It also has a small garden where I can grow my favorite plants.

7.What part of your home do you like the most?

I'm a nature person, so of course, I like the garden the most. Over the last two years, I have planted tulips, roses and lilies in my garden. I surround the flowers with green bushes. Also, I built a stone path so I can walk in it without getting muddy on rainy days.

8.Please describe the room you live in.

My bedroom is not very big. I only have a bed, a dresser and a closet in it. But it gets plenty of sunshine during the day, and it's pretty quiet at night. Outside the bedroom window, there's a big tree standing tall. I like to wake up to the greenery every morning.

9.Are the transport facilities to your home very good?

Yes, absolutely. In fact, the train station is just five minutes' walk from home. And if I want to take the bus, the bus stop is even closer – about two minutes away on foot. There's also a subway station at the end of the street, which is what I use most often.

10.What do you usually do in your house/flat/room?

If I'm free, I like to do some cleaning. You know, I cater for rental guests occasionally, so I have to make sure my place is clean and comfy. I also work in the garden, perhaps twice a week, to get rid of the weeds and water the plants.

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

When my family come to stay with me, we spend most of the time in the living room, where there's a big window. Since the window is right next to the garden, the view is the best! We sit there with a cup of tea while looking at green bushes and colorful flowers.

12.Can you describe the place where you live?

I live in a comfortable and cozy flat. It is a duplex apartment. I live on the 21st floor. From the window of my bedroom, I can overlook the garden in the housing estate. It is not very big, but I still have enough space.

13.What's the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?

I used to live in an apartment in a tall building. I could overlook the city but there was no nature or greenery nearby. However, in my current unit, I have my own garden where I can grow things and enjoy the sunshine in the warm afternoons. I like this unit much better.

14.Do you plan to live there for a long time?

Well, so far I'm quite happy with it. You see, the rent is not too expensive and it's located in the busy area of the city where the public transportation is great! If the unit owner agrees, I don't mind signing another three-year rental contract.

15.How long have you lived there?

Roughly two years. I rented the place when I first arrived in the city. I signed the rental contract with the unit owner for three years. That way, I don't have to worry about the rent increasing, because the contract says that the rent will stay the same within the contract period.

16.Who do you live with?

I rent the place by myself, but quite often, I have family and friends come over to stay the night, especially during holidays and weekends. I also have one room listed on a rental website to make extra money. So occasionally, I have rental guests too.

17.What kind of housing/accommodation do you live in?

Well, I live in a unit which has a small garden in the front yard. It's not very spacious but it's comfy enough. It has two bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen and a bathroom. We get plenty of light during the day.

2. Hometown

1.What's (the name of) your hometown ?

My hometown is Chengdu, the capital city of Sichuan Province.

2.Is that a big city or a small place?

Chengdu is a big city. I think it is the biggest city in southwest China. Moreover, it is a fast-developing city. What's fascinating about Chengdu is that it is not only a comfortable city for senior citizens to enjoy their old ages, but also a city with a lot of opportunities where young

people can work hard and fulfill their dreams.

3.How long have you lived there?

I've lived here for 18 years. I left for Beijing when I went to college. It's quite challenging for me to get out of my comfort zone. However, I made it.

4.What's your hometown famous for?

My hometown is well known for Hula Tang, which is a kind of spicy soup that we like to have for breakfast. It's made of potato noodles, peanuts, tofu and black mushrooms. In the holidays, people from neighboring cities and towns drive for hours just to experience our local Hula flavor.

5.Did you learn about the history of your hometown at school?

Actually, not really. In history class, the teacher only focused on textbooks. We were asked to memorize the historical events of the world and of our country, but nobody taught us about our hometown. Perhaps it's too small to be mentioned.

6.Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?

Good question! I imagine I will. You see, I spend most of the year living in the city, because my work is in the city. However, I have plans to go back home someday in the future. When I've made enough money to retire, I will move back to my hometown.

7.Is there anything you dislike about it?

My hometown is a small town. It has a small population so there's not even a train station, but it's quite a livable place. It isn't busy or crowded like a big city. People can manage their lives at a slow pace. Life is pretty enjoyable in a small town.

8.What do you like about your hometown?

Well, the most attractive thing about my hometown is that it has a number of scenic spots, like the West Lake, and Lingyin Temple. People of various age groups can enjoy or entertain themselves when they visit the West Lake. Retired people usually sing opera near that area.

9.Do you like living there?

Of course. I made many friends while I was growing up. Most of them settled down in my hometown. I like to hang out with them. Also, my family all live in my hometown. If I live there, I can spend time with my parents too. Above all, I enjoy the great scenery back home.

10.Do you like your hometown?

Definitely. I often tell my city friends about my hometown. The greenery, the nature, the sweet people, and the quiet evenings have captured me deep inside. I've traveled to many places, but I believe my hometown has the best to offer, at least to me.

11.How long have you been living there?

I lived there until I turned 18. I left my hometown for university but in the past few years I have traveled back to my hometown at least twice a year to spend holidays. To me, it's always the best place to be.

12.Please describe your hometown a little.

Well, it's a small town where the weather is mild. There's no major public transport facilities like a train station or airport, however, the roads are solid and lead to all directions. Traveling is easy if you have a vehicle. Most importantly, people there are very nice and modest.

13. Is your hometown a big city or a small place?

My hometown is a small town. It has a small population so there's not even a train station, but it's quite a livable place. It isn't busy or crowded like a big city. People can manage their lives at a slow pace. Life is pretty enjoyable in a small town.

14. Where would you like to live?

Ideally, I would be able to afford an apartment in the city that I'm working in now, and a town house in my hometown. I'll live in the city during the weekdays and travel back to my hometown to spend the weekends and holidays.

15. Do you plan to continue living there?

I plan to buy a house in my hometown when I can afford it, and quite likely, I will travel back and forth between my hometown and the city that I'm living in now. That's because even though my hometown is beautiful, it doesn't have the kind of jobs that I am interested in.

16. Where's your hometown?

I come from a small town in the middle of the country. It's an agricultural town so the scenery is pretty stunning with plenty of trees and bushes lining both sides of the streets. The buildings aren't very tall like in big cities, and people are quite nice, so it's a very lovely place.

3. *Work or study*

1. What technology do you use when you study?

Well, I normally use my iPad for online lessons. You see, I've signed up for many online lectures because I like to use my spare time to increase my knowledge. I also use the Kindle for reading which helps me to learn more about various topics and broaden my horizons.

2. What subjects are you studying?

I study English literature.

3. Do you like your subject?

Of course. I think it is my love towards this subject that keeps me continuing my study. Studying English actually broadens my horizon. Learning English helps me to enhance my knowledge of every field over the world through reading English documents which are not only in books, newspapers but also on the internet.

4. Is it interesting?

I think so. First of all, studying English literature means that you can not only learn a language but also get to know a culture. Moreover, it gives me a chance to read a lot of great books. I will never pick up some of the books if they hadn't been on the syllabus. Whilst the occasional book or style of writing may not resonate with you, it's really interesting and important to read books out of the box.

5. Who helps you the most? And how?

My mother is always there for me. Whenever I need help, she's the first one to provide it. She paid for my English training fees when I first entered college. It was a big sum of money at the time. That training course has helped me a lot since then.

6.How much time do you spend on your studies each week?

I devote approximately 30 to 35 hours per week to my studies. This includes attending lectures, participating in tutorials, conducting research, completing assignments, and preparing for examinations. I believe it's crucial to allocate a significant amount of time to academic pursuits in order to excel in my chosen field of study. Additionally, I organize my schedule effectively to ensure a balance between my academic commitments and other aspects of life, such as personal interests, extracurricular activities, and socializing with friends.

7.Do you want to change jobs?

I'm quite content with my current job and don't have any immediate plans to switch to another position. I find my work fulfilling and enjoy the challenges and opportunities it offers. Additionally, I have developed valuable skills and expertise in my field, which I believe will help me grow and advance in my career. Therefore, I'm committed to continuing my journey in my current role.

8.What kinds of technology do you use at work?

In my current job, I use various technologies to efficiently carry out my tasks. These include software such as Microsoft Office for document creation and data analysis. Additionally, I utilize project management tools like Trello or Asana to organize and collaborate on team projects. Moreover, I use communication tools like Slack or Microsoft Teams to facilitate seamless communication with colleagues and clients. Furthermore, I'm familiar with industry-specific software and database management systems that are essential for my profession.

9.Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoons?

I wish I was a morning person because I'm actually more productive in the morning. However, it's so difficult for me to rise early in the morning, so I have to arrange most of my study plans in the afternoons. I'm so used to this study schedule now.

10.Are you looking forward to working?

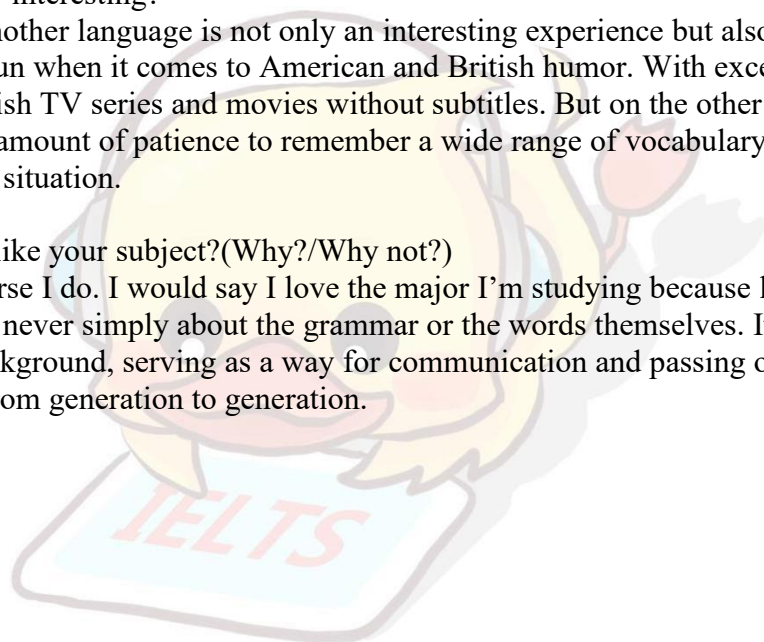
Yes, absolutely. I am working part time at the moment. I like to make my own money because it gives me freedom. I'm looking forward to my graduation when I can have a proper job, make a decent income and enjoy being able to manage my own money.

11.Is it very interesting?

Learning another language is not only an interesting experience but also a challenging one. It's full of fun when it comes to American and British humor. With excellent English, you can watch English TV series and movies without subtitles. But on the other hand, it requires substantial amount of patience to remember a wide range of vocabulary and to use it in the appropriate situation.

12.Do you like your subject?(Why?/Why not?)

Yes, of course I do. I would say I love the major I'm studying because learning another language is never simply about the grammar or the words themselves. It's more about the cultural background, serving as a way for communication and passing on the wisdom of humanity from generation to generation.



13. Why did you choose to study that subject?/Why did you choose to study those subjects?

Well, finance wasn't my primary choice. To be honest, I was convinced by my parents that it was the most worthwhile subject to learn. Perhaps they were right. What I've learned has helped me a great deal in real life. I think I can think more rationally nowadays about any financial decisions I make.

14. What subject(s) are you studying?

The main subjects I'm studying at the moment are financial management, micro-economics, statistics and audition. Apart from these major ones, I also have to go to classes like Chinese literature, politics and English. I only study these because they contribute to my GPA.

15. Do you miss being a student?

Yes and no. I miss the worry-free time as a student. Studying hard was my mission. I didn't have to worry about rent, office affairs, work productivity and so on. However, when I didn't have the freedom to make financial decisions, I had to discuss almost every financial matter with my parents. That's the part I don't miss.

16. Is your work interesting?

It's not particularly exciting, but it's very practical. You know, finance is related to almost every aspect of our life. Also, it's a hot major in the job market. With financial knowledge, I could at least find a decent job and live a reasonable life.

17. Do you like your job?

I'm very fond of my job. Actually, teaching is more of a career instead of a job to me. As a child, I always dreamed of being a teacher, standing on the stage in front of the school. I love embracing my students every day and passing on the knowledge I have accumulated over the years. I've always had this feeling that as long as I stay with my students, I will always be energetic and passionate.

18. Why did you choose to do that type of work (or, that job)?

There's no doubt that teachers play an important role in students' lives. Back in my school days, I was lucky to encounter many excellent teachers who've had a profound influence on me. Their passion for teaching and patience for caring inspired me to be a teacher myself. With this idea in mind, I chose to study English at university with the aim of becoming an English teacher.

19. What work do you do?

I'm working as a teacher at XXX high school/ training organization right now. Usually I teach English lessons four days a week. Correcting my students' homework and other assignments is an essential part of my job. I also spend time taking care of and playing with the students outside the classroom.

4. The area you live in

1.What are some changes in the area recently?

According to my observation, the biggest change that took place here is that there are more and more entertaining venues now. People here have come up with a variety of stuff to relax recently, so accordingly, a lot more related facilities have been constructed. And another difference is that, the public transport system is far more completed, with more metro lines being built.

2.Do you know any of your neighbors?

Well, since I've only just moved into a new apartment, I am not familiar with any of my neighbors yet. Not only that, but I leave the apartment early in the morning and return late at night, so I don't really have chance to get to know them either.

3.Do you like the area that you live in?

Honestly speaking, not very much. Although I can see how much this area has developed, I am still not very satisfied with the current situation. One reason is that, I suppose this place is so overpopulated, so commuting is really a torture for me every day. Meanwhile, the air quality here is also terrible, and I am afraid that I will get some lung diseases one day if I keep living here.

4.What changes have been made to the area recently?

Well, a lot of changes are taking place nowadays in my city. I can see more and more skyscrapers have been built and the public transportation system is becoming more diversified and completed. But for me, the most fantastic change is that there is greater diversity in restaurants! Now I can taste genuine foreign food in my city. How marvelous it is!

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

Actually yes! I am aware that a lot of movie stars come from where I live. I feel very proud every time I see them in a fantastic film. Also, there are some poets and writers who are living in the area that I come from. So, I suppose my city is an artistic and poetic area.

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

The sports stadium next to the building I live in, is where I would like to go frequently. The stadium is not very spacious but well-equipped with plenty of sports facilities. Also, there is an indoor swimming pool with a small number of people so I can swim whenever I want. That's really awesome!

5. *The city you live in*

1. What city do you live in?

I currently live in the city of Beijing. It's a vibrant and bustling city with a rich cultural history. Being the capital city of China, it's also a hub for business and innovation. Living here provides a great opportunity to learn about Chinese culture, both old and new. There are always new places to explore and interesting things to discover. Despite its size and fast pace, I find that Beijing still manages to maintain a sense of community, making it a great place to call home.



2. Do you like this city? Why?

Yes, I really like living in Beijing. There are so many things I enjoy about this city, from the historical landmarks to the modern shopping centers. One of my favorite things about Beijing is the food. The city has a diverse culinary scene, with delicious street food and high-end restaurants with cuisine from all over China and the world. Additionally, I appreciate the opportunities for personal and professional growth that living in such a large city offers. Overall, I find Beijing to be an exciting and dynamic place to live.

3. How long have you lived in this city?

I have lived in Beijing for almost four years since I started attending university here. During this time, I have come to appreciate all that the city has to offer, from its rich cultural heritage to its modern amenities. Living in Beijing has allowed me to broaden my horizons and learn more about different cultures, while also providing me with valuable academic and career opportunities. Overall, I feel fortunate to call Beijing my home and look forward to continuing to explore everything it has to offer.

4. Are there big changes in this city?

Yes, there have been many big changes in this city during the past few years. For example, new infrastructure projects and developments have made the city more modern and convenient. There has also been a greater emphasis on environmental protection, resulting in cleaner air and better living conditions. Additionally, the city has become more diverse and international, attracting people from all over the world. These changes have made the city more vibrant and exciting, and I feel fortunate to be able to witness and experience them firsthand.

5. Is this city your permanent residence?

No, this city is not my permanent residence. I grew up in a different city and came to this city for university. However, I have grown to love this city and feel like it has become a second home to me. The vibrancy and diversity of the city make it an exciting place to live and study. While I may not stay here permanently, I know that this city will always hold a special place in my heart.

6. Are there people of different ages living in this city?

I can say with confidence that the answer to this question is a definite yes. People of different ages from infants to the elderly live and work here, creating a diverse and colorful community. The variety of age groups brings about unique perspectives, experiences, and cultural traditions that add depth and richness to life in the city. Being able to interact with individuals from various age groups on a daily basis allows for learning opportunities and contributes to the overall character of the city.

7. What's the weather like where you live?

The weather where I live is quite diverse and distinct. We experience all four seasons throughout the year. During spring, the weather is mild and pleasant with occasional rainfall. Summer can be hot and humid, characterized by long hours of sunshine. Autumn brings cooler temperatures and colorful foliage. Winter is usually cold, with snowfall and freezing temperatures. Overall, this variety in climate makes living here quite interesting and allows for a range of outdoor activities throughout the year.

8. Are the people friendly in the city?

Yes, in general, the people in the city are friendly and welcoming. However, like any other place, there may be individuals who are not as friendly. But, for the most part, the majority of the people in the city are kind-hearted and willing to help.

9. Is the city friendly to children and old people?

Yes, the city is exceptionally friendly to both children and old people. There are numerous parks and playgrounds where children can safely play, and the city provides various activities and educational programs tailored to their needs. In addition, there are numerous elderly-friendly facilities, such as easily accessible public transportation, wide pedestrian walkways, and senior-oriented recreational centers. The city recognizes the importance of creating a welcoming environment for all its residents, regardless of age.

10. Do you often see your neighbors?

No, I don't often see my neighbors. As a city resident, people tend to keep to themselves and have busy schedules. Everyone is always rushing off to work or other commitments, so it's rare to have a chance encounter with neighbors. However, we do occasionally bump into each other in the communal areas, like the lobby or parking garage.

6. *Bike*

1. Did you have a bike when you were young?

Yes, I did have a bike when I was young. It was a cherished possession of mine. I remember riding it through the neighborhood with my friends. We would explore the nearby parks and ride along the riverside. It was a red bicycle with a silver bell, and I used to decorate it with stickers. It gave me a sense of freedom and independence, and I would spend hours riding around, enjoying the fresh air. Having a bike allowed me to experience the joy of outdoor activities and create lasting childhood memories.

2. Do you have a bike now?

No, I don't have a bike at the moment. I used to have one, but I sold it last year. I found it difficult to navigate through the busy city streets, and it was time-consuming to maintain. Instead, I prefer using public transportation or walking to get around. Not having a bike has actually made me more environmentally conscious and health-conscious.

3. Do you often ride a bike now?

Yes, I often ride a bike now. Cycling has become my preferred means of transportation due to its countless benefits. Not only does it keep me physically active, but it also helps reduce carbon emissions and traffic congestion. Additionally, biking allows me to explore my surroundings and appreciate the beauty of nature. Whether it's a leisurely ride in the park or a daily commute, my bicycle has truly become an indispensable part of my life.

4. Are bikes popular in China?

Yes, bikes are incredibly popular in China. They have been an integral part of Chinese culture for decades. Not only are they an affordable and efficient means of transportation, but they also promote a healthier lifestyle. Many Chinese cities have designated bike lanes, making cycling both safe and convenient. Moreover, bikes are often seen as a symbol of environmental consciousness, as they help reduce pollution and traffic congestion.

7. *Coins*

1. Do you often take coins with you?

No, I don't usually take coins with me because in China we primarily use mobile payments. It's much more convenient and efficient than carrying around loose change. For instance, popular payment platforms like Alipay and WeChat Pay allow us to make transactions using our smartphones, which eliminates the need for physical cash. Furthermore, mobile payments offer added security and keep track of our expenses digitally. So, I rarely find the need to carry coins with me in my daily life.

2. Have you collected coins?

Yes, I have been actively collecting coins for many years, and it all started when I inherited a rare coin from my grandfather. Collecting coins is not only a hobby for me, but also a way to learn about and preserve different cultural and historical moments. I find it fascinating to discover the different designs, historical events, and cultural symbols depicted on these coins. I enjoy visiting coin fairs and connecting with other collectors who share the same interest.

3. Is it convenient to use coins?

Well, I think using coins is both convenient and inconvenient, depending on the situation. On the one hand, coins are small, easy to carry, easy to put in a pocket or purse. In addition, coins are widely accepted and can be used for various purposes, such as buying products at vending machines. On the other hand, when coins are piled up in large quantities, the weight can become very heavy.

4. Do you use coins in your daily life?

Yes, I do use coins in my daily life, but not as frequently as before. With the rise of digital payment methods, such as mobile wallets and online transactions, coins are becoming less essential. However, they still come in handy for small purchases or when I need change. I remember a unique incident when I used coins to buy a delicious ice cream from a vintage ice cream truck. It added a nostalgic touch to my day.

5. Did you use coins as a child?

Yes, I did use coins as a child. Growing up, I had a fascination with collecting coins from different countries. Every time I received pocket money, I would save a portion of it to buy unique coins from local markets or ask friends and family traveling abroad to bring me back coins as souvenirs. This hobby not only taught me about different cultures and currencies, but also instilled in me the value of saving and appreciating the beauty of small things.

8. *Laughing*

1. Do you enjoy watching interesting and funny movies?

To be honest, I don't find myself particularly drawn to watching interesting and funny movies. While I can appreciate the humor and entertainment they bring, my personal taste leans towards more thought-provoking or introspective films. I enjoy movies that challenge my perspective or delve into complex themes. For me, such movies offer a deeper emotional and intellectual engagement that I find truly fulfilling. However, I do understand the appeal of interesting and funny movies for many people and can appreciate their popularity.

2. Do you think you are a funny person?

Well, I believe that humor is subjective, and while some people may find me amusing, I don't consider myself exceptionally funny. I have a dry sense of humor and tend to appreciate clever wit more than slapstick comedy. However, I do enjoy making people smile and creating a light-hearted atmosphere in social situations. Ultimately, I think being funny is a skill that can be developed, and I am open to improving my comedic abilities in the future.

3. Do you always laugh at funny things?

No, I don't always laugh at funny things. While I appreciate humor, my sense of humor tends to lean towards more subtle and intellectual jokes. I find clever wordplay and witty sarcasm to be more amusing than slapstick comedy. Additionally, I believe that humor is subjective, and what one person finds funny might not elicit the same reaction from another. Therefore, while I do enjoy a good laugh, it's not something that happens automatically for me in every funny situation.

4. When was the last time you laughed?

The last time I had a good laugh was just a few days ago when I was hanging out with my friends. We were reminiscing about an embarrassing incident from our school days, and it brought a wave of laughter. It was such a lighthearted moment, and we couldn't stop laughing for a good few minutes. It felt amazing to let go of all the stress and just enjoy that pure moment of happiness.

5. Are you a person who often makes others laugh?

Yes, I consider myself to be someone who often brings laughter to others. I have a natural sense of humor and enjoy making people around me giggle. For instance, whenever my friends are feeling down, I crack jokes or share funny anecdotes to lift their spirits. Whether through witty remarks or silly gestures, I find joy in spreading laughter and creating a light-hearted atmosphere. It feels satisfying to know that I can bring a smile to someone's face and brighten their day.



9. *Road and street*

1. Are the roads in the area where you live busy?

Yes, the roads in the area where I live can be quite busy during peak hours, especially in the city center. However, the majority of the roads in the residential areas are relatively quiet and less congested. This is because people living in these areas often take public transportation or walk to nearby amenities. Thus, although there are some busy roads, overall, the area strikes a balance between bustling traffic and tranquil surroundings.

2. How do people cross the road in the city where you live?

In the city where I live, people usually cross the road by using pedestrian crossings, commonly known as zebra crossings. However, it's worth mentioning that some cyclists tend to be less considerate towards pedestrians, often failing to yield. It's essential for pedestrians to remain cautious while crossing and ensure their safety, even on designated crossings. Although there are regulations in place, the behavior of individuals can differ, requiring pedestrians to be vigilant at all times.

3. How is the condition of the roads in your city?

Well, the condition of the roads in my city is a bit of a mixed bag, to be honest. On one hand, some main roads are well-maintained, with smooth surfaces and clear lane markings, making it easy to navigate. On the other hand, we still have a lot of road problems, such as heavy traffic jams during rush hours. Therefore, while efforts have been made to improve the roads, there is still room for further improvement to ensure smoother and safer journeys for everyone.

4. Do you think the roads in your city need improvement?

Well, currently I believe the roads in my city are well-maintained and don't necessarily need immediate improvement. However, considering the potential future increase in population and urban density, it is possible that our roads may require enhancements in the coming years. As cities grow, the demand for better transportation infrastructure becomes crucial to ensure efficient commuting and alleviate traffic congestion.

10. Fishing

1. Is fishing popular in your country?

Yes, fishing is indeed a popular recreational activity in my country. With its numerous lakes, rivers, and coastline, we have an abundance of fishing spots that attract both locals and tourists. Many people enjoy fishing as a way to relax, unwind, and connect with nature.

2. Do you like eating fish?

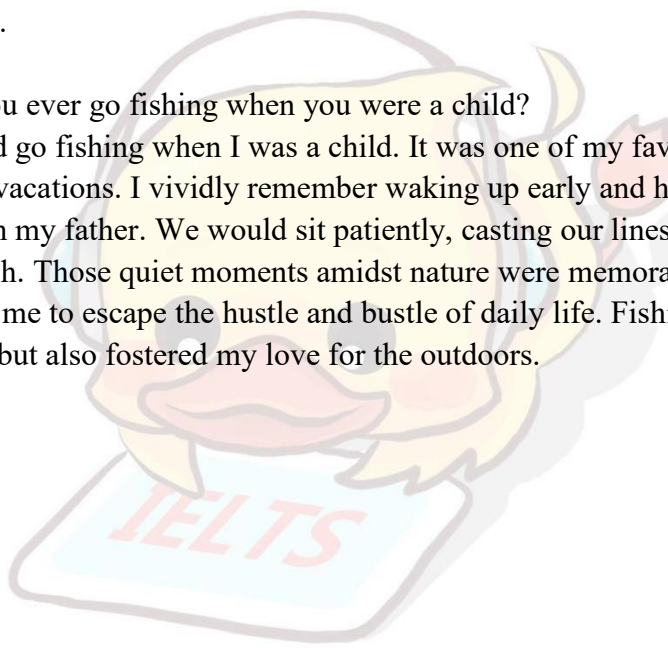
Yes, I do enjoy eating fish. Not only is it a significant part of our cuisine, but it is also a great source of protein and essential nutrients. Whether fried, grilled, or steamed, fish offers a variety of flavors and textures that I find quite enjoyable.

3. Do you like fishing?

Yes, I do enjoy fishing. There's something peaceful and refreshing about spending time by the water, waiting patiently for a fish to bite. It allows me to connect with nature and temporarily escape the hustle and bustle of daily life. Catching a fish not only gives me a sense of accomplishment but also provides a delicious meal. Additionally, it's a great bonding activity that I often enjoy with friends or family members.

4. Did you ever go fishing when you were a child?

Yes, I did go fishing when I was a child. It was one of my favorite pastimes during the summer vacations. I vividly remember waking up early and heading to the nearby river with my father. We would sit patiently, casting our lines into the water, hoping for a catch. Those quiet moments amidst nature were memorable and peaceful, allowing me to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life. Fishing not only taught me patience but also fostered my love for the outdoors.



11. Teachers

1. Do you have a favourite teacher?

Yes, I do have a favorite teacher. In fact, my favorite teacher is my English teacher. She has had a profound impact on my English language learning journey. Her teaching style is unique and engaging, making every lesson enjoyable. She incorporates various interactive activities and discussions that enhance our language skills. Additionally, she encourages us to read extensively, expanding our vocabulary and understanding of different cultures.

2. In what way has your favourite teacher helped you?

My favorite teacher has greatly assisted me in developing efficient methods for memorizing key points. Through their guidance and innovative teaching techniques, I learned personalized memory strategies that have significantly improved my academic performance. One of the techniques involves creating mnemonic devices that link complex concepts to easily recallable images or phrases. This not only enhances my understanding but also accelerates my ability to retain information.

3. Do you have a teacher from your past that you still remember?

Yes, I had a remarkable teacher from my middle school whom I still vividly remember. Mrs. Joanna was an exceptional English teacher who had an immense impact on my life. Her unique teaching style involved incorporating fun activities into our lessons, making them both engaging and effective. I recall her organizing creative writing competitions, where we had the chance to showcase our imagination and language skills. Furthermore, she would often share personal stories and experiences, giving us a broader perspective on various topics.

4. Are you still in touch with your primary school teachers?

Yes, I am still in touch with my primary school teachers. They played an influential role in my education and I appreciate their guidance. We have regular reunions and keep in touch through social media platforms. Recently, I reached out to one of my favorite teachers to seek advice on a career decision. It's wonderful to maintain a connection with them as they continue to inspire and support me even after all these years.

5. Do you want to be a teacher in the future?

My future career aspirations are still evolving. While I have considered the possibility of becoming a teacher, I am also exploring other potential paths. Ultimately, my goal is to pursue a career that allows me to make a positive impact on the world and continuously grow both personally and professionally.

12. Perfume

1. Do you like perfume?

To be honest, I have mixed feelings about perfume. While I appreciate the lovely scent it brings, I am not a big fan of strong fragrances. However, I do appreciate the subtle and light perfumes that enhance one's natural scent without overpowering it. For me, wearing perfume depends on the occasion and my mood. Sometimes, I find solace in the calming aroma of lavender-infused scents, while on other days, I prefer to go without any fragrance. So, it's safe to say that I have a love-hate relationship with perfume.



2. Do you use perfume?

Yes, I do use perfume occasionally. I believe that fragrance can enhance one's overall confidence and create a pleasant impression on others. However, I must make sure not to overdo it, as the overpowering scent may distract and bother people around me. Therefore, I prefer choosing a subtle and refreshing fragrance that suits my personality and the occasion. By using perfume, I can feel more refined and put together, ultimately boosting my self-esteem.

3. Where do you spray perfume?

Well, there are various options when it comes to where I usually spray perfume. Sometimes, I apply it on my wrists and gently rub them together. Other times, I like to spritz a bit on my neck or behind my ears. However, I often prefer to spray a small amount on my clothes to leave a subtle scent throughout the day. So, depending on the occasion, I try different places to ensure the fragrance lasts longer.

4. Do you send perfume to others as a gift?

Actually, I rarely send perfume as a gift to others. I prefer to choose more personalized and unique gifts that align with the recipient's interests and preferences. For instance, I might choose a book for a friend who loves reading or a concert ticket for a music enthusiast. In my opinion, it's important to select a thoughtful and meaningful gift that shows how well you know the person rather than relying on traditional gifts like perfume.

5. Do you spend a lot of money on buying perfume?

Yes, I do spend quite a bit of money on buying perfume. I love trying out different scents and believe that a good fragrance adds to one's overall persona. However, I do make sure to make informed choices and search for good deals or discounts to manage my expenses effectively.

13. Place of study/work

1. Do you prefer to study at home or in a library?

Personally, I find studying at home more preferable. Being in the comfort of my own space allows me to concentrate better and create a peaceful environment tailored to my learning style. Additionally, I can easily access all the study materials I need and have the freedom to customize my study routine. While libraries offer a quiet atmosphere and resources, I find the distractions and limited study hours sometimes hinder my progress.

2. What is your favourite place to study?

Well, when I think about my favorite place to study, I've got to say it's my little study nook. It's tucked away in the corner of my cozy bedroom. My study space is like my own little sanctuary. With soft natural light coming through the window and a chill vibe all around, it's just right for diving into my books, jotting down notes, and really soaking up knowledge.

3. What part of your school do you like the most?

I am particularly fond of the library in my school. It is a tranquil haven where I can indulge in my love for reading and expand my knowledge. The library is well-stocked with a wide range of books, covering various genres and subjects. Additionally, it offers a peaceful atmosphere that aids in concentration and learning. I often find myself spending hours there, engrossed in books and exploring different worlds.

4. What is your favourite subject?

Oh, if I had to pick one, I'd say my favorite is history. I think it's super interesting to dive into the past and learn about all the events and people that have shaped our world. Whether I'm looking at ancient civilizations or checking out recent global conflicts, history always gives me unique insights and important lessons. It feels like unraveling an exciting story, with each historical period showing us something different. Plus, studying history helps us understand who we are and where we come from better. So yeah, history is definitely my top pick!

5. Do you prefer to work at home or in the workplace?

Personally, I find the flexibility of working from home preferable. Being in a familiar environment allows me to be more comfortable and productive. Additionally, I appreciate the freedom to customize my workspace according to my needs. Moreover, working from home eliminates commuting time and allows for a better work-life balance. Ultimately, I believe that remote work offers numerous advantages in terms of convenience and flexibility.

6. Do you prefer to work alone or in a group?

Personally, I enjoy the benefits of both working alone and in a group. When working alone, I appreciate the freedom to plan my own schedule and focus on my specific tasks without any distractions. It allows me to delve deep into my work and maintain a sense of independence. On the other hand, group cooperation can share ideas and knowledge with each other, which is also helpful for learning. So, I find value in both approaches depending on the circumstance.

14. Good view

1. What is the view like around the place where you live?

The view around my place is simply breathtaking. Surrounded by majestic mountains and lush greenery, it's like living in a tranquil paradise. The sight of the sun setting behind the peaks paints the sky with vibrant hues of orange and purple. In the distance, I can see a serene lake, shimmering under the golden rays of sunlight. During spring, vibrant blossoms adorn the trees, creating a magical atmosphere. Overall, the view is a mesmerizing blend of nature's beauty and serenity.

2. Have you seen an unforgettable view?

Yes, I have had the pleasure of witnessing a truly unforgettable view. It was during a trekking expedition in the Himalayas, where I was surrounded by majestic snow-capped peaks and picturesque valleys. The sight of sunlight reflecting off the glacial peaks while the wind whispered through the pine trees created a serene and magical atmosphere. It was a breathtaking experience that will forever remain etched in my memory.

3. Would you take photos when you see a good view?

Yes, absolutely! Whenever I come across a breathtaking view, I can't resist capturing the beauty through my lens. Not only does taking photos serve as a personal memento, but it also allows me to share the awe-inspiring scenes with my loved ones and showcase the wonders of nature. From the majestic mountains to stunning sunsets, each photograph holds a unique story, making me appreciate the world's beauty even more. Photography has truly become an integral part of my exploration and appreciation of the world around us.

4. What is your favourite place? Why?

My favorite place is the library. I find solace and inspiration surrounded by books and knowledge. The peaceful atmosphere helps me concentrate and delve into my studies. Furthermore, the library is a hub of information, offering a wide range of resources for research and exploration. Whether I am seeking to expand my understanding of a specific topic or simply seeking a quiet space to reflect, the library never fails to provide. It is truly a haven for lifelong learners like myself.

15. Meeting new people&friends

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

Yes, I meet new people more often now than in the past. With the advancement of technology and the ease of travel, opportunities to interact with new individuals have significantly increased. For instance, joining international online communities allows me to connect with people from different countries. Furthermore, my job requires frequent networking, which enables me to meet professionals from diverse backgrounds. Compared to the past, where social interactions were limited to local communities, I now have a broader network of acquaintances, offering new perspectives and enriching my personal and professional growth.



2. Do you like making friends?

Yes, I enjoy making friends as it allows me to learn about different cultures and perspectives. I particularly enjoy meeting people from various backgrounds and engaging in meaningful conversations. For instance, during my travels, I met a fascinating individual from Peru who shared their traditional music with me. It was a remarkable experience that deepened my appreciation for diversity. Making friends also helps me improve my language skills, as I get to practice speaking with native speakers.

3. Did you make a lot of friends when you were a child?

Although I was a bit shy as a child, I was fortunate to have made a few close friends. One of them was my neighbor, Tim. We would often ride our bikes together and explore the nearby woods, creating unforgettable memories. Additionally, I became friends with a girl named Emily in my school. We shared a love for books and spent countless hours reading and discussing various novels. Overall, while I may not have had a huge circle of friends, the friendships I made were valuable and long-lasting.

4. Have you made any new friends recently?

Yes, I have made some interesting acquaintances lately. One of them is a talented artist I met at a local art exhibition. We bonded over our shared love for creating and discussing art. Another friend I made is a passionate animal rights activist who passionately fights for ethical treatment of animals. We often have engaging discussions on environmental issues and ways to make a positive impact on our planet. These new friendships have added depth and diversity to my social circle, allowing me to broaden my perspective and learn from different individuals.

5. What do you often talk about with your friends?

Well, when I catch up with my friends, our conversations tend to revolve around a wide range of topics. We often exchange opinions on movies, books, and music, share advice, and have a friendly exchange about our personal preferences. Additionally, we also like to reminisce about our memorable travels and adventures, igniting a sense of wanderlust within us. Overall, our conversations are always dynamic and diverse, making each interaction with my friends a stimulating experience.

6. Do you like meeting new people?

Yes, I enjoy meeting new people. It's always exciting to make new connections and learn about different cultures and perspectives. Meeting new people opens up opportunities for personal growth and broadens my horizons. Whether it's at social gatherings or professional events, I find it stimulating to engage in conversations and form connections with individuals from diverse backgrounds.

7. Where can you meet new people?

There are several places to meet new people. One way is to join a social club or community group that shares your interests, such as a sports club or hobby group. Another way is to attend networking events or professional conferences related to your industry. In addition, explore volunteering opportunities, as these activities often bring together people who share a passion for a particular cause. Finally, online platforms such as social media networks and forums can also be effective in connecting with new people from different backgrounds and cultures.

8. Do you enjoy talking to new people?

Yes, I do enjoy talking to new people. Meeting new individuals allows me to broaden my horizons and learn about different cultures and perspectives. It's always exciting to engage in meaningful conversations and make new connections that can potentially lead to lasting friendships. Additionally, talking to new people helps me develop my social skills and become more confident in various social settings. All in all, I find great joy in meeting and interacting with people from all walks of life.

16. Teamwork

1. Do you like teamwork?

Yes, I do enjoy teamwork. Collaborating with others allows us to combine our strengths, share ideas, and accomplish tasks more efficiently. In a recent project at work, our team worked seamlessly, each member contributing their unique expertise. For instance, I focused on analysis while my colleague excelled in creativity. This diversity of skills and perspectives facilitated innovative solutions and a successful outcome. Furthermore, teamwork fosters a sense of camaraderie and support, making the work environment more enjoyable. Overall, I find teamwork to be an essential and rewarding component of achieving goals.



2. Have you teamed up with someone else before?

Yes, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with a partner on a project before. It was during my time in university when we were assigned a group assignment. I teamed up with a classmate who shared a similar work ethic and enthusiasm towards the subject. We divided the tasks based on our strengths and worked in tandem, utilizing our individual skills to achieve a successful outcome. Our collaboration not only enriched our learning experience but also taught us the importance of effective teamwork and communication.

3. What do you learn from working in a team?

Working in a team teaches us valuable lessons and skills. Firstly, it enhances our communication abilities as we constantly interact and collaborate with team members. We learn to effectively express our ideas and listen to different perspectives. Secondly, teamwork teaches us the importance of cooperation and compromise. We understand that success lies in collective efforts and compromise is essential for reaching common goals. Lastly, working in a team helps develop our leadership skills. We learn to delegate tasks, motivate others, and manage conflicts. Overall, teamwork equips us with essential life and professional skills.

4. What do you dislike about teamwork?

Personally, what I dislike about teamwork is the potential for unequal distribution of workload. In some cases, certain team members may not contribute as much effort as others, causing frustration and tension among the group. This can hinder productivity and the overall success of the project. However, I believe effective communication and clear expectations can help address this issue and ensure equal participation among team members for smoother collaboration.

17. Taking photos

1. Do you like taking photos?

Yes, I do. I am quite into photography because I like recording the beautiful moments in life with my camera. Usually, I took photos with my phone because phones are easy to carry, and the photo quality is improving over the years. I used to have a DSLR camera, but I resold it because I seldom took it out with me.

2. Do you like taking selfies?

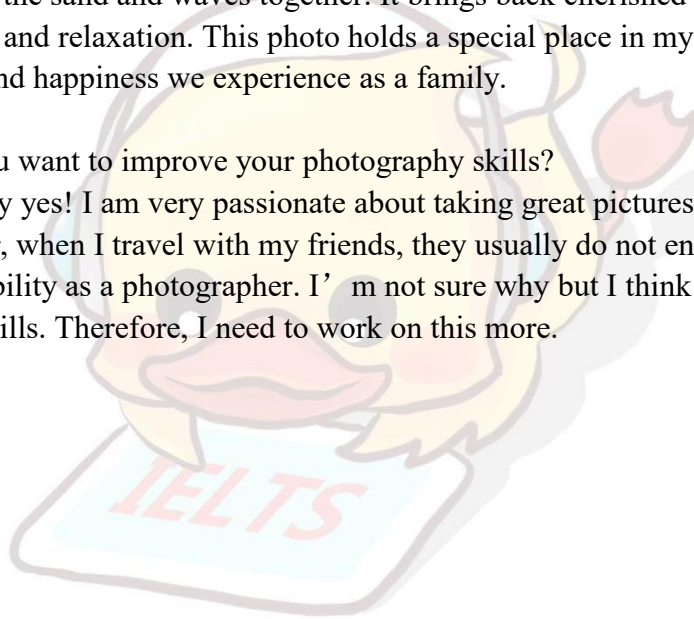
Yes, I enjoy taking selfies as it allows me to capture special moments in my life. However, I don't just take selfies for the sake of it. I prefer to take selfies in beautiful locations or with friends and family to create lasting memories. Taking selfies can also be a form of self-expression and a way to boost confidence. Moreover, capturing unique angles and experimenting with filters adds a creative aspect to the process. Overall, taking selfies can be a fun and meaningful way to document my life.

3. What is your favourite family photo?

My favorite family photo is the one taken during our annual beach vacation. It captures a beautiful sunset backdrop with all of us in our casual summer attire, enjoying the sand and waves together. It brings back cherished memories of laughter, bonding, and relaxation. This photo holds a special place in my heart as it represents the joy and happiness we experience as a family.

4. Do you want to improve your photography skills?

Definitely yes! I am very passionate about taking great pictures of people and scenery. However, when I travel with my friends, they usually do not encourage me to take the responsibility as a photographer. I'm not sure why but I think it relates to my picture taking skills. Therefore, I need to work on this more.



18. Art

1. Do you like drawing?

I have many hobbies among which drawing is my favorite. I have been practicing drawing from an early age. The reason why I like it is that I enjoy the freedom when I focus on sketching something interesting such as cartoons in funny ways. I have fun in creating such uncommon images. I have won many awards in the past, so drawing brings me a lot of pride. Last but not the least those famous painter set great examples because they showed how to be excellent by constant efforts and hard work.

2. Do you like to go to the gallery?

Different people have different choices for leisure. For me I like to go to the gallery in my spare time. There are several reasons why I would like to choose a gallery as the best place to go. Firstly I have been practicing painting since I was a child. So I enjoy seeing different kinds of works from different painters. Secondly I like to meet new friends and know interesting people in the gallery. People who share the same interest or common hobby always gather together in the gallery to appreciate the painting. So I could know new friends there who share the same interest with me. Thirdly I really enjoy set myself free during the exhibition. That's a great time when I could let my mind blank.

3. Do you want to learn more about art?

Of course the answer is yes I would like to learn some artistic sings such as painting, playing the piano and so forth. I remember when I was a child my mother used to take me very long distance to learn painting from a very famous teacher. Later when I grow up I found that I have gained a lot more than expected. Firstly learning such artistic thing brings me a lot of pride. Secondly fostering such a kind of hobby benefits me for I hardly spend time in playing online games or hanging around because I think it a kind of waste of time so I d rather spend time painting. I think learning artistic things is beneficial.

4. Did you learn drawing when you were a kid?

I have learned drawing at the age of four or five years old when I was very eager for the nature and universe, I have learned to draw the interesting things on paper. I find it very meaningful. I think there are many advantages for kids to learn drawing, I member once I hung around in an exhibition where various vivid works painted by children were on show, all of which reflected their love for nature and life. It' s something that even famous painters could not create. So learning drawing at an early age enables children to deepen their interest in exploring and imagining, which is quite useful in the future.

19. Mirrors

1. Do you like looking at yourself in the mirror? How often?

Yes, I do. I feel that I become more confident when I am looking at myself in the mirror when I am feeling good. I look at the mirror about five to six times a day - in the morning when I brush my teeth, when I go to the bathroom several times during daytime, and when I start my skincare routine before going to bed.

2. Have you ever bought mirrors?

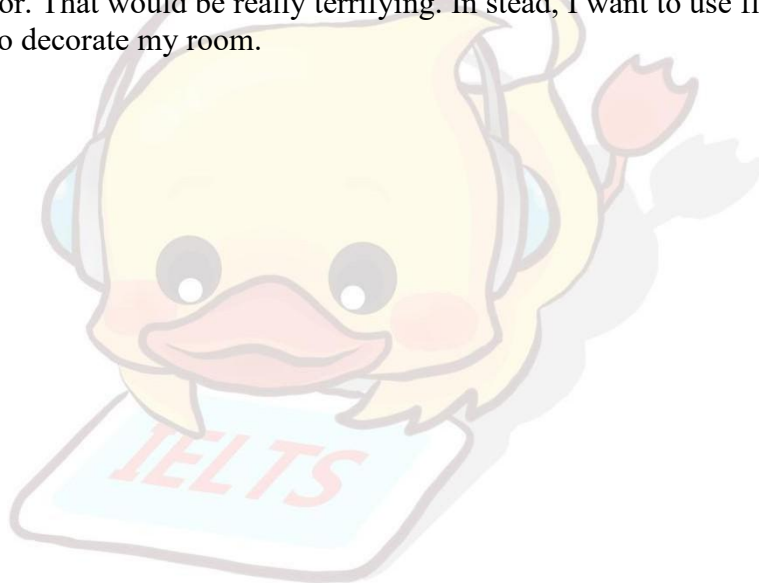
Yes, I have bought a big mirror that is half a meter across and 1.8 meter high. I place it behind my door, so that I can look straight into it when I try to pick my outfit for the day. If I did not buy a mirror for myself, I need to share a mirror in the bathroom with my roommate, which is not very convenient. I'm so glad that I have my own mirror now.

3. Do you usually take a mirror with you?

No, I do not. In the past, I bought a pocket-size mirror, hoping that I could check my appearance any time. However, I found myself always forgot to take this mirror with me when I went out. When I stay at home, I have bigger mirrors in my room. Thus, the pocket-size mirror is just a waste of money.

4. Would you use mirrors to decorate your room?

No, I would not use mirrors as decorations. I prefer to hide the mirrors even it is in my room and I need to use it very often because I feel scared if I accidentally glance at myself in the mirror. Also, at night, when I wake up, I do not want to see anything usual in the mirror. That would be really terrifying. In stead, I want to use flowers and paintings to decorate my room.



20. Dream

1. Do you often remember your dreams?

I believe everyone has his or her own dreams. Martin Luther king has been famous for the speech named I Have a Dream. He is one of the heroes whom I admire. So I always tell myself to keep it in mind that dream is what I live up to. Personally I want To be an interpreter in the future. To make it come true I insist reading and writing English over two hours each day. I believe to remember dream is the first step to realize it.

2. Are you interested in others dreams?

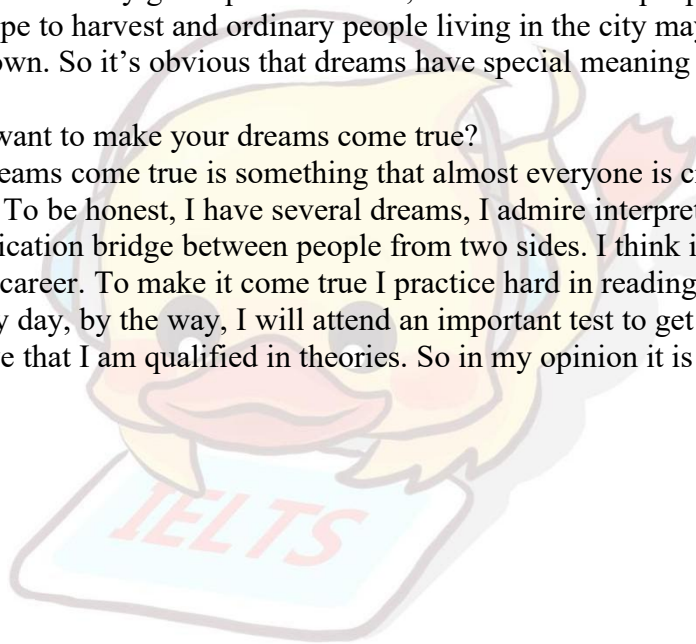
Definitely the answer is yes and I assume it is true to most people. For me I have several dreams in different areas. My career dream is to become an excellent interpreter like the famous diplomatist Zhang Lu, which inspires me a lot throughout school years. Besides I also dream of traveling around the world before retirement. I hope to see different landscapes and scenery in person, experiencing exotic culture and customs. As far as I am concerned, dream is the excitement to dull life so we shall have several dreams to motivate us always moving forward.

3. Do you think dreams have special meaning?

It's universally acknowledged that dreams are extremely meaningful to people. To be specific, dreams have special meaning. For one thing dreams work as stimulus during the process where one pursues his career or ideal life, without which people might lack motivation and easily give up. For another, dreams are what people live for. For example farmers hope to harvest and ordinary people living in the city may dream to buy a house to settle down. So it's obvious that dreams have special meaning for people.

4. Do you want to make your dreams come true?

Making dreams come true is something that almost everyone is craving. I am not an exception. To be honest, I have several dreams, I admire interpreters who could build up a communication bridge between people from two sides. I think it meaningful so that's my dream career. To make it come true I practice hard in reading writing and listening skills every day, by the way, I will attend an important test to get the certificate which could prove that I am qualified in theories. So in my opinion it is dream that makes me better.



21. Watch

1. Do you wear a watch?

Sometimes, not always. I do often wear a watch in summer. I think a watch is better looking than a bracelet. I own several watches of different styles and colors to match my summer clothes. But I never wear a watch in winter, 'cause it feels cold touching my wrist.

2. Have you ever got a watch as a gift?

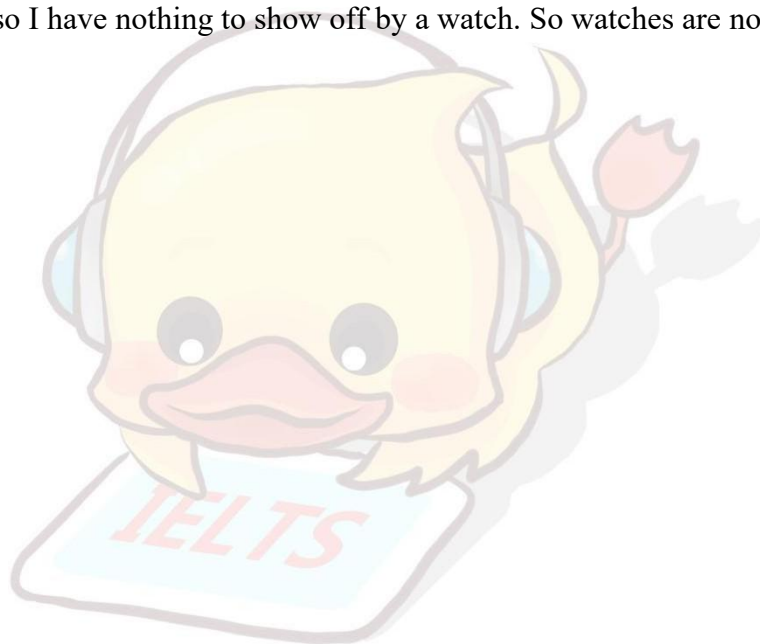
Not that I can remember. I paid for every watch that I own. Actually, I don't think it's a good idea to receive a watch as a present. In my culture, either you buy a super expensive watch, as a piece of luxury investment, to give to someone important, or you don't give a watch as a gift at all. 'cause common watches aren't lucky gifts.

3. Why do some people wear expensive watches?

As I just mentioned, these luxurious watches aren't treated as time-telling machines, but rather a piece of jewelry. Usually, people wear expensive jewelry to show off their great fortune, social status, or just to match their fancy clothes, I think.

4. Do you think it is important to wear a watch? Why?

Not really. Watches aren't necessary ornaments for me at all. If it's for checking the time, I can totally read the time on my phone. On the other hand, I'm not like rich or anything, so I have nothing to show off by a watch. So watches are not must-have items for me.



22. *Mobile phone*

1. Do you remember your first phone?

Yeah, absolutely. My first cellphone was a gift from my father. When I was accepted by university, my father was super happy. He took me to the phone store to pick a cell phone for myself. It was a Nokia phone, of absolutely solid quality. At the time, I thought it looked pretty, and Nokia was like the most popular phone brand back then. I loved that phone!

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

Well, it depends on what matter it is that needs to be discussed on the phone. If it's a serious issue, I usually just dial someone's number and speak to him/her directly. However, if it's just casual business and I'm not expecting a quick reply, I would just send a text message.

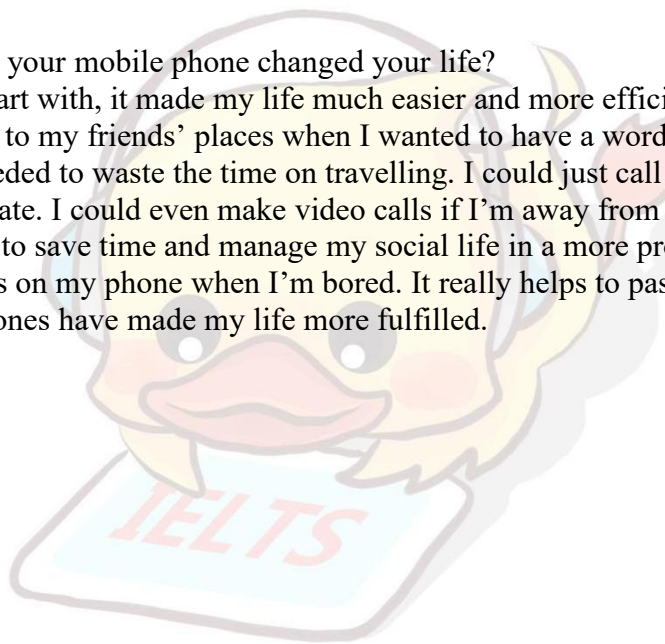


3. Will you buy a new one in the future?

I think I will, definitely. As technology evolves so quickly, phones get old quickly too. Each year, there are hundreds of new versions of phones put out in the market. Each brand sells their products hard. I mean, I am just an ordinary consumer. I do get affected by their hard promotion. So even my phone is still working, I may replace it next year. Also, 'cause personally, I am quite a big follower of new technologies, I like to experience the newest functions on the phone. So yeah, I am very likely to buy a new phone in the near future.

4. How has your mobile phone changed your life?

Well, to start with, it made my life much easier and more efficient, for sure. I used to make trips to my friends' places when I wanted to have a word. But since I had a phone, I never needed to waste the time on travelling. I could just call them, or text them to communicate. I could even make video calls if I'm away from my family. So yeah, it allows me to save time and manage my social life in a more productive way. Also, I can play games on my phone when I'm bored. It really helps to pass time. I feel that the mobile phones have made my life more fulfilled.



23. Advertisement

1. Is there an advertisement that made an impression on you when you were a child?

Yes, there was an advertisement from my childhood that left a lasting impression on me. It was a commercial for a popular soft drink, and it featured a group of people enjoying a sunny day outdoors. The music was catchy and upbeat, and the visuals were colorful and vibrant. What made it memorable was its message of friendship and joy. Even as a child, I was drawn to the idea of sharing happy moments with friends, and this advertisement beautifully encapsulated that sentiment.

2. Do you see a lot of advertising on trains or other transport?

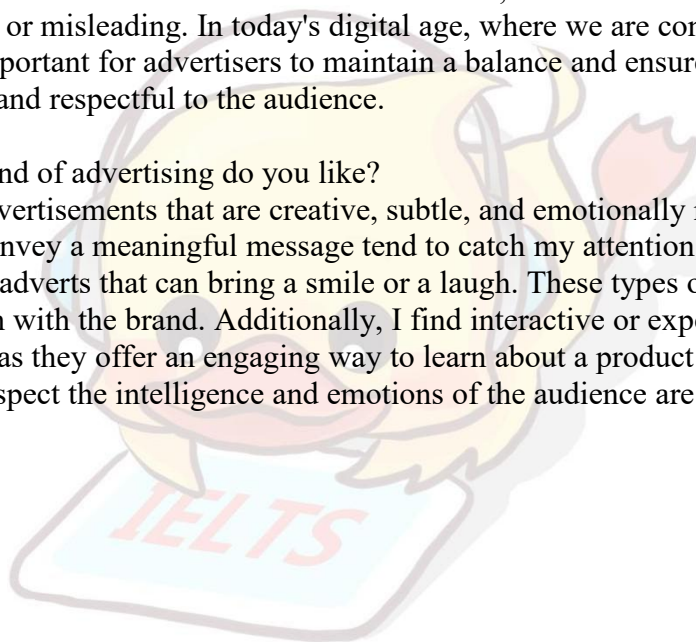
In my daily commute, I do notice a significant amount of advertising on public transport like trains and buses. These adverts range from product promotions to public service announcements. They're often vibrant and eye-catching, designed to capture the attention of passengers. While they can be informative, sometimes the sheer volume of advertisements can be overwhelming, creating a cluttered visual environment. It's an interesting way to reach a captive audience, but I think the effectiveness depends on the quality and relevance of the adverts.

3. Do you like advertisements?

My feelings towards advertisements are mixed. I appreciate well-crafted advertisements that are creative, informative, and engaging. They can introduce me to new products or services and offer valuable information. However, I dislike adverts that are overly aggressive or misleading. In today's digital age, where we are constantly bombarded with ads, it's important for advertisers to maintain a balance and ensure their content is both appealing and respectful to the audience.

4. What kind of advertising do you like?

I prefer advertisements that are creative, subtle, and emotionally resonant. Ads that tell a story or convey a meaningful message tend to catch my attention. I also appreciate humorous adverts that can bring a smile or a laugh. These types of ads create a positive association with the brand. Additionally, I find interactive or experiential advertisements intriguing as they offer an engaging way to learn about a product or service. Essentially, ads that respect the intelligence and emotions of the audience are the ones I like the most.



24. Emails

1. Do you often send emails?

Yes, I certainly do. With the help of emails, I am able to contact people all over the world without the boundary that domestic apps often have. And I do send email on serious cases like applying for a job or an internship, because companies always think email is a formal way to contact.

2. When would you send emails to others?

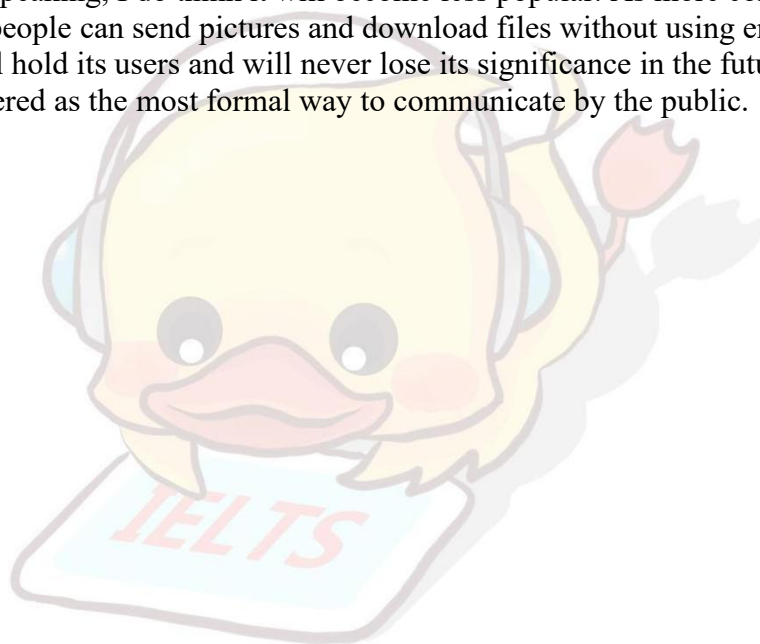
I often use email when applying for a job or an internship. By using emails, I can attach my CV and intentional letter to the mail. Meanwhile, I sometimes use emails to contact my international friends because they seldom use WeChat. Due to the restriction of internet, people in different countries find it difficult to use foreign apps.

3. Is sending emails popular in China?

Yes. In China, most people still consider email as the best way to talk about serious issues and exchange formal information. Recruiters always use emails to receive CVs so that he can select. Universities also use emails to collect applications for better convenience. Professors often ask students to send their paper by email. For them, email is good way to protect privacy by avoiding giving personal contact.

4. Do you think sending emails will be more or less popular in the future?

Honestly speaking, I do think it will become less popular. As more convenient software emerges, people can send pictures and download files without using emails. But I think emails still hold its users and will never lose its significance in the future, because it's so far considered as the most formal way to communicate by the public.



25. Lost and found

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

If I found it in a certain area like an office building or a mall, I would contact the administrative staff for help. If I found it in public, I would check the lost item for personal information to see whether I could get in touch with the owner. If not, I would wait at the place where I found it for a reasonable period since I understand the frustration of losing things.

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

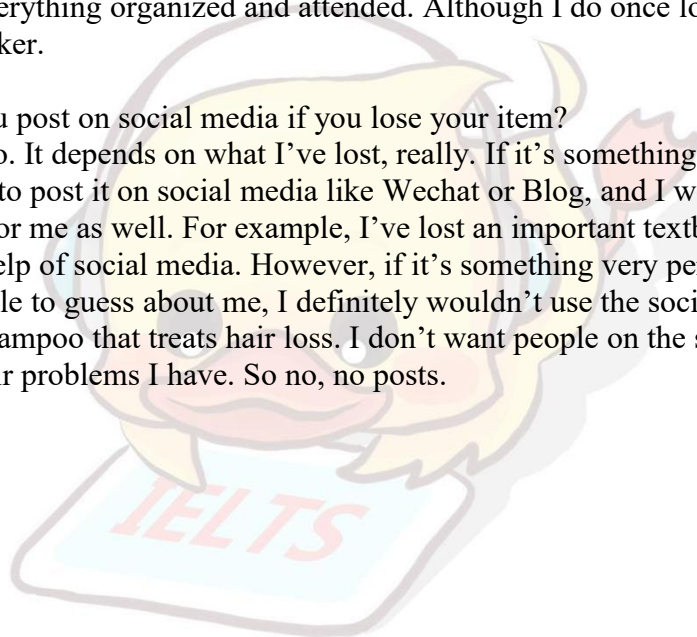
I can't really recall a time when I report to the police for finding other people's lost items. For one, I rarely find other people's things. And for another, when I do find the lost items, they were usually just cheap ones, such as a hat, a coat, or books. It's really not worth going to the police station. However, if I ever find an expensive item, such as a purse, I think I better just call the police. It's not only about the money. But usually people keep their personal treasures with them, like the ID card, credit cards, or maybe important receipts. It will help the owner a great deal to have these things back.

3. Have you ever lost things?

I'm going to say it's a weird no, not that I could remember of. Possibly I have lost some insignificant documents or receipts, but never have I ever lost any essential items. My mom loves to keep things tidy, to the extent of obsessive behaviour. So I was raised to keep everything organized and attended. Although I do once lose my wallet to a pocket picker.

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

Yes and no. It depends on what I've lost, really. If it's something common, I think it's a good idea to post it on social media like Wechat or Blog, and I would also ask my friends to post it for me as well. For example, I've lost an important textbook and got it back with the help of social media. However, if it's something very personal and may cause other people to guess about me, I definitely wouldn't use the social media. Last summer I lost my shampoo that treats hair loss. I don't want people on the social media know what kind of hair problems I have. So no, no posts.



26. Old buildings

1. Have you ever seen old buildings in the city?

Yes, I have. Usually the old buildings are people's houses in the old street. Some of these houses look pretty splendid. The design signals the family's grand past. However, they don't look quite safe anymore, since our government forbids residents from rebuilding their houses unless it's the government's plan.

2. Do you think we should preserve old buildings in cities?

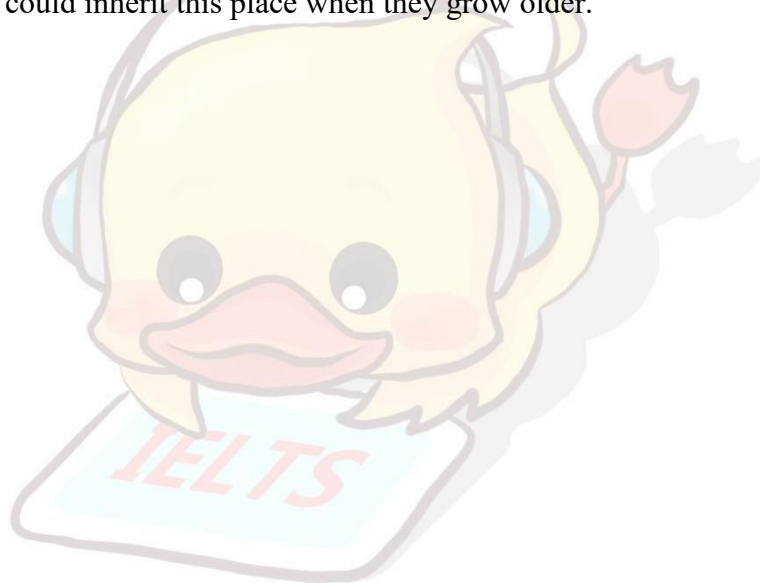
Absolutely! The old buildings witness the city's past, and represent the family's history. They deserve to be preserved. Also, architecture is a form of art. Despite being historic, some houses look really aesthetic! It'd be wonderful if we could do something to protect them.

3. Do you prefer living in an old building or a modern house?

To be honest, my ideal living place is an old building which can be redone as how I wish. Personally, I am a big history fan. I like to read history books, and I will admit that I have a fascination with antiques, including antique houses. Modern houses, for some reason, just don't appear attractive to me.

4. Are there any old buildings you want to see in the future? Why?

Yeah, well, my parents are building a house in the mountain in my hometown. I've seen the pictures of the building. It looks like heaven! My folks said they used durable materials to build this house, so I wonder what it will look like in ten or twenty years, as they said I could inherit this place when they grow older.



27. Talents

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

Well, I guess I'm good at organizing things. My mother intentionally trained me to be well-organizing when I was a kid. This skill helped me grow so efficient at work and study. I usually only use half of the time others need to sort things out.

2. Was it mastered recently or when you were young?

Well, I was trained to do so when I was about five years old. My mother was a lawyer. She was sharp and logical. She trained me to be independent, and the ability to organize was the first skill she trained me to have.

3. Do you think your talent can be useful for your future work? Why?

Absolutely. I believe it will benefit me a great deal in my future work because time is money. If I can save time, I can get more work done. Then, of course, I will be more efficient. It will also help me balance work and life in the future, I believe.

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

Yeah, definite. My mother is also good at sorting things out. She organizes things so neatly and clearly. Her work is always done perfectly. Sometimes I wonder if she's got a chip in her brain as she could manage to organize everything so scientifically.



28. *Swimming*

1. Do you like swimming?

Yes, I do enjoy swimming. It's not only a great way to stay fit and healthy, but it also helps me relax and unwind. Whether it's a refreshing dip in the pool or a swim in the ocean, the feeling of gliding through the water is simply exhilarating. Additionally, swimming is a social activity that I enjoy doing with friends and family, making it even more enjoyable. So, yes, I definitely have a fondness for swimming.

2. Is it difficult to learn how to swim?

Learning how to swim can be challenging, but with practice and determination, it becomes easier. It requires getting accustomed to the water, developing proper techniques, and building confidence. However, once you overcome these initial obstacles, swimming can be an enjoyable and therapeutic activity.



3. Where do people in your country like to go swimming?

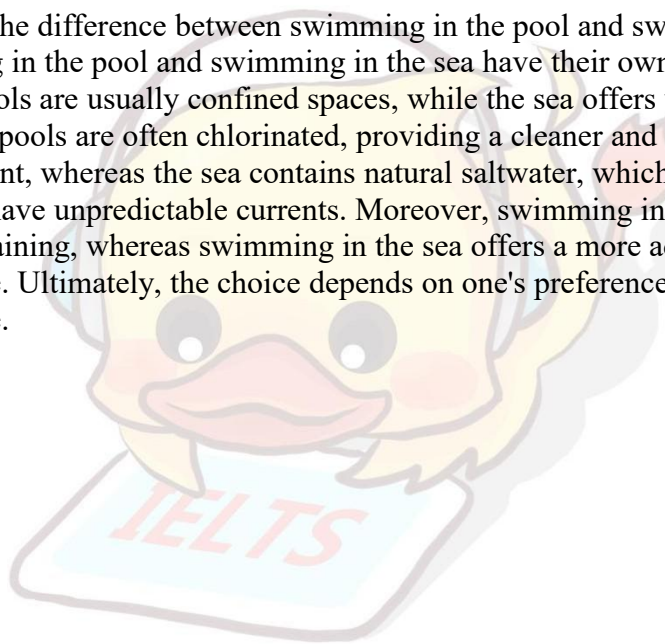
Chinese people love to go swimming at swimming pools for relaxation and exercise. It's a popular activity, especially during summer or on weekends. Swimming pools provide a refreshing escape from the scorching heat or a stressful day at work. People enjoy the cool water and the freedom to float or swim at their own pace. Swimming also helps to improve overall health and maintain a fit lifestyle. Whether it's a public swimming pool or a private one, being in the water is a favorite pastime for many Chinese.

4. What's the difference between swimming in the pool and swimming in the sea?

Swimming in the pool and swimming in the sea have their own unique differences.

Firstly, pools are usually confined spaces, while the sea offers vast open waters.

Secondly, pools are often chlorinated, providing a cleaner and more controlled environment, whereas the sea contains natural saltwater, which can be refreshing but may also have unpredictable currents. Moreover, swimming in the pool allows for specific training, whereas swimming in the sea offers a more adventurous and immersive experience. Ultimately, the choice depends on one's preference and the desired experience.



29. *Street market*

1. Are there many street markets in China?

Absolutely yes. Street markets are one of the main features in Chinese cities. In fact, we are so used to them that we can't imagine our cities without the street stalls. The most common type of street market is the food market. When night falls, in the corners of every city, I bet you, there are street food markets open. These markets attract so many customers 'cause they sell good food at cheap prices. They also sell clothes and groceries at the street market, but I don't think clothes and groceries sell as well as food.

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

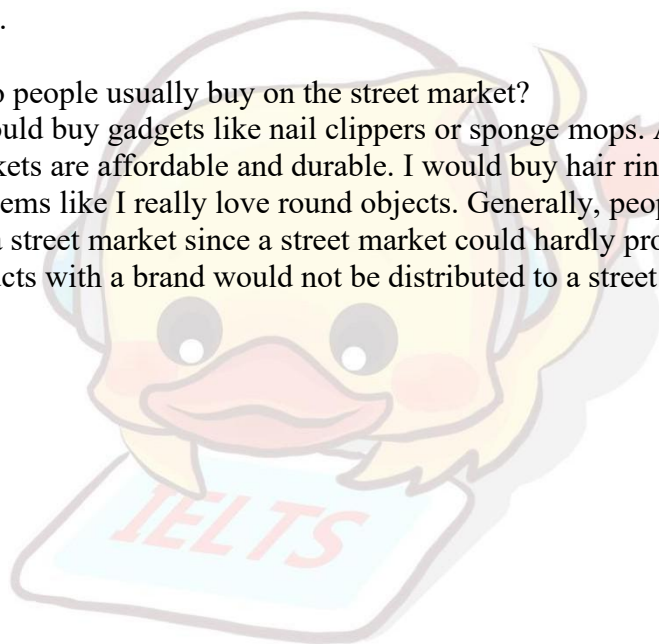
I just went to one Last Christmas. Shanghai was quite festive and several street markets were hosted. I went to one with friends. It was crowded. We had hot mulled wine and some pancakes. Many booths are selling festival decorations, but they were all overpriced and replaceable. E-commerce is very convenient in China so I tend to shop for unique goods on a street market.

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

It depends. Personally, I shop with a list, so I would go to a shopping mall where it's for certain I could get everything I want for once. Also shopping in a mall would hardly be affected by weather unless it's a hurricane and all public places would be shut down. But if I'm hanging out with a friend, we would take a walk to a street market wandering.

4. What do people usually buy on the street market?

A lot. I would buy gadgets like nail clippers or sponge mops. Also, accessories on the street markets are affordable and durable. I would buy hair rings or earrings or rings. Haha, it seems like I really love round objects. Generally, people shop for items with low prices on a street market since a street market could hardly provide customer service. And products with a brand would not be distributed to a street market.



30. Cars

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

I didn't really like traveling by car when I was a kid. Back in my childhood, the road was in terrible condition, with all the ups and downs. As a result, I always felt carsick whenever traveling by car. I remember a time when my father drove me to school, and I was sitting at the back of the car. Suddenly, I just felt sick and lay down at the backrow. I couldn't remember a single word during the class for the whole morning. It was not until lunch break that I gradually recover from that. So, traveling by car was a misery for me when I was young.

2. What types of cars do you like?

I prefer electric vehicles to traditional fossil fuel cars. First of all, I like driving very much, and electric vehicles offer better driving experience with more responsive acceleration. Besides, it's cheaper to drive electric vehicles since electricity costs far less compared to fossil fuel. There's also cheaper service and maintenance plus low or no vehicle tax. Last but not least, electrical vehicles are environment friendly. With all the extreme weathers raging nowadays, climate change has become a pressing issue for us all. I think it's the obligation of each and every person to protect the environment. In this sense, electric cars outperform traditional ones in terms of zero carbon emission.

3. Do you prefer to be a driver or a passenger?

I prefer to be a passenger. Driving is an exhausting task, especially during dawn and dusk when the light was dim. Drivers need to focus on the road, which is quite tiring and may harm the eyes. Besides, after a whole day of work, it's quite troublesome when you come across a terrible traffic jam when driving back home. You have lost all your patience and energy at workplace, but you still need to cope with the hustle and bustle, endure the annoying horn and maybe sacrifice the whole evening if there occurred an accident. As a result, I prefer to be a passenger, so that I can have a rest at the backrow and even take a short sleep before arriving at the destination.

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

I'll search for shortcuts when there's a traffic jam in front of my car. As more people are using the GPS nowadays, sometimes the app will guide everyone onto the same road. As a result, a traffic jam took place. However, there're alternatives that can bring you to the same place. Since I'm pretty familiar with the road system, I will look for other routes. But if I'm already in the middle of the traffic jam, then I will just wait patiently and keep alert to other cars who might have the intention to cut in the queue.

31. Computers

1. In what conditions would you use a computer?

There are various situations where I would use a computer. Firstly, for my professional life, a computer is essential for tasks like writing reports, sending emails, and conducting online meetings. Secondly, at home, I use a computer for leisure activities such as surfing the internet, watching movies, or playing computer games. Additionally, I rely on a computer for online shopping and connecting with friends and family through social media platforms. In summary, a computer is a versatile tool that is integral to both my work and personal life.

2. When was the first time you used a computer?

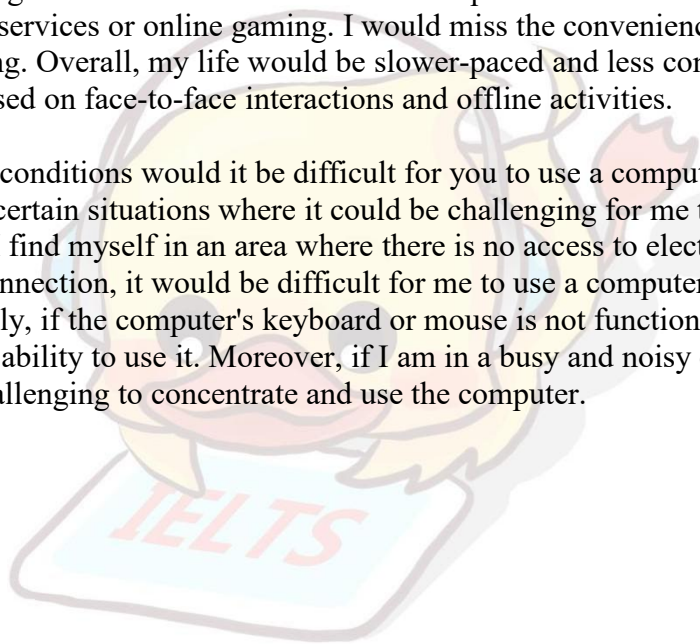
I first used a computer when I was in primary school. My dad bought a computer for our family, and I was fascinated by it. It was a simple desktop computer, but it opened up a whole new world for me. I remember being in awe of how it worked and how it could be used for various tasks. It was a significant milestone in my technological journey, and it ignited my passion for computers and technology.

3. What would your life be like without computers?

Without computers, my life would be drastically different. I would have to rely on traditional means of communication, like letters or landline phones. Research and information gathering would be time-consuming, as I wouldn't have access to the wealth of knowledge available online. Entertainment options would be limited without streaming services or online gaming. I would miss the convenience of online shopping and banking. Overall, my life would be slower-paced and less convenient, but perhaps more focused on face-to-face interactions and offline activities.

4. In what conditions would it be difficult for you to use a computer?

There are certain situations where it could be challenging for me to use a computer. Firstly, if I find myself in an area where there is no access to electricity or a stable internet connection, it would be difficult for me to use a computer effectively. Additionally, if the computer's keyboard or mouse is not functioning properly, it could hinder my ability to use it. Moreover, if I am in a busy and noisy environment, it might also be challenging to concentrate and use the computer.



32. *Feeling bored*

1. Do you often feel bored?

I wouldn't say I often feel bored because I try to keep myself engaged with various activities. However, like everyone, I do experience boredom occasionally. It usually happens when I have a routine that becomes too monotonous or when I find myself with free time but without a specific plan. I believe boredom is a natural part of life, and it's important to recognize and address it constructively. It provides an opportunity to reflect on my interests and perhaps explore new activities.

2. When would you feel bored?

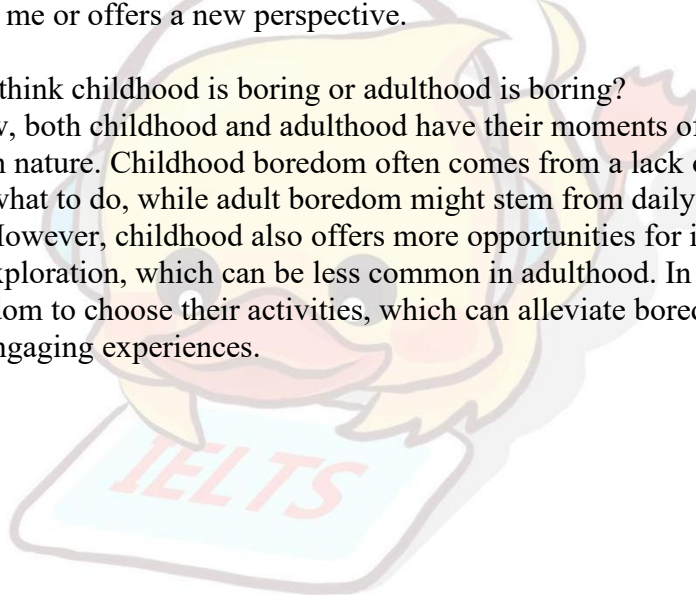
I typically feel bored when I'm engaged in repetitive tasks that lack variety or challenge. This often happens during routine work or study activities that become too predictable. Additionally, boredom strikes when I'm in an environment where there's a lack of stimulating conversation or activity. For instance, waiting in long queues or attending unengaging meetings can be particularly tedious. Essentially, it's the absence of engagement or a meaningful way to occupy my mind that leads to feelings of boredom.

3. What do you do when you feel bored?

When I feel bored, I try to find ways to stimulate my mind or engage in a different activity. Reading books, listening to music, or watching an interesting documentary can be refreshing. Sometimes, I use the opportunity to try something new, like learning a new skill or hobby. Physical activity, like going for a walk or doing some exercises, also helps to alleviate boredom. It's about breaking the monotony and finding something that challenges me or offers a new perspective.

4. Do you think childhood is boring or adulthood is boring?

In my view, both childhood and adulthood have their moments of boredom, but they are different in nature. Childhood boredom often comes from a lack of autonomy in choosing what to do, while adult boredom might stem from daily responsibilities and routines. However, childhood also offers more opportunities for imaginative play and carefree exploration, which can be less common in adulthood. In contrast, adults have more freedom to choose their activities, which can alleviate boredom if they actively seek out engaging experiences.



33. *Evening time*

1. What do you usually do in the evening?

I'm a morning person. I like to get up early, do some morning exercises and then start my day fresh. I'm always more productive in the morning and can get most things done before lunch. However, in the evening, I can easily doze off.

2. What did you do in the evening when you were little? Why?

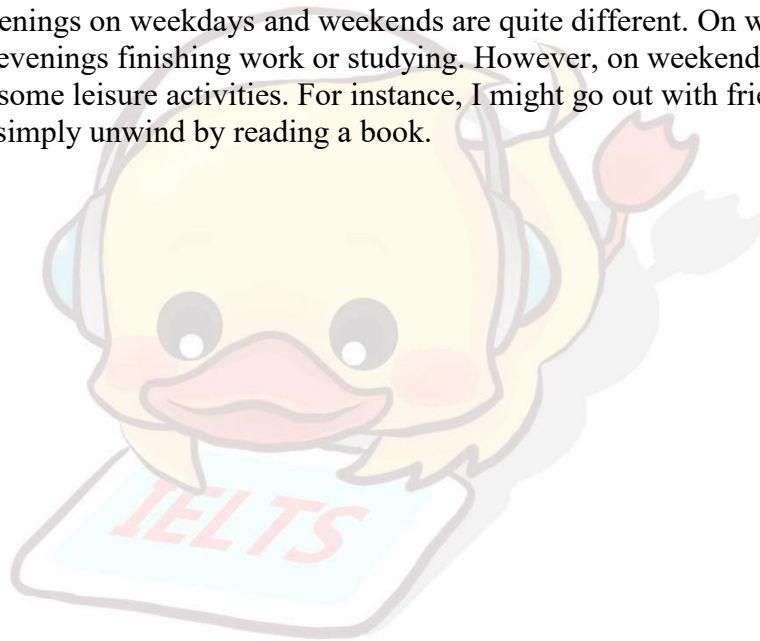
When I was a child, I spent most of my evenings doing homework. Even today, I can't quite understand why the teachers would give so much homework to children. I think spending all evenings in front of the study desk was deteriorating my health, mentally and physically.

3. Are there any differences between what you do in the evening now and what you did in the past?

Yeah, definitely. When I was young, I couldn't choose what I wanted to do in the evenings. I was forced to sit for endless homework. But now I can spend the evening for myself, doing whatever pleases me. I have so much more freedom in terms of how to spend my evenings compared to when I was a kid.

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

No, my evenings on weekdays and weekends are quite different. On weekdays, I usually spend my evenings finishing work or studying. However, on weekends, I prefer to relax and enjoy some leisure activities. For instance, I might go out with friends, watch a movie, or simply unwind by reading a book.



34. Websites

1. What kinds of websites do you often visit?

As a student, the most frequently used website is search engines. Personally, I like Google the most but unfortunately it is not available in mainland China. Alternatively, I use Bing as my major search engine because its simple and elegant interface and precise search results. I do not like Baidu, because the search results are often biased and interrupted by its paid services.

2. What is your favourite website?

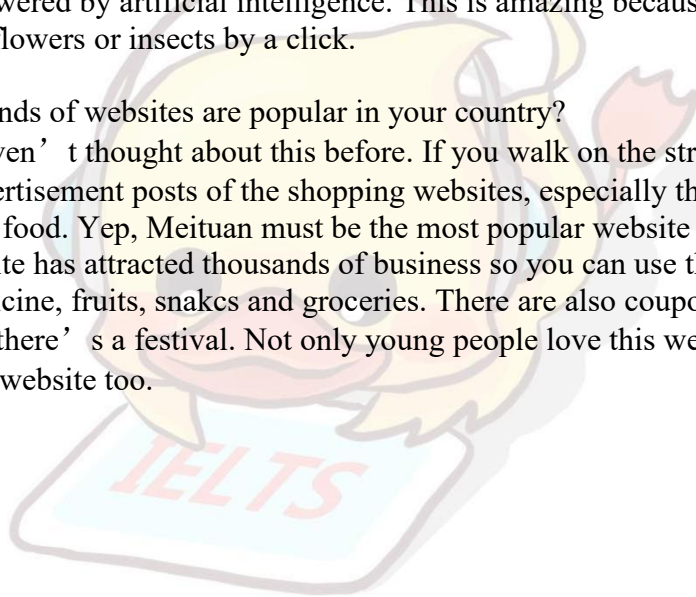
Oh that's hard to pick, 'cause I access so many websites every day. I visit online shopping websites, travelling websites, learning websites and etc. Among those, there is one called QiongyouEr that I especially like. Well, it's a travelling website, sorta like Tripadvisor. com, except this one offers trip advice to people who aren't rich, mainly college students and new graduates. That website targets at young people who love to explore new places and share their experience with other travelers. I'm just one of these people. So I log in this website about every day to read the traveling blogs written by others. It's such a treat for me!

3. Are there any changes to the websites you often visit?

Yes, a lot of changes in search engine websites. In terms of user experience, Bing and Baidu are working on optimizing the search experience by adding more intelligent recommendations for keywords. Also, Baidu has launched a new function to search by images powered by artificial intelligence. This is amazing because I can identify unknown flowers or insects by a click.

4. What kinds of websites are popular in your country?

Well, I haven't thought about this before. If you walk on the street, you are very likely to see advertisement posts of the shopping websites, especially the ones that focus on take-away food. Yep, Meituan must be the most popular website in China at the moment. This website has attracted thousands of business so you can use the delivery service for food, medicine, fruits, snacks and groceries. There are also coupons on this website whenever there's a festival. Not only young people love this website, but the elderly log in this website too.



35. Time management

1. How do you plan your time in a day?

Normally I would start my day with some cardio exercises. I always try to squeeze some time into working out. I'm not after a certain goal like getting muscular or skinny, but to feel being in control of my body. During working hours, I use a time management method called the time-management matrix. By classifying matters to be done by their urgency and importance, I could prioritize meaningful deeds and be more productive.

2. Is it easy to manage time for you?

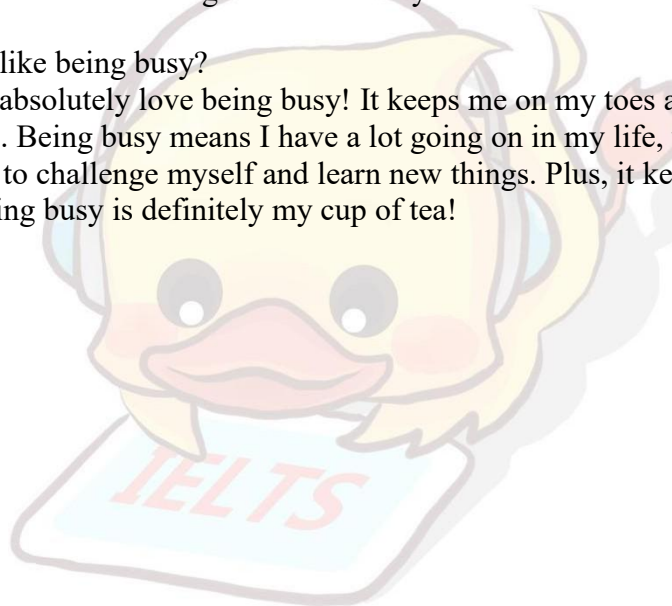
With the right methodology, I would argue it is. The vital part is to identify the nature of your tasks and to avoid distractions. For example, answering a small talk phone call is not necessarily more important than replying to a greeting email from a customer regardless of the immediacy of a phone call. Therefore should one devote more concentrated time to handling professional affairs and the efficiency would save you more personal time.

3. When do you find it hard to allocate time?

Sometimes, it becomes challenging for me to allocate time when there are multiple tasks requiring my attention. For instance, balancing work commitments, family responsibilities, and personal interests can be quite demanding. It gets even harder during busy periods when unexpected events add to the mix. Nonetheless, I try to prioritize and create a schedule to make sure everything gets done. This approach helps me overcome the difficulties of allocating time effectively.

4. Do you like being busy?

Oh, yes! I absolutely love being busy! It keeps me on my toes and makes me feel productive. Being busy means I have a lot going on in my life, which is exciting. It allows me to challenge myself and learn new things. Plus, it keeps me from getting bored. So yes, being busy is definitely my cup of tea!



36. Books and reading habits

1. Do you often read books? When?

I read a lot when I was younger and I read a wide variety of books, but ever since I entered the college reading has become more like completing tasks. The sad truth is that with all kinds of reading materials being assigned to me and all related homework, reading is no longer as pleasant as it was to me. I usually read in free periods, often on weekdays. I don't read a lot on weekends because I find outdoor activities more interesting.

2. Are your reading habits now different than before?

No, I've always been fond of poetry. I enjoy the rhyme of it. I love poetry just like I love music. I mean, if you take away the backing track of a good song, its lyrics are basically poems. So, if one loves music, then why wouldn't he/she love poetry? I get something new every time when I reread a new poem and I continue to read new poems and they are a new delight. I believe my love for poetry will last throughout my entire life.

3. Have you ever read a novel that has been adapted into a film?

Yes, I have read so many books that have been made into movies. But I want to talk about Harper Lee's classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*. When I was little, I watched the film adaptation starring Gregory Peck. His portrayal of Atticus Finch gave me an understanding of what a true hero and a good man is like. Then I grew up and I read the book. The detailed depictions made this character even more tangible and vivid. And since then that character, that brave lawyer, loving father and inherently good man, whether in the book or in the movie, has been my own personal hero in the fictional world.

4. Which do you prefer, reading books or watching movies?

I am a die-hard fan of books and I wouldn't take my reading time to watch a movie unless it is really good. I believe a book can take me into a world of mystery where possibilities are immense. And I can conjure up image that even the best of animation cannot produce while a film may limit the power of imagination. For example, I have read *A Song of Ice and Fire* written by George R. R. Martin and it really impressed me. Then I went to watch the HBO TV series *Game of Thrones* adapted from the novel and I still regret that choice! I think the TV series simplified many characters and left a rigid impression on the audience.

5. Do you read more or less now than when you were younger?

Oh, definitely more now! When I was younger, I used to read a lot of fiction books, but as I've grown older, I've found a new interest in non-fiction and self-help genres. Nowadays, I'm constantly reading articles and blogs online to keep up with the latest trends and broaden my knowledge. The digital age has made it easier for me to access a wide range of reading materials, and I simply can't resist the temptation to dive into the fascinating world of words!

37. *Collecting things*

1. Do you collect things?

Yes, of course. I may not be an environmentalist, but I do as much recycling as possible. Collecting things to use them multiple more times is a great way to protect our planet. Also, it helps me save money. I don't see why I should not do it.

2. Are there any things you have kept from your childhood?

Yes, there are a few items from my childhood that I have kept. These include some books that sparked my love for reading, a few toys that hold sentimental value, and photographs that capture precious moments from my childhood. These items are like tangible pieces of my past, and they bring back fond memories whenever I look at them. They remind me of the simplicity of childhood and the journey I have taken to where I am now.

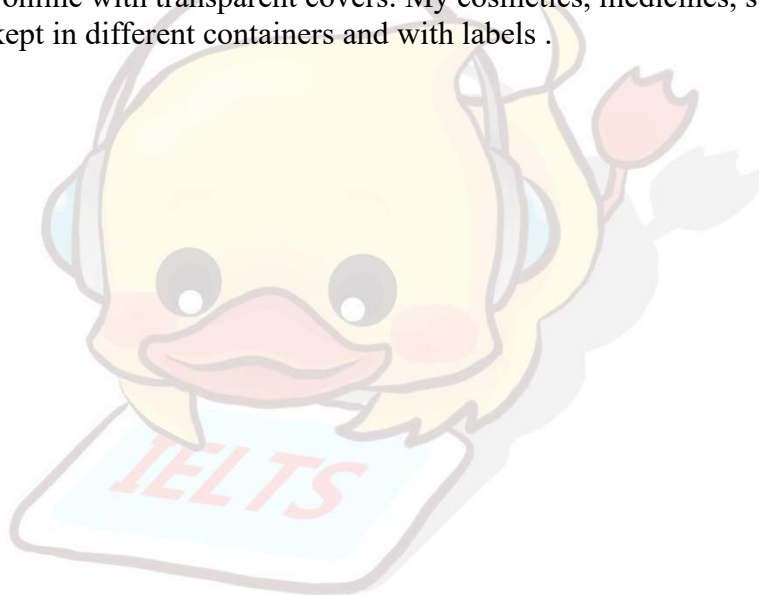


3. Would you keep old things for a long time? Why?

If it's something valuable, or has special meanings, of course I would keep them for a long time. Just like the cradle I just mentioned, it's still of great use. I use it as a container to contain my daily clothes now. It's almost like a closet. And in the future, I can pass it down to my own children. So old things like this are worth keeping.

4. Where do you usually keep things you need?

I keep my necessities in places that can be easily reached. I have bought dozens of plastic containers online with transparent covers. My cosmetics, medicines, stationery, and socks are kept in different containers and with labels.



38. Friends

1. How important are friends to you?

Friends are incredibly important to me. They provide support and encouragement, help me to see things from different perspectives, and make life more fun and enjoyable. Through my friendships, I have learned the value of empathy, kindness, and loyalty.

2. Do you often go out with your friends?

I do enjoy spending time with my friends outside of class. However, I prioritize my studies and responsibilities above social activities. When I do have free time, I like to explore new places or try new things with my friends. It's important to have a balance between work and leisure, and I believe that maintaining friendships is just as important as achieving academic success.



3. Where do you often meet each other?

My friends and I usually meet up on campus since it's a convenient and familiar location for all of us. We often hang out in the library or study areas during breaks between classes. On the weekends, we sometimes explore restaurants or cafes outside of campus where we can try new foods and catch up on life outside of school.

4. What do you usually do with your friends?

I enjoy spending time with my friends both on and off campus. We often have study sessions where we help each other review for exams or work on group projects. On the weekends, we like to explore the city together by trying new restaurants or checking out local events like festivals and concerts. We also enjoy doing fun activities like game nights at someone's apartment or going on hikes in nearby nature reserves.

5. Do you have a friend you have known for a long time?

Yes, I have a friend whom I've known for over a decade. We met in high school and have remained good friends ever since. Even though we live in different cities now, we still make an effort to keep in touch through phone calls and visits. Our friendship has endured because we share common interests and values, and can always rely on each other for support and advice.

6. Do you prefer to spend time with one friend or with a group of friends?

I personally enjoy spending time with a group of friends, as it allows for more diverse conversations and shared experiences. It's fascinating to hear different perspectives and engage in lively discussions on various topics. Being part of a group also provides a sense of togetherness and allows for group activities and outings, which can be quite enjoyable and unforgettable.

7. Would you invite friends to your home?

Yes, I would definitely invite my friends to my home. Hosting social gatherings at home provides an opportunity to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It allows us to share moments of laughter, indulge in delicious homemade meals, and engage in meaningful conversations. It also strengthens the bond between friends and creates lifelong memories. Additionally, inviting friends to my home gives them a chance to see my personal space, learn about my hobbies, and better understand my identity.

39. *Sitting down*

1. Where is your favorite place to sit?

Ah, that's an interesting question. Whenever it's possible, I always choose the seat next to the window, 'cause I enjoy the window view. It could be on the train, the bus, the plane or in a cafe. I suppose I just don't like to be contained in a closed space. Looking outside help me unwind.

2. Do you always sit down for a long time?

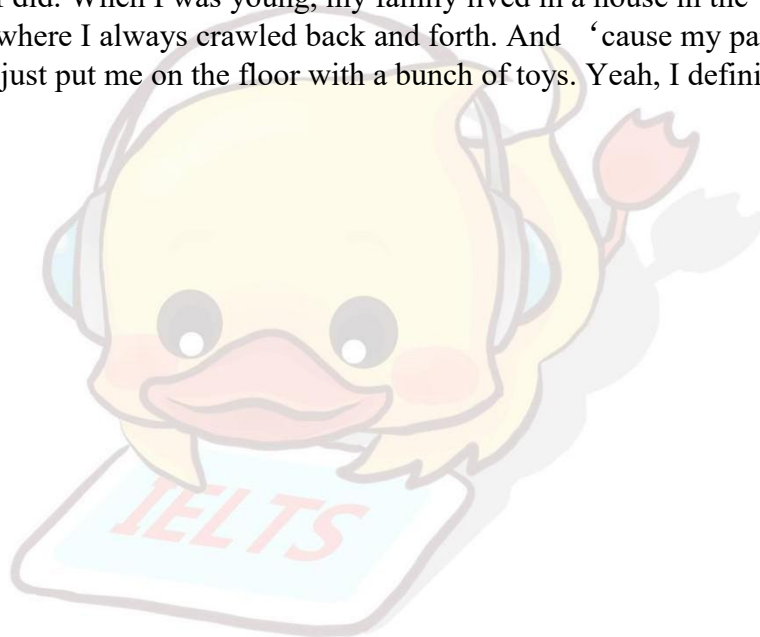
Sometimes. I usually sit for long hours when I study or read. Once I encounter an interesting book, I wouldn't want to be interrupted until I finish my reading. So I like to find a quiet spot, like the corner of my bedroom or the library, and sit there for the whole afternoon.

3. Do you feel sleepy when you are sitting down?

Not really, unless it's noon time. And it also kinda depends on what I do when I'm sitting there. If I'm watching my favourite show, no way that I would doze off. However, if I'm faced with a mathematical quiz. I'm afraid I would indeed.

4. When you were a kid, did you usually sit on the floor?

I suppose I did. When I was young, my family lived in a house in the village. There were doorsteps where I always crawled back and forth. And 'cause my parents were so busy, they often just put me on the floor with a bunch of toys. Yeah, I definitely sit on the floor a lot.



40. Sports programs

1. Do you like watching sports programs on TV?

Yes, I enjoy watching sports programs on TV. It's a great way to relax and unwind after a long day. I find it fascinating to see athletes showcasing their skills and witnessing the competitiveness of various sports. Additionally, it's a source of inspiration and motivation for me to stay active and engage in physical activities. Overall, watching sports programs on TV is a pleasurable experience for me.

2. Do you like to watch live sports games?

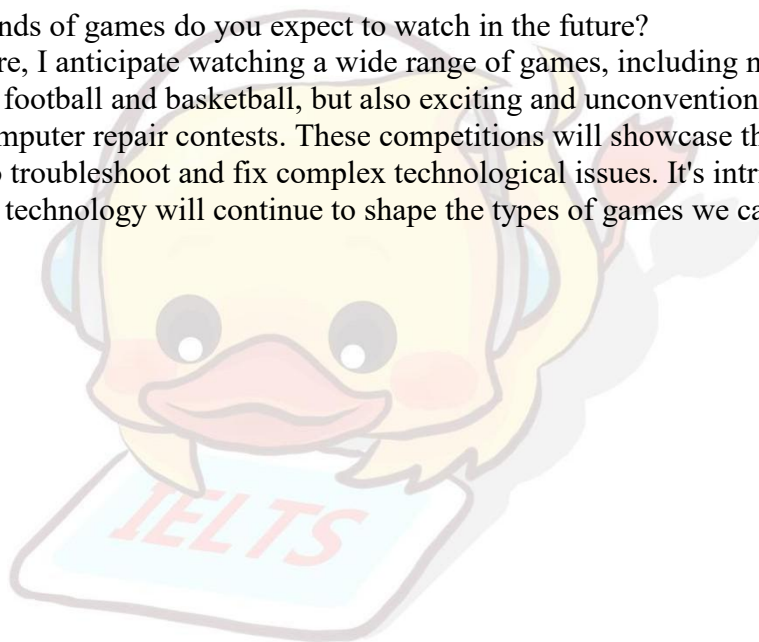
Yes, I absolutely love watching live sports games! There is an electrifying atmosphere that fills the stadium when the teams are competing. The adrenaline rush from witnessing incredible feats of athleticism is truly captivating. Whether it's the thrill of a last-minute goal or the suspense of a tight race, live sports games provide a unique experience that I thoroughly enjoy.

3. Who do you like to watch sports games with?

I prefer to watch sports games with my friends as it adds great enjoyment and excitement to the experience. Sharing the ups and downs of the game with them creates a lively atmosphere and unforgettable memories. We can discuss strategies, cheer for our favorite teams, and engage in friendly banter, making the whole experience more engaging and memorable.

4. What kinds of games do you expect to watch in the future?

In the future, I anticipate watching a wide range of games, including not only traditional sports like football and basketball, but also exciting and unconventional competitions such as computer repair contests. These competitions will showcase the high-level skills required to troubleshoot and fix complex technological issues. It's intriguing to think about how technology will continue to shape the types of games we can enjoy in the future.



41. Hobby

1. Do you have any hobbies?

Yes, I have a few hobbies. One of my favorite pastimes is listening to music. It's a great way for me to relax and unwind after a long day. I enjoy exploring different genres and discovering new artists. Whether it's pop, rock, or classical music, I find it incredibly soothing and inspiring. Not only does it help me escape from reality for a while, but it also allows me to appreciate the beauty of sound and the emotions it can evoke. Overall, music has become an integral part of my life, and I can't imagine a day without it.

2. Did you have any hobbies when you were a child?

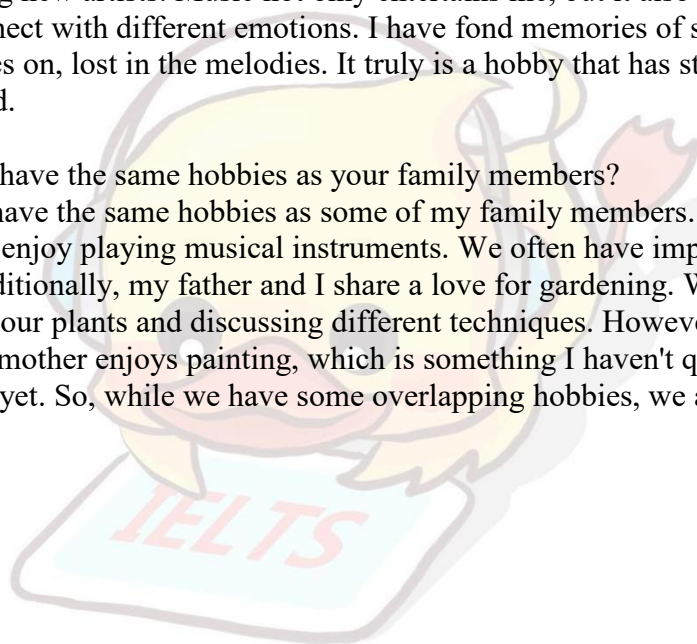
Yes, I had several hobbies when I was a child. One of my favorite activities was playing games with my friends. We would gather at the park and engage in various outdoor games such as hide-and-seek, tag, and soccer. These games not only provided us with physical exercise but also helped us develop teamwork and problem-solving skills. It was always an enjoyable experience to spend quality time with my friends and immerse ourselves in the world of games.

3. Do you have a hobby that you've had since childhood?

Yes, I do have a hobby that I've had since childhood - listening to music. It has always been a passion of mine as it helps me relax and escape from the stresses of everyday life. Whether it's classical, pop, or rock music, I enjoy exploring various genres and discovering new artists. Music not only entertains me, but it also inspires me and allows me to connect with different emotions. I have fond memories of sitting in my room, headphones on, lost in the melodies. It truly is a hobby that has stayed with me since I was a child.

4. Do you have the same hobbies as your family members?

Yes, I do have the same hobbies as some of my family members. For instance, my sister and I both enjoy playing musical instruments. We often have impromptu jam sessions at home. Additionally, my father and I share a love for gardening. We spend weekends tending to our plants and discussing different techniques. However, not all our hobbies align. My mother enjoys painting, which is something I haven't quite developed an interest in yet. So, while we have some overlapping hobbies, we also have our unique interests.





42. Weekends

1. Do you do the same thing every weekend?

No, I don't do the same thing every weekend. I believe in keeping my weekends diverse and adventurous. Sometimes I explore new hiking trails in the countryside with friends, while other times I relax at home, reading books or watching movies. On certain weekends, I indulge in my passion for cooking by experimenting with new recipes. Overall, I try to make the most of my weekends by engaging in different activities and creating memorable experiences.

2. Has your weekend routine changed?

Yes, my weekend routine has changed significantly. Previously, I used to spend my weekends lounging around at home, watching movies, and catching up on sleep. However, ever since I started pursuing my passion for photography, my weekends have taken on a new dynamic. Now, I often spend my Saturdays exploring different locations, capturing breathtaking images of nature and street life. On Sundays, I attend photography workshops and engage with other enthusiasts to learn new techniques. This change in routine has not only brought me joy but has also improved my photography skills.

3. Do you like weekends?

Yes, I do like weekends. They provide a much-needed break from the hustle and bustle of the workweek. Weekends give me the opportunity to relax and recharge my batteries. I enjoy spending time with friends and family, indulging in hobbies like reading and painting, and exploring new places. Weekends allow me to unwind and rejuvenate, making me more productive and motivated when the new week begins. Overall, weekends are an essential part of maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

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

On weekends, I usually like to balance my time between studying and relaxation. The majority of my mornings are dedicated to studying to make progress towards my academic goals. In the afternoons, I enjoy engaging in recreational activities such as reading books, going for a walk in nature, or spending time with friends and family. This helps me recharge and maintain a healthy work-life balance, ensuring that I am refreshed and motivated for the upcoming week.

5. What did you do last weekend?

Last weekend, I visited the Forbidden City with my roommate. Recently, there is a special exhibition in the Forbidden City where exhibits of Dunhuang are replicated. The once-in-seventy-years-special exhibition is quite popular online and we booked the exhibition ticket in advance. There, we got to know the history of Mogao Grottoes, one of the most notable grottoes in China. We learned a lot about the history of western China and I think the replicated grottoes are fabulous and you may go and visit it.

6. Do you make plans for your weekend?

Yes, I do make plans for my weekend. On Saturdays, I usually engage in gardening activities. I love spending time in my backyard, planting a variety of flowers and vegetables. It's therapeutic for me to connect with nature and see the fruits of my labor blossom. Additionally, I often visit local nurseries to explore new plant species and expand my knowledge about gardening. Overall, it's an enjoyable and fulfilling way to spend my weekends.

43. *Staying at home*

1. Are you a person who likes to stay at home?

Well, yeah. I do love being at home, especially when I need time to relax and recharge. Home is a place where I feel comfortable and at ease, away from the hustle and bustle of the outside world. Being able to relax at home, take a nap, read a book, listen to some music, it's the best way I can think of to relax.

2. What do you do when you stay at home?

When I stay at home, I engage in various activities depending on my mood and interests. I might spend time reading books, watching movies or TV shows, cooking and experimenting with new recipes, or pursuing hobbies like painting or playing musical instruments.



3. What is your favourite place at home?

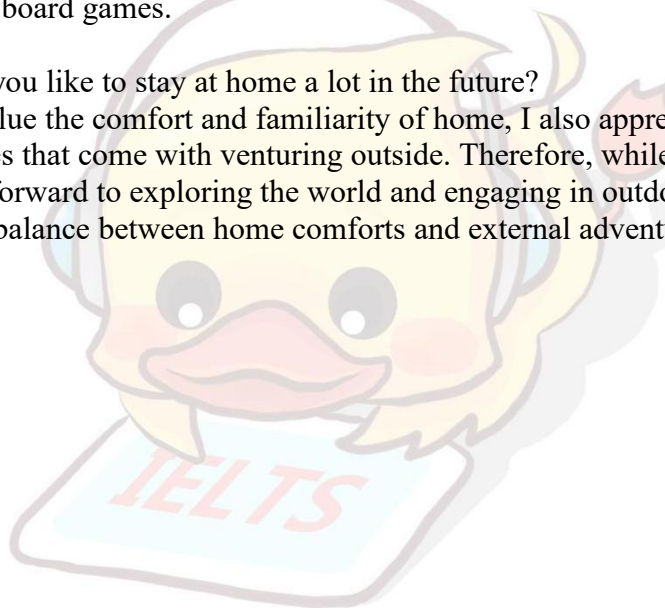
My favorite place at home is my bedroom. It's a cozy and private space where I can unwind, rest, and have some quiet time to myself. Whether it's lounging on the bed with a book or listening to music, I find solace and comfort in my bedroom.

4. What did you often do at home as a child?

As a child, I often played games, read books, and watched cartoons at home. I also enjoyed spending time with my family, doing activities together like cooking, gardening, or playing board games.

5. Would you like to stay at home a lot in the future?

While I value the comfort and familiarity of home, I also appreciate the opportunities and experiences that come with venturing outside. Therefore, while I enjoy staying at home, I also look forward to exploring the world and engaging in outdoor activities in the future. Finding a balance between home comforts and external adventures is important to me.



44. social media

1. From when you started using social media?

Well, my first exposure to social media was when I was around 14 years old. It all started with WeChat because all my friends used it. I remember being very excited to connect with my classmates and friends online and share bits and pieces of my daily life. For me, it was like opening a new window to the world.

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

Honestly, sometimes I feel a little addicted to social media. You know, one minute you're browsing Tik Tok and the next an hour has passed. I've been trying to cut down on my social media use, especially during exams. Well, it's like, I need to keep reminding myself that there is a whole world beyond the screen of my phone.

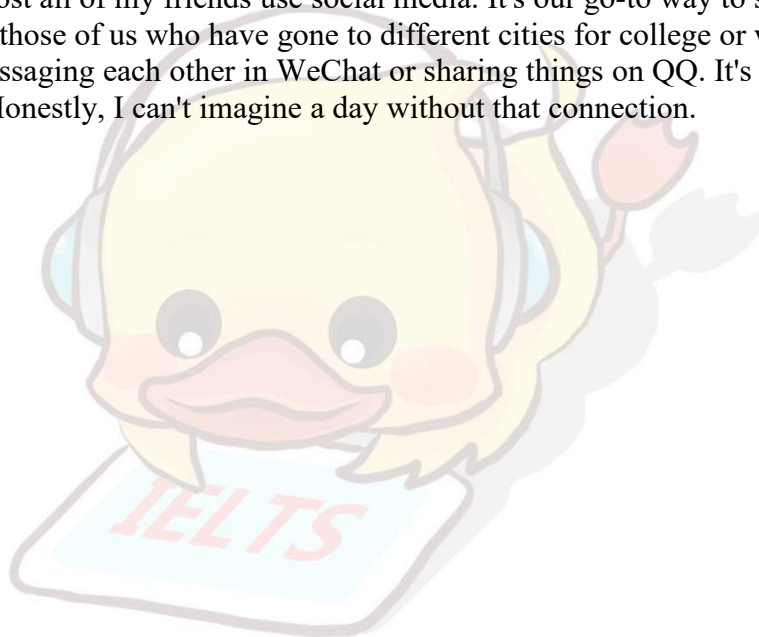


3. What do people do on social media?

Oh, people do all sorts of things on social media. Some people focus on sharing their daily lives, such as photos, what they're eating, and where they're hanging out. Others are keen on sharing cute moments of their pets. And, of course, there are plenty of people who just like to watch funny videos or keep up with news and trends. I can't really think of anything we can't do on social media.

4. Do your friends use social media?

Yeah, almost all of my friends use social media. It's our go-to way to stay in touch, especially those of us who have gone to different cities for college or work. We are always messaging each other in WeChat or sharing things on QQ. It's like our virtual hangout. Honestly, I can't imagine a day without that connection.



45. *Science*

1. Do you like science?

Of course, I do, when I was a little kid, my parents took me to many stunning science museums and galleries, which really broadened my horizons. Also, science provided me a deeper understanding of the earth.

2. Which science subject is interesting to you?

I like biology the most. We started to learn biology in the middle school. Because I am very into human bodies, I am deeply attracted to how human body functions which is a core part in biology. I am obsessed with how cells work with each other to become organs, blood and many other important parts in our body.

3. What kinds of interesting things you have done with science?

I used to do an experiment related to nutrition on myself. I was curious about the impacts of carb on human body, so I decided to stop taking in carbs for a week to see if there are any changes on my body. I felt tired and anxious on the fourth day after stopping eating carbs and felt a bit dizzy on the fifth day. So, I stopped the experiment on the sixth day because I felt really bad.

4. Do you like watching science TV programs?

Yep! I like to watch science documentaries, especially those that explore the secrets in the universe. Actually there is a science program sponsored by Nasa in America. I watch that regularly. Sometimes I would even invite friends over to enjoy the show together.

5. Do Chinese people often visit science museums?

I'm afraid science museums aren't that popular among Chinese people. Usually, only students are interested in visiting museums because they need to complete their school tasks. Adults are so busy with their daily work and social life, not many would can spare time for science museums.

6. When did you start to learn about science?

Well, my father guided me into science learning when I was about six years old. He bought me a set of Lego, and explained many physical formulas to me. We built different shapes together. It was so much fun. I enjoyed the early science education that my father gave to me.

46. *Schools and workplaces*

1. Where is your school?

My school is located in the downtown area of our city, surrounded by shops, parks, and residential neighborhoods. It's easily accessible by public transportation, which makes commuting convenient for students.

2. Do you like your school?

Yes, overall, I like my school. It provides a supportive learning environment, dedicated teachers, and a variety of extracurricular activities. I appreciate the opportunities it offers for academic growth and personal development.

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

Yes, I believe my school is a good place to study. It has well-equipped classrooms, libraries, and laboratories that facilitate learning. The teachers are knowledgeable and supportive, and there are ample resources available to help students succeed academically.

4. What is the environment like at your school?

The environment at my school is generally positive and conducive to learning. The campus is clean and well-maintained, with spacious grounds for outdoor activities. There's a sense of community among students and staff, fostering collaboration and mutual support.

5. What do you think could be improved in your school?

One aspect that could be improved in my school is the availability of more extracurricular activities and clubs. While we have some options, I believe expanding the range of activities would cater to a wider range of interests and talents among students, enriching their overall school experience.

6. How important is interest in study?

Interest in study is highly important as it drives motivation, engagement, and active learning. When students are genuinely interested in a subject, they are more likely to devote time and effort to understanding it thoroughly. Interest sparks curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity, making the learning process enjoyable and rewarding.

7. Which subject do you find challenging?

I find mathematics to be challenging. It requires logical thinking, problem-solving skills, and attention to detail, which can be demanding at times. However, I recognize the importance of mathematics in various fields and continue to work hard to improve my understanding and skills in this subject.

8. Do you like your job?

Yes, I do like my job. It allows me to utilize my skills and knowledge while also providing opportunities for growth and development. I find fulfillment in the work I do and enjoy the sense of accomplishment that comes with it.

9. Do you currently have a good work environment?

Yes, I am fortunate to have a good work environment currently. My workplace is supportive, collaborative, and conducive to productivity. There's a positive atmosphere among colleagues, and the management fosters open communication and mutual respect.

10. What do you think could be improved at your workplace?

One aspect that could be improved at my workplace is the implementation of more flexible work arrangements, such as remote work options or flexible hours. This would provide employees with greater work-life balance and accommodate individual needs and preferences more effectively.

11. Have you ever thought about changing jobs?

Yes, I have thought about changing jobs in the past, mainly to explore new opportunities for career growth or to pursue my interests in different industries. However, I ultimately decided to stay in my current role due to the positive aspects of my job and the opportunities it offers for advancement.

12. Is there a place in your company that makes you feel relaxed?

Yes, there is a designated relaxation area in my company where employees can unwind and recharge during breaks. It's furnished with comfortable seating, soothing décor, and amenities like books, magazines, and refreshments, providing a peaceful retreat from the work environment.

13. What are the advantages of a company having a relaxation room?

The advantages of a company having a relaxation room include promoting employee well-being and reducing stress, boosting morale and productivity, fostering a positive work culture, and encouraging work-life balance. It provides employees with a space to relax, recharge, and rejuvenate, ultimately contributing to their overall satisfaction and retention.

14. What do you think would be challenging when you start working in the future?

I believe that one of the main challenges when starting work in the future would be adapting to the ever-evolving technological advancements. As technology continues to advance at a rapid pace, it is crucial to keep up with the latest trends and acquire new skills. This constant need to upgrade and stay ahead may be challenging, but it will also present exciting opportunities for growth and innovation.

15. How do you go to school?

I prefer taking the bus to go to school. It's convenient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly. I catch my local bus at the nearest bus stop, and it drops me off right outside my school campus. While on the bus, I usually listen to music or read a book, making my journey productive and enjoyable. Additionally, I get to interact with fellow students and the bus driver, creating a sense of community. Overall, taking the bus is a reliable and efficient way for me to commute to school.

16. How do you go to work?

I usually commute to work by taking public transportation such as bus or train, as it is the most convenient and cost-effective way for me. I enjoy this mode of transport as it allows me to relax, read a book, or catch up on emails during the journey. Additionally, it helps reduce traffic congestion and is environmentally friendly. Overall, I find this method of going to work both efficient and enjoyable.

47. Music&Musical instruments

1.Do a lot of people like music?

Yes, a lot of people enjoy music. It's a universal form of entertainment and expression that resonates with a wide audience. In China, music is a significant part of culture and daily life. People of all ages enjoy various genres of music for relaxation, entertainment, and sometimes for educational purposes. It's common to see people listening to music on their commutes, in parks, or at home as a way to unwind and enjoy their leisure time.

2.Do schools in your country have music lessons?

Yes, schools in my country do offer music lessons as part of the curriculum. Music education plays a vital role in fostering creativity and personal expression among students. It enables them to explore different genres, learn to play various instruments, and participate in ensembles or choirs. Moreover, music lessons provide a sense of discipline and enhance cognitive skills such as concentration and memory. Overall, it's great to see how schools prioritize the importance of music in shaping well-rounded individuals.

3.Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?

Yes, I have had the opportunity to learn and play a musical instrument. I believe in pursuing diverse interests outside of work. Learning to play a musical instrument has been a fulfilling experience for me. It has enhanced my creativity, discipline, and ability to collaborate with others.

4.What musical instruments do you enjoy listening to the most?

I thoroughly enjoy listening to the piano and guitar. The versatility and expressive nature of these instruments captivate me. The melodic tones of the piano evoke a sense of tranquility, while the rhythmic strums of the guitar create a vibrant atmosphere.

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

I believe that it is beneficial for children to learn to play an instrument at school. Learning to play an instrument provides numerous cognitive and emotional benefits for young learners. It helps enhance their concentration, discipline, and creativity.

6.Do you think music education is important to children?

I strongly believe that music education is crucial for children. It offers countless benefits beyond just learning an instrument. Music education helps children develop essential skills such as teamwork, discipline, and creativity. It also enhances cognitive abilities, emotional intelligence, and cultural appreciation.

48. Morning Routines

1. What do you do in the mornings?

In the mornings, I typically start my day by waking up early, freshening up, and then engaging in activities to prepare for the day ahead. This may include having breakfast, exercising, checking emails, or planning my schedule.

2. Is breakfast important?

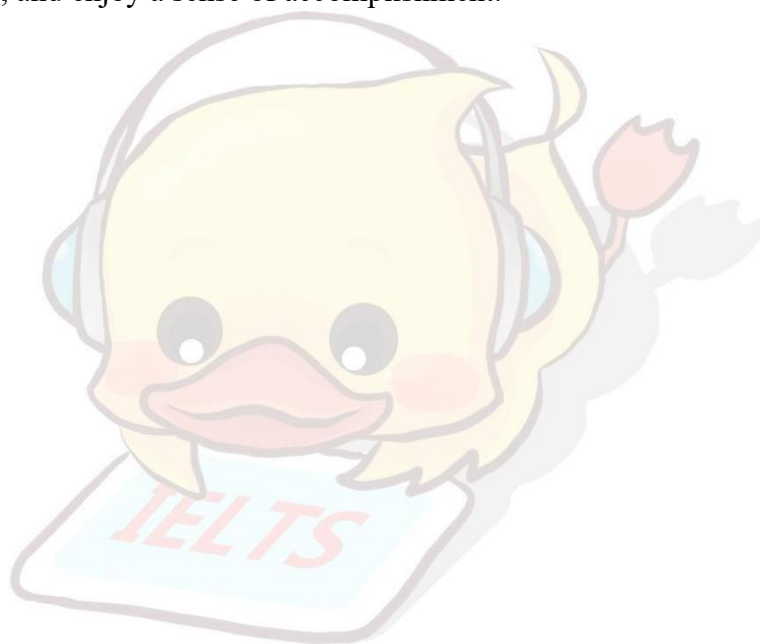
Yes, breakfast is indeed important. It provides the essential nutrients and energy needed to kickstart our metabolism and fuel our bodies for the day. A nutritious breakfast can improve concentration, enhance mood, and support overall health and well-being.

3. What is your morning routine?

My morning routine usually begins with waking up at a set time, followed by stretching or light exercise to wake up my body. Then, I proceed to have a healthy breakfast, which may include fruits, whole grains, and protein. After that, I review my schedule for the day and prioritize tasks accordingly.

4. Do you like to get up early in the morning?

Yes, I generally like to get up early in the morning. Waking up early allows me to seize the day and make the most of the morning hours when the world is calm and peaceful. It gives me a head start on my day, allowing me to accomplish more tasks, feel more productive, and enjoy a sense of accomplishment.



49. Films&Cinemas

1.How often do you watch films?

I don't watch films very frequently. Instead, I prefer to spend my leisure time engaging in other activities such as reading books or participating in outdoor sports. Films have always been considered a popular form of entertainment, but personally, I find other hobbies more fulfilling. Nonetheless, I do appreciate the art and storytelling that films offer, and occasionally, I do make it a point to watch a thought-provoking movie that captivates my interest.

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

Personally, I enjoy watching films both at home and in the cinema. When watching films at home, I appreciate the convenience and comfort it provides. I can relax on my own couch, control the volume, and pause whenever needed. On the other hand, going to the cinema offers a unique and immersive experience. The big screen, surround sound, and popcorn create a captivating atmosphere. Additionally, watching films in the cinema allows me to fully focus on the movie without any distractions. Therefore, I believe both options have their own merits and it ultimately depends on my mood and the type of film I want to watch.

3.What films do you like?

My interests in films are diverse, Actually! I enjoy watching various genres, including action, drama, comedy, and thriller films. Some of my favorite films include "Inception," "The Dark Knight," and "Pulp Fiction."

4.Did you often watch films when you were a child?

I had a keen interest in watching films when I was a child. It was an enjoyable and immersive form of entertainment for me. I used to watch a variety of movies, including animated films, adventure films, and family-friendly comedies.

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

Yes, I went to the cinema alone occasionally as a child. Going to the cinema alone allowed me to have a different experience than going with friends or family. It gave me the opportunity to choose the movie I wanted to watch and enjoy it at my own pace.

6.Do you often go to the cinema with your friends?

Yes, I often go to the cinema with my friends. It's a great way for us to spend quality time together and enjoy the latest movies. We usually plan our cinema outings in advance, deciding on the movie and showtime that suits everyone's preferences.

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

Yes, I believe going to the cinema is a wonderful way to spend time with friends. It provides a great opportunity for us to relax, have fun, and bond over a shared experience. Watching a movie in a theater allows us to immerse ourselves in a different world and escape from our daily routines.

50. Doing sport

1. What sports do you like?

I am especially into water sports and gymnastics. Well, I lived in Sanya, a beach city, for a couple of years when I was a kid. I watched and learned how to swim, dive, and surf. I find those water activities relaxing. As for gymnastics, it's always been my favorite activity in PE class, for some reason.

2. Where did you learn how to do it?

Well, I learned how to swim and dive because I watched people do them about everyday while I was living in Sanya. I just naturally got the skills, I suppose. As for surfing, it's my older cousin who introduced it to me. He gave me a surfing board as my 10th birthday present! And he taught me the master skills of this sport.

3. Did you do some sports when you were young?

Yep, absolutely! My parents like to call me nature's child. I was a wild kid, and I was never afraid to try new things. That's how I picked up many different kinds of sports, like water sports, ball games, skating, and etc.

4. Do you think students need more exercise?

Yes, I think they do need more exercises. In today's world, students spend most of their time inside, learning, reading and taking classes online or inside the classroom. I'm afraid they do need to go outside to build their muscles. After all, a healthy body is the foundation of all.

5. Do you know any people who are good at sports?

Yes, I know several people who are quite skilled in sports. Some of my friends excel in basketball, others in swimming, and a few are talented runners. It's impressive to see their dedication and athleticism in their respective sports.

6. Do you think it is important for people to exercise?

Yes, absolutely. Exercise is crucial for maintaining physical health, improving mental well-being, and enhancing overall quality of life. Regular physical activity helps prevent chronic diseases, boosts mood, increases energy levels, and promotes longevity. It's an essential aspect of a healthy lifestyle.

7. Should schools encourage young students to take more physical exercise?

Yes, schools should definitely encourage young students to engage in more physical exercise. Regular physical activity not only promotes physical health but also enhances cognitive function, concentration, and academic performance. Moreover, it instills lifelong habits of health and fitness, contributing to overall well-being and development. Introducing students to a variety of sports and activities can help them find enjoyable ways to stay active.



51. Daily routine

1. What is your daily study routine?

On weekdays, I get up at about 7:30 in the morning and finish washing. If there is no class in the morning, I will go to the library to study by myself. After lunch, I will take time to review the contents learned in the morning and prepare the items needed for the afternoon course. I think a proper rest can make my brain cells more active, so I will arrange some relaxation time around dinner. From 8:00 to 10:00 in the evening is my most efficient time, so most of my homework will be completed within this time period.

2. Have you ever changed your routine?

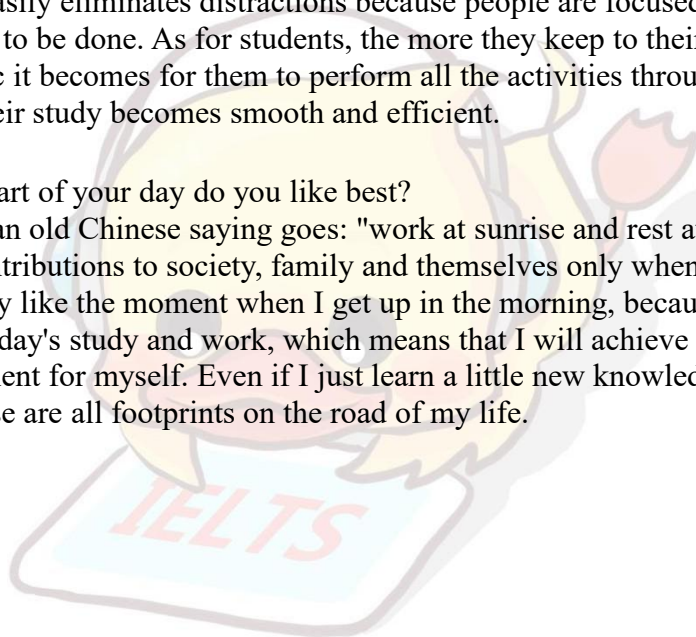
I will change my habits periodically. There are two reasons. First, I think the invariable life will make people feel bored and even tired gradually. Life needs a certain freshness, which is more important for students. The dull study life needs some adjustments. Second, the courses of each semester are different, so the change of time management is also indispensable, especially for the schedule of extracurricular discussion and social communication, which is the focus that contemporary students need to weigh more.

3. Do you think it is important to have a daily routine for your study?

Yes. As far as I know, successful people of the past and present are known to have a daily routine. For example, Steve Jobs, Benjamin Franklin and Elon Musk. A daily routine easily eliminates distractions because people are focused only on those things that need to be done. As for students, the more they keep to their daily routine, the more automatic it becomes for them to perform all the activities throughout the day. As a result, their study becomes smooth and efficient.

4. What part of your day do you like best?

There is an old Chinese saying goes: "work at sunrise and rest at sunset." People can make contributions to society, family and themselves only when they are sober. I personally like the moment when I get up in the morning, because it means that I want to start a day's study and work, which means that I will achieve a brand-new achievement for myself. Even if I just learn a little new knowledge or achieve a small goal, these are all footprints on the road of my life.



52. *Childhood memory*

1. What did you enjoy doing as a child?

As a child, I enjoyed various activities such as playing outdoors with friends, exploring nature, and engaging in imaginative play. I also loved reading books, drawing, and participating in creative projects. These experiences brought me joy and enriched my childhood.

2. Did you enjoy your childhood?

Yes, I did enjoy my childhood immensely. It was a time of innocence, discovery, and learning. I have fond memories of carefree days spent playing with friends, exploring my surroundings, and experiencing new adventures. Although there were challenges and obstacles along the way, overall, my childhood was a happy and memorable period of my life.

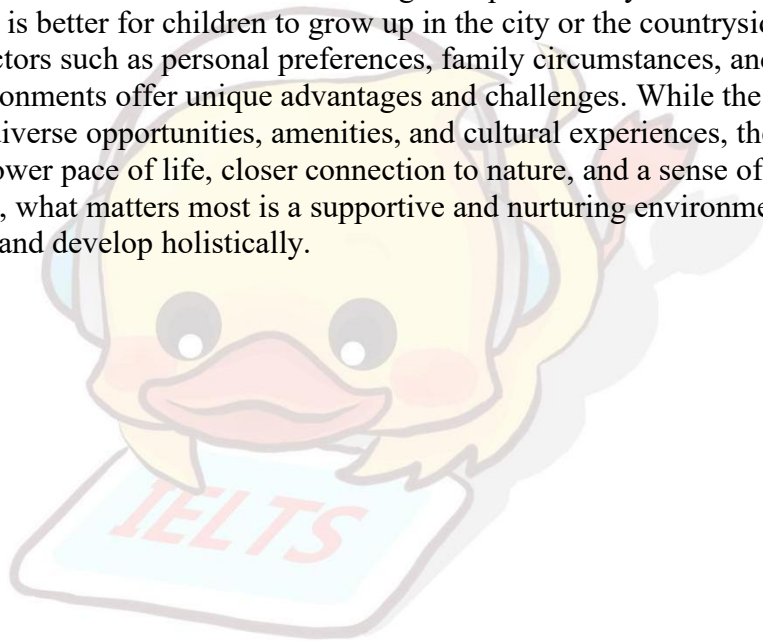


3. What are your best childhood memories?

Some of my best childhood memories include family vacations, celebrations with loved ones, and special moments spent with friends. I cherish the times when we gathered around the dinner table, shared laughter and stories, or embarked on exciting adventures together. These experiences shaped who I am today and continue to hold a special place in my heart.

4. Do you think it is better for children to grow up in the city or in the countryside?

Whether it is better for children to grow up in the city or the countryside depends on various factors such as personal preferences, family circumstances, and individual needs. Both environments offer unique advantages and challenges. While the city provides access to diverse opportunities, amenities, and cultural experiences, the countryside offers a slower pace of life, closer connection to nature, and a sense of community. Ultimately, what matters most is a supportive and nurturing environment where children can thrive and develop holistically.



Part2&3:

1. 学到新东西的网络视频

Describe an online video where 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

参考回答

I would like to talk about a fascinating online video that I came across recently. It was an educational video titled "The Art of Mindfulness (正念的艺术)" which I watched on a popular streaming platform called MindfulTube. I stumbled upon it last month while browsing through different mindfulness techniques. The video introduced the concept of mindfulness and its profound impact on our well-being. I was initially drawn to it (最初被它吸引) because I had heard a lot about mindfulness but never really understood what it entailed. As someone who often struggled with stress and anxiety, I thought it would be beneficial to explore this topic further.

The video featured renowned psychologist Dr. Rachel Thompson, who provided a detailed explanation of mindfulness and shared various techniques to cultivate it in our daily lives. She emphasized the importance of being fully present in the moment, noticing our thoughts without judgment, and practicing deep breathing exercises. One key takeaway from the video (视频要点) was the power of mindfulness in reducing stress levels and improving overall mental health. Dr. Thompson explained that by engaging in regular mindfulness practices, we can train our minds to focus on the present moment and let go of unnecessary worries and distractions.

What captivated me the most was the personal experiences shared by individuals who had benefited from incorporating mindfulness into their lives. They spoke about increased self-awareness, better concentration, and enhanced emotional well-being. (自我意识的增强、注意力的集中和情绪幸福感的增强) Since watching the video, I have started integrating mindfulness techniques into my daily routine. I have noticed a significant improvement in my ability to manage stress and feel more grounded in hectic situations. The video inspired me to create a peaceful corner in my home where I can practice mindfulness exercises such as meditation and deep breathing.

In conclusion, watching this online video on mindfulness has been incredibly enlightening. It not only opened my eyes to the importance of mindfulness but also motivated me to adopt it as a regular practice. I am grateful for the valuable insights and techniques I gained from the video, which have positively impacted my overall well-being.

Part 3

1. What kinds of videos are most popular in your country?

Well, in my country, a diverse range of videos is popular, but three specific categories stand out: food, travel, and lifestyle. When it comes to food videos, people are drawn to mouth-watering recipes, exciting culinary experiments, and drool-worthy restaurant reviews. Such videos offer a virtual feast, tantalizing viewers with delicious dishes and inspiring them to try new recipes. In terms of travel content, captivating videos showcasing breathtaking landscapes, cultural experiences, and hidden gems in various destinations are highly sought after. They provide a virtual escape, allowing people to explore different parts of the world and fueling their wanderlust. Lastly, lifestyle videos covering topics like fashion, health, and personal development also enjoy immense popularity. People are keen on watching content that offers practical tips, explores new trends, and helps them lead a more fulfilling life.



2. Are there many people who watch online videos a lot?

Certainly! With the increasing popularity of the internet, it is undeniable that there is a growing number of people in China who watch online videos extensively. This surge can be attributed to various factors. Firstly, the ease of access to smartphones and affordable data plans has made online video consumption a convenient and affordable form of entertainment. Additionally, the wide variety of content available caters to diverse interests and preferences, ranging from educational tutorials to entertaining vlogs. Moreover, the rise of social media platforms has created a norm of sharing and discussing online videos, further influencing individuals to watch more.

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

Yes, I do believe that people spend too much time on watching short videos nowadays. The availability of various platforms and the convenience of mobile devices have made it incredibly easy for people to indulge in watching short videos. However, this excessive screen time can be detrimental to our attention spans and self-control. With the abundance of short videos, people tend to get hooked on the constant stream of entertainment and instant gratification they provide. This, in turn, negatively impacts their ability to focus on more important tasks and activities.

4. Why are so many young people obsessed with short videos?

Many factors contribute to the obsession of young people with short videos. Firstly, the fast-paced nature of modern life means that young people often lack time and patience for longer forms of entertainment. Short videos provide quick bursts of entertainment that can be easily consumed in a few minutes. Moreover, the rise of social media platforms such as TikTok has greatly influenced the popularity of short videos among young people, as they can easily create and share their own content within a large online community.

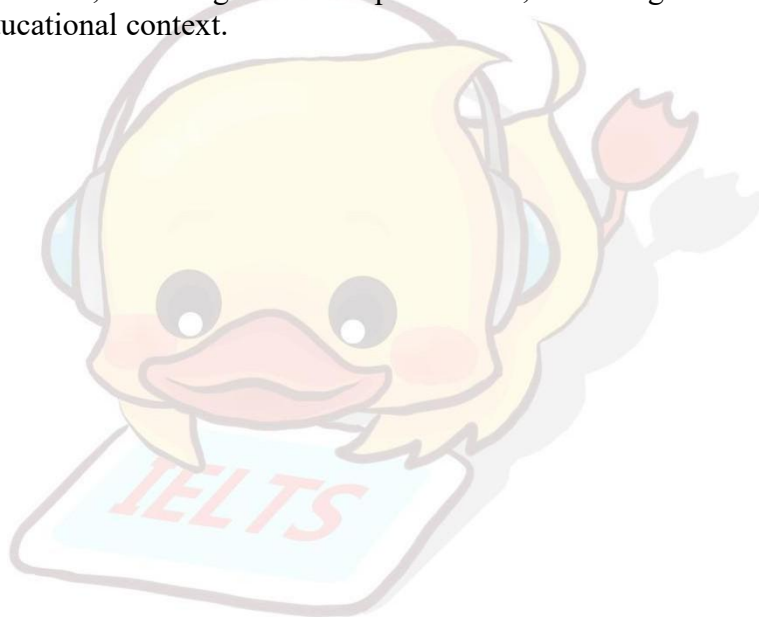
5.What are the advantages of online learning?

Online learning provides numerous advantages. Firstly, it allows students from underprivileged areas to access high-quality education from exceptional instructors. This means that regardless of their geographical location, they can learn from highly qualified teachers who may not be available in their local area. Secondly, online learning offers flexibility in terms of scheduling. Students can learn at their own pace and time, accommodating their personal commitments and responsibilities. Additionally, online learning provides a wide range of resources and materials that students can access anytime, anywhere. This promotes independent learning and allows students to explore different subjects in depth. Lastly, online learning fosters global connectivity, enabling students to interact with peers from diverse backgrounds, enhancing their cultural awareness and expanding their perspectives.



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

Yes, it is possible that online learning may eventually replace face-to-face learning. Both methods have their own advantages and benefits. Online learning offers flexibility, accessibility, and a wide range of resources. It allows learners to access information from anywhere and at their own pace. On the other hand, face-to-face learning provides human interaction, immediate feedback, and a collaborative learning environment. It fosters communication skills and personal relationships between teachers and students. Ultimately, the extent to which online learning replaces face-to-face learning will depend on various factors, including individual preferences, technological advancements, and the specific educational context.



2. 令你自信的事

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

You should say:

When it happened

What it was

Why it made you feel confident

And explain how you felt about it

参考回答

Well, there was a particular incident during my university days that really boosted my confidence. It happened in my final year when I was assigned to lead a group research project.

The project was about developing a prototype for a renewable energy device(可再生能源设备的原型). Being chosen as the group leader was quite overwhelming at first, as I had never taken on such a responsibility before. However, I decided to embrace the challenge and put my best foot forward.

Over the course of several months, my team and I worked tirelessly to research, experiment, and design the prototype. It was a painstaking process(艰苦的过程), but our dedication paid off. Finally, we were able to present our prototype at a regional science expo(地区科学博览会).

During the presentation, I showcased our prototype and explained its potential applications. The judges were impressed with our work and asked several detailed questions. Being able to answer those questions with confidence was the turning point for me. It made me realize that I had gained a deep understanding and mastery of the subject matter.

This experience made me feel incredibly self-assured(感到无比自信). The positive feedback we received from the judges and the recognition we received from our peers validated our hard work and dedication. Not only did I feel proud of our accomplishments as a team, but I also felt a newfound belief in my abilities as a leader.

In conclusion, leading and successfully presenting our group research project in university greatly boosted my confidence. It reaffirmed my belief in my skills and knowledge and provided me with the reassurance that I could tackle any challenge that came my way.

Part3

1. What can a teacher do to help his or her students become more confident?

One way a teacher can help their students become more confident is by creating a supportive classroom environment. This can be achieved by offering praise and encouragement for their efforts and achievements. Additionally, a teacher can provide constructive feedback and suggestions for improvement, helping students to see their areas of strength and areas for growth. Moreover, a teacher can organize activities and group discussions where students can practice speaking and presenting in a safe and non-judgmental space. By doing so, students can gain confidence in their abilities and overcome any apprehensions they may have.

2. How can teachers help their students become more confident by rewarding them for studying?

Teachers can certainly play a pivotal role in boosting their students' confidence through a reward system for studying. By utilizing various methods, educators can create a supportive and motivating environment. For instance, they can acknowledge and celebrate students' achievements with certificates or public recognition, which instills a sense of accomplishment and reinforces their self-belief. Additionally, teachers can organize group activities where students can showcase their knowledge, fostering a sense of competence and improving their overall confidence. Ultimately, such rewards not only recognize students' efforts, but also nurture their self-esteem, enabling them to become more confident learners.

3. What can teachers do to make studying more interesting?

Teachers can employ various strategies to make studying more interesting. Firstly, they can incorporate interactive activities, such as group discussions or educational games, to engage students in the learning process. Secondly, they can make use of multimedia resources, such as videos and online platforms, to provide diverse learning experiences. Additionally, teachers can introduce real-life examples and practical applications of the subject matter to demonstrate its relevance. Moreover, they can establish a supportive and encouraging classroom environment, where students feel comfortable expressing their ideas and asking questions. By adopting these approaches, teachers can effectively enhance students' interest and motivation in studying.

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

Yes, I think there is a strong correlation between the confidence level of parents and that of their children. When children are raised by confident parents, they are more likely to grow up with a sense of self-assurance and belief in their abilities. Confident parents provide a supportive environment that fosters independence and encourages their children to explore their strengths. Additionally, confident parents serve as role models, demonstrating self-confidence through their actions and attitudes. This influences children to adopt similar behavior and develop their own confidence.

5. How can a person become more confident?

Well, confidence is something that can be developed over time. One way to become more confident is by setting realistic goals and achieving them. This could be anything from learning a new skill, such as playing an instrument, to completing a project at work. Another way is to surround yourself with positive and supportive people who encourage your growth and celebrate your successes. Additionally, practicing self-care and self-compassion can help boost confidence. This includes taking care of your physical and mental well-being, practicing positive self-talk, and embracing your strengths and achievements. Remember, confidence comes from believing in yourself and your abilities, so be kind to yourself and acknowledge your progress along the way.

6. Why do so many people lack confidence these days?

There are several reasons why many individuals lack confidence in today's society. Firstly, the immense pressure to meet society's standards and expectations can lead to self-doubt and low self-esteem. For instance, the constant comparison on social media platforms can make people feel inadequate and unworthy. Moreover, the fast-paced and competitive nature of the modern world can also contribute to a lack of confidence. The fear of failure and the pressure to succeed can overwhelm individuals and make them doubt their capabilities. Additionally, past experiences of criticism or negative feedback can significantly impact one's self-confidence. It is crucial to address these issues and promote self-acceptance and self-care to help individuals regain their confidence.



3. 固执己见的人

Describe a person who always has strong opinions

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her

Why you think he/she is an opinionated person

And explain how you feel about him/her

参考回答

My grandfather is a person who always has strong opinions. I have known him since I was a child, and he has always been someone who speaks their mind without hesitation (毫不犹豫地说出自己的想法). In fact, his straightforwardness and outspoken nature are quite well-known among our family and friends.

I think my grandfather is an opinionated person because he firmly believes in expressing his thoughts and standing up for what he believes is right. He is not afraid to challenge traditional norms or question popular beliefs. Whether it is politics, social issues, or even matters within our family, he always has a perspective to share and defends it passionately.

Personally, I have mixed feelings about my grandfather's strong opinions. On one hand, I admire his courage to speak up and his ability to engage in thoughtful discussions. I appreciate his determination to voice his thoughts and encourage healthy debates. On the other hand, there have been instances where his strong opinions have led to conflicts and disagreements, causing tension within the family.

Nevertheless, I believe that having strong opinions is a characteristic that shapes a person's identity. It reflects their values and integrity (价值观和正直). While I may not always agree with my grandfather, I respect his unwavering convictions and his willingness to stand up for what he believes in.

Overall, my grandfather's strong opinions have played a significant role in shaping my own perspective on various matters. They have taught me the importance of critical thinking and the courage to express myself (批判性思维的重要性和表达自己的勇气). Even though we may not always see eye to eye, I am grateful for the valuable lessons and the lively conversations that his strong opinions have brought into my life.

Part 3

1. What aspects do young people have strong opinions about?

Young people today often have strong opinions on various topics, such as politics, climate change, and social justice. Many of them feel passionate about creating a better future and making their voices heard. Some young people have strong opinions about government policies and are actively involved in political movements, advocating for change and demanding transparency. Additionally, environmental issues, like climate change and pollution, also drive the strong opinions of young people who are concerned about the planet's future. Moreover, issues related to social justice, equality, and discrimination are significant areas where young people express their strong points of view, demanding inclusivity and fairness in society. The diverse viewpoints of young people highlight their engagement and importance in shaping the world we live in.

2. What aspects do old people have strong opinions about?

Old people often have strong opinions about traditional values and customs. They tend to emphasize the importance of family and maintaining close-knit relationships. Additionally, they may have strong viewpoints on societal norms and moral issues. For example, they may have strong opinions about the changing role of women in society or the use of technology in everyday life. Moreover, older individuals may express their concerns about the rapid pace of technological advancements and its impact on social interaction and personal relationships. Overall, their opinions are often shaped by their life experiences and a desire to preserve the values of the past.

3. Are there many young people who have strong opinions in our lives?

Yes, there are certainly many young people in our lives who have strong opinions. They are often the ones who challenge the status quo and bring fresh ideas to the table. These individuals are not afraid to voice their thoughts and are often passionate about various issues. For instance, some young people may strongly advocate for climate change action, while others may be vocal about equality and social justice. They bring a refreshing perspective to conversations and play a crucial role in shaping our society. Their strong opinions provide opportunities for dialogue and progress, pushing us to rethink established norms and work towards a better future.

4. Which is more important, listening to others or persuading others?

In my opinion, listening to others is more important than persuading others. As the saying goes, "We have two ears and one mouth for a reason." By actively listening, we can gain valuable insights, understand different perspectives, and cultivate meaningful relationships. Listening also allows us to gather information and make more informed decisions. On the other hand, persuading others is only effective when we understand their needs and concerns, which can only be achieved through attentive listening. Moreover, by giving others the space to be heard and understood, we create a harmonious and inclusive environment for open communication and collaboration. Hence, I believe that listening holds greater significance than persuasion.

5. Do you think we should only say something after thinking it through?

In my opinion, it is essential to think things through before expressing our thoughts. Taking the time to consider our words allows us to avoid unnecessary misunderstandings and regrets. Reflecting on our ideas helps ensure that our statements are logical and coherent. Additionally, it shows a level of respect for others' perspectives by carefully considering our words before articulating them. However, there are times when spontaneous responses can be valuable, such as in creative brainstorming sessions or rapid problem-solving situations. Overall, striking a balance between thoughtful responses and being open to spontaneity can lead to effective communication.

6. Do you think it is good to have strong opinions?

Yes, I believe it is important to have strong opinions. Having strong opinions demonstrates conviction and the ability to think critically. As a leader, it allows you to confidently make decisions and stand up for what you believe in. However, it is equally important to be open-minded and willing to consider alternative viewpoints. Strong opinions should be based on facts and rational thinking to ensure that they are not biased or harmful. Ultimately, strong opinions can drive positive change and inspire others, but they should be tempered with empathy and respect for differing perspectives.



4. 公共场所接陌生人电话

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

You should say:

Where it happened

What he/she said

How you corresponded

And explain how you felt about the experience

参考回答

Well, one interesting incident that comes to my mind was when I received an unexpected phone call from a stranger while I was sitting in a bustling (熙熙攘攘的) café in the heart of my city. This incident happened a few months ago.

As I answered the call, a female voice on the other end introduced herself as Emily. She seemed quite nervous and quickly explained that she had dialed a wrong number while trying to reach her friend. Feeling a little curious, I politely engaged in conversation with her, asking about her day and what led her to call me.

As we continued talking, I discovered that Emily had just moved to the city and was feeling a bit lost (感到有点迷茫). She was looking for recommendations on nearby cafes and tourist spots. Being a local, I gladly shared my favorite coffee shops and tourist attractions, making her feel more at ease in her new surroundings.

To correspond effectively (为了有效地沟通), I thoughtfully provided her with detailed information, such as the names of the cafes and their specialties, as well as the popular sights that the city had to offer. It felt good to be able to assist someone in need, even though we had just met over a phone call.

Reflecting on the experience, I felt a sense of satisfaction and gratitude for the spontaneous connection that I had made. It reminded me of the power of simple acts of kindness, as well as the importance of embracing unexpected encounters with an open mind. Overall, the incident made me realize how a random phone call can turn into an enriching experience, allowing us to help and connect with others in unexpectedly meaningful ways.

Part 3

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

Well, the opinions on this matter may vary. While some individuals may find it intrusive and disturbing when people talk on the phone in public places, others may not mind it so much. It really depends on the context and the individual's tolerance for noise and distractions. For instance, in a quiet library or a theater, most people would likely have an issue with someone talking loudly on the phone. However, in a bustling coffee shop or a crowded bus, the general consensus might be more tolerant towards such behavior. Ultimately, it boils down to personal preferences and the specific setting in question.

2. What are the differences between sitting beside a person who keeps talking on the phone and a person who keeps talking to you?

There are several key differences between sitting beside a person who keeps talking on the phone and a person who keeps talking to you. Firstly, when someone is constantly chatting on their phone, it can be disruptive to others around them, creating a noisy environment. On the other hand, when someone speaks directly to you, it requires your attention and engagement, making it a more intimate and personal interaction.

3. Why do some people not care what they do in public places?

Well, some people may not care about their behavior in public places due to various reasons. Firstly, some individuals might be uninformed about social norms and etiquette, which makes them oblivious to their actions. For example, they might not be aware that speaking loudly in a library is inappropriate. Secondly, certain people may have a rebellious nature and intentionally choose to disregard societal expectations. They believe in expressing themselves freely, even if it means behaving unconventionally in public. Lastly, some individuals might prioritize personal gratification over the comfort of others. These individuals may act selfishly, without considering the impact of their actions on those around them.

4. Do you think parents should teach their children not to behave badly in public places?

Undoubtedly, I strongly believe that parents have a crucial role to play in teaching their children how to behave appropriately in public places. By instilling good manners and social etiquettes, parents equip their children with essential life skills. Instead of simply reprimanding them, parents can employ interactive methods such as role-playing and setting positive examples, which can effectively shape their children's behavior. For instance, taking them to art exhibitions or concerts can teach them the importance of respecting others' personal space. Moreover, parents should also explain the reasons behind certain behaviors, fostering a deeper understanding of societal norms.

5. Do you think it is fine to talk on the phone in public places?

Well, personally, I believe that it is generally acceptable to talk on the phone in public places such as parks and squares. In these open spaces, people are often engaging in leisure activities, and it is customary for individuals to use their phones for various purposes. However, it is important to be considerate of others. In crowded places, it may be appropriate to lower your voice or move to a quieter area to avoid disrupting those around you. Additionally, it is crucial to adhere to any posted regulations or guidelines regarding phone usage to ensure a respectful and pleasant environment for all. So, while talking on the phone in public places can be fine, it is essential to be mindful of others and maintain a balance between personal convenience and public courtesy.

6. Should people be banned from talking aloud in public places?

In my opinion, I believe that people should not be completely banned from talking aloud in public places. While it is true that places like libraries require silence for the convenience of those who are studying or reading, it is also important to consider the diverse needs and purposes of public spaces. For instance, parks and cafes are places where people gather to socialize and engage in conversations. Restricting people from talking aloud in such places would impede their ability to express themselves and connect with others. However, there should be a balance. Certain areas, like designated study zones in libraries, can be kept quiet to respect the needs of those seeking a quiet environment. Overall, it is essential to strike a balance between maintaining quiet spaces for studying and allowing people to interact and communicate in public places.



5. 重遇旧友

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

参考回答

Well, let me share with you the story of a childhood friend whom I had lost touch with for years but eventually got in contact with again. His name is Brian, and we first met in kindergarten, where we instantly became best buddies. We were inseparable and shared countless memories together.

Unfortunately, as we grew older, life took us on different paths, and we slowly drifted apart. (不幸的是, 随着年龄的增长, 生活把我们带到了不同的道路上, 我们慢慢地疏远了。) We ended up attending different schools, and with the absence of social media during those times, it became challenging to keep in touch. Our lives became consumed with our own responsibilities and priorities, and slowly but surely, our friendship took a backseat.

However, fate had some delightful surprises in store for us. It was during a college reunion that I stumbled upon Brian again. Seeing his familiar face brought back a flood of nostalgic emotions (我的怀旧之情如潮水般涌上心头), and we instantly reconnected. We exchanged contact information and promised to keep in touch this time.

The feeling of getting in touch with Brian again was truly indescribable. It was like rediscovering a long-lost treasure. We spent hours catching up on each other's lives and reminiscing about our shared childhood experiences. It felt as though time had stopped, and we were back in those carefree days of our kindergarten adventures (又回到了幼儿园那些无忧无虑的冒险时光). Reconnecting with an old friend after years of being out of touch reminded me of the irreplaceable value of long-lasting friendships. It made me appreciate the importance of nurturing relationships and not taking them for granted. Brian and I have since made a conscious effort to stay connected and have even planned a trip together to relive our childhood memories.

To conclude, the experience of reconnecting with my childhood friend Brian was both heartwarming and nostalgic. It served as a reminder of the enduring power of friendships and how they can withstand the test of time. I am grateful to have rediscovered such a treasured bond, which I now plan to cherish for the rest of my life.

Part 3

1. Is it better to have a lot of friends than just a few friends?

While some people prefer to have just a few close friends, I personally believe that having a lot of friends can be quite enjoyable. Having a wide circle of friends enables one to experience a variety of perspectives, cultures, and personalities. Moreover, with a larger network, there are more opportunities for social activities, gatherings, and adventures. Additionally, having many friends can provide a sense of support and belonging as there is always someone to turn to in times of need. However, it is important to note that the quality of friendships is more significant than the quantity. It is crucial to maintain strong connections and genuine relationships with friends, regardless of their number.

2. Would having just a few friends limit your horizons?

Having only a few friends can indeed limit one's horizons in terms of understanding the world. When we have a limited social circle, we are exposed to a narrow range of opinions, perspectives, and experiences. Our understanding of different cultures, beliefs, and ideas may be limited, as we are not exposed to diverse viewpoints. Moreover, with fewer friends, we may lack opportunities for intellectual stimulation and growth. Interacting with a diverse group of individuals expands our knowledge and widens our horizons, enabling us to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the world.

3. Do you think you are good at maintaining good relationships with others?

I believe that I am proficient at cultivating and nurturing strong bonds with individuals around me. It is crucial to emphasize the significance of effective communication and understanding in maintaining healthy relationships. In my case, I prioritize active listening and empathy towards others, which helps me connect with them on a deeper level. Furthermore, I consider it essential to express gratitude and appreciation for the people in my life. By doing so, I believe that I am able to create a positive and supportive environment for everyone involved. Overall, I truly strive to maintain enduring relationships by consistently investing time and effort.

4. Why do old friends lose touch with each other?

There can be various reasons why old friends lose touch with each other. Firstly, life circumstances can change, leading to different priorities and responsibilities. People may move to different cities or countries for work or personal reasons, making it difficult to maintain regular contact. Secondly, as people grow older, their interests, goals, and values may also change, resulting in less common ground to bond over. Additionally, the fast-paced nature of modern life, with its technological distractions, can make it challenging to carve out time for nurturing friendships. Lastly, unresolved conflicts or misunderstandings can create distance between friends, causing them to drift apart over time. Ultimately, it is essential to invest time and effort into sustaining relationships, despite the challenges that may arise.

5. Why do people need to make new friends?

People need to make new friends for several reasons. Firstly, making new friends allows us to expand our social circle and meet people from different backgrounds and cultures. This can broaden our perspectives and help us gain a better understanding of the world. Secondly, friends provide emotional support and companionship, especially during difficult times. They can offer advice and lend a listening ear when we're feeling down. Additionally, having new friends can also introduce us to new experiences and activities. They may have different hobbies or interests that we can explore together. Overall, making new friends enriches our lives and adds diversity to our social interactions, making it a worthwhile pursuit.

6. Why do we have to give up some old friends?

We sometimes find ourselves needing to give up old friends due to the process of personal growth and development. As we navigate through life, we undergo various changes that shape our values, interests, and priorities. These changes can lead to a natural drift or a significant divergence between us and our old friends. For instance, we might choose to pursue new academic or career paths, engage in different hobbies, or form new relationships, which may not align with the values and interests of our old friends. In such cases, it becomes important to surround ourselves with individuals who support our growth and share our current beliefs and aspirations. This doesn't necessarily mean completely cutting ties with old friends, but rather recognizing that change is a part of life, and it is often necessary to make room for new connections that resonate with our present selves.



6. 文化之地

Describe a cultural place (e.g. 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

参考回答

Well, one of the cultural places that I would like to talk about is the National Museum, which is located in the heart of the capital city. I got to know about this place through a friend who highly recommended it as the cultural hub of our country.

The National Museum is a colossal building that stands tall, radiating a sense of history and heritage (散发着历史和遗产的气息). As you step inside, you are greeted with grandeur and a plethora of exhibits that showcase the rich cultural heritage of our land. From ancient artifacts to fine art masterpieces, the museum has it all. The architecture of the museum itself reflects the artistic beauty and historical significance of our nation.

This place is an epitome of cultural preservation (是文化保护的缩影) and an avenue for promoting the diverse traditions and history of our country. Visiting the National Museum offers a deep sense of connection to our roots and serves as a source of inspiration for future generations. It provides us with a glimpse into the past (它让我们得以一窥过去), enabling us to appreciate and learn from the struggles, triumphs, and achievements of our ancestors.

The National Museum also plays a crucial role in educating visitors about our culture, traditions, and the evolution of our society. It hosts various workshops and lectures conducted by experts in different fields, promoting an understanding of the cultural significance of artifacts and historical relics.

In conclusion, the National Museum holds immense cultural value and is central to our identity as a nation. It not only preserves our heritage but also serves as a platform for cultural exchange and education. It is a must-visit place for anyone interested in exploring our country's rich past and understanding the diverse tapestry of our culture.

Part 3

1. How does the internet affect culture?

The internet has greatly influenced culture in numerous ways. From my perspective, its impact can be seen in the way we communicate, access information, and even consume entertainment. For instance, through social media platforms, we can now connect with people from different cultures and share our thoughts and experiences. Furthermore, the internet has democratized information, allowing us to explore diverse perspectives and cultures with just a few clicks. Lastly, online streaming services have revolutionized the way we consume media, making global content easily accessible and exposing us to different cultural influences. In summary, the internet has undoubtedly enriched and diversified our cultural experiences, bringing people and ideas closer together.

2. How is a culture formed?

Culture is formed through a combination of various factors. Firstly, it is influenced by historical events and traditions that have been passed down through generations. For example, in Japan, the culture of respect and honor is deeply rooted in their history of samurais and feudal lords. Secondly, culture is shaped by social norms and values. These norms can include customs, rituals, and beliefs that guide people's behavior. Lastly, culture is also influenced by the environment in which people live. For instance, geographical factors like climate and natural resources impact the way people dress, eat, and interact. Overall, culture is a complex process that is molded by history, social norms, and the environment.

3. What kind of culture is popular among the young?

Well, when it comes to the kind of culture that is popular among the younger generation, it can vary depending on their individual interests and preferences. For some, pop culture, with its vibrant music, movies, and celebrities, holds immense appeal. This culture celebrates the latest trends and influences fashion, entertainment, and even social media platforms. On the other hand, there is also a growing interest in digital culture, where young people connect, express themselves, and create content through various online platforms. Additionally, there is a strong inclination towards subcultures like gaming, fashion, street art, or even environmental activism. It's fascinating to witness how the young generation contributes to shaping and embracing diverse cultural influences.

4. How do young people learn different cultures?

Young people can learn about different cultures through various means such as movies, music, games, and more. For instance, movies provide a visual and narrative experience that exposes them to different customs, traditions, and languages. Music has the power to transcend boundaries and introduce young people to diverse rhythms, instruments, and languages, broadening their understanding of different cultures. Additionally, games can enable young people to interact with people from different backgrounds, fostering cultural learning through virtual experiences. All these mediums help young people develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of various cultures, encouraging them to embrace diversity and expand their horizons.

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

In my opinion, music holds greater significance when it comes to culture. Music has the power to transcend language barriers and connect people from different backgrounds. It not only reflects the values and emotions of a society, but also serves as a medium for storytelling and preserving traditions. For instance, indigenous communities often use music to pass down their history and heritage to future generations. Additionally, music has the ability to evoke strong emotions and create a sense of unity among people. Whether it's through classical compositions, traditional folk songs, or contemporary genres, music has a universal appeal that can deeply impact individuals and shape cultural identities. Therefore, I believe that music plays a crucial role in celebrating and preserving cultural diversity.

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

Yes, the culture of the past has a significant impact on today's culture. By studying history, we gain valuable insights into the traditions, values, and practices of our ancestors. This knowledge helps us better understand the roots of our modern society and enables us to appreciate how certain aspects of our culture have evolved over time. For example, the ancient cultural practices of storytelling and oral traditions have shaped the way we communicate and share knowledge today. Additionally, studying past civilizations and their art, architecture, and social structures allows us to appreciate diversity and learn from different cultures. Ultimately, understanding our past helps us navigate the complexities of our present lives.



7. 给建议的人

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 felt about the person

参考回答

The person I would like to talk about is my grandfather. He is a wise and experienced man, and people often seek his advice.

People are drawn to my grandfather because of his sagacity and the wealth of knowledge he possesses(睿智和丰富的知识). He has always been a great listener and is known for his empathetic nature. People find comfort in confiding in him as they feel understood and valued. His advice is highly regarded because he draws from his own life experiences (从自己的生活经历中汲取灵感)and provides practical solutions to their problems.

When people seek advice from my grandfather, he offers a wide range of guidance. He provides emotional support to those who are going through tough times, offering words of encouragement and reminding them to stay positive. Furthermore, he shares his career and financial insights, guiding young professionals on their journey to success. Moreover, his knowledge about relationships and family dynamics is invaluable; he helps mend broken relationships (帮助修补破裂的关系)and fosters a sense of togetherness among family members.

Personally, I have always admired my grandfather's ability to provide sound advice. Whenever I faced challenges or dilemmas, I would seek his counsel. He never hesitated to offer his perspective, even if it meant giving me some tough love. His words of wisdom have shaped me into a better person, and I attribute much of my growth to his guidance.

In conclusion, my grandfather is a person from whom others seek advice because of his wisdom, vast experiences, and empathetic nature(智慧、丰富的阅历和富有同情心). The guidance he offers spans various aspects of life, and he has been a pillar of support for many. I am incredibly fortunate to have him in my life, and his influence has profoundly impacted me.

Part 3

1. Who should people ask for advice on big issues, family members or friends?

I believe that both family members and friends can be valuable sources of advice when it comes to big issues. However, the decision ultimately depends on the nature of the problem and the individual's personal relationship with their family and friends. Family members, especially parents or siblings, can provide advice based on their experience and deep understanding of one's background. Their unconditional love and support can make them reliable confidants. On the other hand, friends can offer fresh perspectives and unbiased opinions. They may have faced similar situations and can provide empathy and guidance. In my opinion, it is important to consider the situation and seek advice from both family members and friends to make a well-rounded decision.

2. Do people often ask for advice from professional people, like a lawyer?

Yes, people do often seek advice from professionals like lawyers. These legal professionals possess specialized knowledge and expertise in their field, making them a valuable resource when it comes to legal matters.

For instance, individuals may consult with lawyers when dealing with issues such as contract disputes, property transactions, or criminal offenses. Lawyers can provide guidance on legal rights, responsibilities, and available options to help people make informed decisions. They can also assist in drafting legal documents, representing clients in court, and negotiating settlements. Therefore, seeking advice from lawyers is common and can be crucial in navigating the complexities of the legal system.

3. Who do people tend to ask for advice, friends or family members?

In my opinion, people often turn to both friends and family members for advice, depending on the situation. Friends provide a fresh and unbiased perspective, as they might have different life experiences and viewpoints. On the other hand, family members offer a strong support system and a deep understanding of one's personal history. For instance, when it comes to career advice, friends who have experience in the same field can offer valuable insights. Conversely, when facing personal issues or seeking guidance on important life decisions, family members who know us best are often the first ones we approach. So, in conclusion, I believe it varies based on the nature of the problem and the kind of advice one seeks.

4. Do you follow the advice of your family members?

Yes, I do consider the advice of my family members as they have a wealth of experience and knowledge. Their viewpoints can often provide me with valuable insights and guidance. However, I believe it is important to use my own judgment and discretion when deciding whether or not to follow their advice. While their perspectives are valuable, I believe it is necessary to evaluate the advice in light of my own goals, beliefs, and circumstances. Ultimately, I aim to strike a balance between listening to their advice and making independent decisions that align with my own values and aspirations.

5. Do you think the advice parents give their children is always good?

I don't believe that all advice parents give their children is always good. While parents have the intention of guiding their children and helping them make informed decisions, the advice they offer may not always be suitable or relevant. For instance, parents may have different perspectives on life due to their own experiences, which may not align with the current realities or societal changes. In addition, parents may unintentionally impose their own aspirations or dreams onto their children, which can hinder their personal growth and self-discovery. Therefore, it is important for children to critically evaluate the advice they receive and make decisions based on their own judgement and individual circumstances.

6. Are professional consultancy services expensive in your country?

Well, when it comes to professional consultancy services in China, the cost can vary depending on various factors. Generally speaking, these services can indeed be quite expensive. However, it greatly depends on the type of consultancy service you require and the level of expertise you are seeking. For instance, hiring a top-tier management consultancy firm might incur higher costs compared to engaging a smaller, local consultancy. Additionally, the complexity of the project and the duration of the service can also impact the overall expenses. Therefore, it is essential to carefully consider your specific needs and budget when seeking professional consultancy services in China.



8. 拥挤地方

Describe a crowded place you went to

You should say:

When you went there

Who you went there with

Why you went there

And how you felt about it

参考回答

I'm going to describe my experience at the Strawberry Music Festival, which was a truly bustling and vibrant (熙熙攘攘、充满活力) event. It was held in my hometown, Shanghai, last May. Being a music enthusiast, I couldn't resist the opportunity to attend this renowned festival.

Accompanied by a group of close friends, we eagerly ventured into the sea of lively concertgoers. The atmosphere was electrifying, with music reverberating from every corner of the festival grounds. Artists from various genres, both domestic and international (国内外的), took to the stages, captivating the audience with their energetic performances. From rock bands to electronic music DJs, there was a diverse lineup that catered to everyone's taste.

The sheer number of people amazed me. I felt like I was a small drop in a vast ocean, surrounded by a kaleidoscope of colorful outfits and exuberant faces (五彩缤纷的衣服和充满活力的面孔). The swarming crowds made it a challenge to navigate through the festival, but it added to the excitement and gave it an authentic festival vibe.

As I immersed myself in the music, I couldn't help but feel an overwhelming sense of unity with the crowd. Strangers sang together, danced together, and celebrated the power of music in perfect harmony. It was incredible to witness people from all walks of life come together and embrace the shared passion for music.

In conclusion, my experience at the Strawberry Music Festival was exhilarating. The contagious energy, the diverse performances, and the camaraderie among festival-goers made it an unforgettable event. I left with a renewed appreciation for the power of music and the magic of a crowd united by a common love.

Part 3

1. Which cities are crowded in your country?

In my country, China, there are several cities that are known for their crowdedness. One such city is Beijing, the capital of China. With its population of over 21 million, the streets and public transportation are always jam-packed with people rushing to work or sightseeing. Another city that experiences crowding is Shanghai, a major financial hub with a population of nearly 25 million. Its bustling streets and crowded subway stations are a testament to its popularity and economic vitality. Finally, Guangzhou, a city in southern China, is also known for its congestion, especially during peak hours. The unique blend of cultures, thriving industries, and numerous opportunities attract a large number of people, contributing to its crowdedness.

2. Will there be more or less green space in cities in the future?

In the future, cities can expect to **see an increase** in green spaces. With the growing awareness of environmental sustainability and the need to combat climate change, urban planning is **shifting towards creating more green areas**. Parks, gardens, and rooftop gardens are being incorporated into city landscapes to provide both **recreational spaces for residents and habitats for biodiversity**. Additionally, initiatives like vertical gardening and urban farming are gaining popularity, allowing cities to maximize the use of available space for greenery. These efforts not only **enhance the aesthetic appeal of cities** but also **improve air quality, promote biodiversity**, and provide a much-needed respite from the concrete jungle. Overall, the future holds a promising expansion of green spaces in cities, creating a healthier and more sustainable urban environment.

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

In my opinion, the usage of bikes in cities could go either way in the future. On one hand, with the **increasing awareness** of environmental issues, people might be inclined to use bikes more as a **sustainable and eco-friendly means** of transportation. Not only does biking help reduce pollution, but it also **offers numerous health benefits**. On the other hand, the growing popularity of electric vehicles and the convenience of cars might lead to a decrease in bike usage. Additionally, factors such as traffic congestion and limited infrastructure for cyclists might discourage people from choosing bikes as their preferred mode of transportation. Ultimately, the future of bike usage in cities will be influenced by both environmental concerns and evolving technological advancements.

4. Why do people go to crowded places?

People go to crowded places for various reasons. Firstly, some individuals **thrive on** the excitement and buzz generated by large crowds. They enjoy the energy and vibrant atmosphere these settings offer. Secondly, crowded places often provide opportunities for **social interaction and networking**. People gather to meet new friends, establish business contacts, or simply enjoy the company of others. Additionally, crowded places often offer unique experiences and attractions that attract tourists and visitors. For instance, famous landmarks, concerts, or festivals tend to draw large crowds due to their cultural or entertainment value. Overall, people are drawn to crowded places for the sense of community, the chance to connect with others, and the appeal of stimulating environments.

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

Yes, I believe there are individuals who enjoy crowded places, although they might be relatively few in number. Some people find comfort and a sense of energy in bustling environments. For instance, extroverts who thrive on social interactions may appreciate the buzz and excitement of crowded places. Furthermore, some individuals may enjoy the anonymity that comes with being part of a crowd, allowing them to observe and experience the happenings around them without feeling the pressure to actively engage. However, I must note that while there are people who enjoy crowded places, it is also common for others to find them overwhelming or anxiety-inducing.

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

In my opinion, the increasing number of big cities can bring about several benefits.

Firstly, big cities offer better job opportunities and higher wages, attracting individuals from rural areas to seek better lives. This migration can lead to a more balanced distribution of resources and improved living standards for a larger population.

Additionally, big cities often serve as cultural and educational hubs, providing access to a wide range of art, music, and academic institutions. This exposure to diverse cultures and knowledge can foster creativity and innovation. Moreover, big cities usually have more advanced infrastructure, such as efficient transportation systems and modern healthcare facilities, which can enhance the quality of life for residents. However, it is important to balance urban development and preserve natural resources to avoid overcrowding and environmental degradation.



9. 理想房屋

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

You should say:

Where it would be

What it would look like

What special features it would have

And explain why it would be an ideal place for you

参考回答

Speaking of this topic, the first scenario that came to my mind is a villa near the beach, where I could live with my family and my two dogs. Inside the villa there would be large French windows(落地窗), so that the sunshine can drop in during the day, making the whole inner space bright. In the day, I could sit on the balcony, reading books, drinking tea, enjoying the sea breeze(海风), and looking through the French windows to the enormous ocean. There would also be a big garden in front of the house, filled with different kinds of plants and flowers. I would feel a huge amount of joy playing with my dogs in the garden.

The villa is very close to the sea. We can go to the beach every day to swim or surf in the sea, or just to bask in the sunshine. Imagine such a scene: white clouds floating in the sky, and you walking on the beach barefoot(赤脚走路). The raging waves(汹涌澎湃的海浪) crashing on the shore. Seabirds flying freely in the sky. As the sunlight filters through(透过) the clouds, you would have a wonderful view of the ocean bottom, where there are colorful corals, aquatic plants and all kinds of fish, like butterfly, clown and tropical swim on by.

It must be very comfortable to live in a house like this, where I could get rid of all the stress arising from work, study, and other things. It is also a great chance to reconnect to my family and I would really enjoy spending such a wonderful time with them.

Part 3

1. What are apartments like in your country?

In my country, apartments vary in style, size, and amenities. Some apartments are modern and spacious, with an open floor plan and sleek designs. They often have facilities like swimming pools, fitness centers, and playgrounds. On the other hand, there are also traditional apartments with a more vintage charm, featuring wooden furnishings and intricate details. These apartments might not have as many amenities, but they often offer a cozy and nostalgic atmosphere. Overall, apartments in my country cater to different tastes and budgets, providing a variety of options for individuals or families looking for a place to call home.

2. Why are apartments welcome in some places while not in other places?

Apartments are welcome in some places while not in other places due to various reasons. In urban areas, apartments are often embraced as they help alleviate housing shortages and accommodate a growing population. They also offer convenient access to amenities like shops, restaurants, and transportation. Moreover, apartments can promote social interaction among residents, creating a sense of community. However, in more rural or suburban settings, apartments might not be as popular. Some people prefer the privacy and space offered by standalone houses.

3. What would people normally consider when they rent or buy a house or an apartment? When considering renting or buying a house or apartment, people usually take several factors into account. Firstly, location plays a key role as people prioritize accessibility to work, schools, and amenities. Secondly, the size and layout of the property are crucial to meet their specific needs and preferences. Additionally, the overall condition of the house or apartment is considered, ensuring it is well-maintained and equipped with modern facilities. Furthermore, the cost and affordability are important aspects to evaluate if it fits within their budget. Finally, individuals also consider the neighborhood's safety and the availability of parking spaces. All these factors combine to help people make a well-informed decision when choosing a place to live.

4. Do different people have different preferences for houses or apartments?

Yes, different people definitely have different preferences when it comes to houses or apartments. Some individuals prefer spacious villas with multiple rooms and extravagant amenities, while others are more inclined towards cozy small houses that promote a sense of intimacy and simplicity. Preferences may vary based on factors such as lifestyle, family size, personal taste, and financial capabilities. For example, larger families may prioritize a house with more bedrooms and living space, while individuals who value convenience and low maintenance might opt for an apartment. Ultimately, it all depends on individual preferences and priorities.

5. Why do some people choose to live in the city center?

There are several reasons why people choose to live in the city center. Firstly, living in the city center provides easy access to a wide range of entertainment facilities. For instance, there are numerous restaurants, theaters, and shopping malls that offer endless choices for leisure activities. Secondly, the city center is usually well-connected with public transportation, making commuting more convenient and time-saving. Additionally, living in the heart of the city allows people to be part of the vibrant atmosphere and experience the cultural diversity that cities often offer. Overall, the abundance of entertainment facilities is a key factor attracting individuals to choose to live in the city center.

6. What do you think buildings will be like in the future?

I believe that buildings in the future will become more technologically advanced and smarter. With advancements in technology, we can expect to see features like automated temperature control, voice-activated systems, and energy-efficient designs becoming more prevalent. For example, buildings may have sensors that adjust the lighting and temperature based on occupancy or weather conditions. Additionally, we may see the integration of renewable energy sources such as solar panels or wind turbines to reduce environmental impact. These futuristic buildings could also incorporate virtual reality and augmented reality technologies for interactive experiences. Overall, the buildings of the future will likely be more sustainable, efficient, and seamlessly connected to enhance our living and working environment.

10. 近期观影

Describe a movie you watched recently

You should say:

When and where you watched it

Who you watched it with

What it was about

And explain why you chose to watch this movie

参考回答

I recently watched the movie "Forrest Gump" (《阿甘正传》) which is a heartwarming film that has gained immense popularity over the years. I saw it about a month ago at a local cinema in my town. I watched it with my close friend Emily, who recommended the movie to me as one of her all-time favorites.

The movie is set in the backdrop of significant historical events in America, and it revolves around the life of Forrest Gump, a simple-minded yet kind-hearted man. It follows his journey from childhood to adulthood, showcasing his unique perspective on life and the people he encounters along the way. The film beautifully depicts how Forrest unintentionally becomes a part of various historical moments like the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal, (越南战争、水门事件) and even popularizing the famous phrase "Life is like a box of chocolates."

I chose to watch this movie because of its reputation for being both entertaining and thoughtful. Additionally, I was intrigued by the character of Forrest Gump and the way he navigated through life despite his limitations. I had also heard great reviews about the exceptional performances by the cast, particularly Tom Hanks in the lead role. Moreover, I had a keen interest in (有着浓厚的兴趣) exploring the historical events portrayed in the film.

Watching "Forrest Gump" turned out to be an incredible experience, as it left a lasting impression on me. The movie beautifully captures the essence of love, friendship, and the power of resilience. It made me reflect upon the significance of embracing life's unpredictable journey and cherishing the simple joys that come along. The exceptional storytelling, combined with the outstanding performances, made this film truly unforgettable.

In conclusion, I chose to watch "Forrest Gump" due to its renowned reputation and my interest in its unique storyline and historical context. This movie brought me a sense of inspiration and encouraged me to value the beauty in life's unexpected surprises. I highly recommend it to anyone looking for a thought-provoking and uplifting cinematic experience.

Part 3

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

In my country, a variety of movies tend to be successful. One genre that enjoys popularity is comedy films. These movies provide light-hearted entertainment and laughter, appealing to a broad audience. Action movies are also favored, as they offer thrilling experiences and adrenaline-pumping moments. Additionally, romantic movies captivate audiences, touching their hearts and evoking a range of emotions. Furthermore, historical dramas that showcase our culture and heritage resonate with the local population. Lastly, fantasy films transport viewers to new realms, igniting their imagination and providing an escape from reality.

2. What are the factors that make a successful movie?

There are several factors that contribute to the success of a movie. Firstly, a captivating storyline is crucial as it keeps the audience engaged and interested throughout the film. Secondly, the performances of the actors play a significant role in the success of a movie. Talented actors who are able to convincingly portray their characters bring depth and authenticity to the story. Additionally, the direction and cinematography of a film can greatly enhance its appeal. Skillful direction can create **visually stunning** scenes and effectively convey the intended emotions. Lastly, a well-structured screenplay and skillful editing are important in ensuring a smooth and coherent narrative flow.

3. Do Chinese people prefer to watch domestic movies or foreign movies?

In my opinion, the majority of people in China enjoy watching both domestic and foreign movies. While Chinese films showcase the unique culture and traditions of our country, foreign films provide **diverse perspectives and storytelling styles**. For instance, many people appreciate the artistic value and creativity of Chinese films like "Raise the Red Lantern" or "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." At the same time, Hollywood blockbusters such as "Avengers" or "Titanic" also captivate the Chinese audience with their grandeur and special effects.

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

In my opinion, it is not necessary for only well-known directors to create the best movies. While renowned directors often have extensive experience and a proven track record of successful films, talent and creativity can come from anyone, regardless of their fame. There are numerous independent filmmakers or new directors who have proven their ability to produce exceptional movies that captivate audiences worldwide. Moreover, creativity should never be limited to only a select group of individuals. It is the unique ideas, storytelling techniques, and passion for filmmaking that truly make a movie great, rather than just the name behind it.

5. Do you think successful movies should have well-known actors or actresses in leading roles?

In my opinion, the success of a movie depends on a combination of factors. While it may be beneficial to have well-known actors or actresses in leading roles, it is not the sole determining factor. A talented cast can enhance the movie experience, attracting larger audiences and creating buzz. However, there have been numerous successful movies with relatively unknown actors who brought their unique charm and talent to the screen. Ultimately, the storyline, direction, and cinematography play crucial roles in the success of a movie. So, while having recognizable faces may help draw initial attention, it is the overall quality of the film that will sustain its success in the long run.

6. Why do people prefer to watch movies in the cinema?

People prefer to watch movies in the cinema for several reasons. Firstly, **the immersive experience in a movie theater is unparalleled**. The large screen, surround sound system, and comfortable seating transport viewers into the world of the film, making it **a more engaging and realistic experience**. Additionally, the shared experience of watching a movie in a cinema creates a sense of **camaraderie and community**. People can laugh, gasp, and cry together, enhancing the overall enjoyment. Furthermore, the anticipation and excitement of going to the cinema adds to the experience. Theatrical releases often come with **buzz and hype**, making it a special event that people look forward to.

11. 帮助家人

Describe a time when you helped a family member

You should say:

When it happened

Who you helped

How you helped

And explain how you felt about the experience

参考回答

Well, I'd like to share an incident when I came to the aid of my younger sister. It was during the summer holidays last year. My sister, Maria, was preparing for her school exams, and she was feeling overwhelmed with all the subjects. Seeing her struggle, I decided to step in and lend a helping hand (伸出援助之手).

I started by creating a study schedule for her, dividing her subjects into manageable chunks. I helped her understand her weak areas and provided her with additional resources, such as study guides and online tutorials (学习指南和在线教程). I also spent countless hours quizzing her to solidify her knowledge.

What made the experience truly special was how personal it became. Apart from studying, Maria shared her concerns and fears with me, which allowed me to provide emotional support as well. I encouraged her when she felt discouraged and celebrated her small victories. Witnessing her progress and newfound confidence brought me immense joy.

Personally, I felt a sense of fulfillment by being able to make a positive impact on my sister's life. It reminded me of the importance of family and the joy of selflessly helping others. Moreover, it helped strengthen our bond as siblings(兄弟姐妹的纽带), as we spent quality time together during this period.

Overall, this experience taught me the value of lending a helping hand to family members in times of need. It not only allowed me to assist my sister academically but also provided emotional support and strengthened our sibling relationship.

Part 3

1. How can children help their parents at home?

Children can assist their parents at home in various ways. Firstly, they can take responsibility for some household chores, such as setting the table for meals or folding laundry. Secondly, they can contribute to the cleanliness of the house by organizing their toys or helping with light cleaning tasks. Additionally, children can support their parents by being proactive in their studies and completing their homework without constant reminders. This not only eases the burden on parents but also fosters a sense of independence and discipline in children. Finally, children can show love and appreciation by spending quality time with their parents, engaging in meaningful conversations or participating in shared activities.

2. Should parents always help their children with everything?

In my opinion, parents should not always help their children with everything. While parents play an important role in guiding and supporting their children, it is also crucial for children to develop independence and problem-solving skills. Constantly providing

assistance can hinder their growth and make them overly reliant on others. For instance, if parents always solve their children's problems, they may struggle to face challenges when they are older. Instead, parents can provide guidance and encouragement, allowing their children to learn from their own experiences and develop important life skills.

3. What can children learn by helping others?

Children can learn a multitude of valuable life lessons by helping others. Firstly, they develop empathy and understanding towards individuals who may be less fortunate. By witnessing the struggles of others, they gain a sense of gratitude for their own blessings and learn to appreciate what they have. Furthermore, helping others teaches children the importance of compassion and kindness, instilling in them a desire to make a positive impact on the world. Additionally, it helps them build valuable social skills such as cooperation, communication, and teamwork, as they learn to work together towards a common goal. In summary, assisting others allows children to grow as individuals, fostering important traits that will benefit them throughout their lives.

4. Do neighbours often help each other in your country?

In my country, neighbours indeed play an essential role in assisting one another. They are always willing to lend a helping hand whenever the need arises. For example, if someone is ill or has an emergency, the neighbours usually offer immediate assistance, such as taking them to the hospital or calling an ambulance. Moreover, neighbours often collaborate to organize community events and gatherings, fostering stronger bonds among everyone. These acts of kindness create a sense of unity and support within the neighbourhood. Overall, neighbourly help is deeply ingrained in the culture of my country, creating a warm and supportive environment for all.

5. Should parents reward their children when they help others?

In my opinion, it is important for parents to encourage and support their children when they help others, but it may not always be necessary to reward them. When children engage in altruistic acts, such as assisting someone in need or volunteering their time, they develop empathy and compassion. The intrinsic satisfaction they derive from helping others can be a reward in itself. However, parents can provide verbal recognition, praise, and appreciation to reinforce positive behavior and show their support. This creates a nurturing environment where children feel motivated to continue their altruistic actions. Ultimately, it is crucial for parents to foster a sense of empathy and kindness in their children, whether through rewards or other forms of encouragement.

6. How do people know that their neighbours might need help?

People can often tell if their neighbors need help by observing certain signs or cues. For instance, in many communities in China, residents have collective group chats on their phones to communicate with each other. Through these group chats, people can exchange information and stay connected. So, if someone notices that their neighbor hasn't been active in the group chat or hasn't been seen around the neighborhood, it might indicate that they need assistance. Similarly, if someone hears unusual sounds or notices a change in behavior, such as increased garbage outside the neighbor's house or unattended mail, it could be a sign that help is needed.

12. 医疗人士

Describe a person 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

参考回答

Well, I would like to talk about Dr. Emily Walker, a remarkable individual who has chosen a career in the medical field. Dr. Walker is a highly experienced and passionate doctor who specializes in pediatric medicine (经验丰富、充满激情的儿科医生). She has dedicated her life to providing compassionate care to children and their families.

On a daily basis, Dr. Walker works at a renowned children's hospital, where she diagnoses and treats various illnesses and diseases. She is known for her exceptional diagnostic skills and her ability to relate to her young patients, making them feel comfortable and safe. Additionally, she actively participates in medical research and frequently presents her findings at conferences to contribute to the advancement of pediatric medicine (为儿科医学的进步做出贡献).

When asked why she chose this noble profession, Dr. Walker explained that she has always had a deep empathy for children and an unwavering desire to make a positive impact on their lives. She firmly believes that every child deserves the best possible medical care and is committed to offering them the highest standard of treatment.

Personally, I have immense admiration for Dr. Walker. Her dedication to her profession and unwavering determination to help improve the lives of children is truly inspiring. The level of expertise she possesses is incredible, and her empathy towards her young patients is heartwarming. It is evident that she genuinely cares about each child's well-being and goes above and beyond to ensure their comfort and healing (舒适和康复).

In conclusion, Dr. Emily Walker is a shining example of a person who has chosen a career in the medical field. Her selflessness, expertise, and empathy make her an exceptional doctor. She is someone who truly makes a positive difference in the lives of countless children and their families, and she deserves all the praise and admiration that comes her way.

Part 3

1. Do you think doctors and nurses are very important?

Yes, doctors and nurses play a crucial role in our society. They are essential in providing medical care and maintaining public health. However, the importance of doctors and nurses extends beyond their technical skills. They possess unique qualities, such as empathy, compassion, and dedication, which are essential for holistic healing. For example, when my grandmother was hospitalized, the nurses not only administered her medication but also provided emotional support, which greatly contributed to her recovery. Moreover, doctors and nurses are constantly adapting to advancements in medical technology and research, ensuring that they can offer the best possible care to patients. Consequently, their significance cannot be overstated.

2. Who is more important, doctors or nurses?

Well, in terms of who is more important, it's difficult to say as both doctors and nurses play crucial roles in the healthcare system. Doctors are highly trained professionals who diagnose and treat diseases, while nurses provide direct care to patients, administer medication, and offer emotional support. Without doctors, medical expertise would be lacking, but without nurses, patients' day-to-day needs wouldn't be met. So, it's really a collaborative effort where doctors and nurses complement each other. Ultimately, the importance lies in their ability to work together as a team to provide comprehensive and quality healthcare to patients.

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

Yes, I believe that doctors and nurses are not paid enough considering the vital role they play in society. These dedicated professionals work tirelessly to provide quality healthcare and save lives. However, their salaries often do not reflect the immense value they bring to our communities. For example, physicians spend years undergoing rigorous education and training, and gain significant clinical experience in the process. Furthermore, nurses often work long hours and have to deal with physically and emotionally demanding situations. Therefore, it is crucial that we recognize their contributions and ensure that they receive fair and adequate compensation for their hard work and dedication.

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

Yes, I believe it is essential to learn first aid skills as they can be life-saving in critical situations. Having the knowledge and ability to administer immediate care can provide crucial support until professional medical help arrives. For instance, in emergencies like accidents or sudden illnesses, knowing how to perform CPR or control bleeding can greatly increase the chances of survival. Furthermore, acquiring first aid skills enables individuals to assist others in need, fostering a sense of community and empowerment. Overall, learning first aid equips individuals with invaluable skills that can make a significant difference in saving lives when it matters most.

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

Well, there are several differences between the work of a doctor and a nurse. Firstly, doctors are responsible for diagnosing illnesses, prescribing medications, and performing surgeries. They have a higher level of medical knowledge and expertise. On the other hand, nurses provide direct patient care, administer medications, and assist doctors during procedures. They play a crucial role in monitoring patients' vital signs and offering emotional support. Additionally, doctors often have more specialized roles, such as being surgeons or specialists in specific medical fields. In contrast, nurses work in various settings like hospitals, clinics, or even patients' homes. These are some broad differences between the responsibilities of doctors and nurses.

6. Can a hospital function effectively without nurses?

Well, that's an interesting question. While it is true that nurses play a crucial role in the functioning of a hospital, I believe that a hospital can still operate effectively without nurses, but it would be quite challenging. Nurses are the backbone of any healthcare system as they provide direct care to patients, administer medications, and monitor their conditions. Without nurses, doctors would have to take on additional responsibilities, which could lead to a decrease in efficiency and patient care. So, although a hospital can technically function without nurses, it would definitely not be as effective or efficient.

13. 获奖

Describe a prize you have received (e.g. 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

参考回答

In my high school sports meet, I was fortunate enough to receive a medal for the relay race. It was an exhilarating experience that I will never forget. The event took place three years ago, during my final year of high school. As part of our school team, I had been training rigorously for this race for weeks.

To win the relay race, our team had to work together seamlessly, passing the baton smoothly and maintaining a consistent speed (紧密配合, 平稳地传递接力棒, 保持一致的速度). We practiced countless times to perfect our technique and timing. On the day of the competition, the atmosphere was electric with excitement as our team lined up at the starting point. We were competing against several other talented teams, which only fueled our determination to give our best.

When the starting gun fired, adrenaline coursed through my veins (肾上腺素在我的血管里奔涌) as I sprinted down the track, eager to hand over the baton to my teammate. Throughout the race, there was an overwhelming sense of unity and camaraderie among us. Each member of the team pushed their limits, maintaining a relentless pace, until finally, we crossed the finish line ahead of all the other teams.

Receiving the medal on the podium was a moment of pure joy (一个纯粹的快乐时刻). The sense of accomplishment overwhelmed me, knowing that our collective efforts had paid off. It was a validation of our dedication and hard work. Seeing my teammates beside me, their beaming smiles reflected the same sentiment. It felt incredible to share this achievement with them.

This prize not only represented our victory but also symbolized the bonds we had forged throughout our journey. It was a reminder that success is sweeter when achieved together. Looking back, I feel immense pride in what we accomplished as a team. The medal serves as a cherished memento, reminding me of the time when we pushed our limits and emerged victorious.

In conclusion, receiving the relay race medal was a remarkable experience that left an indelible mark on my memory. It was a testament to teamwork, dedication, and the exhilaration of achieving a shared goal.

Part 3

1. Do you think competition is all about the prize?

No, I don't think competition is solely about the prize. While the prize may serve as a motivation for some individuals, there are other factors that make competition meaningful. For instance, competition can push us to strive for personal improvement and growth. It can also provide a platform for individuals to showcase their skills and talents. Furthermore, competition can foster a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship, as we engage in healthy rivalries. Therefore, competition should be seen as an opportunity for self-development, recognition, and fostering positive relationships, rather than just a means to obtain a prize.

2. What prizes should schools set for students?

In my opinion, schools should set a variety of prizes for students to recognize their achievements and motivate their progress. While academic prizes like certificates and medals are important, I believe schools should also consider non-academic prizes to promote holistic development. For instance, schools can offer leadership awards to encourage students to take on leadership roles and develop essential skills. Additionally, schools can provide community service awards to recognize students who actively contribute to their community. By diversifying prizes, schools can cater to the unique talents and interests of all students, fostering a well-rounded and motivated student body.

3. What criteria should be set for students to win a particular prize?

In my opinion, there should be specific criteria set for students to win a particular prize in order to ensure fairness and promote healthy competition. Firstly, academic achievement should be considered, as it reflects a student's dedication and hard work in their studies. Secondly, extracurricular involvement should be taken into account, as it showcases a student's commitment to personal growth and development outside of the classroom. Lastly, character and leadership qualities should be evaluated, as they demonstrate a student's ability to inspire and positively influence others. By considering these criteria, we can create a well-rounded evaluation process that values both academic success and personal growth, ultimately fostering a sense of fairness and friendship among students.

4. Why should we set prizes for competitions?

Setting prizes for competitions provides numerous benefits. Firstly, it serves as an excellent motivation for individuals to strive harder and achieve their goals. When there is a tangible reward at stake, people are more likely to push themselves to perform better and exceed their own limits. Moreover, prizes help in fostering a healthy spirit of competition and encourage individuals to showcase their talents and abilities. They also serve as a recognition of one's hard work and dedication, boosting self-esteem and confidence. Furthermore, prizes can attract participation from a wider range of individuals, adding diversity and excitement to the competition. In sum, setting prizes for competitions provides individuals with specific targets to work towards, giving them a clear sense of purpose and inspiring them to achieve more.

5. Why do many companies offer prizes to their customers?

There are several reasons why many companies offer prizes to their customers. Firstly, it helps to enhance customer loyalty. By rewarding customers with prizes, companies can make their customers feel valued and appreciated, which in turn increases customer satisfaction and encourages them to continue choosing their products or services. Additionally, offering prizes can attract new customers. When companies publicize their prize giveaways, it creates excitement and draws attention, leading to potential customers engaging with the brand. Moreover, by offering prizes, companies can collect customer data. This data can be used for market research and customer profiling, enabling companies to better understand their target audience and tailor their offerings accordingly.

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

Some companies encourage employees to compete with each other for several reasons. Firstly, competition can be a powerful motivator, as it pushes individuals to perform at their best in order to succeed. When employees vie for rewards or recognition, it increases their drive to excel. Moreover, competition can foster innovation and creativity. When employees strive to outperform each other, they are more likely to generate new ideas and find innovative solutions to problems. Lastly, competition can help identify top performers and provide a clear benchmark for measuring success. By rewarding individuals who consistently outperform their peers, companies can foster a culture of excellence and drive overall performance.



14. 困难挑战

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

参考回答

I would like to talk about a challenge I faced during my college years. It was the final year project, which required me to develop a machine learning algorithm for predicting stock market trends (机器学习算法来预测股票市场趋势). I faced this challenge during my last semester at university.

I remember it vividly - it was in the computer lab on a hot summer day. I had to dedicate countless hours to researching, coding, and testing different algorithms (研究、编码和测试不同的算法). The pressure was immense, as it accounted for a major part of my final grade. Moreover, the stock market is known for its volatility, making it even more daunting.

I thought this challenge was difficult because I had limited experience in machine learning and financial analysis. It required me to dive deep into complex mathematical concepts and apply them practically. Additionally, the ever-changing nature of the stock market made it challenging to find a reliable algorithm that could accurately predict trends (股票市场瞬息万变的本质使得找到一种能够准确预测趋势的可靠算法变得具有挑战性). During that time, I felt a mix of excitement and anxiety. On one hand, I was thrilled to apply my knowledge and develop something innovative. On the other hand, the uncertainty and fear of failure weighed heavily on me. I constantly questioned whether I would be able to meet the expectations of my professors and secure a good grade.

However, as I progressed and overcame various obstacles, my confidence grew. I sought guidance from professors, joined study groups, and dedicated extra hours to improving my coding skills. Slowly, I started seeing positive results and my algorithm began to show promising predictions.

Looking back, I feel a great sense of accomplishment. It was a challenging journey that pushed me to my limits, but I am proud of the hard work and determination I put into it. This experience not only enhanced my technical skills but also instilled in me a belief that with perseverance, any challenge can be overcome.

Overall, tackling the final year project and developing a stock market prediction algorithm was a difficult challenge that tested my abilities and resilience.

Part 3

1. What do children often do when they face a challenge?

Children often resort to different strategies when they confront challenges. Some may choose to seek assistance from their parents or teachers, asking for guidance and support. Others may prefer to tackle the challenge independently, testing their own problem-solving skills and building resilience in the process. Additionally, children often turn to their friends or siblings for advice and solutions, benefiting from collaboration and shared experiences. Moreover, some children may seek inspiration from books, movies, or personal idols, looking for motivation and guidance to overcome obstacles. Ultimately, how children respond to challenges depends on their individual personalities and the skills they have developed.

2. Is it easy for children to overcome a challenge?

In my opinion, it is not always easy for children to overcome challenges. While some children may naturally possess a resilient nature and find it easier to face and conquer obstacles, others may struggle more. For instance, a child with a learning disability may find it challenging to keep up with their peers academically, and it may take them longer to overcome this obstacle. Additionally, external factors such as family dynamics and support systems can greatly influence a child's ability to overcome challenges. Therefore, it is important to acknowledge that the ease with which children overcome challenges can vary greatly depending on individual circumstances.

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

When it comes to facing challenges, people's preferences tend to differ. While some may choose to tackle a challenge alone, the majority would opt to face it with the support of others. This is mainly because having others by our side enables us to gain different perspectives and share the burden of the challenge. For instance, in the workplace, when a team faces a difficult project, collaborating and pooling their skills together can lead to better results. Moreover, facing a challenge with others can provide emotional support, motivation, and a sense of unity. However, there are also individuals who prefer to face challenges alone as it allows them to take full ownership of their actions and decisions.

4. What activities do you think would make children feel challenged? Why?

Well, there are several activities that can really challenge children and boost their development. One such activity is puzzle-solving. It not only stimulates their problem-solving skills but also enhances their logical thinking abilities. Furthermore, outdoor adventures like hiking or rock climbing can provide children with physical challenges, fostering their resilience and improving their physical stamina. Another activity that can challenge children is participating in team sports, as it encourages teamwork, communication skills, and a healthy sense of competition.

5. What challenges would people face when learning new sports?

When learning new sports, people may encounter various challenges. One significant challenge is mastering the different techniques involved in each sport. For instance, in swimming, one would need to learn the proper breathing technique called "breath control." This involves exhaling underwater and inhaling quickly when the head surfaces. Mastering this skill can be demanding, as it requires coordination and control over one's breathing. Another challenge could be adapting to the physical demands of the sport, such as building endurance and strength. Additionally, learning the rules and strategies of a new sport can be quite overwhelming for beginners. Overcoming these challenges requires dedication, guidance, and practice.

6. Why do some people enjoy doing extreme sports?

Some people enjoy doing extreme sports for various reasons. Firstly, these activities provide them with an adrenaline rush and a sense of exhilaration that cannot be easily replicated. The thrill of pushing their limits and overcoming challenges gives them a sense of accomplishment and boosts their confidence. Additionally, engaging in extreme sports allows individuals to satisfy their competitive nature by testing their skills against themselves or others. It gives them a chance to prove their abilities and achieve victory. Overall, the enjoyment of extreme sports stems from the desire to challenge oneself and experience the rush of competition.



15. 阅读爱好者

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

参考回答

I would like to talk about my friend, David, who is an avid reader. I got to know him during our college years when we were in the same Literature class. David's love for reading was quite evident as he would always be seen with a book in his hand during breaks.

David's taste in reading material is quite diverse. He enjoys delving into classic novels and exploring different genres like mystery, science fiction, and historical fiction. (悬疑小说、科幻小说和历史小说) However, his true passion lies in non-fiction books, particularly those related to psychology and personal development. He believes that reading provides him with a deeper understanding of the human mind and helps him navigate life's challenges.

I believe there are several reasons why David enjoys reading so much. Firstly, he sees reading as a form of escapism (一种逃避现实的方式). It allows him to immerse himself in different stories and characters, momentarily forgetting about his own worries and stress. Secondly, he values knowledge and believes that reading broadens his perspectives and enriches his understanding of the world. David often engages in insightful discussions with others, thanks to the vast knowledge he gains from his reading habits.

Furthermore, reading provides David with an avenue for introspection and self-reflection (自省和自我反思的途径). He finds solace in books that explore the complexities of human emotions and behavior, as it helps him make sense of his own experiences. Through reading, David continuously learns and grows as an individual.

In conclusion, my friend David is an individual who truly savors the pleasure of reading. His diverse choice of books allows him to explore various genres and gain a deeper understanding of the world around him. Through reading, David finds escape, knowledge, and personal growth. His love for books is evident in his passion, and I am always inspired by his dedication to reading.

Part 3

1. Why are many people so keen on reading?

Many people are passionate about reading for various reasons. Firstly, reading allows individuals to explore new worlds and expand their knowledge. By immersing themselves in books, people can escape into different cultures, eras, and even fantastical realms. Secondly, reading stimulates the imagination. It provides a platform for creative thinking and allows individuals to develop their own perspectives while connecting with the thoughts and ideas of others. Additionally, reading enhances language proficiency and communication skills. It exposes readers to various writing styles, enriching vocabulary and grammar. Furthermore, books offer valuable insights into different perspectives and life experiences, fostering empathy and understanding.

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

Certainly, parents play a crucial role in fostering the love for reading in their children. Encouraging them to develop a reading habit from a young age is undeniably beneficial. By exposing children to different genres of books and reading materials, parents can widen their horizons and stimulate their imagination. Furthermore, parents can set a good example by reading in front of their children, making it a regular family activity. This approach not only enhances the bond between parents and children, but also nurtures a lifelong love for learning and knowledge.

3. Is reading for fun or for work?

Reading can serve various purposes, depending on the individual's preferences and needs. For some, reading is a leisure activity, providing entertainment and relaxation. They choose books based on personal interests, like fiction, thriller, or romance genres. Reading for pleasure allows one to immerse themselves in imaginative worlds and experience different emotions. On the other hand, reading can also be a serious endeavor for work or study-related reasons. Professionals may read to enhance their knowledge, expand their skillset, or stay updated with industry trends. Researchers and scholars read academic texts to gather information for their studies. So, whether it's for leisure or professional growth, reading caters to diverse interests and objectives.

4. What reading topics are popular in your country?

In my country, there is a wide range of popular reading topics. Some of the most popular ones include contemporary fiction, self-help and personal development books, as well as books on history and culture. However, one of the most celebrated authors in our country is Mo Yan, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2012. His unique writing style and captivating storytelling have made him a favorite among readers. His works often explore the complexities of Chinese society and depict historical events through a mesmerizing blend of realism and magical realism. Many readers are drawn to his ability to weave together intricate narratives that touch upon various social and political themes.

5. What are the differences between paper books and movies?

Paper books and movies offer different experiences for individuals. While movies provide visual and auditory stimulation, books allow readers to actively engage their imagination. Reading a book enables readers to envision and create their own mental images, which allows for a more personalized and immersive experience. Unlike movies, books offer a deeper exploration of characters and their thoughts, providing a more intimate connection with the story. Moreover, books allow readers to take their time and reflect at their own pace, enhancing their understanding and enjoyment. Overall, reading books is better suited for those who enjoy utilizing their imagination and immersing themselves in a world created through words.

6. Do you think people of all ages need to read?

Yes, I believe reading is essential for people of all ages. Not only does it improve vocabulary and language skills, but it also broadens knowledge and helps develop critical thinking abilities. Young children benefit from reading picture books, which cultivate imagination and enhance language acquisition. Adults can indulge in various genres to relax, gain new perspectives, and stay updated with current affairs. Moreover, older individuals can engage in reading to keep their minds active and maintain cognitive health. In conclusion, reading is important for everyone, regardless of age, as it nurtures creativity, expands horizons, and stimulates the mind.

16. 弄丢贵重物品

Describe a time when you lost a valuable item

You should say:

When and where it happened

What it was

How valuable it was

How you lost it

And explain how you felt about the experience

参考回答

Well, let me share with you a rather unfortunate incident when I lost a valuable item. It happened a couple of years ago during my summer vacation in Bali, Indonesia. I was staying at a beachfront resort, soaking in the tropical vibes and enjoying the stunning views.

The valuable item I lost was a gold necklace that was handed down to me by my grandmother. It had great sentimental value and was adorned with intricate engravings. Not only was it an heirloom (传家宝), but it also held memories of my childhood spent with my grandmother.

One evening, while enjoying a leisurely stroll along the beach, I made the disastrous mistake (灾难性的错误) of removing the necklace and placing it inside my pocket. Caught up in the beauty of the sunset, I was completely oblivious to the fact that the necklace slipped out and got lost somewhere along the sandy shoreline.

When I realized that the necklace was no longer around my neck, my heart sank. I felt an overwhelming sense of sadness and regret. I retraced my steps along the beach, desperately searching for any sign of the precious necklace. However, it was all in vain. The necklace was gone.

Losing such a precious item was not just a financial loss but also an emotional one. It was devastating to accept the fact that I would never see it again. The guilt and anguish I felt were immense, as if I had betrayed my family's legacy. (我感到无比的愧疚和痛苦, 就好像我背叛了家族的遗产。)

After this experience, I learned the importance of being more cautious and mindful of my belongings. Losing that necklace taught me to appreciate the memories and emotions attached to the items we possess. It was a valuable lesson that still resonates with me today.

In conclusion, losing my grandmother's gold necklace was a heart-wrenching experience for me. Its sentimental value and the memories it held made the loss even more painful. However, it served as a lesson in appreciating the things we have and cherishing the memories they bring.

Part 3

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

Well, there are several common items that people tend to misplace or lose easily. One item that comes to mind is keys. Whether it's house keys, car keys, or office keys, people often find themselves searching high and low when they go missing. Another item is phone chargers. With the constant need for battery power, it's no wonder they seem to vanish into thin air. Additionally, sunglasses are another commonly lost item, especially during the summer months when people use them frequently. It seems like they have a knack for disappearing when you least expect it. Lastly, I would say umbrellas are often left behind or forgotten, particularly when the weather suddenly changes. So, it's always a good idea to keep an eye on these items to avoid the frustration of losing them.

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

One of the main reasons why people often misplace or lose things is due to absent-mindedness. Sometimes, when engrossed in deep thoughts or multitasking, individuals may become oblivious to their surroundings, leading to misplaced items. Additionally, disorganization plays a vital role in this issue. People with cluttered living or working spaces may struggle to find their belongings amidst the chaos. Moreover, the fast-paced lifestyle and constant distractions of modern times also contribute to this problem. As individuals rush from one task to another, they may forget where they last placed their possessions. Furthermore, external factors like theft or accidental loss can also lead to the misplacement of important items.

3. What do people often do after losing things?

There are various responses people have when they lose something important. Some individuals may immediately retrace their steps and search diligently, hoping to find what they lost. Others may feel frustrated and spend time venting their frustration to friends or family. Additionally, some people may opt to file a report with the appropriate authorities or contact the lost and found department in the hopes of retrieving their item. Another common action is to replace what was lost, either by purchasing a new one or borrowing a similar item from someone else temporarily. Lastly, some individuals choose to let go and move on, accepting the loss as part of life's unpredictable events.

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

To teach their children not to lose things, parents can take several approaches. Firstly, they should establish clear expectations and rules regarding the importance of being responsible for belongings. By consistently reinforcing these expectations, children will understand the value of keeping track of their possessions. Secondly, parents can encourage organizational skills by providing tools like binders or labels to help children categorize and locate their belongings. Additionally, parents should lead by example by demonstrating responsible behavior themselves. This includes showing children how to carefully place and store items, as well as regularly monitoring their own personal belongings.

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

In my personal experience, I find it helpful to attach small reminders or labels to important items. For instance, I would stick a colorful post-it note on my laptop or place a distinctive keychain on my keys. These visual cues serve as a constant reminder to double-check and ensure that these items are always near me. Furthermore, involving friends or family members by sharing our intention to be more mindful about not misplacing things can create a supportive network that helps us remember through gentle prompts or verbal cues.

6. Is it important to be organised for a good student?

Yes, being organised is important for being a good student. Organization helps students manage their time effectively and keeps their study materials in order. For example, having a well-organized schedule allows students to allocate time for studying, attending classes, and participating in extracurricular activities. Additionally, having a tidy workspace and keeping track of assignments and deadlines can reduce stress and improve productivity. Students who are organized are more likely to stay focused, complete tasks on time, and achieve better academic outcomes. Overall, being organized is a valuable skill that contributes to a student's success.



17. 节日食物

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

参考回答

One of my favourite foods at a traditional festival in my country is mooncake, which is commonly enjoyed during the Mid-Autumn Festival. Mooncakes are round pastries with a rich filling, often made from lotus seed paste or red bean paste (莲蓉或红豆沙), and sometimes with a salted egg yolk (咸蛋黄) in the center to symbolize the full moon.

Mooncakes are typically made by combining a variety of ingredients, including flour, oil, and sugar, and then shaping them into small round cakes. The fillings are prepared separately and then enclosed within the dough before being baked until golden brown. The craftsmanship involved in making these treats is truly impressive, with intricate patterns and designs often adorning the surface (表面通常装饰着复杂的图案和设计).

There are several reasons why I love mooncakes. Firstly, their taste is absolutely delightful, with a perfect balance between sweetness and richness. The combination of the soft, flaky crust (松软的脆皮和光滑的馅料) and the smooth filling creates a melt-in-your-mouth experience that is simply heavenly. Secondly, I associate mooncakes with warm family gatherings and reunions during the Mid-Autumn Festival. The act of sharing and exchanging mooncakes has become a cherished tradition, bringing friends and loved ones closer together. Lastly, mooncakes have a deep cultural significance, as they symbolize unity, completeness, and the beauty of the moon. They are not only a delicious treat but also a representation of our heritage and customs.

In conclusion, mooncakes are a delectable delicacy that I eagerly look forward to every year during the Mid-Autumn Festival. With their unique taste, intricate craftsmanship, and cultural significance, they are truly an unforgettable food that I am proud to celebrate and indulge in.

Part3

1. Do people in your country grow plants at home?

Yes, people in my country do grow plants at home. It is quite common for individuals to have small gardens or even potted plants in their homes. The reasons for this practice vary. Some people grow plants for decorative purposes, as they add a touch of freshness and natural beauty to their living spaces. Others grow plants for their nutritional value, cultivating herbs and vegetables that can be used in cooking. Additionally, growing plants at home is seen as a therapeutic and calming activity, allowing individuals to connect with nature and relieve stress. Overall, the practice of growing plants at home is embraced by many people in my country, serving multiple purposes and bringing a sense of joy and well-being to individuals and their homes.

2. What plants can people grow in cities?

Well, there are various plants that people can grow in cities to create a green and vibrant environment. Apart from the usual decorative flowers and shrubs, urban dwellers can also cultivate edible plants right in their own homes. For instance, they can grow herbs

like basil, mint, or parsley in small pots or vertical gardens on their balconies or windowsills. Furthermore, some innovative urban farmers have successfully grown vegetables such as tomatoes, lettuce, and bell peppers on rooftops or in community gardens. These initiatives not only provide fresh produce but also promote sustainability and food security in urban areas. Overall, with a bit of creativity and determination, the possibilities for cultivating plants in cities are endless.

3. Are there any difficulties when people grow plants in cities?

In urban settings, cultivating plants can indeed pose some challenges. One major difficulty revolves around limited space, as concrete jungles offer little room for gardens. However, innovative solutions like rooftop gardens and vertical farming have emerged to address this problem. Another hurdle is air pollution, which negatively impacts plant growth. Nevertheless, advancements in technology, such as air purifying systems, can help mitigate this issue. Additionally, urban dwellers may face a lack of knowledge about gardening techniques. To overcome this, community gardening projects and workshops can provide valuable education and support. Therefore, while there are obstacles, with proper strategies, people can successfully grow plants in cities and promote a greener and healthier environment.

4. Do most people prefer vegetables bought from the supermarket or grown at home?

In today's fast-paced world, where time is a limited resource, many individuals opt to purchase vegetables from the supermarket rather than growing them at home. This is mainly due to the convenience factor, as people juggle numerous responsibilities and may not have sufficient time or space for gardening. Supermarkets offer a wide variety of vegetables that are readily available, eliminating the need for cultivation and maintenance. Additionally, supermarket vegetables undergo quality checks and are often sourced from reputable suppliers, ensuring freshness and reliability. Despite the advantages of supermarket produce, some people still enjoy the satisfaction of growing their own vegetables, relishing in the process and the organic nature of homegrown food.

5. Why do people like to have a big meal at special events?

There are a few reasons why people enjoy having a big meal at special events. Firstly, food has always been an integral part of celebrations and using food to commemorate special occasions is an age-old tradition. It not only adds a sense of festivity but also brings people together. Additionally, a large meal is seen as a way to honor and show generosity towards the guests, portraying a sense of abundance and happiness. Moreover, special events often involve socializing and engaging with others, and sharing a meal enhances the bonding experience. Lastly, indulging in delicious food can be a form of escapism and relaxation, allowing people to unwind and enjoy themselves.

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

In my opinion, it is generally considered bad behavior for people to look at their phones during a meal. Not only does it display a lack of respect and attention towards the other individuals present, but it also diminishes the quality of the dining experience. Imagine sitting at a table, surrounded by loved ones, and instead of engaging in meaningful conversations, everyone is fixated on their screens. It inhibits genuine connections and fosters a sense of disconnection. Moreover, it's important for family members to emphasize the importance of face-to-face interactions and the value of spending quality time together.

18. 喜欢做手工的人

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

参考回答

I would like to talk about my friend Emma, who has a remarkable talent for making things by hand. She is a versatile artist who creates beautiful handmade jewelry. Emma's creations are truly exceptional as she combines various materials such as beads, gemstones, and metals (珠子、宝石和金属) to design unique pieces.

What sets Emma apart is her passion for the craft. She finds immense satisfaction in handcrafting because it allows her to express her creativity and bring her artistic visions to life. By making things by hand, she feels a deep sense of connection with her creations, which she believes cannot be replicated by mass-produced items.

Moreover, Emma enjoys the process of making things from scratch. For her, each piece she creates is a labor of love, and she takes great joy in dedicating her time and effort to handcrafting. Emma believes that by investing herself in every step, she can ensure the quality and authenticity (质量和真实性) of her creations.

Personally, I have tremendous admiration for Emma's talent and dedication. Her passion for handmade crafts is truly inspiring, and it reflects her artistic spirit and attention to detail. Whenever I see her works, I am amazed by the exquisite craftsmanship and the love poured into each piece. Emma's creations possess a distinct charm that is hard to find in mass-produced items (批量生产的物品).

In conclusion, my friend Emma is an incredibly artistic person who enjoys making things by hand. Her passion and talent for handcrafting shines through in her beautiful handmade jewelry. I feel privileged to know her and witness her creativity come to life through her remarkable creations.

Part3

1. Are traditional handicrafts important to tourism?

Yes, traditional handicrafts are of great importance to tourism. Tourists often seek authentic cultural experiences when visiting different countries, and traditional handicrafts serve as a significant part of the local culture. These crafts showcase the skills and traditions passed down through generations, giving visitors a deeper understanding of the country's heritage. For example, in my country, China, the intricate designs of handmade textiles such as porcelain and silk garments fascinate visitors. These unique handicrafts not only contribute to the economy by attracting tourists but also help to preserve and promote traditional art forms. Thus, traditional handicrafts play a vital role in enhancing the tourism industry by offering visitors a window into the rich cultural heritage of a country.

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

There are numerous benefits for students who learn to make things by hand. Firstly, it enhances their creativity and problem-solving skills. By engaging in hands-on activities,

they learn to think outside the box and find innovative solutions to challenges they may encounter. Additionally, learning to make things by hand promotes better motor skills and hand-eye coordination. This is particularly beneficial for younger students as it helps in their overall development. Moreover, working with their hands helps students to better understand concepts and retain information. It provides a concrete and tangible experience, making learning more engaging and memorable.

3. Why do many children like to make things by hand?

Many children enjoy making things by hand for various reasons. Crafting allows them to express their creativity and imagination. It also helps them develop their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Additionally, creating something tangible gives them a sense of pride and accomplishment. Moreover, it allows them to learn through hands-on experiences, fostering problem-solving skills and critical thinking. Making things by hand can also be a social activity as children can collaborate with their peers or involve their family members. Overall, this hands-on approach not only entertains children but also enhances their cognitive and social development.

4. How important are traditional handicrafts to a country's industry?

Traditional handicrafts play a crucial role in a country's industry. They contribute to the preservation of cultural heritage, promote tourism, and generate employment opportunities. These crafts showcase the creativity and skills of local artisans, adding uniqueness to a country's identity. Moreover, traditional handicrafts often use sustainable materials and production techniques, aligning with the principles of environmental conservation. The market for handmade crafts is also growing, attracting both domestic and international buyers.

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

In my opinion, it is reasonable to charge a high price for handmade items, especially considering their quality. Handmade products often require skill, time, and attention to detail, which increases their value. For instance, artisanal crafts, such as hand-knitted sweaters or hand-carved furniture, showcase the expertise and craftsmanship of the creator. Therefore, it is justified to charge a higher price to recognize and reward their hard work. Additionally, handmade goods are often unique and personalized, providing customers with something truly special. Consequently, it is fair to expect a higher price for these one-of-a-kind items.

6. How does modern technology change the handicraft industry?

Modern technology has significantly transformed the handicraft industry. One major change is that modern industrial products offer better value for money compared to traditional handicrafts. With the ability to mass-produce goods, modern technology has made products more affordable and accessible to a wider audience. As a result, traditional handicrafts need to adapt their sales strategies to remain competitive in the market. They may need to emphasize the unique qualities and craftsmanship of their products to attract discerning buyers who appreciate the authenticity and tradition behind each piece. Additionally, handicraft businesses can leverage technology to promote their products through online platforms and social media, enabling them to reach a larger customer base. In conclusion, while modern technology has its advantages, traditional handicrafts must find innovative ways to maintain their appeal in a changing market.

19. 公园&花园

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

参考回答

One park that I frequently visit in my city is Green Haven Park(绿港公园). I'm glad to say that I usually find myself there during the weekends, especially on Sunday afternoons, when I need a break from the hustle and bustle of work life.

Green Haven Park is conveniently located in the central part of the city, right next to the main shopping district. It covers a significant area, providing ample space for various activities and relaxation. The park is well-maintained with lush green lawns, vibrant flower beds, and beautifully landscaped pathways.

I often go to Green Haven Park with my friends or sometimes alone to enjoy some solitude amidst nature(在大自然中独处). It's pretty safe to say that it's a great place to escape the concrete jungle and reconnect with the serenity of trees, flowers, and chirping birds. The park attracts people from all walks of life—families having picnics, couples taking leisurely strolls, fitness enthusiasts jogging or doing yoga, and children playing in the playground.

The park offers a range of amenities, such as benches for seating, clean restrooms, and even small kiosks selling refreshments(甚至小卖部). There are also designated areas for sports activities like basketball and football. Near the lake within the park, visitors can rent paddleboats and enjoy a relaxing ride on the calm waters. To sum up, Green Haven Park provides a wonderful retreat as you'd expect in the heart of the city.

Part3

1. Is it necessary to have public parks in cities?

Yes, it is absolutely necessary to have public parks in cities. Public parks play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for city-dwellers. They provide a much-needed escape from the hustle and bustle of urban life and offer a space for relaxation and recreational activities. For instance, many people use public parks for jogging, yoga, or simply enjoying a picnic with friends and family. Furthermore, public parks contribute to the overall environmental health of cities by providing green spaces that help combat pollution and improve air quality. In addition, they contribute to the aesthetic appeal of the cityscape, making cities more visually appealing. Without public parks, cities would lack a vital element of community engagement and residents would miss out on the numerous benefits they offer.

2. What facilities are needed in a park?

In my opinion, there are several essential facilities that should be incorporated into a park. Firstly, recreational areas such as playgrounds with swings, slides, and climbing frames are necessary to cater to the needs of families and children. Secondly, it is important to have open spaces for activities like picnics and sports such as football or basketball. Additionally, benches and seating areas should be placed throughout the park to provide

a place for relaxation and socialization. Furthermore, public restroom facilities must be available for visitors' convenience. Lastly, the park should also contain walking paths or tracks for individuals who enjoy exercise or jogging. Overall, these facilities will ensure that the park serves as a place of enjoyment and recreation for all visitors.

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

A garden and a natural area have distinct differences. First and foremost, a garden is a cultivated space, often with specific purposes such as growing flowers or vegetables. In contrast, a natural area refers to an undeveloped or wild space, unaffected by human intervention. Additionally, gardens are meticulously designed and maintained, with organized layouts and manicured plants. They are created for aesthetic appeal and often serve as tranquil spaces for relaxation. On the other hand, natural areas are characterized by their unmanicured appearance, biodiversity, and ecological value. They provide habitats for diverse plant and animal species.

4. Why do people like to visit tourist attractions?

People like to visit tourist attractions for a variety of reasons, including their aesthetic and historical value. Tourist attractions offer visual beauty and aesthetic charm, allowing visitors to appreciate the art and architecture. For instance, places like the Eiffel Tower in Paris or the Great Wall of China offer breathtaking views that people find fascinating and memorable. Moreover, tourist attractions often have historical significance, attracting history enthusiasts who want to explore the rich past of a place. The Pyramids of Giza in Egypt or the Colosseum in Rome are prime examples of tourist attractions that hold immense historical value. Overall, the combination of their aesthetic and historical worth makes tourist attractions popular among people from all walks of life.

5. What tourist attractions are popular in China?

There are several tourist attractions that are popular in China. One of them is the Oriental Pearl Tower in Shanghai. Standing tall at a height of 468 meters, this iconic landmark offers breathtaking views of the city skyline. Visitors can take elevators to the observation deck and enjoy panoramic views of Shanghai's bustling streets and vibrant riverfront. The tower also features a fascinating museum that showcases the history of Shanghai's development. With its unique architectural design and stunning city views, the Oriental Pearl Tower remains a must-visit attraction for tourists from around the world.

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

Well, to encourage young people to visit parks more frequently, we can incorporate modern elements into these spaces. For instance, organizing outdoor recreational activities like music festivals, art exhibitions, or sports events can attract the younger generation. Additionally, providing amenities such as free Wi-Fi, charging stations, and interactive digital displays can make parks more appealing and interactive. Enhancing the park's infrastructure by adding modern fitness equipment, skateboarding ramps, or adventure trails can also attract young people. Moreover, promoting these modernized parks through social media platforms and collaborating with influencers can create a buzz and generate interest among young individuals. Overall, blending modern elements with traditional park features can make these spaces more vibrant and appealing to the younger population.

20. 和亲友去的地方

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

参考答案

A special place in my city is the local zoo. Located on the outskirts of the city, it is a magnificent place that my friends and I enjoy visiting. The zoo is known for its variety of exotic animals and the immersive experiences it offers (以其各种珍奇动物和它提供的沉浸式体验而闻名). What sets this zoo apart is its commitment to conservation and education. Unlike other zoos, this one focuses on creating a natural habitat for the animals, ensuring their health and allowing visitors to observe them in their most natural state. The enclosures are designed to mimic the animals' natural environment, providing plenty of space for them to roam and engage in various activities (为它们提供充足的空间来漫游和从事各种活动).

Visiting the zoo with my friends will be an exciting and enriching experience. We can spend hours exploring the vast land and marveling at the wide variety of animals from every corner of the world. It will be an opportunity to learn about different species, their habitats and the challenges they face in the wild. Surprisingly, friends who had the opportunity to visit were enthusiastic in recommending me. They were impressed by the zoo's efforts in raising awareness of endangered species and promoting environmentally friendly practices.

A trip to the zoo is not only an enjoyable outing with friends, but also an opportunity to support the institution's conservation efforts. The zoo actively collaborates with wildlife conservation organizations and organizes educational programs for children and adults to develop a sense of responsibility for the natural world. (动物园积极与野生动物保护组织合作, 并为儿童和成人组织教育项目, 培养对自然世界的责任感)

Overall, the zoo in my city is a unique and extraordinary place. I am eagerly looking forward to once again exploring the wonders of nature with my friends and learning more about the importance of animal protection.

Part3

1. What are the differences between big cities and small cities?

Well, when it comes to the differences between big cities and small cities, there are quite a few aspects to consider. First and foremost, one noticeable distinction is the pace of life. In big cities, like Beijing or Shanghai, people are always rushing, whereas in small cities, such as Dali, life tends to be more relaxed. Moreover, the size of the population is another significant contrast. Big cities have a larger population, leading to crowded streets and busy public transportation. Additionally, the availability of amenities is dissimilar. Big cities offer a wide range of shopping malls, restaurants, theaters, and other entertainment options, whereas small cities might have limited choices in terms of recreation and leisure activities.

2. Where do people in your hometown like to go?

In my hometown, people have a multitude of choices when it comes to places they like to go. One popular spot is the local park, which offers serene surroundings and ample green spaces for outdoor activities. Many people also enjoy visiting the bustling marketplace, where they can buy fresh produce and interact with local vendors. For those seeking art and culture, the town's museum is a favorite destination, showcasing a diverse range of exhibits and hosting regular events. Additionally, the nearby beach is a beloved spot for relaxation and recreation, attracting both locals and tourists alike. Overall, my hometown offers a diverse array of places to suit everyone's preferences.

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

Young people and old people have different preferences when it comes to places they like to visit. Youngsters are often drawn to vibrant and energetic places that offer exciting activities and social interactions. They tend to enjoy hip cafes, trendy shopping malls, and lively nightlife venues. On the other hand, older individuals usually prefer serene and relaxed environments. They might opt for peaceful parks, quiet libraries, or cultural landmarks that offer historical insights. While young people seek thrill and entertainment, older generations appreciate places that enable reflection, contemplation, and intellectual stimulation. These distinct preferences reflect the diverse interests and motivations of different age groups.

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

Well, young people nowadays have various preferences when it comes to leisure activities. Some of them enjoy spending their free time immersing themselves in the world of gaming, where they can compete with others and explore different virtual realms. Additionally, connecting with friends and engaging in conversations holds great appeal for young individuals. They find joy in socializing both online and offline, either through messaging apps or by meeting up in person. It provides them with an opportunity to bond, share experiences, and create lasting memories.

5. Do you think it is necessary to visit the same place many times?

In my opinion, it can be beneficial to visit the same place multiple times. There are several reasons for this. Firstly, revisiting a place allows us to deepen our connection and understanding of it. Each visit allows us to explore and discover more about the culture, history, and attractions that may have been missed during previous trips. Secondly, returning to a familiar place brings a sense of comfort and nostalgia. It allows us to relive cherished memories and build upon our previous experiences. Lastly, revisiting a place gives us the opportunity to witness its evolution and changes over time. Whether it's observing new developments or experiencing cultural transformations, multiple visits can provide a unique perspective.

6. What factors attract people to go to visit other places other than their hometown?

Different people are attracted to visit other places for various reasons. Firstly, the allure of different cultures and traditions is a major factor. Exploring the unique aspects of each destination, such as their art, architecture, and customs, can be a fascinating experience. Additionally, the allure of breathtaking landscapes and natural wonders often draws people in. From majestic mountains to pristine beaches, nature's beauty is a compelling reason to explore new places. Finally, the desire to experience different lifestyles and ways of living can be a strong motivation. In conclusion, the diverse aspects of people, landscapes, and lifestyles attract individuals to travel beyond their hometown.

21. 别人家的房间

Describe a room you really like in another person's home

You should say:

Where it is

What it is like

What you can do in it

And explain why you really like it

参考回答

One room that I really like in another person's home is the study, which is located on the second floor of my cousin's house. Unlike the rest of the house, this room is decorated in a minimalist style with clean lines and a neutral color palette, creating a serene and peaceful atmosphere. (这个房间以简约的风格装饰, 线条简洁, 色调中性, 营造出宁静祥和的氛围)

The study is adorned with shelves that display an impressive collection of books. The natural light that streams through the large windows gives the room a warm and inviting ambiance. In one corner, there is a comfortable armchair where you can sink in and lose yourself in the world of literature (沉浸在文学的世界里).

What I particularly love about this room is the sense of tranquility it provides. It is a sanctuary where one can escape from the chaos of everyday life and immerse themselves in the written word. The peacefulness of the study allows me to concentrate and focus on my thoughts, making it an ideal space for reading, writing, or simply reflecting.

Additionally, the study offers a breathtaking view of the garden, making it an inspiring place to work or study. The sight of lush greenery and colorful flowers brings a sense of serenity and rejuvenation (给人一种宁静和活力的感觉).

I truly appreciate the study because it offers a private space for contemplation and intellectual pursuits. It is a room that encourages personal growth and introspection. Whenever I have the chance to visit my cousin's house, I always make sure to spend some quiet time in their study, as it is a haven for inspiration and self-reflection.

Part3

1. Do you like to invite your friends to your home?

Yes, I enjoy inviting my friends over to my home. It's a great way to spend quality time together in a relaxed and comfortable setting. We usually have game nights or movie marathons and indulge in delicious homemade snacks. It's fun to catch up with each other's lives, share stories, and laugh together. Sometimes, we even have themed parties where everyone dresses up and participates in activities related to the theme. These gatherings create wonderful memories and strengthen the bond between friends.

2. Why do people often take gifts with them when they visit others' homes?

There are various reasons why people often bring gifts when visiting others' homes. Firstly, it is a gesture of goodwill and appreciation towards the host or hostess. By presenting a gift, people show that they value the invitation and acknowledge the effort put into hosting them. Secondly, gifts can serve as a token of friendship or a way to establish a closer bond with the host. Additionally, gifts can help create a positive impression and leave a lasting impact on the host. Lastly, some cultures consider it a customary practice to bring a gift as a sign of respect and politeness.

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

In my opinion, the preference for staying at home varies from person to person and cannot be generalized solely based on age. While some young people enjoy the bustling urban life and socializing with friends, others may appreciate the comfort and tranquility of their homes. Similarly, older individuals might cherish the familiarity and peace of their residences, while some may actively participate in community activities and engage in outdoor pursuits. Therefore, it is not accurate to state that one group likes to stay at home more than the other. The choice depends on personal preferences, interests, and individual circumstances.

4. Do most people visit other people's houses during the Spring Festival?

In my country, China, it is very common for people to visit their relatives and friends during the Spring Festival, also known as the Chinese New Year. This is a time of year when families come together and celebrate the beginning of a new lunar year. During this festive season, it is customary for people to go to their loved ones' houses to exchange greetings, share meals, and catch up on each other's lives. The visits are not only limited to close family members but also extend to relatives and close friends. This tradition allows people to strengthen their relationships and create lasting memories. Overall, visiting other people's houses is an integral part of the Spring Festival celebrations in many countries, including China.

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

The most enjoyable parts of having a meal together with my family are the opportunities for communication and the care that we show each other. Sharing a meal allows us to connect and catch up on each other's lives, discussing the events of the day or sharing interesting stories. It is a time to express our thoughts, listen to other family members' perspectives, and engage in meaningful conversations. Moreover, during these meals, we show our care by preparing and serving each other's favorite dishes, creating a warm and loving environment. These moments of togetherness bring us closer and strengthen our bond as a family.

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

I believe that in 50 years, old people may face some challenges in keeping up with the pace of technology. However, it largely depends on their exposure and willingness to adapt. While some may struggle due to their limited familiarity with technology, others may surprise us with their openness and ability to learn. It is worth mentioning that advancements in technology may also cater to the needs of older generations, making it more user-friendly and accessible. For instance, voice-activated systems and intuitive interfaces could make it easier for them to navigate through devices. Ultimately, it will be a combination of personal motivation, societal support, and technological advancements that will determine the extent to which older people embrace and utilize technology in the future.

22. 看到野生动物的地方

Describe a place you have been to where you can see wild animals

You should say:

Where it is

When you went there

What animals you saw there

How you feel about the place

参考回答

Well, the place I would like to talk about is the renowned Shennongjia in China, where one can witness the captivating sight of golden snub-nosed monkeys in their natural habitat. Located in the Hubei province, this enchanting mountainous region is known for its dense forests and diverse wildlife (以其茂密的森林和各种野生动物而闻名).

I had the opportunity to visit Shennongjia last summer, during the month of June. The weather was pleasant, with a touch of coolness in the air due to its higher altitude. The lush greenery and serene surroundings (郁郁葱葱的绿色植物和宁静的环境) instantly made me feel at peace.

During my visit, I was fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of the adorable golden snub-nosed monkeys (金丝猴), an endangered species that is native to the region. These monkeys are known for their unique appearance - with their golden fur and upturned pinkish faces, they truly resemble characters from a fairy tale. I observed them swinging effortlessly from tree to tree, foraging for food and exhibiting their playful antics (滑稽动作). It was an incredible sight to behold, and I couldn't help but feel privileged to witness such a rare and beautiful creature in its natural habitat.

Apart from the monkeys, Shennongjia also boasts a variety of other wildlife, such as the elusive clouded leopard, the red panda, and numerous species of birds. The rich biodiversity of the region is indeed awe-inspiring.

Overall, my experience in Shennongjia was truly remarkable. The tranquility and pristine beauty of the place left me in awe of nature's wonders. It made me realize the importance of preserving such precious ecosystems and ensuring the survival of endangered species. If given the chance, I would definitely love to revisit Shennongjia to further immerse myself in its captivating wildlife and natural splendor.

Part3

1. Why are most children interested in wild animals?

Children are often captivated by the world of wild animals for various reasons. Firstly, the innate curiosity that children possess plays a significant role. They are naturally drawn to the unknown and exotic, and wild animals perfectly embody this fascination. Secondly, the portrayal of wild animals in movies, documentaries, and storybooks further fuels their interest. Learning about different species and their habitats is both educational and entertaining for children. Lastly, the desire to explore nature also contributes to their interest. The sheer diversity of wild animals and the opportunity to observe them in their natural habitats instills a sense of wonder and appreciation for the natural world.

2. Should parents take their children to see wild animals?

In my opinion, parents should definitely take their children to see wild animals. It provides a unique opportunity for kids to develop a love and appreciation for nature. Not only does it allow them to witness the beauty and diversity of wildlife, but it also helps them understand the importance of conservation. For example, observing a majestic elephant in its natural habitat can evoke a sense of awe and respect within children. This firsthand experience can spark their curiosity and deepen their understanding of the natural world. Additionally, it helps cultivate a sense of responsibility towards protecting these magnificent creatures from extinction. So, taking children to see wild animals is not only educational but also crucial for raising environmentally conscious individuals.

3. Are wild animals easy to spot (in your country) ?

In China, spotting wild animals can be quite challenging due to various factors. Firstly, the rapid urbanization and development have significantly reduced the natural habitats of these animals. As a result, they have become more elusive and difficult to encounter. Moreover, the dense population and bustling cities make it harder to find areas where wildlife thrives.

However, there are still opportunities to spot wild animals, especially in national parks and nature reserves. These protected areas provide a haven for wildlife and offer visitors a chance to witness the beauty of nature. For instance, in the famous Wolong Nature Reserve in Sichuan province, it is possible to catch a glimpse of the iconic giant pandas.

4. Are there many documentaries about wildlife in your country?

Yes, there are many documentaries about wildlife in my country. One notable example is "Rare Animals in China," a documentary that sheds light on various wild animals found in China. This captivating film showcases the diversity and beauty of the country's wildlife, from giant pandas in Sichuan to snow leopards in the high Himalayas. Through stunning cinematography and in-depth research, "Rare Animals in China" provides valuable insights into the conservation efforts being made to protect these endangered species. It serves as a potent reminder of the importance of preserving our natural heritage for future generations to appreciate.

5. What impacts does only seeing wild animals in zoos have on children's understanding of these animals?

Seeing wild animals only in zoos can have several impacts on children's understanding of these animals. Firstly, it limits their exposure to the natural behavior and habitat of the animals. When children observe animals in a controlled environment, they may not fully grasp the intricacies of their natural behavior or understand the impact of human intervention on their lives. Furthermore, the limited exposure to wild animals in zoos can hinder the development of empathy towards them. Without witnessing the animals' freedom and the challenges they face in the wild, children may struggle to truly empathize with their needs and conservation efforts.

6. Which is the better way to see wildlife, watching documentaries or going into the wild?

In my opinion, going into the wild is a much better way to view wildlife than watching documentaries. First of all, when you venture into the wilderness, you have the opportunity to witness animals in their natural habitat and observe their behaviors and interactions first hand. In addition, being in the wild allows you to appreciate the beauty of nature and its diverse ecosystems. The serene environment and the thrill of personal encounters with wildlife create lasting memories. However, it is important to approach wildlife responsibly by following proper safety guidelines and respecting their habitats.

23. 优质服务

Describe a shop where you received a good service
from one of the staff

You should say:

Where the shop is

When you received the good service

What service you received

And explain how you felt about the service

参考回答

Well, the shop where I received exceptional service from one of the staff members is a quaint bookstore called "Book Haven", located in the heart of the city. It was during a cold winter afternoon, sometime last year, when I stepped into the bookstore in search of a particular book.

As soon as I entered, a friendly staff member named Sarah greeted me with a warm smile. I explained to her the book I was looking for, and to my surprise, she immediately led me to the exact shelf and handed me the book. Her knowledge about the store's inventory was truly impressive. (她对商店存货的了解确实令人印象深刻。)

Not only did Sarah assist me in finding the book, but she also engaged in a delightful conversation about the author and recommended several similar novels. She went above and beyond by sharing her personal insights and opinions about the books, making the entire experience enjoyable and informative (愉悦和充实) .

The genuine interest Sarah showed in my literary preferences and her expertise in the field left a lasting impression on me. It felt as though I was speaking to a close friend who genuinely cared about my reading interests. Her attention to detail and willingness to go the extra mile (对细节的关注和愿意付出更多的努力) made me feel valued as a customer.

In conclusion, the exceptional service I received from Sarah at "Book Haven" was truly remarkable. Her passion for literature, knowledge about the books, and personalized recommendations made my visit a memorable one. I left the store with not only the desired book but also a newfound appreciation for the art of storytelling. The service provided by Sarah exemplified true professionalism and customer care, and I will definitely be visiting "Book Haven" again in the future.

Part3

1. Why should companies react quickly when customers have difficulties?

Well, firstly, swift action shows that the company values its customers and their satisfaction. By promptly addressing any problems or concerns, companies can demonstrate their commitment to providing excellent customer service. Secondly, a quick response can help prevent the escalation of issues. By acknowledging and addressing customer difficulties promptly, companies can avoid potential negative consequences, such as reputational damage or loss of business. Thirdly, resolving customer difficulties in a timely manner can lead to increased customer loyalty and trust. When customers see that a company is proactive in addressing their concerns, they are more likely to feel valued and continue their patronage.

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

There are several advantages and disadvantages of shopping in small shops. On one hand, shopping in small shops can offer a personalized and intimate experience. The staff is often more attentive and knowledgeable about the products they sell. Additionally, small shops tend to have a unique selection of items that may not be found in larger stores. On the other hand, small shops may have limited stock and higher prices compared to larger retailers. Additionally, they may have shorter operating hours and less variety in terms of products. Overall, shopping in small shops can provide a charming and one-of-a-kind experience, but it may not always be the most convenient or economical option.

3. Why do some people dislike shopping in small shops?

Some people may not enjoy shopping in small shops for various reasons. Firstly, one factor could be limited product selection. Small shops usually have a smaller inventory compared to larger stores, which may make it difficult for shoppers to find the exact items they need. Moreover, small shops might have higher prices due to their limited purchasing power, making it less cost-effective for customers. Additionally, the limited space in small shops can result in crowded aisles, making it uncomfortable for some people to navigate and browse. Lastly, small shops may have shorter operating hours, which can inconvenience those with busy schedules.

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

I think the biggest difference in offline shopping is that it provides a more personal experience. Being able to see, touch, and try on products before purchasing them is a significant advantage. It also allows for immediate gratification as you can take the item home with you on the same day. Furthermore, there can be delays or waiting periods associated with online shopping. With the need for shipping and delivery, you may have to wait for a certain period before receiving your purchase. However, some online retailers offer expedited shipping options that can shorten the waiting time.

5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of shopping online?

There are several advantages to shopping online. Firstly, it offers convenience as you can shop anytime and anywhere without the need to visit physical stores. Secondly, online shopping provides a wider range of choices compared to local stores. Additionally, it allows you to compare prices and find the best deals. On the downside, online shopping lacks the personal touch and interaction with salespeople. Also, there is a risk of receiving faulty or counterfeit products. Finally, online shopping often involves shipping fees and delays. Overall, while online shopping is convenient and offers variety, it is important to be cautious and mindful of its limitations.

6. Can consumption drive economic growth?

Yes, consumption can indeed drive economic growth. When people spend money on goods and services, it creates demand which in turn stimulates production and business activities. Increased consumption leads to increased production, which in the long run boosts employment opportunities and income levels. This not only benefits businesses but also fuels economic growth as a whole. Without consumption, the economy would struggle to expand as there would be limited demand for products and services. Therefore, consumption plays a vital role in supporting and driving economic growth.

24. 向小辈展示新东西

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

参考回答

I remember a time when I showed something new to my younger cousin. It was during the summer vacation a couple of years ago when I visited my extended family in the countryside. I showed my cousin, who was about ten years younger than me, how to ride a bicycle.

We were at my grandparents' house, and I noticed that my cousin had never learned to ride a bicycle before. As a passionate cyclist (作为一个热爱自行车的人), I thought it would be a great opportunity to teach him something new and fun. So, I borrowed a bicycle from one of my relatives and took my cousin to a quiet lane near our house.

To begin with, I explained the basic techniques of balancing and pedaling (我解释了平衡和踩踏板的基本技术). I demonstrated how to hold the handlebars, maintain balance, and move forward. Then, I strongly suggested that my cousin should wear a helmet and knee pads to ensure safety. Once he felt comfortable and ready, I gave him a push to get started. It took a few tries, but soon enough, he was able to maintain balance and ride the bike on his own.

I showed my cousin how to ride a bicycle because I wanted him to experience the freedom and joy that comes with it. I knew that it would enhance his physical activity and boost his confidence. Additionally, I wanted to create a memorable bonding experience that we could share together.

The entire experience was quite gratifying. Seeing my cousin's face light up with excitement as he successfully rode the bicycle brought me immense joy. It was rewarding to witness his progress and the sense of achievement he felt after overcoming initial doubts and fears. I felt proud of myself for being able to impart a new skill to him, and it strengthened our relationship (加强了我们的关系) as well.

Overall, it was a positive and fulfilling experience for both of us. Teaching my cousin how to ride a bicycle not only enriched his life but also allowed us to bond and create lasting memories.

Part3

1. What skills should children learn?

Children should learn a wide range of skills to prepare them for the future. Firstly, they should acquire strong communication skills which include speaking, listening, writing, and reading. These skills enable children to express themselves effectively and understand others. Secondly, they should develop critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. This will empower them to analyze, evaluate, and find solutions to various challenges they encounter in life. Furthermore, encouraging creativity and imagination is essential as it fosters innovation and out-of-the-box thinking. Lastly, children should also learn essential life skills such as time management, teamwork, and adaptability. These skills will equip them to navigate the complexities of adult life successfully.

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

Adults and children learn different things due to their varying experiences and developmental stages. Adults tend to focus on practical skills and knowledge relevant to their careers or personal growth. For instance, they may learn new languages, develop professional skills, or gain financial literacy. In contrast, children's learning primarily revolves around acquiring foundational knowledge and skills, such as language, math, science, and social skills. Additionally, children's learning is often facilitated through play and exploration, while adults typically engage in more structured and goal-oriented learning activities. These differences arise from the distinct roles and responsibilities that adults and children have in society. Overall, adults and children have different learning priorities based on their unique stages of life.

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

There could be several reasons why some individuals are reluctant to seek assistance while studying. One possible explanation is that they may feel embarrassed or ashamed to admit that they require help. Additionally, some people might have a strong desire to prove their independence and self-sufficiency, believing that seeking help signifies weakness. Furthermore, cultural factors could play a role, as certain societies emphasize individuality and self-reliance. Lastly, personal experiences might shape their perspective, such as past negative encounters while seeking help that discourage them from doing so in the future. In conclusion, various factors can contribute to individuals hesitating to seek assistance while studying.

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

Before going to school, children should have some essential skills, including life skills such as dressing themselves. Being able to dress themselves independently fosters their sense of responsibility and self-confidence. It also allows them to take care of basic needs without relying heavily on others. Moreover, this skill promotes their fine motor skills development and helps them improve their coordination and problem-solving abilities. In addition to dressing themselves, children should also learn vital skills like personal hygiene, communication, and expressing their needs and emotions effectively. Possessing these skills before starting school will ensure a smooth transition and enhance their overall development.

5. How can young people be motivated to learn new things?

There are several ways to motivate young people to learn new things. Firstly, it is important to create a sense of achievement and provide positive feedback. For example, teachers can acknowledge their efforts and praise their progress, which boosts their self-esteem and motivation. Additionally, incorporating interactive activities and games into the learning process can make it more enjoyable and rewarding. Furthermore, setting achievable goals and rewarding students for their accomplishments can further motivate them to learn. Finally, connecting their learning to real-life situations and emphasizing the practical value of acquiring new knowledge can spark their curiosity and motivation.

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

It is possible for a person to achieve something without motivation in the short term, particularly in academic pursuits. However, long-term sustainable growth and development would be challenging without motivation. Motivation serves as the driving force that propels individuals to set goals, overcome obstacles, and remain dedicated to their endeavors. While someone might be able to achieve certain academic accomplishments without motivation, it would be difficult to sustain that success without the inner drive to continue learning and improving. Ultimately, motivation provides the necessary fuel for long-lasting achievements.



25. 生活有趣的老人

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

参考回答

Well, the old person I would like to talk about is my grandfather. He currently lives in a small town in the countryside of China, where he has spent most of his life. My grandfather has had a truly fascinating life, filled with various experiences and accomplishments (充满了各种各样的经历和成就).

To begin with, he was born and raised in a rural farming family, where he learned the value of hard work and determination. As a young man, he joined the army and served his country during a time of war, which required immense bravery and sacrifice (勇气和牺牲). After his military service, he pursued a career as a teacher and dedicated himself to educating the younger generations.

Throughout his life, my grandfather has faced numerous challenges and overcome many obstacles (遇到了无数的挑战, 克服了许多障碍). He witnessed significant social and economic changes in China, including the Cultural Revolution, which had a profound impact on his life and shaped his perspectives. Despite the hardships he encountered, he always maintained a positive attitude and strived to make a difference in the lives of others.

Personally, I have great admiration and respect for my grandfather. His resilience and strong work ethic have been a source of inspiration for me. He has always been supportive and loving, providing guidance and encouragement when I needed it most. Hearing his stories about the past has given me a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made by previous generations.

In conclusion, my grandfather is an incredible individual who has led an interesting and meaningful life. His experiences and wisdom have had a significant influence on me, and I am grateful to have him as a role model.

Part3

1. What do old people often do in their daily lives?

I think some prefer to spend their time pursuing hobbies like gardening or painting, allowing them to express their creativity. Others may join community groups or senior centers to engage in social activities, such as card games or group exercises, which help them to stay physically active and maintain social connections. Additionally, some elderly individuals choose to volunteer their time to help others in need, bringing a sense of fulfillment and purpose to their days. Finally, older adults may also spend their time reading books, listening to music, or simply enjoying the company of their loved ones. Ultimately, each person's daily routine may differ, but what remains constant is the desire to lead a meaningful and fulfilling life.

2. Why do some people live with old people?

Some people choose to live with older family members due to cultural values and traditions. In many societies, it is considered a moral responsibility to care for parents and grandparents as they age. This helps maintain close family bonds and ensures that older family members receive the respect and care they deserve. Additionally, living with older people can provide younger individuals with valuable life lessons and wisdom, creating a nurturing environment for personal growth. Moreover, it can be a practical arrangement, as sharing expenses and responsibilities can result in a more comfortable living situation for everyone involved.

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

Absolutely. When older people and their grandchildren live together, there is a wonderful opportunity for mutual learning. The experience and wisdom of the elderly can be a valuable resource for their grandchildren. Their stories and life lessons can provide insights and guidance. Similarly, the younger generation can bring fresh perspectives and knowledge in areas such as technology and popular culture. This intergenerational exchange fosters understanding, empathy, and bonding. The older generation can learn new skills and adapt to the changing world, while the grandchildren can benefit from the wisdom of their elders. It is a valuable and enriching experience for both parties.

4. What are the benefits of elderly people living alone?

Living alone can provide several benefits for elderly individuals. Firstly, it promotes independence and autonomy. By having their own living space, they can maintain their daily routines and make decisions independently, which boosts their self-esteem. Secondly, it allows for a peaceful environment. Elderly people often enjoy solitude, and living alone grants them the opportunity to have moments of tranquility and peace. Additionally, it can reduce conflicts and misunderstandings. Living alone means they can avoid clashes with others over minor issues, ensuring a more harmonious living situation. Overall, living alone can provide elderly people with a sense of freedom, tranquility, and a chance to maintain their independence.

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

In my observation, the preference of older individuals regarding staying at home or going outside may vary depending on their personal circumstances and preferences. Some older people may prefer to stay at home due to various reasons. Firstly, they may find comfort and familiarity in their own space, surrounded by familiar possessions and memories. Secondly, staying at home can provide a sense of security and safety, particularly for those who have limited mobility or health issues. Additionally, staying at home allows older individuals to engage in activities that they enjoy, such as reading, gardening, or pursuing hobbies, which they may not be able to do outside.

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

Yes, I believe that the lives of elderly people can greatly improve with the development of technology. For instance, new products specifically designed to cater to the needs of the elderly, such as smart hearing aids, automated home assistance devices, and health monitoring apps, can greatly enhance their quality of life. These innovations can help improve their hearing, make daily tasks easier to manage, and provide timely health updates. Furthermore, technology enables elderly individuals to stay connected with their loved ones through social media platforms and video communication apps. Overall, the advancements in technology offer promising opportunities for enhancing the well-being and independence of older adults.

26. 有趣的讨论

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

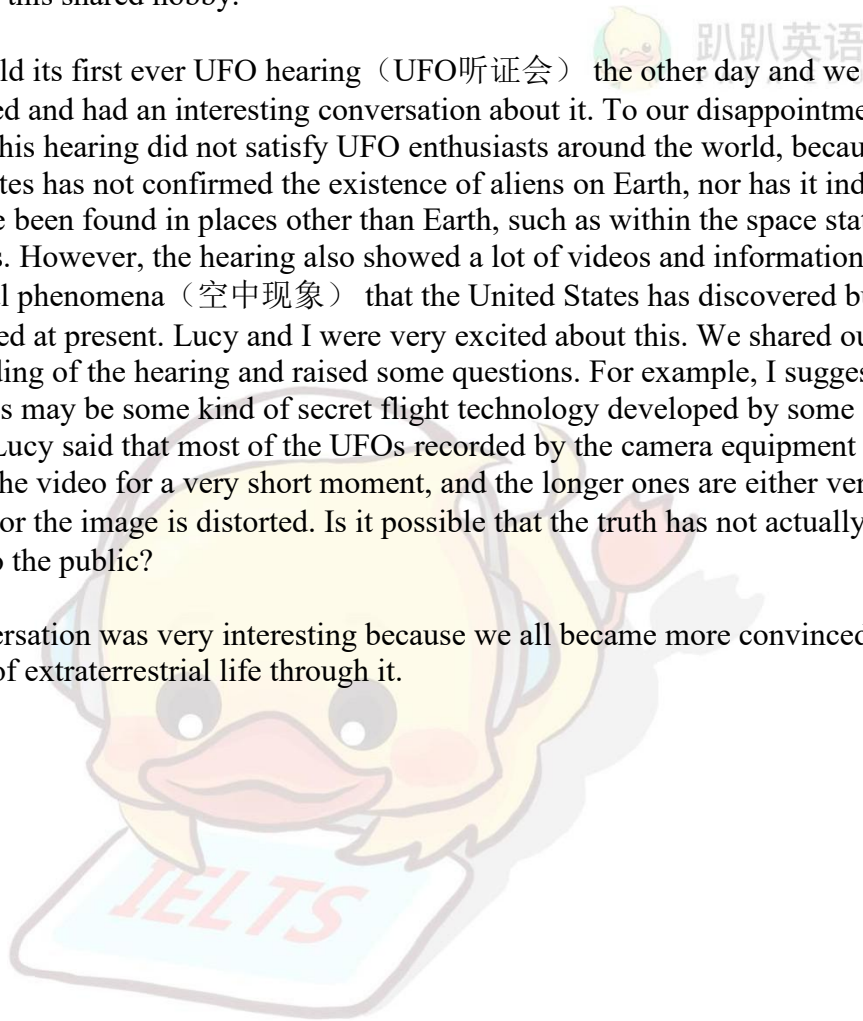
And how you felt about it

参考回答

I am fan of aliens , and I believe that there must be other intelligent life in the vast universe. My best friend Lucy is also a fan of aliens, and in fact we became good friends because of this shared hobby.

The US held its first ever UFO hearing (UFO听证会) the other day and we were all very excited and had an interesting conversation about it. To our disappointment, the results of this hearing did not satisfy UFO enthusiasts around the world, because the United States has not confirmed the existence of aliens on Earth, nor has it indicated that aliens have been found in places other than Earth, such as within the space station orbit or on Mars. However, the hearing also showed a lot of videos and information about some aerial phenomena (空中现象) that the United States has discovered but cannot be explained at present. Lucy and I were very excited about this. We shared our understanding of the hearing and raised some questions. For example, I suggested that these UFOs may be some kind of secret flight technology developed by some countries on Earth. Lucy said that most of the UFOs recorded by the camera equipment only appear in the video for a very short moment, and the longer ones are either very blurred (模糊) or the image is distorted. Is it possible that the truth has not actually been revealed to the public?

This conversation was very interesting because we all became more convinced of the existence of extraterrestrial life through it.



Part3

1. When do children normally form their own views?

Children typically begin to form their own views during their early years of development. As they grow older and gain more exposure to the world around them, they start developing their own thoughts, opinions, and beliefs. This process can vary from child to child, but it often occurs during their pre-teen or teenage years when they start to question the world around them and seek independence. Their views can be influenced by various factors such as their upbringing, education, peers, and personal experiences. It is important for parents and educators to let children express their views and provide them with opportunities to learn and develop critical thinking skills.

2. Do children have strong opinions?

This question varies from person to person. Some children are very assertive and always have strong opinions, while others are very timid. They listen to their parents and teachers on everything and have no opinions of their own. I personally think that in general, the older the child, the stronger opinions he or she has. This is because some parents worry that their children will become too cowardly and obedient due to lack of opinions, and even rely on parents to make decisions most of the time. Therefore, when children are young, parents will gradually cultivate their children's self-awareness and personality. When children become too assertive, disobedient and stubborn, parents are troubled by their strong opinions.

3. Should parents request their kids to obey them?

I think it depends. Some children always like to fight against their parents during adolescence, which means they don't do what their parents tell them to do. I think in the face of such a situation, parents can not force their children to follow their wishes in some trivial matters. They should respect their children's wishes and let them do whatever they want. However, in some major issues, parents should also take care of their children and not let them do wrong things. For example, when a child makes some bad friends and wants to do some illegal things, parents should stop their children or use other methods to guide their children, so that the children do not do those wrong things and illegal things.

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

In the food and beverage industry, communication is a vital skill. Firstly, in restaurants, effective communication is essential for waitstaff to take accurate orders, convey special requests to the kitchen, and provide excellent customer service. Additionally, clear communication is crucial between kitchen staff to ensure smooth coordination and timely delivery of meals. Outside of the restaurant setting, effective communication is also necessary in catering services, where clear instructions and understanding clients' needs are key to delivering a successful event. Overall, communication skills play a pivotal role in the seamless operation and customer satisfaction in the food and beverage industry.

27. 童年玩具

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

参考答案

I am going to talk about the children's skid-loader (儿童挖掘机) that I owned when I was about six or seven years old. It was actually a birthday gift from my mother, who was a business woman and had to travel around the country for business affairs (出差). She bought this giant children's skid-loader in a big mall in Beijing and paid a lot of money to transport it to me.

I was totally fascinated by it (完全被迷住了)! The skid-loader was orange, with a big battery on its bottom. After the battery is charged full, I could ride on it for a couple of hours! Imagine a six years old boy proudly sitting on a cool skid-loader at the time when giant toys like these were rare in a small town!

Of course, this baby soon attracted other children's attention. Every kid who came to play would have a chance to sit on my skid-loader. They then went home and told their family and other friends how cool it is that I owned such a great asset! And most importantly, they also got to experience it because I was such a kind and generous friend! Well, the more they talked about it, the happier I was. And I became even more generous because of this. I would invite my fella friends over after dinner and take turns to ride the skid-loader. My mother was always worried that I was introverted and not good with people. With the skid-loader's help, I became more outgoing and earned a bunch of good friends. After all, which kid can resist cool toys, right?

So in some sense, this skid-loader helped build my character. It was not only fun to play with, but also a helpful equipment for my grow-up.

Part3

1. How do advertisements influence children?

Advertisements have a significant impact on children. Firstly, they influence their preferences and desires by promoting certain products. For example, colorful and enticing food commercials can make children crave unhealthy snacks. Secondly, advertisements play a role in shaping children's behavior. They often feature popular celebrities and encourage children to imitate their idols. This can lead to a desire for material possessions and a focus on outward appearance. Lastly, advertisements can affect children's self-esteem. Ads showcasing unrealistic beauty standards may make children feel inadequate. Overall, advertisements greatly influence children's choices, behavior, and self-perception.

2. Should advertising aimed at kids be prohibited?

Personally, I believe there should be stricter regulations on advertising targeted towards children. While completely prohibiting such advertising may not be necessary, safeguarding children's well-being and protecting them from manipulative marketing tactics is crucial. Instead of banning all ads, authorities could impose tighter controls on the content and placement of advertisements aimed at kids. For instance, advertisements promoting unhealthy food choices or encouraging excessive consumption should be strictly regulated. Moreover, promoting educational and informative commercials could be a positive step in ensuring kids receive valuable content. Ultimately, striking a balance between commercial interests and protecting children's welfare should be the primary goal.

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

In my opinion, it's important for parents to find a balance between buying toys and spending time with their children, and the decision should depend on the family's circumstances. Toys can be beneficial for a child's development as they promote creativity and imagination. They also provide entertainment and can be educational. However, excessive materialism can hinder meaningful parent-child interactions. Quality time spent with children is crucial for their emotional well-being and building strong relationships. So, parents should prioritize spending time doing activities together, such as playing games, reading books, or going on outings. This will create lasting memories and promote healthy bonding between parents and children. Ultimately, the right approach will vary for each family, depending on their unique situation and values.

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

In the past, children usually played with simple toys like dolls, cars, and building blocks. These toys required more imagination and creative thinking. Nowadays, with the advancement of technology, children have access to a wide variety of toys that are more interactive and sophisticated. For example, they can play video games, use tablets, and enjoy virtual reality experiences. These modern toys not only provide entertainment but also encourage the development of cognitive and motor skills. However, it is important to note that some traditional toys, like board games and puzzles, still remain popular and continue to offer educational benefits. Overall, the main difference between toys kids play now and those in the past lies in the level of technological involvement and the potential for interactive learning experiences.

28. 有趣的邻居

Describe a neighbor you are interested in

You should say:

Who he/she is

How do you knew him/her

What you do together

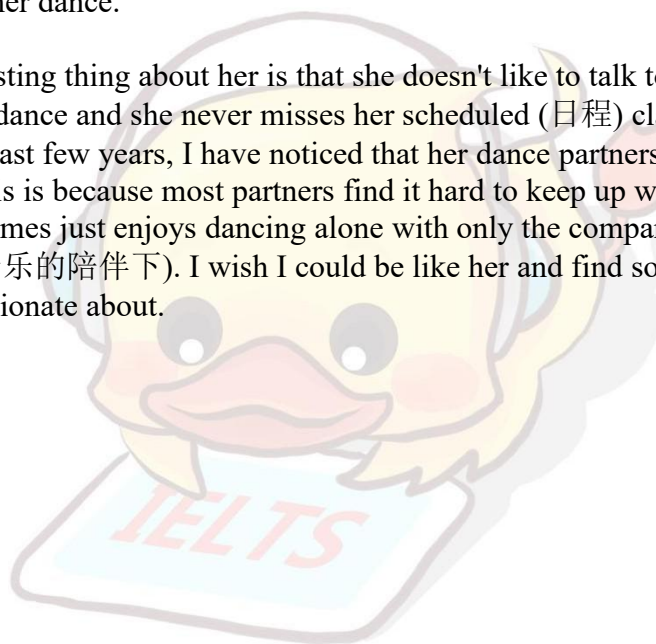
And explain why you are interested in him/her

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An interesting neighbor I'd like to talk about is a bit of a celebrity (名人) in our community (小区). She goes by the name Aunt Xu, which is quite a common title (称谓) here in China when people want to show their respect to elders by not directly calling them by their name. She is retired but she used to be a teacher in a dance studio that was owned by the local government.

The first time I met her was in the spring of last year when I was walking around the nearby square after dinner. I saw her and other elders dancing with huge smiles on their faces. It was just like what I was used to seeing, you know, a bunch of elderly retired ladies doing some simple synchronized moves (同步的动作) with loud music. Aunt Xu's moves, however, had a lot more flair and elegance to them. Through her dance, you could tell that she had a passion for it. Since then, I've become one of her fans who loves watching her dance.

The interesting thing about her is that she doesn't like to talk too much. Instead, she prefers to dance and she never misses her scheduled (日程) class every day in the park. Over the past few years, I have noticed that her dance partners keep changing. I found out that this is because most partners find it hard to keep up with her level. As a result, she sometimes just enjoys dancing alone with only the company of the soothing music (在舒缓音乐的陪伴下). I wish I could be like her and find something that I like and am really passionate about.



Part3

1. Do you think people are familiar with their neighbors?

In terms of neighborhood relationships, the outbreak of COVID-19 really brought big changes to our country. Take myself as a typical example, in the past, I hardly knew my neighbors because we all hurried to work every day. But since the last quarantine period at home, I got to know how it was true to say better good neighbour near than relatives far away. My neighbors were all very kind-hearted people, we used to comfort each other and provide timely needs to those who lacked food or medicine. Although there are many people still being unfamiliar with neighbors, I would say that it's great to break the ice and make more friends, let alone your neighbors.

2. How can people improve the relationship with neighbors in a community?

Speaking of this question, I couldn't help thinking of the first lesson on how to make new friends. I believe improving relationships is exactly the same way as making good friends. The first step is to break the ice, which means to be active to talk whenever you meet your neighbors. The next step is to deepen the relationship between the two sides, why not ask your neighbors to go outing on holidays, have a picnic or just wash cars together, it all makes sense. Besides the above two steps, I think the core value is that one should be ready to offer help at any time to neighbors.

3. How do children build relationships with others in a community?

Children build relationships with others in a community through various means. Firstly, at home, parents play a crucial role in teaching children the importance of respect, empathy, and communication. Through positive guidance and setting a good example, parents can instill these values in their children, enabling them to cultivate healthy relationships. Additionally, school provides an excellent platform for children to interact with peers from diverse backgrounds. Through group activities, teamwork, and socializing during breaks, children learn to navigate social dynamics, build friendships, and develop essential social skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

4. Is it beneficial to get along well with neighbors?

Yes, it is highly beneficial to get along well with your neighbors. Not only does it create a harmonious living environment, but it also brings various advantages. Firstly, good relations with neighbors make our daily lives more pleasant. We can rely on them for small favors, like collecting our mail or watering plants while we are away. Secondly, in times of emergencies or unforeseen situations, neighbors can offer a helping hand or provide valuable support. Lastly, a friendly neighborhood fosters a sense of belonging and community, promoting social interaction and positive relationships.

29. 提高注意力

Describe something you do that can help you concentrate on work/study

You should say:

What it is

How it helps you concentrate

When you do it

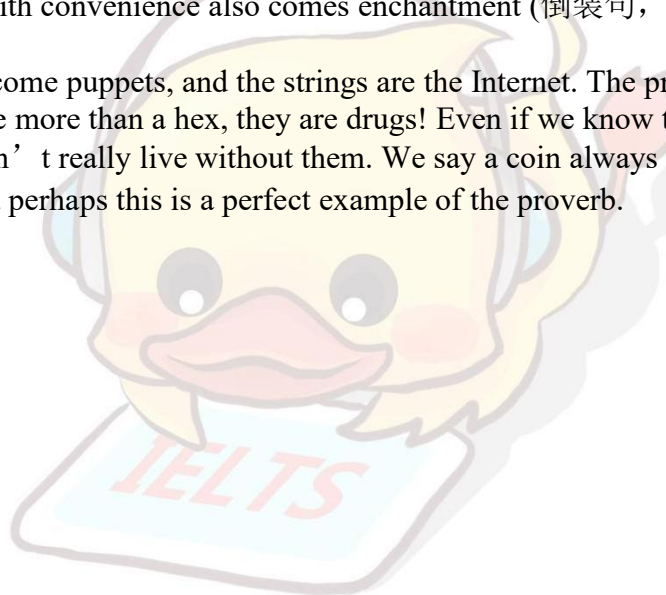
And explain how you feel about it

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Well, I think the only thing that can keep me concentrated is to put my mobile phone away – or better still, turn it off! I mean, we all know how these smart devices lure and enslave us nowadays(宾语从句, 两个精确词汇, 引诱和奴役). There is so much fun in them, like social networks like weibo and douyin and such, and those RSS apps like quora and zhihu. It's really hard to keep your eyes and hands off it if it's within your reach (在能拿到的地方), and you can easily waste hours on it.

When I decide to do something serious, like a dissertation or internship, I just mute my phone and put it in another room. The method has, so far, been quite effective for me. I believe my efficiency literally triples when I get rid of my mobile. I remember a time before I had applied this method when I spent a whole day on a really simple report, getting it done just before the deadline (勉强赶上截止时间). I guess this really makes you think what technology can bring us. Convenience? Yes, but that's not the whole picture. With convenience also comes enchantment (倒装句, 精确词汇, 魔咒).

People become puppets, and the strings are the Internet. The problem is that these smart devices are more than a hex, they are drugs! Even if we know the negatives they lead to, we still can't really live without them. We say a coin always has two sides (恰当使用谚语), and perhaps this is a perfect example of the proverb.



Part3

1. Why is it more difficult for children to concentrate nowadays than in the past?

I think it is not good news for children but indeed more importance should be attached to this problem. The deep reason could be that there are more distractions today than in the past, for example, decades ago when smart phones and internet were not prevalent, children only focused on what they were doing. But nowadays, almost every child has easy access to the Internet, they are more likely to be distracted from schoolwork or other things. Such change is unnoticeable so I do hope parents should be alert to this problem and try to keep children concentrated.

2. Do you think technology will harm children's ability to concentrate?

To make it clear, it's not technology that harms children's ability to concentrate, but fragmented information produced by technology does so. With the fast pace of life, it's easy to wonder adults are more likely to look through information that is sorted by social media, let alone children. If children are always fed with such information cocoons, their abilities to think independently and to concentrate are sure to be damaged. To avoid this problem, parents should accompany children to get away from smart tools and go back to paper books.

3. What kinds of jobs require high concentration at work?

There are many jobs in our daily life that require a high degree of concentration, such as high level sports or the airline industry. If people do not pay close attention, they may cause irreversible damage to their body. Another example is for people who work in high-risk industries, such as blasting and demining, and need huge levels of concentration. In addition, there are emergency doctors who need to be fully focused at all times because they may be called upon at the last minute, and each patient's condition is different. If they are not fully concentrating, they can make mistakes, which may put the patient in even more danger.

4. Can exercise help people improve concentration?

Certainly! Exercise can indeed help people improve their concentration. Engaging in physical activity increases blood flow to the brain, which boosts cognitive function and enhances focus. For example, a study conducted on students found that those who exercised regularly performed better in attention-based tasks compared to those who led a sedentary lifestyle. Additionally, exercise releases endorphins, which improve mood and reduce stress, both of which can contribute to better concentration. Therefore, incorporating regular exercise into one's routine can have a positive impact on concentration levels and overall cognitive abilities.

30. 重要河流/湖泊

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

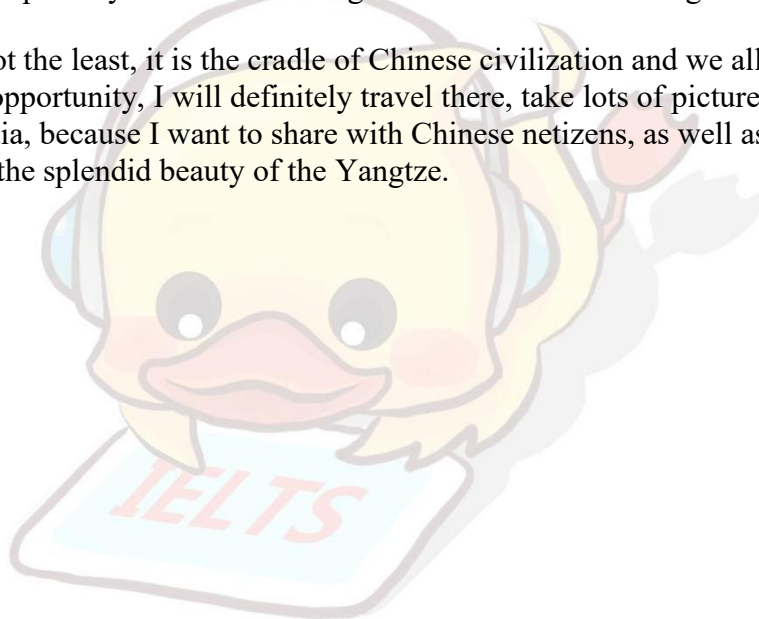
参考答案

I'm going to talk about the Yangtze River, which is of paramount importance (十分重要) to China.

When I was a little child, I was very interested in the colorful pictures in encyclopedias(百科全书) for kids, and there were many articles and pictures about the Yangtze River. They all left a strong impression on me. However, it was in geography class where(it is that..强调句) I really learned about this river.

It is said that the Yangtze River is the third longest river on the planet(全世界) and the longest in Asia. Its length is an impressive 6, 200 kilometers. It is of great importance to China for several reasons (方面). Firstly, it is conducive(有利的) to our country's agricultural industry because it is a natural irrigation system for surrounding cities. Secondly, it is also a natural transportation system which boosts southern China's economy, especially cities on the Yangtze River Delta like Shanghai.

Last but not the least, it is the cradle of Chinese civilization and we all take pride in it. If I have an opportunity, I will definitely travel there, take lots of pictures and post them on social media, because I want to share with Chinese netizens, as well as those from other countries, the splendid beauty of the Yangtze.



Part3

1. How can rivers and lakes benefit local people?

It's known to us that almost every primitive civilization was derived from river coasts, the main reason is that water is the most important factor in our life. First of all, rivers benefit local agriculture which is a huge part of local economy in most countries in the world, as liquid water provides rich and fertile soil. Secondly, rivers make it more convenient to develop trade and business. Thirdly, rivers bring local people milder and cozier climate. But on the other hand, rivers also mean higher risks of flood. So it's important to protect rivers and lakes.

2. Do you think rivers and lakes attract tourists?

Well, take China as an example, I think it's a very open question, because people have different interests in traveling, some like the endless grassland in the northwest, while some others prefer going to the region of rivers and lakes. But as far as I'm concerned, rivers and lakes do attract most tourists because there are more diversified activities and events, for example, tourists like boating on the river, feeling the nature coming alongside. Swimming and drifting are also widely popular these years. So more people are willing to go to coastal areas to spend their holiday.

3. How do rivers and lakes affect local tourism?

Rivers and lakes play a significant role in boosting local tourism. For instance, in China, the Yangtze River, also known as the Chang Jiang, attracts numerous tourists every year. The pristine beauty of the river, with its glistening waters and picturesque landscapes along its banks, entices visitors from all over the world. Tourists can enjoy relaxing river cruises, explore historical towns nestled along the river, and marvel at the stunning Three Gorges. The presence of the Yangtze River has not only enhanced the natural beauty of the region but also provided a wide range of tourism opportunities, contributing to the local economy and cultural exchange. Overall, rivers and lakes, such as the Yangtze River in China, create a positive impact on local tourism, attracting visitors with their natural charm and diverse attractions.

4. Are rivers and lakes good for transport? Why?

Yes, rivers and lakes can be beneficial for transportation. They provide a natural network of waterways that can be navigated by boats and ships. This mode of transport is especially useful in areas where road or rail infrastructure is limited. For example, in the Amazon rainforest, rivers like the Amazon River serve as vital transportation routes for goods and people. Additionally, lakes can also facilitate transportation, with some cities relying on ferry services across lakes for daily commuting. However, it's important to note that the suitability of rivers and lakes for transport depends on their size, depth, and the availability of proper navigational channels.

31. 传统产品

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

参考答案

The traditional product I'd like to talk about is tea. It's got thousands of years' history.

I was born in a tea-lovers' family, so I tried it at a very young age around 5 or 6, I suppose. I only have a faint memory(模糊的记忆) of the first time I drank it, but I didn't like it because it was too bitter(苦).

I guess I began to like drinking tea when I went to high school. You know, as a high school student, I had to do loads of assignments(作业). Sometimes I even worked through the night, so I needed some stimulants(让人兴奋的东西) to keep me awake(让我保持清醒). Coffee was too strong for me, while(而) tea was an ideal choice. The more I drank it, the more I learnt about it.

Actually, there are various types of tea that are planted across China. The most amazing fact is that they all taste different. Green tea might be bitter at the first sip(抿, 喝一次小口), but later you'll feel its refreshing aftertaste(余味), so people usually drink it in summer. Black tea is not bitter but rich in flavor. It warms your stomach. There are also many kinds of scented teas(花茶) made of flowers. Famous ones are camomile(甘菊), jasmine(茉莉) and rose bud(玫瑰花蕾).

Tea making can be very complex. Different types of tea require different water temperatures. First, you put some tea leaves into a pot and wash them with hot boiled water(热开水). Then, water is added again and distributed(分发, 分配) into small tea cups for the guests to drink. I enjoy the process of tea making as it's slow and peaceful.

Part3

1. Why are traditional products important?

The reasons are as follows, firstly traditional products are the wisdom of many generations, people today could just benefit from them. Take Chinese tea as an example, at present, Asian countries produce over 90 percent of world's output. Secondly, traditional products have unique historic meanings, each one represents the level of development in a certain period of time. So it's as important to protect those traditional products as to create new ones.

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

The answer is, of course, yes. Tradition is very important for a country. It's because tradition tells people what the old generations were doing, so that people could learn some useful things from the past. Just as an old saying goes that only when you know where you were from, will you know clearly the direction where you are heading for. I think it's exactly the reason why tradition is so important for a country. In China, children learn basic rules and morality from an early age, that's how tradition influences people today.

3. What are some traditional Chinese products?

There are several traditional Chinese products that hold great cultural significance. One such product is "chunlian" or spring couplets, which are beautiful calligraphic writings typically displayed on either side of the main entrance of a home during the Chinese New Year. These couplets usually consist of poetic phrases that convey well wishes and blessings for the coming year. Another traditional Chinese product is the "nianhua" or New Year paintings. These are brightly colored and intricately designed paintings that depict various themes such as prosperity, happiness, and good fortune. Nianhua is often hung on walls or displayed during the festive season to bring luck and blessings to the household.

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

There are several reasons why it is crucial for children to learn about traditional products. Firstly, understanding traditional products helps children grasp their cultural heritage and appreciate the importance of preserving and valuing it. For instance, learning about traditional crafts, food, or clothing can instill a sense of pride in one's cultural identity. Secondly, exploring traditional products cultivates creativity and fosters innovation. By studying traditional craftsmanship, children can learn valuable skills and techniques that can be applied to modern designs and industries. Lastly, learning about traditional products promotes sustainability and environmental consciousness. By understanding traditional methods and materials, children can explore alternative and eco-friendly approaches to production.

32. 忙碌时期

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

参考回答

Well, the busiest time of my life thus far was my senior year in high school five years ago.

As you know, Chinese students have to take the college entrance exam, which is literally a life-and-death exam, because it determines what level of university you can attend, and in China, getting a degree and diploma is the first priority(第一要务) for employers who are looking to hire. It's fair to say that this exam directly impacts our potential careers, so everyone works at full capacity(全力以赴) to succeed in it.

As you can imagine, every day I was under huge pressure, and what's worse, my daily schedule was incredibly tight. I had to spend all of my waking hours studying and preparing for the exam, which left me no time to chill out(放松). Usually, my day started at 5:30am because I had to get to school before 7. Then, my whole day was fully occupied with 5 classes in the morning and 4 in the afternoon. On top of that, we were required to take evening classes from 6 to 10. I know it sounds hard to believe, but that was exactly how I spent my senior year.

Luckily, I was not alone. All of my classmates were just as stressed as I was. Looking back, it actually feels good knowing that my friends and I were fighting together for our dreams. Now that I have lived through(经历) that intense period of my life, it has become a kind of precious memory, and I have definitely become stronger and tougher. It's like nothing can ever bring me down(击倒我) now. So although it was torture, I'm actually quite grateful for the experience.

Part3

1. Are you often busy?

Being busy is often seen as a badge of honor and a marker of self-worth, it brings a lot of stress to handle. I don't like being busy, so when I have a feeling that I am about to get into such a situation, I will try to shorten my to-do list and adjust my mind. To me, free time is equally important as productive days, because it is crucial to my physical and mental health. If I have spare time, I would rather read some books or go traveling.

2. What are the advantages and disadvantages when people keep busy?

There are certainly some benefits that come with keeping busy. Firstly, staying busy is a great way to combat negative emotions and stay positive. When our plans are in progress, we feel hopeful and motivated. Secondly, busy people are more inclined to have a schedule, set goals and prioritize their workload so they become more productive. On the other hand, If we are unable to complete tasks or uphold the many obligations we have dedicated ourselves to, we may end up feeling guilty, or as if we've let others down, which is a disadvantage of keeping busy. Also, busyness may lead to sacrificing our physical well-being for the sake of getting tasks done.

3. What kind of pressure people may experience at work?

I think the most common stressor is work-life balance. Many people struggle to find a healthy balance between their professional and personal lives. The pressure to excel in one's career often leads to long hours and bringing work home, which can affect relationships and overall health. The modern work environment, especially the rise of remote work, blurs the lines between work and home, adding to this stress. There is also the pressure to evolve and adapt, as most jobs require constant learning and adaptation to new technologies or methods.

4. How does technology help with time management?

Technology plays a significant role in facilitating time management. Numerous apps and digital tools are available that help individuals organize their schedules, set reminders, and prioritize tasks. Calendar apps, task managers, and project management software allow users to plan and track their activities efficiently. Moreover, technology enables remote work and flexible scheduling, providing people with more control over their time. However, it's essential to use technology mindfully, as excessive screen time and digital distractions can counteract the benefits of time management tools.

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

In my opinion, children should learn through playing games rather than under pressure. Learning through play allows children to explore, experiment, and develop their creative thinking skills. It also helps them to stay engaged and motivated. For example, instead of rote memorization, children can learn mathematics by playing educational games that involve counting or problem-solving. This approach not only makes learning enjoyable but also fosters a deeper understanding of the subject matter. However, it's important to consider each child's personality and learning style. Some children may thrive under a little bit of pressure, finding it motivating. Therefore, a balanced approach that accommodates individual needs and preferences is ideal.

6. Does technology distract people?

Well, technology has had both good and bad effects on humans. While technology can aid in time management, it can also be a source of distraction. The constant notifications from smartphones, social media, and entertainment platforms can divert people's attention away from their tasks and priorities. Multitasking, often encouraged by technology, can lead to reduced focus and productivity. It's essential for individuals to develop discipline and digital literacy to manage technology effectively without succumbing to distractions. Additionally, finding a balance between using technology as a tool for time management and disconnecting to maintain mental clarity is key to ensuring that technology enhances, rather than hinders, productivity and well-being.

33. 受欢迎的名人

Describe a popular well-known person in your country

You should say:

Who this person is

What he/she has done

Why he/she is popular

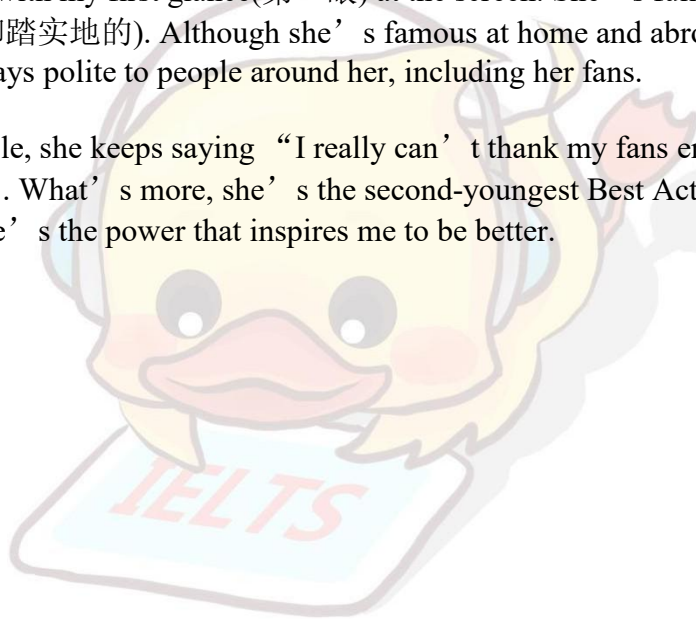
And explain how you feel about this person

参考答案

When it comes to a famous person that I like, it has to be Jennifer Lawrence, my goddess(女神). Jennifer is a well-known American actress. I got to know her from the Hunger Games films, and her starring role(主演角色) as Katniss Everdeen established her as the highest-grossing(票房最高) action heroine of all time. She was born in an ordinary family.

Her father is a construction worker and her mother is a children's camp manager. Before she got famous in Hollywood, Jennifer went to school just like all girls her age. She worked hard and graduated two years early with a high score from middle school. Besides, she also played in local theaters and at the age of 14, she finally decided to become an actress. To be honest, I'm a die-hard fan(铁粉) of her and I'm fascinated by everything about her. I think she's charming and I was totally attracted to(完全被.....迷住) her with my first glance(第一眼) at the screen. She's full of energy and so down-to-earth(脚踏实地的). Although she's famous at home and abroad, she's still humble and is always polite to people around her, including her fans.

For example, she keeps saying "I really can't thank my fans enough and I love them so much". What's more, she's the second-youngest Best Actress Oscar winner. As for me, she's the power that inspires me to be better.



Part3

1. What kinds of people are popular at work?

I think it should be someone who is easy-going social wise and professional on a working level. On one hand, an easy-going person can establish a friendly working environment where relationships are less intense, and people can raise work-related questions freely, hence, benefiting the whole team. Who doesn't like someone friendly? On the other hand, it is workplace after all, so one should be professional and know his or her work scope clearly, be dedicated to the job and support their peer.

2. Are bosses more popular than employees at work?

Yeah, I think so. To be honest, it's kinda normal for employees to be nice and obedient to their bosses, so they can leave good impressions, have higher possibilities to get promoted or simply have a friendly working environment. After all, nobody wants to offend their bosses every day. So, from a realist point of view, the bosses are quite popular. Moreover, it definitely takes some personal charisma to be a leader and guide the whole team, so bosses tend to be inspiring, charming and interesting. Therefore, yes, I believe bosses are more likely to be more popular than employees at work.

3. Which one is more important, maintaining a good relationship with colleagues or doing well at work?

In my opinion, doing well at work is more important than maintaining a good relationship with colleagues. While it is certainly important to have a positive and harmonious working environment, ultimately, the primary goal of any job is to achieve success and yield results. By focusing on doing well at work, one can demonstrate their professionalism, dedication, and ultimately contribute to the overall success of the organization. Additionally, by performing at a high level, it is possible to inspire and motivate colleagues, which in turn can lead to better relationships in the long run. However, it is worth noting that both maintaining good relationships and excelling at work are essential for a truly fulfilling professional experience.

4. What benefits are there when a child is popular at school?

There are several benefits when a child is popular at school, including having more opportunities to participate in activities. When a child is well-liked by their peers, they are often invited to join sports teams, clubs, and other extracurricular activities. This can help them develop various skills such as teamwork, leadership, and time management. Moreover, being popular can boost a child's self-confidence and social skills, as they learn to interact with different individuals and navigate social situations effectively. Additionally, being popular can create a positive social environment for the child, as they are more likely to have supportive friendships and networks. Overall, popularity at school can provide a child with numerous chances to engage in different activities and enhance their overall development.

34. 花费甚少的外出日

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

You should say:

When was the day

Where you went

How much you spent

And explain how you feel about the day

参考回答

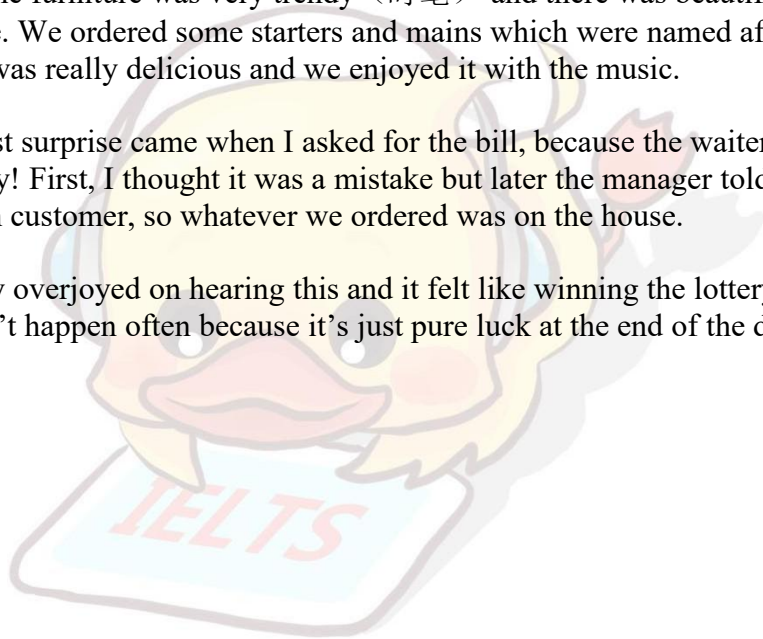
Well, special days are very important in everyone's life. In our country, it's really common for people to spend special days like birthdays, marriages or certain get-togethers with friends. (生日、结婚或者和朋友聚会) If on such an occasion you don't have to spend a fortune, then it will make the day even more special.

I would like to talk about one such special day several months ago, when I reunited with my old friends at a newly opened restaurant in our town. I saw good reviews online about this restaurant, and the pictures looked really attractive. It's a café named Bones & Slaw. According to the reviews online, the cost per person would be around 500 RMB. I know it's anything but inexpensive, but please hear me out (但请听我把话说完).

We reached the café around 8pm and as soon as we entered we were astonished by the interior. The furniture was very trendy (时髦) and there was beautiful lighting creating a nice vibe. We ordered some starters and mains which were named after famous songs. The food was really delicious and we enjoyed it with the music.

The biggest surprise came when I asked for the bill, because the waiter said we didn't need to pay! First, I thought it was a mistake but later the manager told us that we were their 100th customer, so whatever we ordered was on the house.

I felt really overjoyed on hearing this and it felt like winning the lottery. I guess such things don't happen often because it's just pure luck at the end of the day.



Part3

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

Honestly speaking, I think it's no longer a matter of preference now in China, because of the COVID situation. Every time there are some new cases, the community or even the whole city would be in lockdown. People cannot even step out of their homes, let alone go out for leisure activities. I have seen some videos online and people are working at home, cooking at home, doing sports at home, or even shooting a film at home. I think quarantine is driving people nuts. I really miss those days when we could go out and enjoy our life freely. Hopefully, COVID could vanish forever.

2. How do people spend their leisure time in your country?

If you're looking for a unified answer, the majority of Chinese tend to spend their leisure time with their family. But in fact, it varies among different groups. For many youngsters, sitting before their computers or cellphones is the way they do. They can do a lot of things on those screens, like playing computer games, watching films or TV shows, chatting with friends, or just browsing websites without any purpose. Some young people are fans of traveling, either at home or abroad. For the middle ages, the answer might be drinking; for the old, the answer might be dancing.

I guess what Chinese do in leisure time has little difference from people in other countries. Because it all depends and there is no fixed answer.

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

Well, technology has certainly had a profound impact on the way people choose to spend their leisure time. With the advent of smartphones and social media platforms, it seems like everyone is constantly connected and engaged with screens. This has led to a rise in the popularity of short video platforms. One such platform that has gained immense popularity is TikTok, which allows users to create and share short videos of themselves. People are spending a significant amount of time scrolling through and creating content for these platforms, often at the expense of other leisure activities. Hence, it is clear that the widespread availability of short videos has revolutionized the way people spend their leisure time.

4. Do you think only old people have time for leisure?

Not necessarily. While it is often assumed that old people have more free time for leisure activities, this is not always the case. Younger individuals, such as students or those with flexible work schedules, may also have ample time for leisure pursuits. Moreover, leisure activities can vary depending on personal preferences and lifestyles. For instance, some elderly people may engage in activities like gardening or playing chess, while younger individuals may prefer sports or exploring new hobbies. Overall, the availability of leisure time is not solely determined by age, but rather by individual circumstances and interests.

35. 社交媒体上常刷到的人

Describe a person who you follow on social media

You should say

Who he/she is

How you knew him/her

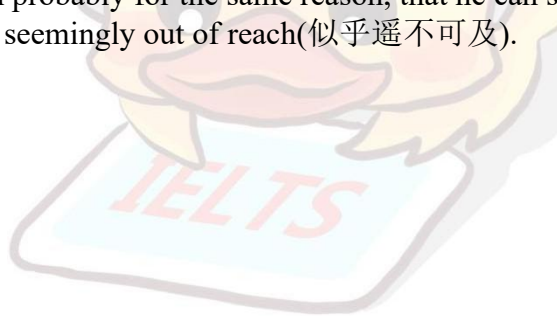
What he/she posts on social media

And explain why you follow him/her on social media

参考答案

So today I just want to share with you what I know about a honorable professor called Luo Xiang. I have known him for about three years since I started to use a smart phone . At first, I bumped into him(偶然遇到) giving a lecture in the Chinese University of Political Science and the Laws, I was really fascinated by his humorous manner and profound knowledge,(幽默诙谐 知识渊博) so I kept following him. Then accidentally, I saw a video clip on the online video platform called Bilibili, it's like YouTube in your culture. He was already a popular Internet influencer with more than 3 million followers(三百万粉丝), and in most of his videos he would use an interesting imaginary figure(有趣的虚构人物) called Zhangsang, who was like an average Joe, to illustrate some dos and don'ts in our daily life. Sometimes when I was staring at Mr Luo who kept a low profile, (保持低调), I would feel his charm.

So, I've become a faithful follower. And almost every evening I would scroll through the platform(刷平台) and to keep up with his latest videos(看最新更新的视频) I would even take down some notes, simply because he devoted himself to raising the awareness of abiding by the rules(提高遵纪守法的意识) and he explained a lot of difficult regulations by using vivid examples. He encourages us to fight for our rights(争取权益) instead of keeping silent when meeting unfairness. With his help, I managed to build a basic theoretical framework(理论框架) of the law and political science, which helped me sort out some daily issues related to regulations. And I guess a lot of young people would follow him probably for the same reason, that he can simply help us understand something seemingly out of reach(似乎遥不可及).



Part3

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

Social media apps that both young people and old people use do have something in common. Basically they would both use them as daily necessity such as WhatsApp and WeChat to keep in touch with family members and best mates. But comparatively, it's more likely that young people would go for a variety of apps with more diverse functions such as trying different filters in the cameras, watching live streaming programmes and also they would probably try some dating apps to find their ideal partner. In order to provide our pensioners fascinating retirement life, maybe our young people could help them with complicated functions on the apps so that they may not be fearful of the fast-growing technology.

2. Do older people spend much time on social media?

Well not exactly. They would employ some fundamental functions on those social media apps, and it is typical of him to get bewildered by the fast-growing technology. So a lot of my friends would go to their grannies to teach them how to use it and I think it's a good thing. Instead of surfing the Internet they would be more likely to stay at home and just watch the TV or maybe take a walk together after dinner, which is pretty common for the elderly in China. And a great phenomenon is that more and more older people are starting to use mobile phones and try to contact their beloved with the help of technology. And I could clearly remember how surprised my granny was the first time she started to use the video conference.

3. What can people do on social media?

There are numerous activities that individuals can engage in on social media platforms. One can share their daily experiences and updates through posts or status updates. Additionally, people can connect with friends and family members by sending messages or participating in video calls. Social media also serves as a platform for sharing photos and videos, allowing individuals to document and showcase their lives. Moreover, people can join communities or groups that align with their interests, where they can engage in discussions and exchange ideas. Overall, social media provides a convenient and accessible way for individuals to share and connect with others, enhancing their daily lives.

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

Yes, traditional sources of media like television and newspapers are still useful in today's digital age. While social media platforms have gained popularity, these traditional media sources continue to serve important functions. For instance, television offers a wide range of educational and entertaining programs, allowing people to stay informed and up-to-date on current affairs. Newspapers provide in-depth analysis and investigative reporting, offering a more comprehensive understanding of news events. Furthermore, these sources cater to diverse audiences who may not have access to the internet or prefer the credibility and reliability associated with traditional media.

36. 困难决定终成功

Describe a difficult decision that you once made and had a good result

You should say:

What the decision was

When you made your decision

How long it took to make the decision

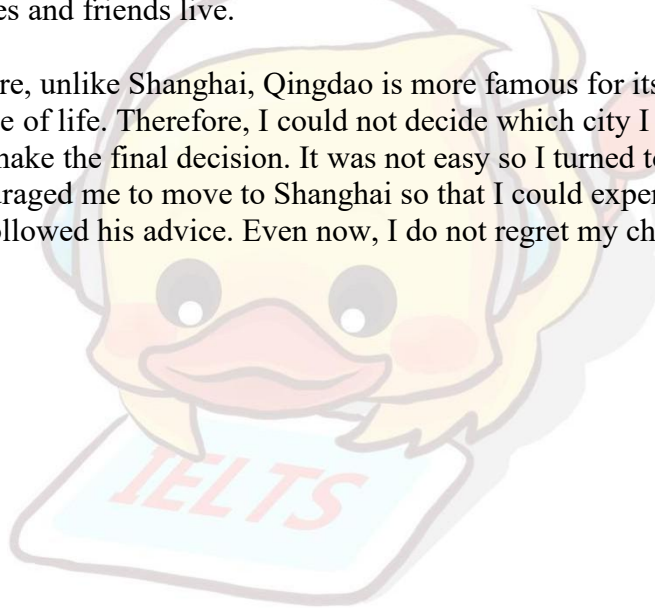
And explain why it was difficult to make

参考回答

I believe almost everyone has made difficult choices, because after all, making decisions is of vital importance(至关重要), especially in terms of big events. I was once confronted with(面临) such a dilemma(两难境地) last summer when I had to decide which offer to choose when I was about to finish my undergraduate degree. I got good credits during the school year so I applied for many positions in large companies.

I then received two offers, one of which was from a private company based in(位于) Qingdao, while the other was from Shanghai for a sales position in a top 3 consulting business. The reason why it was a difficult(困难的) decision for me was that both Shanghai and Qingdao were my ideal cities to live in. On the one hand, as the largest metropolis, Shanghai was sure to be more prospective(有前景的), which means I would have more opportunities, and half of my schoolmates have chosen to live there. But on the other hand, I was born in Qingdao, where I spent my childhood and where many of my relatives and friends live.

What's more, unlike Shanghai, Qingdao is more famous for its beautiful scenery and slower pace of life. Therefore, I could not decide which city I preferred. It took me over a month to make the final decision. It was not easy so I turned to my supervisor for advice who encouraged me to move to Shanghai so that I could experience a more challenging career. I followed his advice. Even now, I do not regret my choice.



Part3

1. What decisions do people usually make in their daily lives?

In their daily lives, people make a multitude of decisions that shape their routines and experiences. Some common decisions include what to wear, what to eat, and what mode of transportation to take. Additionally, individuals often decide how to prioritize their tasks and manage their time effectively. For instance, they may choose whether to complete work assignments first or engage in leisure activities. People also make decisions about their social interactions, such as whom to spend time with and how to communicate with others. Ultimately, the decisions individuals make in their daily lives reflect their values, priorities, and desired outcomes.

2. Which is easier, making a decision by yourself or making a decision after group discussion?

I think it is easier to make a decision by myself. I think the most difficult part of making a decision is to choose one from several options. During the group discussion, on the one hand, people may come up with more ideas and thus offer more alternatives for me to decide. On the other hand, different people may voice out their different standards for the choice. In this sense, I not only need to cross out more choices during the decision-making process, but have to take into consideration the requirements of different people. As a result, I think it is just all the way easier for me to do that on my own.

3. Why are many young people unwilling to follow their parents' advice?

I think many young people don't want to follow their parents' advice because of generation gap, which refers to the different sets of beliefs and values. For instance, on choosing the university or work, parents are more realistic and thus may value the future prospects. They will carefully calculate how much you can earn and whether you will be fired when an economic crisis breaks out. However, young people are often more romantic. They have some big dreams and pursuits. In this sense, often, there will be disagreements on, say, whether to study economics or arts, and whether to work as a government official at hometown or join business start-ups in big cities.

4. Why would middle-aged people tend to second-guess their own decisions?

Middle-aged people may tend to second-guess their decisions due to various factors. One reason could be the increased sense of responsibility that comes with this stage of life. As individuals face multiple roles and obligations, they may feel pressured to make the right choices. Additionally, life experiences and past mistakes can create a sense of caution, leading to doubts about future decisions. Moreover, societal expectations and the fear of failure can contribute to this phenomenon. Ultimately, it is essential to remember that everyone's experience is unique, and not all middle-aged people necessarily second-guess their decisions. The key is to find a balance between careful consideration and trusting oneself.

37. 别人给你的衣服

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

参考答案

I'd like to share with you a tailored suit(定制西装) that I received last month. It was a birthday present from my girlfriend.

At that time, after we had my birthday dinner at the restaurant, she took out a large bag secretly, and said she had carefully selected this present for me. To be honest, I didn't think much of it(不以为然) when I caught a glimpse of(瞥见) the hanger inside the paper bag. I thought it was a normal coat or hoodie.

It was not until I opened the bag and found it was a bespoke suit and (直到...才) I felt pleasantly surprised. To be honest, I always thought I needed a tailored suit made of good fabric for important occasions, like client meetings, presentations, etc. But that idea has always been put on hold, since I don't wear suits very often, so I was surprised my girlfriend was able to guess what I was thinking and chose this gift.

Speaking of the suit, it is made of 100% sheep wool and the VBC readymade fabric(定制面料) so gives it comfort, is wrinkle resistance(抗皱性) and has good air porosity(透气性). When it comes to the design, the waist is appropriately adducted(收腰) to shape the figure. The middle-high waist design of trousers improves the waistline and elongates the legs(拉长腿部比例). At the same time, the style of shoulder with a slightly wider flat collar, optimizes the ratio of head to shoulder(优化头肩比). All in all, I have to say that this suit has won my heart both in terms of pattern cutting(剪裁) and fabric.

When I asked my girlfriend how she knew exactly what my size was, she said she secretly took a suit from my closet and estimated the size based on what she knew about me, which made me marvel at her genius tactic.

Part 3

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

In fact, I think for most people, there is not much difference between the way people dress in every-day life and at work. In daily life, we often decide what to wear according to the occasion we are going to, who we are meeting and even the mood of the day. We are also tended to be influenced by stars and try different styles of dressing. While at work, most companies do not have very strict dress code, and smart casual is also a popular and highly-recognized style of dressing. On certain occasions, such as when there is an important report or meeting, people dress formally not only to give respect to others and show their professionalism, but also to give themselves confidence.

2. Have you ever given clothes to others?

I once gave my dad a down jacket for his birthday. At that time, he had to go on a business trip to Harbin for a month. The temperature in the north was much lower than that in my hometown, and my father was worried about lacking some warm clothes. This gave me the inspiration for the gift, so I searched and learned that goose down is the best quality, and the amount of lint also determine the warmth of clothing. Therefore, I went to the special jacket brand in the mall. After consulting the shop assistant, I chose a down jacket that was warm enough for my father. He was very happy when he received it and said that he could think of my love for him whenever he wore it.

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

Wearing uniforms at work and school has both advantages and disadvantages. On the positive side, uniforms promote a sense of equality and unity among employees and students. They create a professional and disciplined atmosphere, enhancing productivity and concentration. Additionally, uniforms can simplify the decision-making process in the morning, saving time and reducing stress. However, uniforms can also stifle individuality and creativity. Some argue that wearing the same attire every day restricts self-expression and may lead to a lack of confidence. Moreover, uniforms can be expensive, putting financial burden on families. Each viewpoint has its merits, and it ultimately depends on personal preference and the specific context.

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

People from different countries wear different clothing due to their diverse traditions and customs. Clothing is often a reflection of a nation's culture and heritage. In some countries, traditional garments are worn to preserve their historical identity and showcase their unique cultural values. For example, in China, Hanfu is an iconic garment that represents their rich history. Additionally, climatic conditions and available resources also influence clothing choices. In colder regions, people wear heavy woolen attire, while in warmer climates, lighter and breezier fabrics are preferred. Therefore, the diversity in clothing styles across countries is a testament to the rich tapestry of global cultures.

38. 远距离步行

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

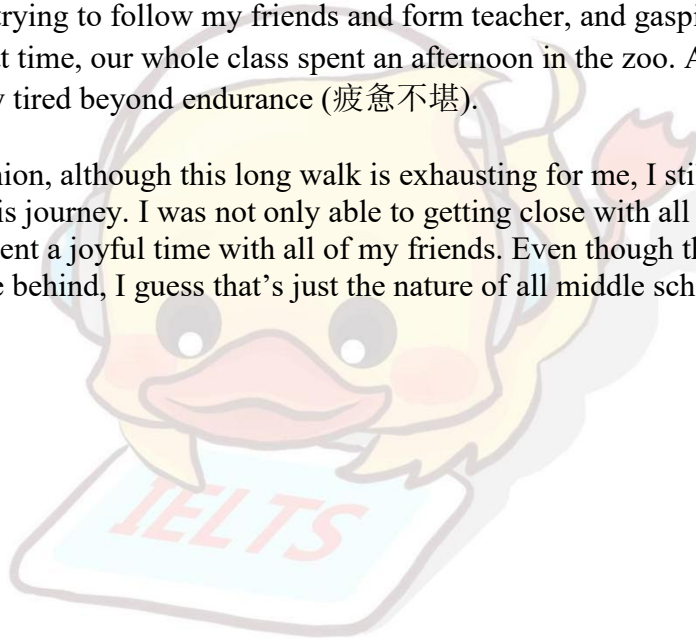
参考答案

I'd like to talk about a long walk which really impressed me. When I was a middle high school student, our school organized all students to go for a spring outing (春游). I remember all of us were in good spirits (兴高采烈) and prepared lots of snacks for the journey. Our destination was Beijing Zoo.



We took a bus to head for the zoo class by class. After we arrived, all tourists should go sightseeing in the zoo on foot. I was accompanied by (随行) all of my classmates, who were absolutely excited about this trip, and our form teacher (班主任), who was in charge of (负责) keeping good discipline. To be honest, I didn't expect the zoo to be that large. In my high school years, I was quite a late developer (发育迟缓), so I was shorter than most of my classmates. It took me a lot of time to catch up with (赶上) the whole class, so I basically had little time to observe animals closely. All I did was running and goggling, trying to follow my friends and form teacher, and gasping for breath (气喘吁吁). At that time, our whole class spent an afternoon in the zoo. All of us were completely tired beyond endurance (疲惫不堪).

In my opinion, although this long walk is exhausting for me, I still have some gains through this journey. I was not only able to getting close with all kinds of rare animals, but also spent a joyful time with all of my friends. Even though they kept running and leaving me behind, I guess that's just the nature of all middle school students.



Part 3

1. What outdoor activities do people like?

People enjoy all kinds of outdoor activities, especially something to enjoy the beautiful scenery and relax themselves. In their spare time, people living in cities love driving to the nearest countryside and treat themselves with the view of village. As a result, many farmers even transform their home into farm stays, attracting different city people. They can also have delicious local cuisine in farm stays, and go sightseeing in the farmlands. Generally speaking, people love sightseeing, because it will not only relieve people from stress, it is also an amazing chance for people to take selfie and upload onto social media. By the way, when visiting farm stays, you can also make new friends, which helps to build a wide range of contacts.

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

In my opinion, nowadays children have less and less freedom to choose their favorite outdoor activities, because children have less outdoor places to play in city and they are more aware of their safety. In the past, the urban area is limited, and most of children live in rural area, so they would play in villages or on mountains in their spare time. Many children were lost or injured while playing. However, now, with the development of urbanization, more and more children live in city, and there is little space for them to play dangerous games, so they have to go to the park. In addition, children are well educated now, so they have acquired knowledge to intentionally stay away from wild places.

3. Is leisure time important to everyone? Why?

Leisure time is indeed important for everyone. It allows individuals to relax and rejuvenate, reducing stress and promoting overall well-being. During leisure activities, people can pursue their hobbies or interests, which contribute to personal growth and satisfaction. Additionally, leisure time provides a much-needed break from work or study, enabling individuals to maintain a healthy work-life balance. Moreover, engaging in leisure activities fosters social connections and enhances relationships with family and friends. It allows people to engage in recreational activities together, creating shared experiences and memories. In summary, leisure time plays a crucial role in maintaining mental and physical health, fostering personal growth, and strengthening relationships.

4. Do women have more leisure time than men?

In terms of leisure time, the distribution between genders varies depending on several factors. While some studies suggest that women may have more leisure time than men, it is crucial to consider the impact of different age groups. Interestingly, the disparity in leisure time seems to be more prominent across age dimensions rather than gender differences. For instance, individuals in their early twenties tend to have more free time compared to those in their thirties or forties due to work and family commitments. Therefore, it is important to acknowledge that the discrepancy in leisure time is influenced by various factors, such as age and life stage, rather than solely based on gender.

39. 惊喜之事

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

参考答案

One thing that surprised me and made me really happy was when my best friend organized a surprise birthday party for me. It was such a lovely gesture that really touched my heart.

I found out about the surprise party on the day of my birthday. My friend had been secretly planning it for weeks and managed to keep it a complete secret. When I arrived at my house after work, I was greeted with a house full of decorations and all of my close friends and family waiting to celebrate with me. I was absolutely astonished and overwhelmed with joy (大吃一惊, 欣喜若狂).

The fact that my best friend went through so much effort to organize this surprise party for me is what made it even more special. She knew how much I loved surprises and how important my birthday was to me. The fact that she remembered all the little details, from my favorite cake flavor to my favorite songs, made me feel incredibly loved and appreciated.

Not only did the surprise party bring me happiness, but it also highlighted (高光时刻) the strength of my friendships. Seeing all my loved ones gathered together, laughing and enjoying themselves, reminded me of how fortunate I am to have such amazing people in my life. It was a beautiful reminder of the love and support that surrounds me (身边的爱与支持).

In conclusion, the surprise birthday party organized by my best friend truly surprised me and made me immensely happy. It was a thoughtful and heartwarming gesture that made me feel loved and appreciated. It also reminded me of the importance of genuine friendships and the joy that comes from sharing special moments with loved ones.

Part 3

1. How do people express happiness in your culture?

Compared with most of western cultures, the essence of our Chinese culture is courtesy. Though people hug each other when feeling over the moon, it is not that common. As a country with a long history of colorful arts, dancing is one of the most preferable ways for Chinese people to celebrate, especially during a variety of festivals and anniversaries. In Chinese New Year, what is the most famous is the lion dance as the lion has been long regarded by ancient people as the symbol of luck. Nowadays, people dressed as lions and dancing along the drumbeat are pervasive everywhere in China to share happiness.

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

Yes, I am unequivocal that happiness has an overridingly positive effect on people. With the feeling of happiness, it is more possible for people to hold a more optimistic attitude towards everything in their lives. Without happiness, people tend to be seriously plagued by anxiety and depression which will have a malignant effect not only on their working efficiency but also on their physical and mental condition as abundance of evidence has been cited by numerous experts to demonstrate that pessimistic emotion can breed chronic kidney' s and brain' s illness.

3. How can people be happy?

There are several ways people can find happiness. Firstly, maintaining a positive mindset is crucial. It involves actively seeking out joy in everyday situations and being grateful for what we have. Secondly, cultivating meaningful relationships and surrounding ourselves with loved ones can bring immense happiness. Thirdly, pursuing our passions and interests can create a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction. Additionally, taking care of our physical and mental well-being through regular exercise and self-care activities is essential for happiness. Lastly, contributing to the community through acts of kindness and volunteering can also bring a sense of purpose and happiness.

4. Is it good for people to be unhappy? Why?

It is not necessarily good for people to be unhappy all the time. However, experiencing moments of unhappiness can be beneficial in certain situations. Negative emotions, such as sadness or frustration, can serve as motivation for personal growth and self-reflection. They can push individuals to seek solutions to their problems and make changes in their lives. Additionally, unhappiness can foster empathy and compassion towards others who may be going through similar struggles. Nonetheless, it is important for individuals to find a healthy balance and prioritize their overall well-being and happiness.

40. 语言学习

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

参考答案

You must have heard of the foreign language corner, right? It is usually outside of the library or in a fixed corner of the city park. People who learn a certain foreign language will go there to communicate and study at a certain time every week. Sometimes there will be native speakers or foreign language teachers. Everyone provides free help. In addition to English, the foreign language I have studied is German. So, the German corner in the city park has helped me a lot.

As we all know, German is difficult, especially in grammar terms. When I started learning German, I was self-taught(自学的). It was fine at the beginning, but as I went on, I found that I couldn't really understand German without a language environment. So, after looking up(查阅) local German learning groups online, I went to the German Corner in the city park. The German Corner meets twice a week, Wednesday at 7pm and Saturday at 7pm. There are German teachers, German learners, and most importantly, Germans, all of whom offer selfless advice on German learning(所有人都无私地给出德语学习的建议). We chat, discuss, and use no language other than German(除了德语什么语言都不用). In the beginning, I felt that the German Corner was a challenge for me. Although I studied for a long time, when I really faced a German, I was still very nervous, and I found that I had some pronunciation problems, not to mention listening difficulties. But I am so grateful that after a period of German Corner study, I am now able to communicate with Germans on daily topics. And with everyone's encouragement, I plan to apply for the German B1 level exam next month, I hope I can be lucky enough to pass it in one go.(一次性通过考试).

The German Corner has helped me a lot, both from a confidence building perspective and from a language learning perspective(不管是从自信心的建立角度还是从语言学习角度). I recommend this method to anyone learning German, or any foreign language.

Part 3

1. What difficulties do people face when learning a language?

I think most people will encounter various difficulties when learning a new language, such as difficulties with pronunciation, difficulties with vocabulary memory and difficulties with ways of thinking. I think the difficulty of learning a foreign language mainly depends on the difference between the mother tongue and the foreign language. Of course, the more unfamiliar the language, the more difficult it is to learn. As far as pronunciation is concerned, a native speaker of Mandarin will definitely be confused by the tones of Cantonese, and even more confused by the continuous tones of Hokkien. And even native speakers of Cantonese have difficulty learning languages like Thai and Vietnamese because of the differences in pronunciation, not to mention the differences in pronunciation between Russian, Italian and German.

2. Do you think language learning is important? Why?

Yes, of course. By learning a language, you can understand the culture of this country and feel the charm of this country. Conversing and reading directly in this language is very different from the experience translated by others. Take myself as an example. Because of learning German, I experienced the charm of the German language itself, and I met many good German friends in the process of learning. Through talking with them, I felt the different ways of understanding the world from another nation, and learned about the interesting ways of thinking under different national and cultural backgrounds. In the past, I only learned about Germany from books and TV media, but now I feel Germany more truly, and understand another world that I have never known before, which increases the experience of my life.

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

In my opinion, studying in a group has several advantages over studying alone. Firstly, when you study with your classmates, you can benefit from their different perspectives and ideas. This can help broaden your understanding of the subject matter. Additionally, studying in a group allows for the sharing of study materials, such as notes and textbooks, which can lighten the individual workload. Moreover, group study sessions can encourage active discussions and debates, helping to reinforce concepts and enhance critical thinking skills. Lastly, studying in a group can also provide emotional support and motivation, as you can encourage and inspire each other to stay focused and achieve academic goals together. All in all, studying with classmates can be a more stimulating and productive learning experience.

4. What's the best way to learn a language?

There are various methods to learn a language effectively. One of the most efficient approaches is immersing oneself in the language by engaging in conversations with native speakers. By regularly conversing with locals, language learners can practice their speaking and listening skills, gain exposure to authentic use of the language, and pick up on local cultural nuances. Additionally, using language learning apps, watching movies or TV shows in the target language, and reading books can all aid in language acquisition. It's important to customize the learning process to suit individual learning styles and preferences. Plus, dedicating consistent effort and practice is key to mastering a language.

41. 生活中离不开的东西

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

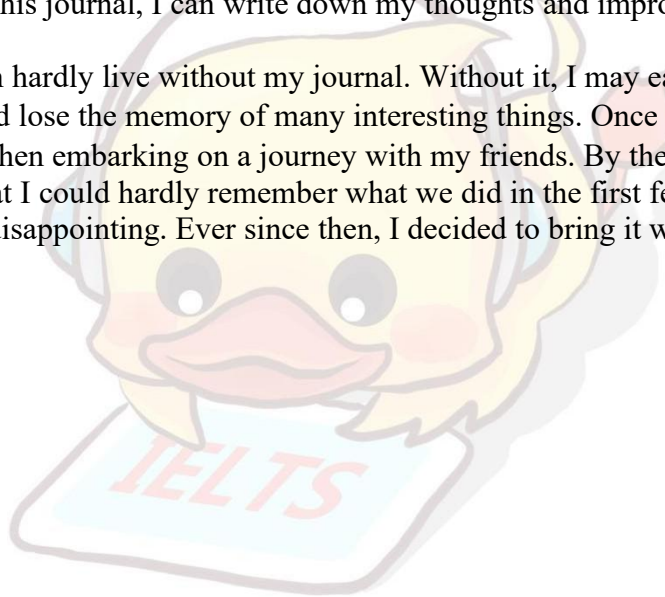
And explain why you can't live without it

参考答案

I have a journal, and I always carry it wherever I go. I' ve been journaling since middle school, after learning that famous figures like Albert Einstein, Marie Curie and Leonardo da Vinci recorded experiences and sketched out (草拟) ideas.

In most cases, I use it to write down to-do lists and capture my thoughts. This journal has helped me to keep track of (记录) my experiences throughout the day, be it a funny conversation or a new recipe that I like . In addition, it is more convenient to write things down instead of keeping a running tally of (记账) to-do items in my head. I can cross things off as I complete them and get a great sense of accomplishment. I also use this journal to do some simple sketches, which allows my imagination to run wild (横行). The inspiration that pops up while I' m brainstorming through sketching often surprises me. For instance, the stories I come across in real life may inspire my work in literature. And with this journal, I can write down my thoughts and improve my working memory.

Now, I can hardly live without my journal. Without it, I may easily forget what to do for the day and lose the memory of many interesting things. Once I didn' t bring the journal with me when embarking on a journey with my friends. By the day we came back home, I found that I could hardly remember what we did in the first few days of the trip, which was very disappointing. Ever since then, I decided to bring it with me, wherever I travel.



Part 3

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

People are born with a sense of curiosity. Compared to adults, children have less experiences and thus are more easily attracted by new things. If we look at this phenomenon from the perspective of neuroscience, this kind of novelty is so powerful because, in evolutionary terms, we pay attention to what's new to determine whether it's a threat. In other words, children are exploring this world by paying attention to new things and get motivation from this exploration to learn, work and succeed. Research shows that the tendency to seek out novel experiences often declines with age. Children are not bound with the routines that we have established, which makes it more likely for them to stray from familiar experiences.

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

For many people, things carry memories and meanings. The clothes that one wears when meeting her husband, the first house that a couple buys when they get married and the old watch inherited from one's father — these things are heavily loaded with our emotions and memories. It feels like discarding memory or experience when throwing them away. Moreover, for many elder people, these things also carry significant meanings that are unique and unduplicable. For instance, my grandma has kept an old porcelain teacup with her for decades. My grandpa, who has passed away for years, bought her this teacup when they were in their 20s. It's more like a love token for them and a relic of my grandfather. As a result, although the cup is worn-out, my grandma never thinks about throwing it away, because she wants to keep this beautiful memory of her youth and affection.

3. Is the way people buy things affected? How?

Yes, the way people buy things has been significantly influenced by various factors, such as advertising. Advertising plays a crucial role in shaping consumer behavior and preferences. Through persuasive marketing techniques, advertisers create a desire for certain products or brands, leading people to make purchasing decisions based on these influences. For example, an eye-catching advertisement might attract consumers and convince them to buy a particular item they may not have considered otherwise. Additionally, the rise of e-commerce has revolutionized the way people shop, offering convenience, a wide range of products, and competitive prices. This has undoubtedly impacted the traditional brick-and-mortar retail industry. Overall, the way people buy things has evolved due to the influence of advertising and the advent of online shopping platforms.

4. What do you think influences people to buy new things?

There are several factors that influence people to buy new things. On one hand, the rapid advancement in technology plays a significant role. With the introduction of new gadgets and innovative products, individuals are enticed by the convenience and features offered. Moreover, social influence also plays a part. Seeing others around them with new possessions creates a desire for individuals to keep up with the latest trends. On the other hand, it is important to consider the drawbacks of excessive consumerism. The constant need for new things can lead to unnecessary spending and contribute to environmental issues such as waste and resource depletion. Therefore, while buying new things can bring satisfaction and keep up with the changing times, it is crucial to strike a balance and make conscious choices to avoid the negative impacts.

42. 喜欢一起聊天的朋友

Describe a friend you like to talk with

You should say:

Who he/she is

What you like to talk about

Why you like to talk with him/her

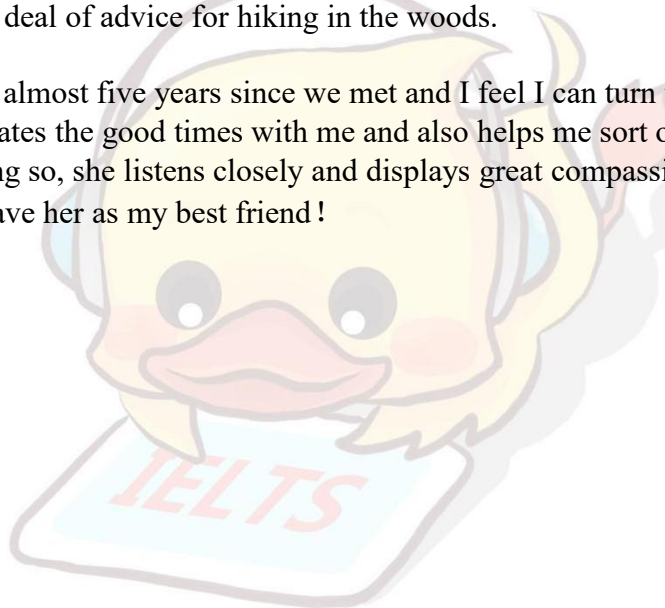
And explain how you feel about him/her

参考答案

I want to talk about Linda, an intelligent girl with a super sweet personality (性格甜美). We were roommates at college. To be honest, when I first met her, I thought to myself, wow, this girl's so talkative! She talked as if she was some sort of hero, because she was always saying that she could help out with this or that. But very soon after, I noticed that she wasn't just saying it, she was doing it as well! For example, when I lost my dining card, she used her card to buy me meals for a whole week!

Anyhow, we gradually became good friends because we share many common interests. We both like reading, traveling and playing badminton, and we often go to the library together to pick different books to read. Whenever I come across a great book, I recommend it to her (我遇到好书的时候, 会推荐给她读). After she reads it, we'll discuss it together. We also go away together. I really love nature, but she's even more experienced than I am when it comes to nature exploration (大自然探索). She's given me a great deal of advice for hiking in the woods.

It's been almost five years since we met and I feel I can turn to her anytime I need to. She celebrates the good times with me and also helps me sort out tricky moments in life. When doing so, she listens closely and displays great compassion (同理心). I'm so lucky to have her as my best friend!



Part 3

1. Where do young people like to meet?

Well, a lot of young people like to meet in the shopping malls, as far as I know. Take myself as an example, whenever I meet with my friends, we would choose to meet somewhere in the shopping mall, 'cause we often spend the day hanging out in clothes or shoe shops. It's a popular way for young people, especially girls, to pass time and increase friendship. Having said that, if we are meeting up for serious matters, we may choose to meet in the cafe or restaurant, where we could find a quiet corner for a private conversation while we enjoy good food.

2. What do young people talk about when they meet up?

Interesting question! We talk about all sorts of things, really, from fashion to academic studies. Young boys like to talk about sports, computer games and sometimes they touch on serious matters like politics. You could often hear a group of boys talk loudly about certain politicians. As for girls, most of us can naturally start or join a conversation about fashion. Also, like it or not, many girls tend to gossip about others, whether it's a common friend, or a superstar. So anyways, there are various topics for young people.

3. Do you think people should be honest when talking with friends?

Yes, I believe it is important for people to be honest when talking with friends. Honesty is the foundation of any strong friendship. By being truthful, we can build trust and maintain open communication. However, it is equally important to consider how we deliver our honesty. It is possible to be honest without being harsh or hurtful. Offering constructive feedback and support can strengthen friendships and help friends grow together. Ultimately, honesty promotes understanding and fosters genuine connections between individuals.

4. On what occasions do people talk with strangers?

People often engage in conversations with strangers on various occasions. One common circumstance is during social events or gatherings such as parties, where individuals come together and interact with new acquaintances. Additionally, people often strike up conversations with unfamiliar individuals in daily life situations, such as waiting in line at a supermarket or while commuting on public transportation. Another scenario is when attending conferences or workshops, as participants often engage in discussions with others who share similar interests. Moreover, traveling offers opportunities to talk with strangers, whether it's seeking directions or sharing experiences.

43. 一个去过的地方

Describe a time you visited a new place

You should say:

Where the new place is

When you went there

Why you went there

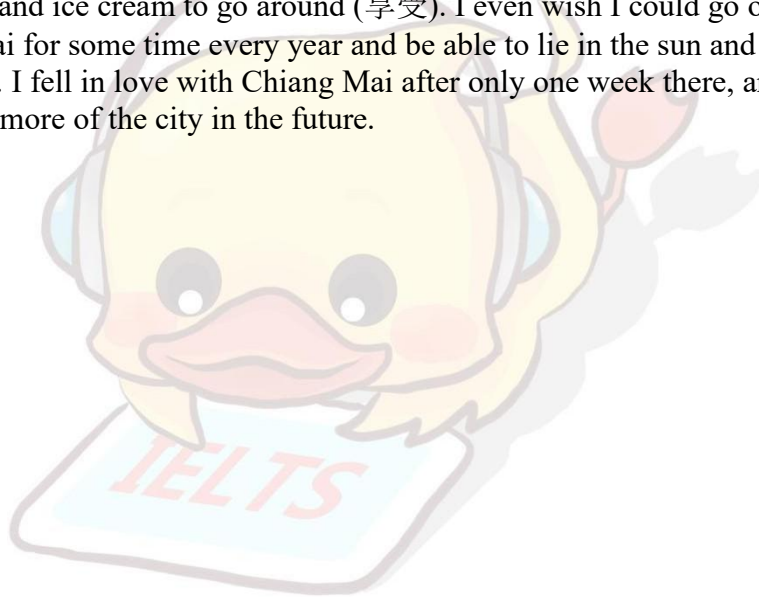
And explain how you feel about the place

参考答案

I used to travel to Chiang Mai, which is a city in Thailand. Chiang Mai is a popular tourist destination with a variety of well-known attractions and stunning scenery (惊人的景色). I went there for vacation with my parents two years ago.

My parents were also very busy with work, and I am usually very busy with my studies. So, while I was on summer vacation, my parents each took a week off (请假一周) and we all went on a family vacation to Chiang Mai to relax. Chiang Mai is a city that I adore. To begin with, Chiang Mai has a tropical climate that is never cold (从不寒冷的热带天气). Furthermore, the people of Chiang Mai are extremely friendly, and the waiters in restaurants and hotels are willing to assist us with anything.

Finally, the food in Chiang Mai is extremely appealing (诱人的食物); fresh seafood and spicy local cuisine always makes me hungry. When I'm full, however, there's plenty of fresh fruit and ice cream to go around (享受). I even wish I could go on vacation to Chiang Mai for some time every year and be able to lie in the sun and sunbathe and walk in slippers. I fell in love with Chiang Mai after only one week there, and I hope to return to explore more of the city in the future.



Part 3

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

For a long time, I prefer to live in a city. Because living in a city gives me more time to explore the city in depth rather than just looking around and visiting various attractions on a set schedule. If I can stay in a city for a long time, I can try out various gourmet restaurants based on my own preferences, locate inaccessible but stunning scenic spots, and converse with various people on the street to learn about the city's culture and characteristics. If we are just tourists, we will most likely be able to appreciate the city's beauty on the surface but not its inner beauty.

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

I believe that when young children go to school for the first time, they cry because they are afraid of the unknown. My mother told me that when I first started kindergarten, I cried as I stood at the door. Because children spend most of their time at home before attending their first day of school. As a result, when the scene changes, they become terrified, and crying is a common expression of fear. At the same time, children often have the most contact with family members before starting school, and they may be nervous when meeting new friends and teachers.

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

There are several reasons why some individuals prefer to attend college far away from home. Firstly, they may seek a new experience and strive to live independently. Going to a college in a different city or even country allows them to immerse themselves in a different culture and adapt to new surroundings. Besides, it provides an opportunity to broaden their horizons and gain a global perspective by interacting with diverse communities. Moreover, attending a college away from home can foster personal growth and self-reliance as they learn to manage their own affairs and navigate through unfamiliar environments. Overall, these individuals are motivated by the desire to explore new lifestyles and challenge themselves in unique ways.

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

Young and old people often react differently to new things. While it's usually thought that younger folks are more open to trying out new stuff, that doesn't hold true for everyone. Some older people have a fresh way of thinking and are excited to dive into new experiences. But generally speaking, young people tend to be more adventurous and curious; they're quick to accept and adapt to new ideas, technologies, and trends. Still, it's worth remembering that age isn't the only factor when it comes to being open-minded—there are always exceptions with individuals who break the mold!

44. 想要共事的家人

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

参考回答

In the future, I would love to work with my cousin, Sarah. She has always been supportive and encouraging, and I believe we would make a great team. In the past, we haven't had the opportunity to work together, but we have always been close and have shared many memorable experiences (难忘的经历).

Sarah is a talented graphic designer (才华横溢的平面设计师), and I have always admired her creative skills. I have a passion for marketing, and I think combining our talents would result in successful advertising campaigns. My focus would be on developing effective strategies to promote products, while Sarah's expertise in design would bring the visual appeal.

I can imagine us brainstorming ideas, collaborating on projects, and bouncing off each other's creativity. We would be able to work towards our common goals with shared enthusiasm and determination (热情和决心). I believe that our complimentary skills and strong bond as family members would provide a solid foundation for a successful partnership.

The idea of working together with my cousin fills me with excitement and a sense of joy. Not only would we be able to combine our talents, but we would also be able to spend quality time together doing something we both love. The thought of sharing professional milestones and celebrating our collective achievements together is truly fulfilling.

I envision our future collaboration to be a harmonious and productive one, where we support and challenge each other to reach new heights. Working with Sarah would not only be an excellent career move, but it would also strengthen our bond as family members. I am confident that our teamwork and shared values would lead to a successful and rewarding partnership in the future.

Part 3

1. What kinds of family businesses are common in China?

I don't really know much about the business world, so I'm just gonna blurt out whatever comes to my mind. Personally, I know two types of family corporations. One is the handcraft workshop type. For example, the father is a shoemaker, so is his son, and so is his grandson. Something like that. This type of business is usually small-scaled and passed down for generations. The other type is more modern, such as those private enterprises whose stakeholders are all from the same family. Not necessarily every member participates in the company's operation, but if the business is doing well, a bunch of people get shares.

2. Is it good to work with family members? Why?

I would say it's quite risky. Colleagues and relatives are supposed to be two different social relationships, and messing them up would make things complicated. I mean, if it's pure colleague when things go wrong, we can turn to the law or go to arbitration without hesitation. But imagine when a family business is falling apart and you're fighting with your uncle or cousin, it's really difficult for everyone to stay objective and put emotions aside. With that being said, one good thing about working with family is the kinship. You don't need to familiarize yourself with colleagues from scratch, because you know them well already.

3. Why do people want to have a family business?

Many people aspire to work for their family business for various reasons. One significant factor is the strong support and understanding they receive from their family members. Unlike working in other organizations, family businesses often offer a more supportive and nurturing environment, where family members have a shared vision and are deeply invested in each other's success. Furthermore, working for a family business provides individuals with unique opportunities for personal and professional growth. They have the chance to learn and inherit valuable skills, knowledge, and expertise from their family, which can greatly benefit their own career development.

4. What benefits are there when working for big companies?

Working for big companies can offer several benefits. Firstly, one advantage is the broader perspective it provides. Being part of a large organization enables employees to gain exposure to different departments, projects, and global operations. This exposure can expand their knowledge and enhance their skills, leading to greater career growth opportunities. Additionally, big companies often have established training programs and resources to provide employees with professional development opportunities. This can further broaden their skill set and increase their marketability in the job market. Overall, working for a big company can offer a more diverse and expansive experience, opening doors to new possibilities.

45. 快乐活动

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

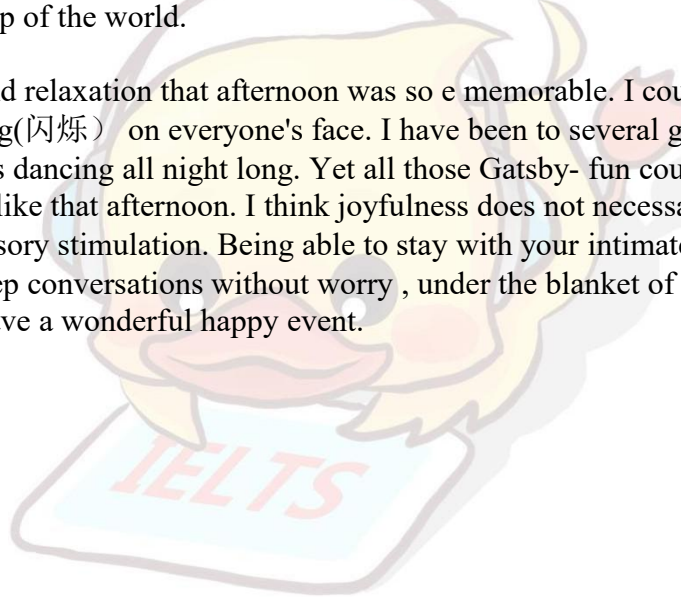
And explain why you think it was a successful event

参考回答

It was an ordinary Tuesday afternoon. I and a few of my close friends were heading back to our dormitory, after a lecture. We were passing by a students' activities facility. As I looked up at the clear sky, I came up with the idea to have a small gathering on the building's rooftop. So, we went to the convenience store on the building's ground floor and picked some snacks and drinks. On one side of the facility is a wall of stretching steps, allowing us to wander up to the top.

So, we went up. There was a small garden on it, and a few chairs and tables alongside. We just sat down, sharing our snacks and drinking alcohol. . The breeze of late autumn was brisk and refreshing (徐徐吹来, 沁人心脾). As we were chatting, we forgot about how we were all facing the pressure of graduating and independence. Being a senior undergraduate, it seems everything going forward is both luring and terrifying. But that afternoon, the idea of an escape from the ground, made everything else seem irrelevant. We were singing and playing party games. Everyone laughed so hard as if we were on top of the world.

The joy and relaxation that afternoon was so e memorable. I could still see the sunset glimmering(闪烁) on everyone's face. I have been to several grand parties and trendy night clubs dancing all night long. Yet all those Gatsby- fun could never ease the fatigue out of me like that afternoon. I think joyfulness does not necessarily come along with strong sensory stimulation. Being able to stay with your intimate (亲密的) friends, having deep conversations without worry , under the blanket of a perfect sky is all it takes to have a wonderful happy event.



Part 3

1. How can parents help children to be organized?

To cultivate children's good habits, the first is for parents to spare independence. Without the space for kids to organize by themselves, they cannot learn from executing parents' orders. And the second is to start with the subtle. By asking kids to organize their personal belongings such as toys and clothing, they may understand how tidiness could help them live a more comfortable life since losing a favourite toy may be excruciating to them. Also, it is critical to set the principle that without serious exception, children shall bear the outcome of their behaviour. Parents should not help them to finish a project at the last minute or help them find the missing stationery.

2. On what occasions do people need to be organized?

I would say on all occasions. But clearly, when people are undertaking a serious public service mission, such as pandemic control, they should definitely organize better. It is very common for mandatory quarantine to be issued in China, yet social distancing could lead to social isolation then cause catastrophes like starvation or unavailable medical urgent assistance. When government officers issue the plan for quarantine, they should build comprehensive understandings of citizens' basic needs and run some essential cost-benefit calculations. Only after good plan-making comes good implementation. Compared to horrible business foresight, sloppy policy-making is more concerned with the essence of people's livelihood. Hence, all public servants, as much as all the gratitude we shall offer, must think twice and get organized.

3. Does everything need to be well prepared?

In my opinion, while careful preparation is important, there can also be benefits to spontaneous or improvised moments during events. While it is generally recommended to be well-prepared, sometimes unexpected situations arise where improvisation can be advantageous. For example, in a public speaking event, adding an impromptu anecdote or responding spontaneously to questions from the audience can create a more engaging and interactive atmosphere. However, it is crucial to strike a balance between preparation and improvisation, as too much reliance on spontaneity may lead to a lack of coherence or clarity in delivering a message.

4. Do people need others' help when organizing things?

In some cases, people may need assistance when organizing things. Personally, I believe that it depends on the situation. Generally speaking, I am quite independent and prefer to handle organizing tasks on my own. However, when I am pressed for time or dealing with a large amount of work, I would not hesitate to seek help from others. For example, if I had a tight deadline to meet or if I was organizing a major event, I would definitely consider asking someone for their support. It's all about finding a balance between being self-reliant and recognizing the value of collaboration when necessary.

46. 有趣的歌曲

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

参考答案

Well, so far, one of the most interesting songs I've ever heard has been The Fox, also called What Does the Fox Say? It is a song made by the Norwegian singer Ylvis, a comedy duo(喜剧二人组) from Bergen, to promote the launch of a new season(新一季) of talk show TV programs.



The fox then became the accidental viral hit(意外爆红) released on YouTube in the year of 2013, and there were 4.1 million hits(点击量) in less than three days, becoming Ylvis' breakout song(成名曲) and drawing international attention to the group. The music video by Ylvis explores the question of what the fox says. We know the cow says, "moo" and the dog says, "woof," but what about the fox? Is it a howl? Is it a squeak? The fox, like a children's song, sums up the sound produced by common animals such as dogs, cats, birds, and mice, by adopting the seemingly illogical(天马行空的) singing style to interpret various versions of the foxes' sound together with some unconstrained and flexible onomatopoeia wording(拟声词).

Their unrestrained and vigorous style that drips with talent(才华横溢) breaks the previous singing and style of song interpretation. If you have a look at its MV, you would definitely be attracted by its different performing style. At the beginning of MV, a group of handsome men and women dressed as animals held a party in a forest villa(森林别墅) accompanied by(伴随) their funny steps. Interestingly, some onomatopoeic words are engaging(有趣的、吸引人的) and full of fun, including ow, ow, ow and wa-pa-pa-pa-pa-pow. It reminds me some unforgettable innocent days(天真烂漫的日子) of early childhood, just eating, talking, and playing with my friends. Also from its funny lyrics, what the singer conveys is not only about how the fox makes sound, but about how people can be to animals.. And I'd like to think that I do my part in being at one with nature.

Part 3

1. Why are many music competitions popular in China?

That's an interesting question. Well, I would elaborate it from the two main meaningful points. On the one hand, the content and design styles of these music competitions are really appealing. Let's say The Voice of China, China's largest and most-viewed reality singing talent show at the moment. Contestants are portrayed as ordinary people who have been given this grand opportunity to express and pursue their passion for music on stage. It is available to each individual with great passion for music. On the other hand, with the accelerated pace of life and work, people tend to go with music as a way to unwind or relax..

2. What kinds of music do young people like?

Compared with the music that parents and elders had access to decades ago, the ways and types of music for the younger generation are, to be honest, very diversified, but the majority of them have similar appetite for music. Personally speaking, the most popular answer was rap. According to the recent data released in NetEase Cloud Music, the most popular music platforms in China overall, hip-hop/rap is the genre that is most consumed in Chinese young groups. This can be largely contributed by some rap shows around the world, be it The Rap of China or Wild N Out in the United States. Such kinda art form deeply reflects the way young people show to decompress when they're feeling tense and competitive.

3. What kinds of people like traditional music?

There are various types of people who appreciate traditional music. For instance, those who have a deep connection with their cultural heritage often have an affinity for traditional music. They find comfort and pride in listening to melodies that have been passed down through generations. Additionally, music lovers who appreciate the richness and authenticity of traditional music also enjoy this genre. They find solace in the simplicity and rawness that traditional instruments and lyrics offer. Moreover, there are individuals who are fascinated by the history and cultural significance behind traditional music.

4. What are the differences between live concert and online concert?

Live concerts and online concerts have distinct differences. One notable dissimilarity is the sense of atmosphere. When attending a live concert, the audience experiences the energy and excitement firsthand. The presence of the performer, the interaction with other concertgoers, and the collective applause create a unique ambiance that cannot be replicated online. In contrast, online concerts lack this atmosphere, as they are viewed through screens and lack the physical presence of the artist and the audience. Despite the convenience and accessibility of online concerts, they cannot fully capture the immersive experience and the vibrant atmosphere of a live concert.

5. Do you like to watch music TV programs? Why?

Yes, I enjoy watching music TV programs because they provide a visual and auditory experience. Being able to see the performances of my favorite artists enhances my overall enjoyment. Additionally, music TV programs often feature interviews and behind-the-scenes footage, which gives me insights into the lives of the musicians I admire. However, if given the choice, I would prefer listening to music on my phone. It allows me to have complete control over my playlist and enjoy music anytime and anywhere. It also offers a wider selection of songs and genres, catering to my personal preferences.

6. Are foreign songs popular in your country?

In my country, both local and international songs enjoy popularity. While Chinese songs are more mainstream and widely listened to, there are also people who have a strong liking for foreign songs. These individuals appreciate the diversity and unique styles that international music offers. They often listen to songs in English, Korean, or Spanish, among other languages. It's fascinating to witness the cultural exchange that occurs through music, as foreign songs broaden our horizons and expose us to different genres and melodies. Overall, the appreciation for foreign music is growing, alongside the charm of our local music scene.

47. 庆祝过的活动

Describe an important event that you celebrated

You should say:

What was this event

When did it happen

Why it was important

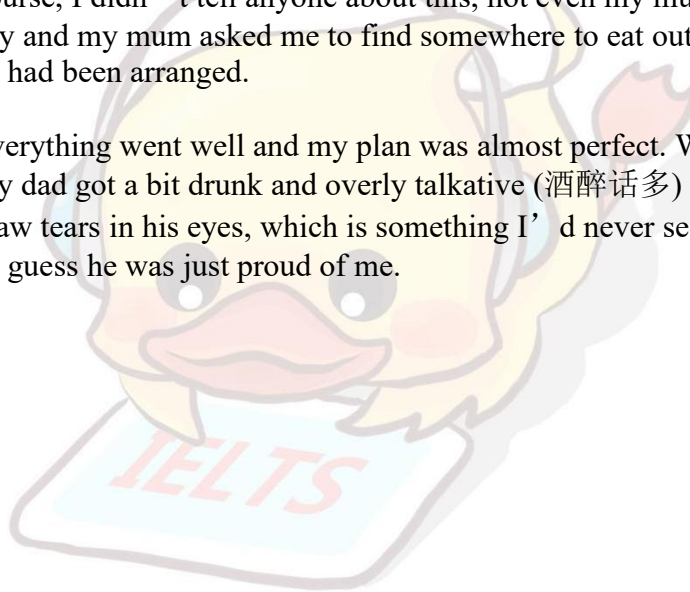
And explain how people felt about it

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I'd like to talk about my dad's 50th birthday party. You see, in China, we believe that there are certain birthdays which are more significant than others, because they carry a kind of a cultural meaning(宾语/定语/原因复合从句), or they act as milestones which mark new and different stages in your life. When we turn 50, we believe that people can understand destiny (知天命) and maybe predict the future. A bit superstitious you might say, but I guess people just become wiser with age. Also, as far as my dad's concerned, he - and I quote - 'could literally feel the ruthless power of age' (岁月的无情力量) upon turning 50.

At the time of the party, I was doing my internship at a local company, so I was able to save some money for his special day. I called a very fine restaurant near my home and made a reservation for a private room. My father really gets into the traditional Chinese spirit, so I also prepared a famous Maotai for him, since I thought he deserves the very best. Of course, I didn't tell anyone about this, not even my mum, so when it came to his birthday and my mum asked me to find somewhere to eat out, I told her that everything had been arranged.

Overall, everything went well and my plan was almost perfect. Well, I say almost because my dad got a bit drunk and overly talkative (酒醉话多)! He was very happy and I swear I saw tears in his eyes, which is something I'd never seen before in my previous 22 years! I guess he was just proud of me.



Part3

1. Do people often celebrate festivals with families?

Yes, people often celebrate festivals with their families. It is a common tradition to gather with family members during festive occasions. For instance, during Chinese New Year, families come together to have reunion dinners and exchange gifts. Similarly, during Christmas, families decorate their homes, attend church services, and enjoy a festive feast with loved ones. Sharing these special moments with family members strengthens the bonds between relatives and creates lasting memories. Consequently, celebrating festivals with family is a cherished practice in many cultures worldwide.

2. Do people often celebrate events with a large group of people or just a few people?

In my opinion, celebrating with just a few close friends can also be a wonderful experience. This intimate setting allows for deeper conversations and stronger connections. Birthdays or personal achievements are often celebrated with a small group of friends or family members, as it creates a more meaningful and personal atmosphere. All in all, whether it's a large gathering or an intimate gathering, the most important thing is to surround ourselves with people who bring us joy and make the event truly special.

3. What kinds of events do people usually celebrate?

As far as I'm concerned, most people celebrate such important events as wedding anniversary, birthday, valentine's day, Mother's day and so forth. I think such celebrations represent ones' attitude and passion because celebrating with lovers or families enables people to remember some old days and thus learn to be grateful. But as you may know, more and more people are driven by some multifarious promotions on social media, as a result, people are pursuing celebrations almost every month, I think it becomes a kind of waste. So people should really keep calm in this kind of celebration.

4. Do you like to celebrate important events?

Yes, I do enjoy celebrating important events. There is something special about coming together with loved ones to commemorate significant moments. Whether it's birthdays, anniversaries, or cultural holidays, these occasions provide an opportunity to create lasting memories. For example, on my birthday, my family always prepares a special meal and we exchange heartfelt gifts. Additionally, I appreciate the cultural significance of events like Chinese New Year, where we gather to honor traditions and share prosperity. Overall, celebrating important events allows us to connect with our roots, strengthen bonds with others, and make life more joyful.

48. 想参加的比赛

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

And explain why you would like to participate in it

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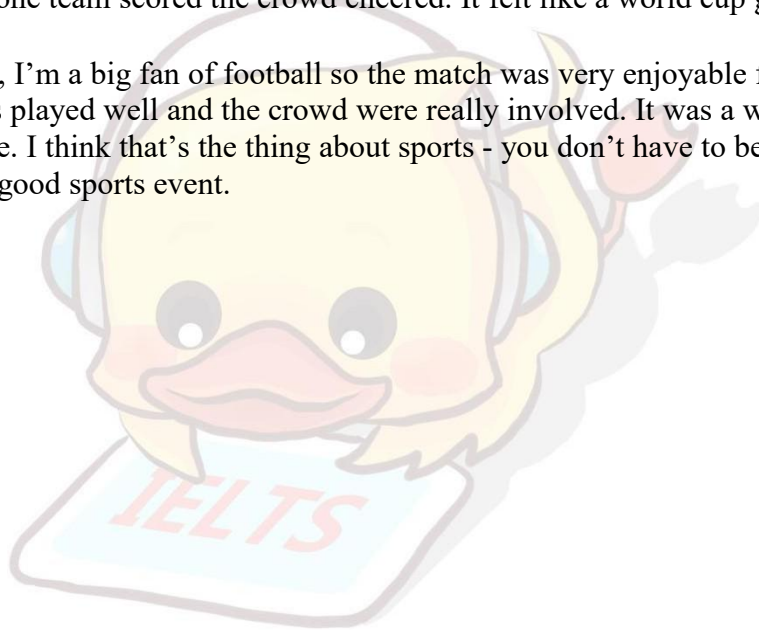
A competition I would like to take part in is the annual football league (年度足球联赛). It is a series of games(系列赛) between our school and other schools in my city. This is a highly anticipated (高度参与) competition because there is lots of trash talk among the schools in terms of who has the best football team.



The football league is a set of tournament matches that are held in different high schools each year. This year it's our turn, so all the matches will be held in the sport stadium at school. The stadium is newly built with a very contemporary design (现代化的外观).

It was No. 3 middle school that won the championship last year. I still remember the stadium being packed with people(挤满了人) for the final match, and there were many people from different schools all wearing their school's uniform. It was pretty exciting, and when one team scored the crowd cheered. It felt like a world cup game(世界杯比赛).

Personally, I'm a big fan of football so the match was very enjoyable for me because both teams played well and the crowd were really involved. It was a wonderful atmosphere. I think that's the thing about sports - you don't have to be a fan or a player to enjoy a good sports event.



Part 3

1. What are the contests commonly seen on TV programs?

The most common contests displayed on TV programs might be sports-related ones like football, basketball, ping-pong, swimming and so much forth. Contest programs always stand for audiences' interests and hobbies, the reason why sports contests are common to be seen is that the industry itself needs fierce competition to get audiences involved. Another popular contest program is the art show, which has gained a wide range of popularity these years like the Voice of China and some other idol development programs. But all in all, contest programs should show the true spirit of competition instead of reshaping the good tradition in a country.

2. What kinds of industries need competition? Why?

Generally speaking, most industries face competition in modern society, but to be more specific, I'd like to discuss some very typical ones that need competition. It's obvious that sports industry is one where competition takes place at almost every corner, the main reason for which is that sports events are all about win or lose games that take two sides to fight for the gold medal. I think the result not only represents victory, but also, more importantly, shows participants' perseverance, grit and hard work. That's the true spirit of sports and the core value of competition itself.

3. Why are competition shows popular?

Competition shows are popular for several reasons. Firstly, the allure of striving to win appeals to our competitive nature. Many people find the journey towards victory both thrilling and rewarding. Secondly, these shows offer an opportunity for ordinary individuals to showcase their talents and potentially achieve fame and success. This resonates with viewers who dream of pursuing their own passions. Additionally, competition shows often provide entertainment value, with dramatic moments and intense rivalries captivating audiences. Whether it's a singing competition or a cooking battle, the excitement and suspense keep viewers engaged. Ultimately, the appeal of competition shows lies in the combination of talent, determination, and the desire to emerge victorious.

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

In my opinion, it is not always necessary to encourage people to compete with one another in companies. The approach to competition should depend on the nature of the work and the individuals involved. While healthy competition can drive individuals to push their limits and achieve better results, it is not suitable for everyone. Some individuals may thrive in a collaborative and supportive environment rather than a competitive one. It is essential to assess the dynamics of the team and the nature of the work before fostering a competitive spirit. Ultimately, a balanced and inclusive approach that considers the strengths and preferences of each individual can lead to a more harmonious and productive workplace.

49. 收到特殊蛋糕

Describe a special cake you received from others

You should say:

When it happened

Where it happened

Who you got the cake from

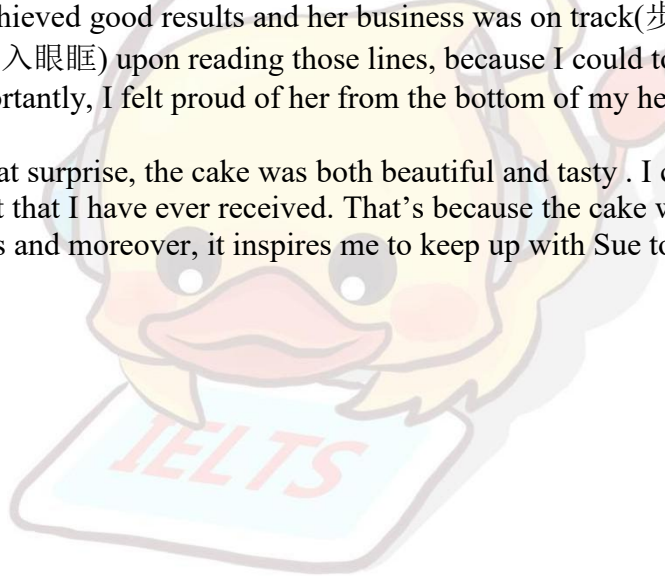
And explain why it's a special cake

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I have received many birthday cakes but the most special one was on my birthday last year, it was from my best friend Sue, who was my roommate at college. The story is quite unforgettable. Sue had been optimistic and it seemed that she was always carefree(无忧无虑), which attracted me a lot since we first met each other. She once mentioned that her dream was to possess a bakery store on her own(属于她自己的). But after graduation we departed(离开) for both she and I chose companies to work for. Sue worked in the HR department in a large joint venture(合资企业), which, at that moment, was a satisfying offer for graduates.

But one day last year in my office, I suddenly received an exquisitely wrapped package with a note from Sue, reading that she had resigned from(辞职) the firm and established her own bakery store. She told me that it took her a long time to make the final decision because it meant that she had to restart from zero, and moreover, it was more likely that she would face failure. But nothing could stop her from pursuing her dream. Up to then she had achieved good results and her business was on track(步入正轨). Tears welled up(泪水涌入眼眶) upon reading those lines, because I could totally understand her, and more importantly, I felt proud of her from the bottom of my heart.

To my great surprise, the cake was both beautiful and tasty. I consider it to be the most special gift that I have ever received. That's because the cake witnessed the friendship between us and moreover, it inspires me to keep up with Sue to stick to my dreams and goals.



Part 3

1. Is there any food in your country that is eaten at special times or on special occasions?
Yes, there is a special food in my country that is typically eaten on special occasions or during specific times. It's called "jiaozi" or dumplings. This traditional Chinese dish is often enjoyed during the Chinese New Year festivities and other important celebrations. Jiaozi is made by wrapping a filling, which can consist of meat, vegetables, or a combination of both, in a dough wrapper. The dumplings are then boiled, steamed, or fried to perfection. Eating jiaozi symbolizes unity and good fortune in Chinese culture. It is also a great way for families and friends to come together and bond over a delicious meal.

2. What are the differences between special food in China and other countries?
Obviously there are many differences between special food in China and foreign countries. To be specific, they are different in cooking methods, Chinese food are famous for various means of cooking such as steaming, frying, braising and so forth while foreign food are more often cooked by boiling. What's more, Chinese food and foreign ones are different in flavour, you know, in China there are eight main regional cuisines which are characterized by different taste, either spicy or sweet. But foreign food are in general mild tasting. All in all, although differences exist, both Chinese and foreign food are popular in the world.

3. Do you think it's good to communicate when eating with your family?
In my opinion, it is important to communicate while eating with your family. Sharing a meal is a great opportunity to connect with your loved ones and strengthen family bonds. Conversation during meals can create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, allowing family members to share their thoughts, experiences, and daily activities. Moreover, engaging in light conversation can make mealtime enjoyable and relaxing. However, I understand that some families may prefer to have more focused discussions and save conversations for after the meal.

4. Why are some people willing to spend a lot of money on meals on special days?
There can be various reasons why some people are willing to spend a significant amount of money on meals or special occasions. Firstly, it could be attributed to the traditional significance of the event. Many cultures have long-standing traditions where certain festivals or days are celebrated lavishly, with extravagant meals being a central part of the festivities. Secondly, some individuals simply have a deep love and appreciation for food. They view dining experiences as an opportunity to explore different cuisines, savor unique flavors, and indulge in culinary delights. Lastly, for some people, special days hold sentimental value, and splurging on meals or activities is a way to make lasting memories and create cherished experiences.

50. 安静的地方

Describe a quiet place

You should say:

Where it is

How you knew it

How often you go there

What you do there

And explain how you feel about the place

参考答案

There is a coffee house in our community. Well, to be more specific, it's just downstairs from where I live. It's a quiet and peaceful place, which is extremely suitable for people who enjoy the slow pace of life (慢节奏生活), like me.



When I have nothing special to do in the afternoon I often go there. I usually just buy a cup of coffee, but they also do free refills. I sit there quietly, enjoying my coffee, whilst casually browsing (随意翻阅) the magazines and newspapers on the bookshelves.

Readers have access to all kinds of novels, stories and even poems. The owner of this coffee house is really friendly to customers and people are free to (自由) stay there as long as they want. I don't know too much about him, but I am sure he is an idealist.

There are always 6 or 7 people there in the afternoon, with nobody making any noise. Everyone gets on with their work or reads quietly without disturbing others. In the background, there is slow and gentle music which is relaxing to listen to while reading, and it makes the place feel warmer and cozier. I have spent countless afternoons there and I regard it as the ideal place to idle away my time (打发时间).

Part 3

1. Is it easy to find quiet places in your country? Why?

I think it depends, if you want to find quiet places in large cities, it's not an easy task because there are large populations in cities, making most places in cities crowded. But if people prefer places in suburban areas, it's not difficult to find many quiet places. For life-long living, rural areas are quiet, but if you would like to escape from the city for a while, then you could refer to some rural hotels to make yourself relieved.

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

Technology has profoundly influenced how individuals utilize their leisure time. People now have access to a plethora of entertainment options at their fingertips. For instance, streaming services allow individuals to binge-watch their favorite shows, while social media platforms keep them engaged with friends and current events. Moreover, the convenience of online gaming has replaced traditional outdoor activities for some individuals. However, it is important to strike a balance between technology and real-life experiences to maintain a healthy and well-rounded lifestyle.

3. Do you think only old people have time for leisure?

No, I don't believe that only old people have time for leisure. In today's busy world, people of all ages, including young adults and working professionals, can carve out time for leisure activities. For instance, many young individuals engage in hobbies such as sports, painting, or playing musical instruments to relax and unwind. Additionally, technology has made it easier to access leisure activities, allowing people to enjoy their favorite pastimes anytime, regardless of their age. So, leisure is not limited to a specific age group and can be embraced by individuals of all ages.

4. How do people spend their leisure time in your country?

People in my country, including my friends and I, spend their leisure time in various ways. One popular leisure activity is playing games, both indoors and outdoors. We gather together and enjoy board games, card games, or video games, which are not only entertaining but also help us bond as a group. Additionally, going to watch live performances, such as concerts or theater shows, is a common way to spend leisure time. It allows us to appreciate different forms of art and immerse ourselves in the experience.

5. Why do old people prefer to live in quiet places?

Old people may prefer to live in quiet places for a variety of reasons. Firstly, peaceful environments can provide a sense of tranquility and relaxation, allowing them to rest and rejuvenate. Additionally, as people age, their hearing may become more sensitive, making them more susceptible to noise pollution. By living in quiet areas, they can avoid disturbances that may adversely affect their well-being. Moreover, older individuals may desire a slower pace of life, where they can enjoy the simple pleasures of nature and engage in activities that promote mental well-being.

6. Why are there more noises made at home now than in the past?

There are several reasons why there are more noises made at home now compared to the past. One significant factor is the increase in household appliances, such as washing machines and other electronic devices. With the advancements in technology, people now own more appliances that produce sound while in operation. For example, washing machines have become more common, and they tend to generate loud noises during the washing and spinning cycles. Additionally, the rise of smart devices and home automation systems has led to the presence of more electronic gadgets that also contribute to the overall noise level at home.

51. 节约时间的方法/改变

Describe a way/change that helps you save a lot of time

You should say

What it is

How you implement it

How difficult it is

And explain how you feel about the way/change

参考回答

I think that if you come across something you want, even though you don't need it, you should just disregard it(凡是在要与不要之间难以取舍的东西，都是可以不要的).

This is the approach I now have in life because I used to be a really indecisive person(纠结的人) who would get themselves in a twist while also wasting time deciding whether to buy something or not.

For example, when I used to go shopping and see an interesting piece of clothing, I would think that the style is not bad, or that the color is good, even if I already had many similar items in my wardrobe at home. I would then get myself into a twist and spend forever contemplating whether to buy it. Not only that, but if it was on sale (打折), let's say half price, I would get myself into even more of a twist, deciding whether I should go ahead and buy it.

Every time I had to make such a meaningless decision, I wasted half an hour of my life. And to make things worse, if I did end up buying it, I would never get round to actually wearing it! It soon dawned on me that this was not only a waste of time, and not only increasing my stress levels, but also an inefficient way to manage my money. From that day, I decided that enough was enough, and I would only buy things that I deemed essential.

This approach has become very simple to implement, and it now makes me feel at ease whenever I hit the shops.(轻松的). Now, whenever I see something I like but I don't actually need, I just walk away. By doing so, I'm not wasting my time anymore, and I'm not getting myself into a twist anymore.

Part 3

1. What can people do to save time?

Well, to start with, people should plan ahead of their day, or even a week. They can make schedules of what they need to do. Mark their priorities as important and urgent, and attend to them first. As for the least important chores, they can attend to them within a time frame. That way they can proceed their day steadily and efficiently. You know, we actually waste a lot of time in trying to remember what to do next in everyday life. So, it's better that we take advantage of our planning mechanism, so we organize our time more productively.

2. Does technology help people save time? How and why?

I'm afraid no. Indeed, cell phones and computers help us a great deal in many aspects of life. For example, a piece of writing that used to take hours to be done now can be done on the computer shortly. This certainly saves us plenty of time. But on the downside of it, people spend so much time on these electrical devices for entertainment. They browse on the internet, visiting meaningless websites and online forums. Most of these things are unnecessary. They are only a waste of time.

3. Do you think parents should be responsible for teaching children to save time?

In my opinion, parents should play a crucial role in teaching their children the value of time management. By instilling good habits from a young age, parents can help students develop effective time-saving strategies. For example, parents can encourage their children to prioritize tasks, create schedules, and set realistic goals. Additionally, they can teach them techniques such as breaking down tasks into smaller steps, using timers, and avoiding distractions. However, it is important to note that while parents should take the lead in teaching time management skills, schools and educational institutions also have a responsibility to incorporate time management lessons into their curriculum.

4. Do people who can manage time well become successful more easily?

Yes, people who can manage their time effectively often have a higher chance of achieving success. By being able to prioritize tasks and allocate time efficiently, they are more likely to accomplish their set goals and targets. For example, successful individuals who can manage their time well are often able to balance work, personal life, and other commitments effectively, thus achieving a sense of overall satisfaction and accomplishment. Additionally, effective time management enables individuals to utilize their time wisely, avoiding procrastination and maximizing productivity. Ultimately, individuals who can stick to their plans and complete tasks on time have a higher likelihood of achieving success in their endeavors.

52. 不喜欢并想要改变的规则

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

参考答案

Where I work now is a small private company, so they made a lot of their own rules about working. One of the rules I don't like the most is that you must clock in(打卡) at work.

My company stipulates(规定) that if an employee is more than two minutes late in the morning, he or she will be deducted money(扣钱) each time, as well as the bonus at the end of the year. I don't think it's a humane rule(人性化的规定). On the contrary, the humanized stipulation(人性化的规定) should be that sometimes people can go to work a few minutes later and just let them get off work a few minutes later, as long as the total time meets the requirements of the contract(只要总时长达到了合同的要求就行了). Because of the particularity(特殊性) of our company's business, employees do not need to arrive for work so early, and sometimes we even need to wait for feedback from other companies before continuing to work. Instead, we have to work overtime and that's a waste of time. We all know that traffic is so busy nowadays, especially during the morning rush hour(早高峰), that it is easy to get stuck on the bus(挤不上公交) or encounter traffic jams(遇上堵车), and even the subway is very crowded. As a girl, I often cannot get on the subway, and then I am late again! Even once I tried to go out half an hour earlier, but it was still very tight(时间非常紧) and I was nearly late.

Almost everyone in our company, except the boss, thinks this is a bad rule. Everyone has the experience of being late and being deducted, which has become the biggest complaint of employees. We've discussed privately and thought we could flexibly adjust our commute time,(灵活调整通勤时间) so we don't get charged for being late. Of course, there is nothing we can do if the boss doesn't change the rules, so now I still follow the rules of clocking in every day.

Part 3

1. What are the rules students should follow at school?

I think students should abide by the school uniform rule and hairstyle rule. In fact, many people think that these regulations are very inhumane and that it is not conducive to the development of students' personality, but in fact, I reckon that the starting point of these regulations is very good. First of all, students have uniform clothing and hairstyles, so that they don't spend a lot of unnecessary time picking clothes each morning, or taking care of their hairstyles, and they can save more time for their studies. Secondly, uniform is also to prevent students from wearing clothes that do not conform to their identity and age, and to prevent students from competing with each other. Especially some fancy clothes or dyed hair are not suitable for students. These are the rule that a student should follow.

2. Are the rules at school good or bad? Why?

I think these rules are all good. The school set all the rules and regulations so that students can invest all the time in their studies and plan for their future, rather than focusing on unnecessary stuffs at their age, like clothing or an outstanding hairstyle. Wearing a school uniform is one of the external manifestations of the overall spiritual outlook of a school, it represents the school and it is also an integral part of the construction of campus culture. When students put on school uniforms, they will unconsciously pay attention to their words and deeds, especially when they are out of campus. On top of that, wearing uniforms at school can give students a sense of equality with each other, and it is easy to form a harmonious atmosphere of cooperation, unity and respect. So I think those rules are all good.

3. What rules should children follow at home?

Children should follow several important rules at home to ensure their safety and well-being. One crucial rule is to never answer the door to strangers. By doing so, children can protect themselves from potential harm or unwanted situations. Additionally, they should be cautious with electrical appliances and always practice safe usage. This includes not touching exposed wires, turning off appliances when not in use, and never inserting objects into electrical sockets. Following these rules will help children maintain a secure and nurturing environment at home.

4. How are people punished when parking at a wrong spot?

When individuals park in the wrong spot, there are several ways they can be penalized. One common method is the issuance of a parking ticket, which carries a fine. The amount of the fine varies depending on the specific violation and the jurisdiction. Additionally, some areas have strict enforcement policies, where repeat offenders may face higher fines or have their vehicles towed. In more severe cases, individuals may even have their driver's licenses suspended or receive points on their driving records. It is important to follow parking regulations to avoid facing these penalties and ensure smooth traffic flow and safety for everyone.

53. 别人讲述的故事

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

参考答案

To be honest, I've heard numerous stories since childhood and my favorite one comes from a collection of stories known as Aesop's Fables. It's about a thirsty crow which found an innovative(创新的) way to drink water from a container. I heard this story from my parents at the age of seven.

In the story, a crow that was about to die of thirst(渴死) was looking for water. It was a scorching hot(酷热) summer day with gusty winds(狂风), and there was little water anywhere. . The crow flew here and there looking for water, but found nothing. It seems that the crow was about to die of thirst, but it continued its search. And all of a sudden(突然之间), the crow found a pitcher with water in it. When it peeped into(朝……张望) the jar, to its surprise it found a little water at the bottom of the jar. It tried with its heart and soul(全心全意) to reach the water level, but failed because the neck of the jar was too narrow for the crow to enter into it. Then it thought it had to leave the place without drinking. When it was about to fly off, a new plan came to its mind. It found some pebbles scattered(散落) around the jar. So, the crow picked the pebbles one by one and dropped them into the jar. As a result, the water level rose.. When the water came near its reach, the bird drank it and quenched its thirst(解渴) and flew away.

This story is extremely interesting and practical, as I have seen it at work in real life. It impressed me a lot because it explains that necessity is the mother of invention in a very simple manner. I have witnessed people becoming innovative during an emergency or necessity. Moreover, from this story, I can also say that where there is a will, there is a way(有志者，事竟成).

Part 3

1. Do young children like the same stories as older children?

Young children don't like the same stories as older children. There are three points to illustrate. First of all, as young children were born after older children, the things they are familiar with and they love, such as toys, cartoons and games, are quite different compared with things older children like. Second, the environment where young children grow up and the education they receive have also changed a lot. Therefore, their habits, hobbies and thoughts might also be different from that of older children. Third, young children may have listened to the stories older children once heard many times and they are tired of those stories and need something new to enjoy.

2. How has technology changed storytelling?

Technology has changed storytelling in two aspects. First, technology has diversified the ways of storytelling. In the past, parents or teachers told stories to children personally most of the time and thus they played the role of storyteller. But with the progress of technology, especially the development of the Internet, now it is quite convenient for parents or teachers to play audios or videos of different stories on such devices as mobile phones, table computers and so on. Second, technology has greatly enriched the content of storytelling. In the old days, the content of storytelling was limited as the main source was only books or stories passed down by word of mouth. Now things have changed. The search engines on the Internet can help us find millions of interesting stories. It totally depends on what kind of stories you like. We no longer need to repeat several same stories time after time. And children can have more fun through enjoying different stories.

3. How do people tell stories to children?

People tell stories to children in various ways. One common approach is through traditional storytelling. Parents or caregivers will often sit with children and use expressive gestures and facial expressions to bring the story to life. Many people also use picture books, showing the illustrations while reading the story aloud. In the modern age, technology allows for the use of animated videos or interactive e-books. For example, parents might use a tablet to show a digital story with sound effects and music. Overall, the goal is to captivate children's imagination and create a memorable storytelling experience.

4. Why do children like stories?

Children like stories for various reasons. Firstly, stories ignite their imagination by taking them to different worlds and allowing them to experience adventures that they might not encounter in real life. The characters, settings, and plotlines in stories encourage children to think creatively and visualize new possibilities. Secondly, stories provide children with a sense of escapism, allowing them to temporarily detach from their reality and immerse themselves in a captivating narrative. Lastly, stories inspire children to be creative themselves by offering a glimpse into the power of storytelling and the joy of creating their own imaginative tales. Through stories, children explore their own ideas and develop their writing and storytelling skills.

54. 有趣的城市

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

参考答案

I'm going to talk about Chiang Mai, which is one of the most visited cities in Thailand. I first went there with two other friends last winter. Well, we left the country while it was snowing, and landed in warm weather there. The weather in Chiang Mai was so pleasant! I loved it!

So, the place is famous for its various temples because the Buddhism thoughts were prevalent(流行) in Thailand. And Chiang Mai was certainly the must-go place if you wanted to experience the genuine Buddhism temples. We had some conversations with a few pious(虔诚的) local Buddha believers while we were visiting the temples. They were so friendly and kind. Even China is also a big country for Buddhism culture, I must admit, I've never met such devout(虔诚的) Buddhists.

Apart from the temples, the lifestyle there is so enjoyable and low cost. I guess that's one of the reasons why it attracted so many foreigners to live there. Walking on the street, you could hear at least ten different languages while people were passing by and talking. It was amazing to experience the rich language diversity!(能体会这种语言多样化真的太棒了) I don't think there's a city like that anywhere in China. Well, at least, that was the first time I ever had such an experience!

Another interesting aspect about it were the nicely decorated bars in the city area. They seemed to always be full of customers, of different nationalities (酒吧总是很满, 坐着各种肤色的顾客) People were enjoying the wine there, rather than drinking for business. Well, that's what the wine culture is in China. For the first time, I realized that an enjoyable life is created by yourself, rather than handed to you by others. I totally loved the night life there. I stayed there for about a week and the entire week, I was in a great mood, and enjoyed every moment of the day!

Part 3

1. What advantages can tourism bring to a city?

Well, I think when a city opens its door to welcome the outsiders, it's ready to expand and broaden its own perspectives as well. The travelers can bring in so much diversity to the local culture, so the local culture can become mixed and the local people get to experience daily changes and updates. It can be an amazing experience for the tourist city! Also, the boosting of tourism industry in a city could accelerate the place's economic development to some degree. So the life quality there could be improved as well.

2. Why do some young people like to live in cities?

Yeah, it's for sure that cities do attract the vast majority of young graduates nowadays. I think one of the reasons is that most prestigious universities are located in big cities, therefore it's more convenient for young people to just stay there after graduation. You know, while you are already familiar with the city and moving can be troublesome, why bother? Another good reason is that young people are usually more into fast-paced lifestyles. In the city, everything is processed faster than in the countryside. Many young people appreciate the efficiency and they simply want to be part of it.

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

In recent times, there has been a growing trend where more and more elderly individuals choose to reside in urban areas for the sake of convenient medical facilities. This can be attributed to the fact that cities offer a multitude of healthcare options, including specialized hospitals and clinics equipped with advanced technology. For example, urban centers often have easy access to experienced doctors, specialists, and modern medical equipment, which are essential for the healthcare needs of the elderly population. However, it is worth mentioning that there are still a significant number of elderly people who prefer to lead a peaceful life in the countryside, enjoying the tranquility and natural beauty it offers.

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

Yes, it is possible that well-developed tourism could have negative effects on local people, but the economic benefits outweigh the drawbacks. While it is true that increased tourism can sometimes lead to overcrowding and strain on local resources, such as water and infrastructure, the positive impact on the local economy cannot be ignored. Tourism generates jobs and income for local communities, leading to improved standards of living. Additionally, it promotes cultural exchange and preserves local traditions and heritage. Therefore, while there may be some challenges associated with tourism development, its economic benefits greatly outweigh any negative effects on the local population.

55. 丢东西的经历

Describe an occasion that you lost something

You should say:

What you lost

When and where you lost it

What you did to find it

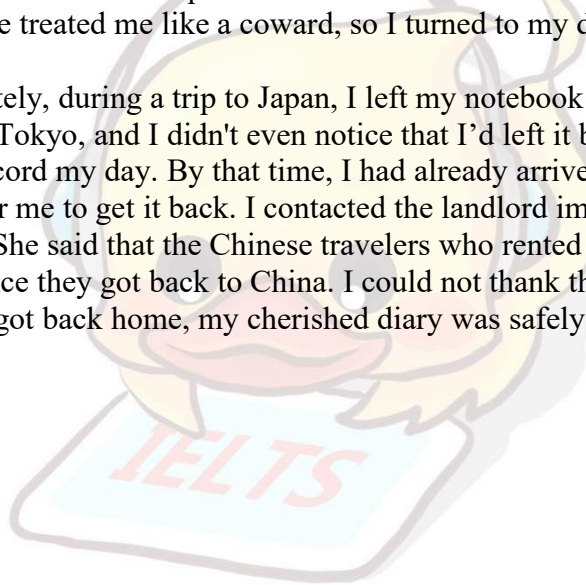
And explain how you felt about it

参考答案

Frankly speaking, I have lost many things accidentally in the past few years, and even my mother has criticised me for being so careless. When talking about the most significant thing that I have lost, it would be a notebook that I had as a freshman(大学一年级新生) which I used to record everything that happened around me. It was my diary, basically.

Keeping a diary was highly recommended by my Chinese teacher in high school, who constantly told us that we should spare ten minutes each day to write down the funny things we've encountered(遭遇) that day, so we can remember our youth when growing up. So for me, that notebook was my way to escape reality and portray(描绘) my fantasies. It was a place where I could comfortably share my thoughts and secrets in the knowledge that it would not criticize me. For example, I once signed up for(注册报名) a speech competition, but I was too timid to speak loudly in front of all the judges and students, so I decided to quit the contest. I knew that if I had talked to my parents, they would have treated me like a coward, so I turned to my diary.

Unfortunately, during a trip to Japan, I left my notebook in an Airbnb apartment I was renting in Tokyo, and I didn't even notice that I'd left it behind until that night when I went to record my day. By that time, I had already arrived in Osaka, so it was not feasible for me to get it back. I contacted the landlord immediately and got a quick response. She said that the Chinese travelers who rented the place after me agreed to mail it to me once they got back to China. I could not thank them enough! Luckily for me, by the time I got back home, my cherished diary was safely there!



Part 3

1. What kinds of things do people usually lose?

To be honest, I have been so good at losing things, I used to lose my computer and some small items such as keys. A survey shows that below items are often lost by people, the number one is, of course, key, because it's too small and unnoticeable, I have lost my keys at least three times. The second one comes the wallet, but fortunately enough, as the cash free society develops, not many people bring their wallets all the time. In a word, it's quite common to lose something, the best way to avoid that is to have those important things well-kept.

2. What will people do when losing things?

Typically people will take the following several steps after losing things. First, it's necessary to make sure how important it is, for example, when people lose their mobile phones, they should call the services and banks to freeze their accounts so that nobody would steal their money or take social accounts for illegal use. Second, it's wise to think up ideas to find them back, if some important items are lost, people often call the police to find them back. Last but not least, don't be anxious, keep calm and find solutions.

3. Is it effective to offer rewards to find lost things?

In my view, while it's pretty common to offer rewards for finding lost stuff, I don't think we should always expect or assume that people will get paid for helping someone find their things. There are actually better and more meaningful ways to encourage folks to pitch in when it comes to recovering lost items. For example, running awareness campaigns about why it's important to help others or building a sense of community can really inspire kindness and generosity among people.

4. What kinds of people may lose things often?

There are certain types of individuals who tend to misplace things frequently, and one of them is people who are prone to carelessness. These individuals often exhibit a disregard for attention to detail and may overlook important tasks or forget where they placed their belongings. This can happen due to a lack of focus, distraction, or simply being preoccupied with other thoughts. For instance, someone who is constantly multitasking or constantly surrounded by distractions may be more likely to misplace items. Additionally, individuals who have a habit of rushing or being in a constant hurry may also be prone to losing things, as they may not take the time to properly keep track of their belongings. Overall, it can be said that those who exhibit a tendency towards carelessness are more likely to frequently lose things.

56. 交通拥堵

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

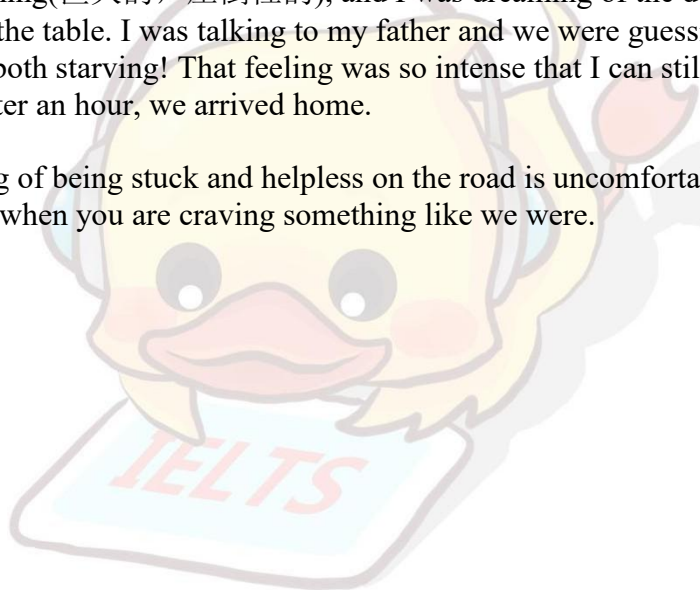
And explain how you felt in the traffic jam

参考答案

I lived in the school dormitory on weekdays during my high school years and went home every weekend. My father picked me up every Friday afternoon. It was only a thirty-minute drive home but we would get stuck in traffic frequently because it was always rush hour at that time.

Among all the many gridlocked(交通堵塞) memories, the worst one was just before a typhoon hit the city. We had been driving for less than ten minutes when we hit traffic on the viaduct. As usual, I took out my homework and started writing, but because of the oncoming typhoon, it was getting darker and darker, and it was too gloomy (黑暗的, 阴暗的) to read. So, I decided to take a nap. When I woke up an hour later, we were still stuck in traffic! I looked out of the window to see that it was raining heavily and the wind was whistling by(风呼啸而过). I felt so hungry and anxious and the bad weather put me in an uncomfortable mood. At this point, my desire to just get home was overwhelming(巨大的, 压倒性的), and I was dreaming of the delicious dinner waiting for me on the table. I was talking to my father and we were guessing what my mom had prepared, both starving! That feeling was so intense that I can still remember it now. Finally, after an hour, we arrived home.

The feeling of being stuck and helpless on the road is uncomfortable and uneasy - especially when you are craving something like we were.



Part 3

1. How can we solve the traffic jam problem?

To solve the traffic jam, I think there are several measures that can be implemented. First, we may change our working habits. The Internet can now be used to connect people. More people could work from home. Meetings can be held as video conferences. Second, Public transport and cycling are available when travelling to a near place, which can reduce the number of vehicles on the road. This can relieve the traffic pressure to a great extent. Third, based on the second point, the public transport needs to be reliable and efficient, which requires government investment. The government may tax drivers. In London, for example, there is a congestion charge. This helps to raise money for better public transport.

2. Do you think developing public transport can solve traffic jam problems?

Actually, I don't totally agree that developing public transport can solve the traffic jam problems. Public transportation is a fundamental part of dealing with traffic jam problems. It can relieve the traffic pressure to some extent. But it is obvious that first-tier cities like Beijing or Shanghai, with a well-developed public transport system, are still confronted with serious traffic jam problems. Basically, the huge population makes it difficult to solve the problem of traffic congestion. Besides, a lot of people haven't accepted the concept of green travel yet. They tend to travel alone now. Cars and road space are not used efficiently, which causes traffic jams during the rush hour. So, developing public transport can improve the traffic jam problems. But to solve this problem, we still have a long way to go.

3. Do you think the high ways will help reduce traffic jams?

Yes, I believe highways can help reduce traffic jams. In China, highways are often subject to tolls, and some people are willing to pay to avoid congestion. Highways provide an alternative route with fewer traffic lights and intersections, allowing for a smoother flow of vehicles. Additionally, highways are designed to accommodate higher speeds, which can help to alleviate congestion on city streets. Moreover, highways often have multiple lanes, enabling more vehicles to travel simultaneously. Overall, highways offer an effective means of reducing traffic congestion and improving transportation efficiency.

4. What are good ways to manage traffic?

There are several effective ways to manage traffic in urban areas through city planning and proper traffic flow design. One approach is to create dedicated lanes or areas for public transportation such as buses or trams, encouraging more people to use these modes of transport, thus reducing the number of private cars on the road. Additionally, constructing well-designed and efficient road networks with clear signage can help improve traffic flow and minimize congestion. Implementing smart traffic management systems that utilize real-time data can provide instant updates on road conditions and adjust traffic signals accordingly. Furthermore, promoting alternative modes of transport such as walking or cycling can help reduce traffic volume and improve overall road safety.

57. 征求意见

Describe a time when someone asked for your opinion

You should say:

Who asked for your opinion

Why he/she wanted to know your opinion

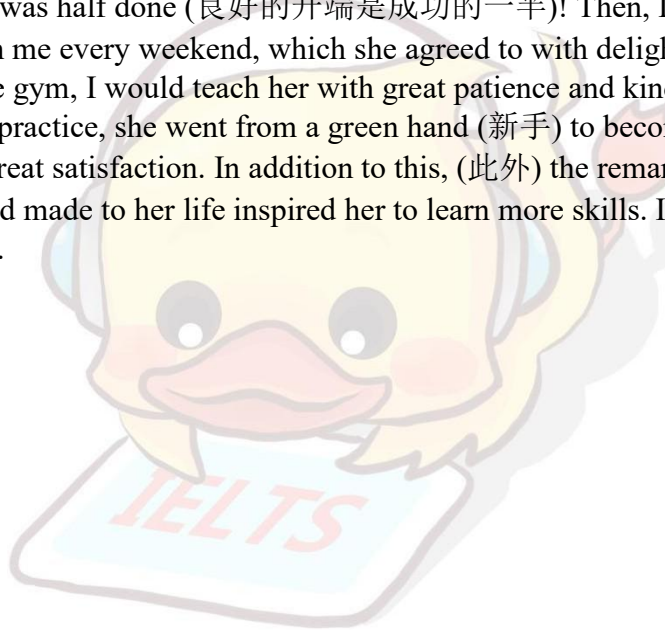
What opinion you gave

And explain how you felt when he/she asked for your opinion

参考答案

My younger sister is 10 years old. She performs (表现) very well in her schoolwork and is considered a top A student. But you know what? She used to immerse herself in (沉迷于) books for such a long time that she had almost no time and energy to take part in (参加) any outdoor activities. As a consequence (结果), she used to catch a cold nearly every month and always kept herself away from (远离) her peers. My family were all concerned (担心) about both her physical and mental health. Since I' m the fittest one in the family, my father asked for my opinion. I genuinely thought that it was a good idea for her to do some exercise, such as playing table tennis.

At first, she showed little interest in it, but things got much better when I took her to my training course. To my great surprise, she found it fascinating (极好的). A good beginning was half done (良好的开端是成功的一半)! Then, I invited her to play table tennis with me every weekend, which she agreed to with delight (开心). Each time we were in the gym, I would teach her with great patience and kindness. After several months' practice, she went from a green hand (新手) to becoming very adept, which gave her great satisfaction. In addition to this, (此外) the remarkable (巨大的) changes that she had made to her life inspired her to learn more skills. I' m so happy that I helped her.



Part 3

1. Why do some people dislike giving their opinions?

Well, it depends. For some people, they probably didn't get much education. So they are not confident in their judgments. Of course, they would rather keep their opinions to themselves most of the time, unless they are asked of them. But for others, giving opinions may mean taking up responsibilities. In modern society, people are burdened by work, study and life. Most of us try to avoid any unnecessary responsibilities. So if it's not called for, we would rather not to give our opinions.

2. Are there any apps designed for collecting opinions about products or services?

Actually, I can think of one app called Little Red Book, which is designed to collect people's opinions about all sorts of things, including products and services. Many app users take pictures or videos of the products that they recommend, and then write a text listing all the reasons why this product is worth recommending. Sometimes, they even provide the shopping link below. But having said that, some products and services that are of poor quality are also posted on this app, to warn people not to consume them.

3. Why do people like to express their opinions on the Internet nowadays?

There are several reasons why people nowadays enjoy expressing their opinions on the internet. Firstly, the internet provides a platform where individuals can freely voice their thoughts to a wide audience. This allows them to feel heard and validated, which boosts their self-esteem. Secondly, the online environment offers a sense of anonymity, which gives people the confidence to express themselves without fear of judgment or repercussions. Moreover, the internet allows for quick and instant communication, enabling individuals to engage in discussions and debates from the comfort of their own homes.

4. What are the disadvantages of sharing opinions on the Internet?

Posting opinions on the Internet is very easy, and because of this, you can also easily become a victim. Since people can write basically whatever they like on the Internet, they can attack certain opinions that they don't agree with by being impolite and using aggressive language. There have been many cases in which victims have suffered greatly from other Internet users' evil attacks. Another disadvantage is that, because the worldwide web is virtual, people sometimes forget about the law and take their opinions to the extreme. They may even break the law without even realizing it. Such ignorance can lead to severe consequences.

58. 对社会有贡献的人

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

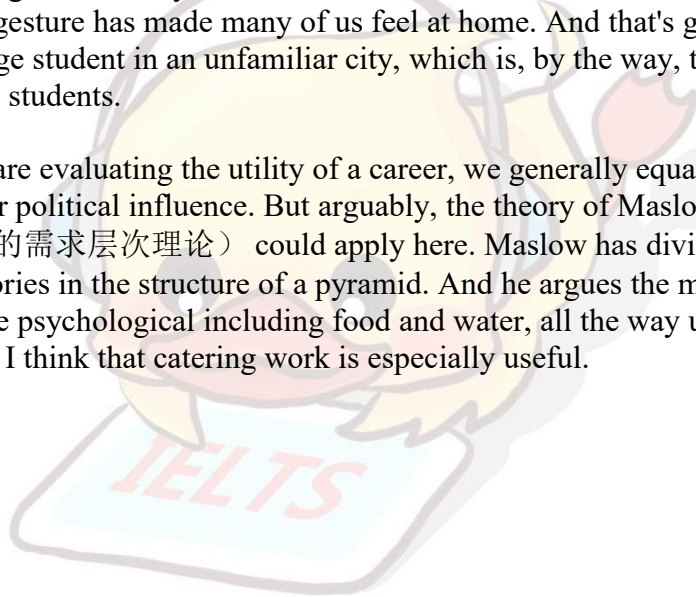
And explain why you think he/she contributes to the society

参考答案

I think a cook in a school cafeteria is fundamental to the school system especially to us students. The canteen in my school could cater to several hundreds of students at once, hence there are about a dozen food windows available. Behind these windows are all talented and friendly cooks. Yet the one I was most impressed by was a middle-aged female. She cooked the best dumplings in the world. Even though it doesn't seem challenging to cook dumplings she still had the best knowledge about how long should everyone's dumplings need to be boiled for even when we order them separately.

And I remember last year, on the day of Dongzhi (冬至), a traditional Chinese festival, Our custom is to have dumplings on that night, so the line that day was long. But eventually, not only did everyone receive their food right but we were also offered a free tangerine as festival blessings (免费的橘子作为节日祝福). She could always recall everyone's usual order, and she often gives out free additional dumplings. Dumplings are often regarded as a symbol of home and reunion, so it's no exaggeration to say that her warm gesture has made many of us feel at home. And that's greatly useful when you are a college student in an unfamiliar city, which is, by the way, the most common case for college students.

When we are evaluating the utility of a career, we generally equalize value and monetary outcome or political influence. But arguably, the theory of Maslow's hierarchy of needs (马斯洛的需求层次理论) could apply here. Maslow has divided human needs into five categories in the structure of a pyramid. And he argues the most basic needs of humans are psychological including food and water, all the way up to self-actualization. Therefore, I think that catering work is especially useful.



Part 3

1. What jobs are well-paid?

The answer lies in the stock market. You can see that the most valuable public companies nowadays are big tech companies like Apple or Facebook, so the jobs within these firms, often software developers are generally well-paid. Also, the traditional jobs with higher social status, like lawyers and doctors, make a considerable fortune. I think this would give us another criterion of well-paid jobs, that the tuition fees of different majors in universities are proportional to the future salary of the students with the degree. Meanwhile, as remuneration may be referred to as compensation, the higher risk of the job is a common sign that the worker would get a bigger check. So workers at height or underground could be better paid.

2. What are the changes in working conditions?

Well, the pandemic has definitely impacted everyone's working conditions. People work from home on an unprecedented scale. Therefore, online video meetings are no longer the exclusive experiences of several groups of elite lawyers in different cities. Also, cloud collaboration has become popular since in-person contact may be unavailable. And it does save us much time on useless confirmation on subtle changes of a document, which is also a new trend for companies to promote paperless office. That allowing workers to choose flexible working hours is another change in working conditions. It is pretty nice since not everyone is the most productive during the same daytime.

3. What are the impacts of the epidemic on the work environment?

The epidemic has brought significant impacts to the work environment. One notable change is the increased prevalence and advancement of remote work or online work. Many companies have shifted their operations to the virtual space, enabling employees to work from the comfort of their homes. This has facilitated greater flexibility and eliminated the need for commuting, resulting in a more efficient work-life balance. Additionally, the online work environment has fostered constant communication and collaboration among colleagues through various virtual platforms. However, it is important to note that this transition has also posed challenges, such as the blurring of work and personal life boundaries and the potential loss of face-to-face interaction. Overall, the epidemic has accelerated the development of online work, transforming the traditional work environment.

4. Do you think younger people should be lower paid than older people?

In my opinion, I believe that a person's salary should be based on their productivity and the value they bring to the job, rather than their age. It is unfair to determine pay solely based on age, as it does not take into account an individual's skills, qualifications, and experience. Younger people can be highly competent and efficient in their work, just as older individuals can be. Therefore, it is more appropriate to evaluate and reward employees according to their performance and contributions to the organization, regardless of their age. This ensures a fair and merit-based system that motivates individuals to excel in their respective roles.

59. 有用的发明

Describe an invention that is useful in your daily life

You should say:

What the invention is

What it can do

How popular it is

Whether it is difficult or easy to use

And explain why it is useful

参考答案

An invention that is useful in my daily life is the air conditioner (空调). Living in an area with hot and humid summers, air conditioning is necessary for comfort during the day and night. Air conditioners work by removing heat from indoor air and recirculating it as cool air through a system of ducts and vents (管道和通风口).

Air conditioners have become increasingly popular in many parts of the world, particularly in countries with warmer climates. They are essential for creating a comfortable living and working environment, while also preventing health issues associated with excessive heat exposure, such as heat stroke (中暑).

Using air conditioners is relatively easy, especially with the development of smart technologies. With a simple touch of a button or voice command, you can easily adjust the temperature and settings to your desired preference. However, installation and maintenance may require the assistance of a professional technician, as certain components of the system may be complex.

Overall, the invention of the air conditioner has greatly improved our daily lives, providing us with comfort and protection from extreme temperatures and weather conditions.

Part 3

1. What qualities do inventors have?

Inventors typically possess a number of important qualities, such as creativity, curiosity, persistence, adaptability, and problem-solving skills. They are often able to look at things from different perspectives and come up with innovative solutions that others may not have considered. They also tend to be passionate about their work, driven by a desire to make a difference and improve the world around them. Finally, inventors are usually good at collaborating with others and communicating their ideas effectively in order to make their inventions a reality.

2. Do you think only scientists can invent new things?

No, I do not believe that only scientists can invent new things. Invention is about creativity and solving problems, and people from all backgrounds and professions can possess these qualities. In fact, many successful inventions throughout history have been the result of collaboration between individuals with diverse expertise and perspectives. Anyone can bring a fresh perspective or innovative solution to the table, regardless of their professional background.

3. What inventions do you think should be improved?

There are always areas where improvements can be made in existing inventions. For example, technology that reduces carbon emissions and helps combat climate change is important for our future. Other areas for improvement could include medical devices and treatments, transportation methods, and communication technologies. It's important to continue striving for advancements in all fields to make life better for everyone.

4. Are there any other inventions that make the world better?

Yes, there are many inventions that make the world a better place. One example is the internet. The development of the internet has revolutionized our lives, making them incredibly convenient. With just a few clicks, we can access vast amounts of information, communicate with people from different parts of the world, and even conduct business transactions. This has opened up endless opportunities for education, research, and global connectivity. Additionally, the internet has facilitated the growth of e-commerce, allowing for easy online shopping and access to goods and services. Overall, the internet has undeniably improved our quality of life and has become an indispensable tool in today's world.

5. Do all inventions bring benefits to our world?

Well, the impact of inventions on our world can indeed be a double-edged sword. While it is true that many inventions have undoubtedly brought numerous benefits, it is essential to recognize that not all inventions have had positive consequences. For instance, the invention of nuclear power has the potential for both positive and negative outcomes. On one hand, it can provide a clean and efficient source of energy. On the other hand, it carries the risk of nuclear accidents and the production of hazardous waste. Similarly, advancements in technology have improved our lives in various ways, but they have also given rise to cybercrime and privacy concerns. Therefore, whether an invention brings benefits or not ultimately depends on how individuals and society choose to utilize it.

6. Who should support and sponsor inventors, governments, or private companies?

In my opinion, both governments and private companies should support and sponsor inventors. Government support is crucial as they have the resources and funding to provide research grants and establish policies that promote innovation. Furthermore, governments can create a supportive environment by offering tax incentives and intellectual property protection for inventors. On the other hand, private companies can also play a significant role in sponsoring inventors. They can provide financial backing, mentorship programs, and access to industry networks. Moreover, private companies often have a profit-driven motive, which can accelerate the commercialization of inventions. Therefore, a collaborative effort between governments and private companies would be most beneficial in promoting innovation and supporting inventors in their groundbreaking work.

60. 壮志未酬

Describe an ambition that you haven't achieved

You should say:

What it is

Why you haven't achieved it

What you did

And how you felt about it

参考答案

I've been thinking about studying abroad for a master's degree in education psychology. Well, it's a big plan for me, 'cause this area is completely new to me. I majored in finance in university and learnt nothing about education or psychology. But this thought didn't come to me out of blue.(这个想法并不是突然有的) I was inspired by a friend who is now a qualified therapist. She mainly helps problematic children to get back on the normal track.(正常生活轨道) Her work looked so rewarding that it raised my interests as well.

But unfortunately, the COVID-19 made studying abroad impossible. I would have to be quarantined(被隔离) each time I travelled. Even worse, the IELTS exam gets cancelled continuously(雅思考试不断被取消). I couldn't even submit my IELTS grades! So, I decided to wait till this epidemic fades away. Some of my friends advised me to just study in the country, 'cause it's so unsafe traveling to another country. Well, it sounds like a good idea, but it's not really part of my plan. I always believe the study of psychology is much more mature in the western universities. They've had a longer history applying psychological treatment to patients, and also they put in big efforts to do experiments. I'm in my mid-20's. I've figured out why I want to study. I want the meat, not the bones.(我想要的是内容, 而不是形式) I want to approach the experts in this field, to learn from them, to observe their work, and to have them guide my essay writing in person. I know that this experience alone would be a great asset to my future career, that is, if I do take the path to be an education therapist.

So yes, this year, I applied to two schools in HongKong, and I hope I can make one of them.

Besides, I took a part time job in an outside school training center when I first graduated. I have worked with hundreds of children. It was a really rewarding but what bothered me a lot was, some of my students were very smart, diligent and well-behaved. However, they just couldn't make it in the school system. Their grades looked were low, . the parents were disappointed, and the children felt guilty.

Part 3

1. What ambitions do children usually have?

I think most children talk big on their dreams. Some of them want to become scientists, while others aim to become astronauts. Their fantasy in these fancy jobs probably come from their parents and teachers' admiration to these works. Well, most people believe that these highly-skilled professionals should be respected and they somehow pour their thoughts to their children, hoping them to study hard to become one of these great people. Yeah, so children would have these ambitions build in them in their early education. These are good ambitious though. We should encourage them, right?

2. Why are some people very ambitious in their work?

Well, if one is ambitious at work, he/she is certainly to get good return from it. For one, if you work hard, your superior will see it and when the time is right, you may be promoted. Also, you will be better paid. Well, when you are an adult, who doesn't pursue a high salary and social status? Another reason I can think of is that when someone has ambitions in work, he/she will gain personal growth as well. We're all lifelong learners in this day and age. Learning itself can make us feel content and fulfilled.

3. How do people balance work and life?

Well, people balance work and life in various ways depending on their personal circumstances and priorities. Some individuals choose to allocate specific time slots for work and strictly adhere to that schedule. This may involve setting boundaries and avoiding any work-related activities outside of those designated hours. Others prefer to integrate work and personal life by multitasking and finding ways to blend the two together. For instance, they may schedule work calls during their commute or use breaks to tackle personal errands. Additionally, effective time management and planning are key to achieving a healthy work-life balance. By prioritizing tasks and setting realistic goals, individuals can ensure they have time for both work and leisure activities. Moreover, seeking support from family, friends, and colleagues can also help in managing responsibilities and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

4. Why don't some people have dreams?

Well, there can be a variety of reasons why some people may not have dreams or may struggle to find their passion in life. Firstly, it's important to note that not everyone has the same opportunities or exposure to different experiences, which can limit their ability to discover their interests. Additionally, societal expectations and pressure can also play a role in dampening one's creativity and exploration of potential passions. Furthermore, personal circumstances such as financial constraints, lack of support, or fear of failure can hinder individuals from pursuing their dreams. It's important to remember that everyone's journey is unique, and it may take time and self-reflection to find something that truly ignites one's passion.

61. 想共度时光的人

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

参考答案

Well, I am going to talk about my grandmother on my mother's side. She's such a lovely person. I find it really relaxing spending time with her so I visit her as soon as I have holidays.

My grandmother is in her mid 70's and was born into a family that had a reputation for knowing how to make Chinese medicine (我外婆出生在一个中药世家). While she was growing up, she followed her father to the mountains to dig herbs. Their footprints stretched across ten mountains. You would think that her father would have instilled the responsibilities in her to be a Chinese doctor so she could inherit (继承) the family's herb business, since she was so diligent (勤劳) and smart, yet he didn't. He gave the business to his son.

However, my grandma didn't stop learning just because of this absurd family plan (荒唐的家庭安排). She was a resilient(坚韧的) woman and kept researching Chinese herbs. Over the years, she has used her knowledge and skills to heal so many patients. Ironically, if you ask for her medical qualifications, she doesn't have any, but if you ask her for an effective treatment method, she may just have one! For this reason, she's well respected in my hometown. I learnt that when I was a kid. Whenever I hung out with her on the street, I would receive extra friendly attention(我会得到格外友好的关注), and to be honest, that was one of the reasons I loved spending time with her.

Now that my grandma is getting old, she seems to be more interested in telling stories to her grandchildren. Whenever my cousins and I gather in her house, she makes tea for us, and then we play some poker while she shares some of her life experiences with us. I totally love those moments, as they are so peaceful and loving.

Part 3

1. What kinds of people are easy to get along with?

Well, personally I like to spend time with people who are easygoing. This kind of people often have smiles on their faces and they are also good listeners. It's always pleasant to have them around. Also, I think most people would like those who are positive, and don't judge others or talk behind others' backs. In another word, people who are kind, honest and optimistic are easy to get along with. See, you don't want to be with someone who always complains about others. That's gonna put you in anxiety too. And being with those who always look at the bright side of life is cheerful, isn't it? You could be inspired by them at times. And most importantly, your time spent with them often turns out worthwhile.

2. How do leaders get along with their subordinates?

I would reckon that most leaders are quite strict when their subordinates are around. They often wear a serious look and speak firmly to show their authority. Well, it's understandable for the sake of management. However, outside the workplace, some leaders may be quite easygoing and they do try and build a friendly relationship with their subordinates. For example, in China, the leaders would treat their team with a big meal every now and then to build the team spirit. At the dining table, the leader usually act like an old brother/sister and try to convey the message that their subordinates can count on them. Also, the leaders buy gifts for or give red envelopes to the subordinates on some traditional festivals.

3. Do people have time for themselves nowadays?

Well, in this modern era, it seems that many individuals are struggling to find a good work-life balance, leaving them with very little time for themselves. Nowadays, the demands of work, family, and other responsibilities often consume most of our waking hours. With the ever-increasing pace of life, people find it challenging to carve out precious moments for self-care, relaxation, and pursuing their personal interests. It has become a common phenomenon for individuals to feel overwhelmed and constantly rushing from one task to another, leaving little room for quality "me time." Consequently, it has become essential for people to consciously prioritize and manage their time in order to find a healthy equilibrium between obligations and personal well-being.

4. Do you like talking with older people? Why?

Personally, I enjoy conversing with older people, particularly those whom I am familiar with. The reason for this preference is that older individuals often possess a wealth of life experiences and wisdom to share. Engaging in conversations with them allows me to gain valuable insights and learn from their experiences. Moreover, talking to older people provides a sense of comfort and nostalgia, as they often have captivating stories to recount and can offer a unique perspective on various topics. However, I must admit that I find it more enjoyable and easier to communicate with older individuals whom I have established a connection with, as there is a familiarity and mutual understanding that enhances the conversation.

62. 去过的乡村

Describe a countryside that you have been to

You should say:

Where it is

When you went there

Who you went there with

And explain why you went there

参考答案

I want to talk about a countryside experience that left a lasting impression on me. It was a quaint little town called Stow-on-the-Wold, located in the heart of the Cotswolds in England (英格兰的科茨沃尔德). I visited this countryside gem a few years ago, during the summer of 2018, with a group of close friends.

The main reason we decided to venture into the countryside was to escape the hustle and bustle of city life (逃离城市生活的喧嚣) and immerse ourselves in the serenity of nature (沉浸在大自然的宁静中). Armed with picnic baskets and a sense of adventure, we set out to explore the picturesque landscapes and charming villages scattered throughout the area.

Stow-on-the-Wold, with its old-world charm and rolling green hills, took my breath away. Cobblestone streets, lined with charming cottages adorned with blooming flowers, gave the town a storybook-like feel. We spent our days leisurely strolling through the town's market square, browsing unique shops, and indulging in traditional English cream teas.

But it was the surrounding countryside that truly captivated us. We embarked on long walks, discovering hidden trails that led us through vast fields of wildflowers and forests teeming with wildlife. The fresh country air filled our lungs, rejuvenating (休息) our spirits and offering a much-needed respite from the noise and pollution of the city.

Aside from the scenic beauty, what made our countryside adventure truly special was the warm hospitality of the locals. We encountered friendly farmers who proudly showcased their livestock and shared stories about their way of life. We even had the opportunity to try our hands at traditional crafts, like pottery and blacksmithing, under the guidance of skilled artisans.

In conclusion, we journeyed to the countryside to escape the urban chaos and experience the tranquility and beauty of nature. Stow-on-the-Wold offered us a perfect blend of scenic landscapes, charming villages, and genuine hospitality. It was an unforgettable adventure that allowed us to reconnect with nature and create lasting memories together.

Part 3

1. Do people in your country like to go hiking?

Yes, indeed! Hiking is quite popular in my country. People here, young and old alike, relish venturing into the picturesque mountains and lush green trails. It serves as a perfect getaway from our busy city lives, allowing us to reconnect with nature's serenity. Not only does hiking provide physical exercise, but it also offers a chance to explore hidden gems such as breathtaking waterfalls and mesmerizing viewpoints. The feeling of accomplishment upon reaching the summit is exhilarating. Moreover, hikers often bond over shared experiences and create lasting memories. All in all, hiking is an enjoyable activity that allows us to appreciate the natural beauty that surrounds us.

2. Do most people prefer to live in big cities or in the countryside?

In my opinion, the preference for living in big cities or in the countryside varies from person to person. While some individuals enjoy the hustle and bustle of urban life, with its countless job opportunities and vibrant social scene, others find solace and tranquility in the countryside. For instance, many city dwellers appreciate the convenience of having access to various amenities and cultural attractions, such as shopping malls and museums. On the other hand, those who choose to embrace rural living often value the peacefulness, clean air, and closer connection with nature that the countryside offers. Ultimately, the decision depends on one's personal preferences, lifestyle, and priorities.

3. Do people go to the countryside to travel or to live?

People go to the countryside for both traveling and living purposes. Some people choose to visit the countryside to enjoy a break from the hustle and bustle of city life. They seek serenity and tranquility in nature, immersing themselves in the beautiful landscapes and engaging in outdoor activities like hiking or camping. On the other hand, there are those who decide to live in the countryside permanently. They appreciate the slower pace of life, the close-knit communities, and the opportunity to connect with nature on a daily basis. Living in the countryside offers a different quality of life, with cleaner air, abundant greenery, and a stronger sense of community.

4. What kind of people would like to stay in the countryside?

People who enjoy a slower pace of life would be attracted to staying in the countryside. These individuals appreciate the tranquility and simplicity that rural areas offer. They seek to escape the hustle and bustle of city life and find solace in the natural beauty of the countryside. For example, those who enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, or gardening would find the countryside appealing. Furthermore, people who value close-knit communities and a sense of belonging may prefer the warm and friendly atmosphere that often characterizes rural areas. Overall, those who appreciate a relaxed lifestyle amidst nature are likely to be drawn to staying in the countryside.

5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in the countryside?

Living in the countryside has its own set of advantages and disadvantages. On the bright side, one major advantage is the tranquility and natural beauty that can be found in rural areas. Living closer to nature can offer a peaceful and healthier environment. Additionally, the countryside often provides a closer-knit community where people can form stronger bonds and enjoy a slower pace of life. However, one downside is the lack of entertainment facilities compared to urban areas. Residents living in the countryside may have limited access to recreational activities and cultural events. Despite this, many people find solace in the serenity of rural living, even though the opportunities for entertainment may be scarce.

6. What are the differences between the city and the countryside?

In terms of differences between the city and the countryside, there are several key aspects to consider. First and foremost, the countryside is predominantly characterized by its agricultural nature. It is often marked by vast green landscapes, fields of crops, and livestock farms. On the other hand, cities are known to have a more developed entertainment and service industry. They offer a wide range of options for recreation, such as restaurants, theaters, and shopping centers. Moreover, cities tend to have a faster pace of life compared to the slower, more laid-back nature of the countryside. Overall, the diverse landscapes and contrasting lifestyles make the city and countryside distinctive in their own ways.

63. 送朋友的礼物

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

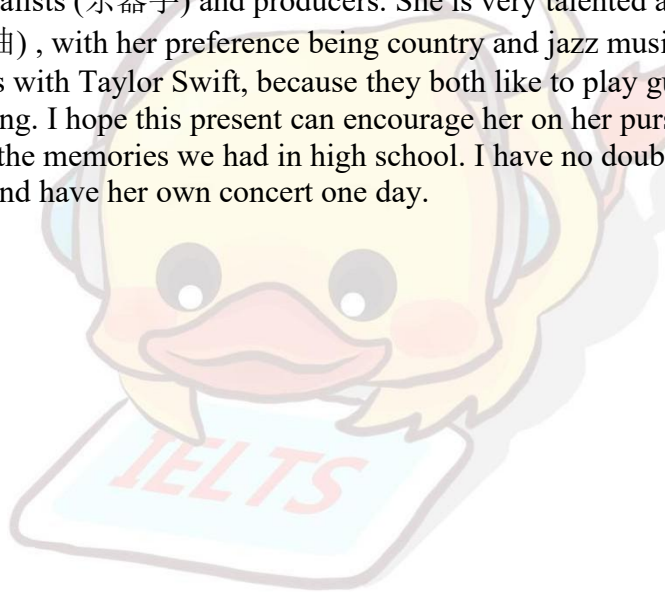
参考答案

When I was an exchange student at an American university, I traveled to Florida to see Taylor Swift in concert (巡回演唱会). Her live show was fantastic and reminded me of many memories from my youth. After the concert, I went into the merchandise shop (纪念品商店) to have a look around.



There was a lot of co-branded (联名的) merchandise like T-shirts, cups and posters. I also noticed some CDs displayed on the shelf that were limited edition (限量版) and signed with Taylor's autograph (亲笔签名). I decided I would buy one to give to one of my childhood friends when I returned to China, because she has been a big fan of Taylor Swift since junior high. Due to her passion for music, she is determined to work in music production.

In fact, she has already established a musical workshop with some ambitious instrumentalists (乐器手) and producers. She is very talented at singing and writing lyrics (作曲), with her preference being country and jazz music. I think she has a lot of similarities with Taylor Swift, because they both like to play guitar and they both started from nothing. I hope this present can encourage her on her pursuit of her musical dreams and recall the memories we had in high school. I have no doubt she will achieve her ambition and have her own concert one day.



Part 3

1. When do people normally send gifts to others?

Same with all the other traditions in the world, people send presents to their friends and families on birthday. During anniversaries, couples also give presents to each other in the name of love. Meanwhile, Chinese people often give gifts during Spring festival as well. The spring festival is on the last day of the year according to the Chinese calendar, so adults always carry gifts with them when they go back home as a tradition to celebrate the family reunion. And in some areas, after man and woman are engaged with each other, the man's family will send wedding presents, which are also called as the bride price, to the woman's family before the marriage.

2. Will people feel happy when receiving an expensive gift?

In my opinion, whether people feel happy when receiving an expensive gift depends on their personal preferences and interests. While some individuals may indeed feel happy and grateful for receiving an expensive gift, others may not necessarily share the same sentiment. Happiness is subjective and influenced by various factors such as personal values, financial circumstances, and emotional attachment. For instance, someone who values practicality and minimalism may not derive immense joy from receiving a luxurious item, while another person who appreciates fine craftsmanship or sentimental value might experience great happiness. Ultimately, it is important to consider the recipient's specific preferences and interests in order to ensure that the gift will truly bring them happiness.

3. Is it hard to choose a gift?

Choosing a gift can be a challenging task, but with careful thought and attention, it becomes a meaningful and enjoyable process. The difficulty lies in finding something that truly reflects the recipient's taste, personality, and needs. It may require considering their interests, hobbies, or even consulting with their close friends or family members. For instance, if someone loves cooking, a cookbook or kitchen gadget could be a great choice. Furthermore, the challenge also comes from wanting to surprise and delight the person, and make them feel special. Overall, although it may be hard at times, the effort put into selecting a thoughtful gift makes it a rewarding experience.

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

In traditional festivals, people often give red envelopes or other kinds of gifts as a symbol of good wishes and blessings. Red envelopes, also known as "hongbao" in Mandarin, are a common tradition in many Asian cultures. They usually contain money and are given to children or younger relatives to bring luck and prosperity. On the other hand, people may also give other types of gifts, such as food, clothing, or household items, depending on the specific festival and cultural customs. These gifts are often chosen carefully to reflect the values and traditions associated with the festival. For example, during Chinese New Year, fruits and sweets symbolize blessings and good fortune, while during Diwali, the Festival of Lights in India, traditional gifts may include decorative items or festive clothing. Overall, the choice of red envelopes or other types of gifts is influenced by cultural practices, personal preferences, and regional customs.

64. 一见且想再见的人

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

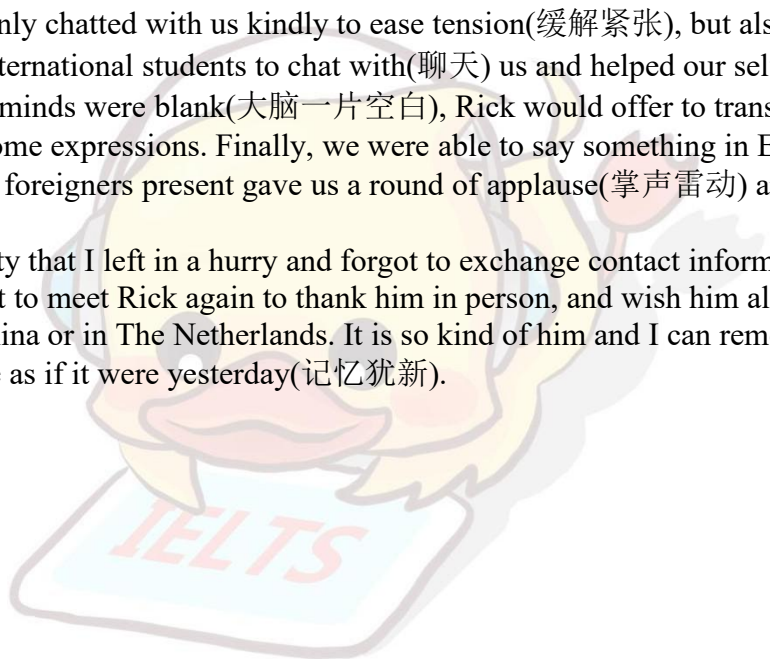
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I'd like to talk about an international student I met. His name is Rick. It was my second year in high school. To practice oral English, my classmate and I seized the opportunity(抓紧机会) to sign up for the English corner activity in local library. When we arrived at the English corner, we were surprised to find that we were the only two who dressed like high school students.

We were too nervous to make any self-introductions(做自我介绍) in front of the foreigners. That was when Rick saw us and came up for help. He said he was from The Netherlands and was studying psychology in China. I found that both of us were interested in theories of experimental psychology, so we felt like old friends at the first meeting (一见如故).

Rick not only chatted with us kindly to ease tension(缓解紧张), but also invited some friendly international students to chat with(聊天) us and helped our self-introduction. When our minds were blank(大脑一片空白), Rick would offer to translate for us and teach us some expressions. Finally, we were able to say something in English fluently, and all the foreigners present gave us a round of applause(掌声雷动) and smiled kindly.

It was a pity that I left in a hurry and forgot to exchange contact information with Rick. I really want to meet Rick again to thank him in person, and wish him all the best, whether he is in China or in The Netherlands. It is so kind of him and I can remember this experience as if it were yesterday(记忆犹新).



Part 3

1. How do people make friends in China?

There are many ways for people to make friends in China, and it varies from people with different ages and genders. Here I would like to talk about it on the level of personal character. If you are shy, you would definitely start off with your inner circle of friends – people that you are more familiar with. You may get acquainted with your friends' friends and then be invited to go out. If you are an outgoing person, quite easy to talk with, probably you will extend your social circle by attending parties, workshops or some courses, visiting bars and clubs and of course, using online communities like WeChat and Tik Tok.

2. On what occasions do people like to make friends?

I suppose the answer to this question may vary from person to person. What I mean by that is people of different ages may have their different choices to get to know someone new. For the kids, they prefer to make friends in their school with those who can have fun with them or even help them solve a math problem. But the adult may go with a completely different occasion to develop their friendship. It can be created either at dining table, say, for business cooperation, or sometimes be with friends with someone who joins the same interest clubs. Older people like my grandpa tend to make friends in some community activities, such as square dance, fishing and stuff like that held by the community.

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

Yes, having the same hobbies and interests can be important when making friends. It provides a common ground and facilitates bonding. When friends have shared hobbies, they can engage in activities together and enjoy each other's company. For example, if both friends enjoy playing sports like tennis, they can play matches and improve their skills together. Moreover, having common interests helps in starting conversations and maintaining meaningful connections. However, it's also important to note that friendships can thrive even without identical hobbies and interests. Sometimes, differences in interests can lead to exciting learning experiences and opportunities to explore new hobbies. Ultimately, the key factor in any friendship is mutual respect, understanding, and support.

4. What qualities make true friends?

True friends possess several qualities that make their bond strong and everlasting. Firstly, trust is crucial in any friendship. True friends trust each other and keep their promises. They are reliable and can be counted on in times of need. Secondly, good communication is essential. True friends listen actively and offer support and advice when needed. They take the time to understand each other's perspectives and resolve conflicts amicably. Additionally, true friends are genuinely caring and empathetic. They show compassion and understanding, celebrating joys and lending a shoulder to cry on during difficult times. Lastly, true friends respect each other's boundaries, opinions, and choices. They accept one another for who they are and do not judge. Overall, true friends are the ones who stand by your side through thick and thin, offering unwavering support, trust, and love.

65. 印象深刻的课程

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

参考答案

I want to talk about the English course I took back when I was a sophomore. Well, the name of the course was Advanced English, and it was actually a selective course(选修课). I initially chose it because I thought it would be easy to pass with flying colors. because you know, I was quite confident in my English. You see, I was not expecting it to be the most impressive course in my course calendar.

Anyways, it was not really the course content(课程内容) that's so worth mentioning. The textbook was no different than any English textbooks you see at university, and really it aimed to teach advanced vocabulary and grammar patterns(课程内容主要是教高级词汇和语法规则的). But that was it. What made the course such a valuable asset was the teacher!(老师才是这个课程的真正宝贵资源) She studied and lived in New Zealand for eight years, and it was her first year of teaching. She treated us like friends, rather than students. After all, she was only five years older than us. Unlike most rigid lecturers who would go on about the boring bullet points(无聊的重点) over and over again, she shared with us so many interesting experiences she had overseas. Apparently, New Zealand also had minority people, and they were called Māori's. Also, some New Zealanders thought Chinese medicine was some sort of witchcraft(巫术) because it seemed like magic to their health and wellbeing! Besides, every house in New Zealand has a garden. And if you don't take care of your garden, you can be fined by the community! Because you must fulfill your obligation to create a pleasant view for your neighbors!

For the first time, I was intrigued in the foreign world! And also for the first time, I realized that the world is so diverse and worth seeing. I'm really glad that I took that course!

Part 3

1. Why do some people have a better memory than others?

Ah, that's an interesting question. I've never thought about this before. Indeed, some people seem to have the ability to memorize things quickly and well. I reckon they must have mastered some kind of pattern. As far as I understand, human brains operate in certain ways. Some people may have been lucky to have found the secret operation pattern that they can manipulate their brains to memorize things more efficiently. Apart from that, I think any human beings would need to constantly review things in order to remember them. Those who claim they have a poor memory don't review things often enough, I can at least say that. And the ones that have better memory review things more often.

2. Do people like things of memorial significance?

Well, I think most people do give special attention to things that are of special meanings to them. For example, a pearl necklace from someone's great grandmother may be a family treasure, and has been passed down for many generations. Such a piece has seen hundreds or even thousands of years of history. Not to mention its great money value given that it's an antique, but the spiritual value it brings to the family is unmeasurable. So I imagine anyone who's handed over this precious piece would be thrilled and treat it with special care, to celebrate its memorial significance.

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

It really depends on the individual, but in my opinion, words can be more concise and easier to remember. When we read or hear words, our brain processes the information and creates mental connections that aid in memory retention. Additionally, words can be used to convey complex ideas or concepts in a precise manner. On the other hand, photos can be visually appealing and evoke emotions, but they may not always provide clear messages or trigger strong memory associations. In summary, while photos can be helpful in some cases, I believe that words are generally more effective in aiding memory recall.

4. Can technology help people remember things better? How?

Yes, technology has the potential to aid people in remembering things better. It primarily depends on how individuals utilize technology. For instance, using note-taking apps on smartphones or tablets can help organize and categorize information, making it easier to recall. Additionally, online platforms for creating flashcards or quizzes enable users to practice and reinforce their memory skills. However, it is essential to note that solely relying on technology for memory enhancement may inhibit critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. Therefore, balancing traditional methods of studying and utilizing technology strategically can lead to better results in memory retention.

66. 坏掉又修好的东西

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

参考答案

This topic just reminds me of the tragic story of my Dyson vacuum which I bought over three years ago. It actually serves as an indispensable assistant taking care of the hygiene of the house, (管理卫生的不可或缺的家庭助手) as it takes in every single piece of dust into his lung to provide me with a clean and neat room. I just joked to my sister that I couldn't imagine what my life without him. I hoped that by saying that, I hadn't jinxed myself! (千万别乌鸦嘴).

One day when I was using it to do the chores and clean every corner of my room as usual, he suddenly gave off a burnt smell(散发烧焦的气味), giving me a sudden sense of foreboding(有不详的预感). After all those years, he had finally started to complain.. So, I simply took him apart to see what was wrong with him . At first I removed the dust catcher and saw straight through the tube(目光直直的穿过管道). Luckily there was nothing in there. And then I checked the roller ball and also the suction area by unscrewing the gears (扭下来零件) and that is what was exactly causing the issue(就是他在导致问题). Some gadgets slid out to block the suction section(一些小零件划落堵住了吸尘口) so, I simply clicked it forward. And in order to make it steady, I had some rubber glued to the tube so that it could fit in perfectly. After I turned it on, my old pal fortunately started to work again.

I was wild with joy(高兴坏了) after all that exhausting and unhygienic work. I was so proud of myself for mending something usually fixed by a mechanic. I was about to quit half way through but I am so happy I persisted..(差不多要放弃的时候坚持了下来还成功了) Another lesson I have drawn from this experience is to never say something that you don't want to come true, because you just end up jinxing yourself!!

Part 3

1. Are IT-related jobs valued more by society?

In the past, those job occupations related to information technology didn't receive so much attention simply because people hadn't seen its full potential. For instance, we only used the mobile phone to keep in contact with friends and family and the live streaming trade hadn't been such a lucrative field. However, thanks to the introduction of 5G technology and big data, we've got to quickly download softwares and people can even conclude from statistics about different peoples personality and a preference for different products. It's fair to say the 21st-century is the age of information technology, so it's not unusual that on jobs related to this industry are becoming increasingly valued by society.

2. Is the quality of products worse than before?

I cannot give an exclusive answer because you know there are all assortment of products in the market nowadays. It is clear to see that people enjoy a wider range of products which just brings convenience to the daily life. However, due to the mass production and the fact that an increasing number of manufacturers start to be obsessed with profit, they may try to sacrifice quality for the sake of money. A vivid example was that my mom told me when she was young there wouldn't be so much trouble with some electronic appliances, while nowadays all those annoying glitches will frequently occur and require for updates which may be an indication of the decrease in quality.

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

There are various things that people enjoy repairing by themselves. Simple home items such as picture frames are often among the popular ones. Many individuals find it satisfying to fix broken frames using basic tools, glue, or even improvised materials. By doing so, they not only save money but also showcase their creative skills. Additionally, some people like repairing bicycles, as it allows them to understand the mechanics of the vehicle and gives them a sense of accomplishment. Apart from that, basic plumbing issues, like fixing a leaky faucet, can also be tackled by DIY enthusiasts. Overall, the ability to repair things independently empowers individuals and fosters self-reliance.

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

People like to get their mobile phones repaired in specialized stores for several reasons. Firstly, specialized stores have technicians who are trained and experienced in handling various smartphone issues. They possess specific skills and knowledge to diagnose and fix the problems efficiently. Secondly, these stores often have access to genuine and high-quality replacement parts, ensuring that the phone is repaired to its original specifications. Moreover, specialized stores offer guarantees and warranties on their repairs, providing customers with peace of mind. Finally, these stores offer a more personalized and customer-focused approach, addressing individual needs and concerns.

67. 保健方式

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

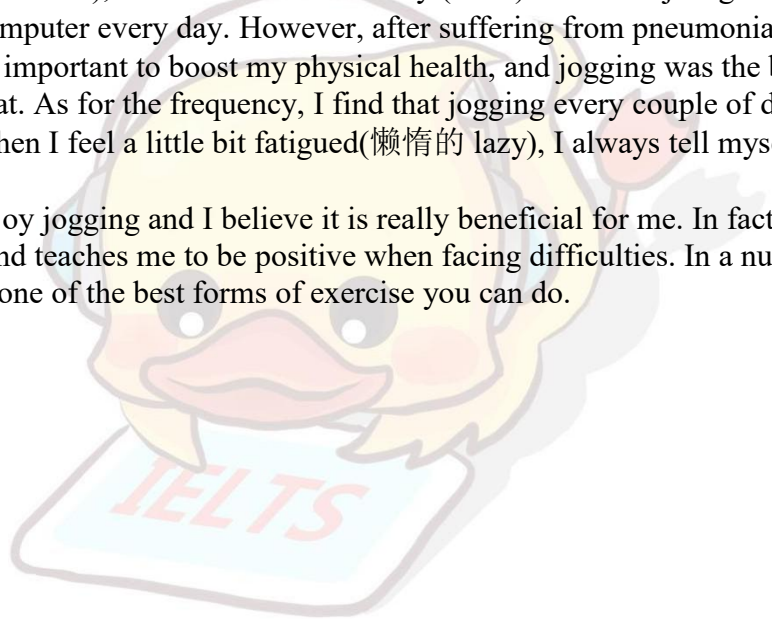
And explain why it can help you keep fit and healthy

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Well, speaking about a wholesome (健康的 healthy) activity, I know a bunch of healthy ones I could share with you, but the one I would like to mention is quite special to me. This activity is morning jogging(晨跑 morning running). There is a traditional proverb in China which says that an hour in the morning is worth two in the evening (一天之计在于晨). Therefore, you can see how important mornings are to Chinese people.

I joined a jogging club 2 years ago and they often organize morning activities. I get up quite early, approximately 6 o' clock, and always join the club members to jog in the nearby park. We all enjoy the soft breeze on our faces. When we feel a little bit tired, we stop to get some breakfast sold by the roadside vendors (路边摊). Frankly speaking(坦白来说 to be candid), I used to be a homebody (宅男) and I was just glued to the (喜欢) TV and computer every day. However, after suffering from pneumonia(肺炎), I realized that it was important to boost my physical health, and jogging was the best way to achieve that. As for the frequency, I find that jogging every couple of days really works for me. When I feel a little bit fatigued(懒惰的 lazy), I always tell myself to push on.

I really enjoy jogging and I believe it is really beneficial for me. In fact, it makes me feel youthful and teaches me to be positive when facing difficulties. In a nutshell, I think this activity is one of the best forms of exercise you can do.



Part 3

1. How do children and old people keep fit and healthy?

As is often the case that children and old people are more vulnerable to most diseases, especially after outbreak of COVID-19, keeping fit has seemed to be attached more importance than ever. But due to many reasons, children and old people are taking different measures to keep fit and healthy. For children, it's quite common to see them run, jog, swim and so forth. For old people, it might be difficult for them to take up such sports events, they are more likely to choose such aerobic exercise as walking and square dancing. Anyway, it makes sense as long as people are moving.

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

In my country, people of different ages do various sports events to keep fit and healthy. For the old, they prefer walking and square dancing, a small part of them also choose to do Tai Chi Quan to obtain both health in condition and gentleness in mind. But for adults, the ways they take exercise are diverse such as going to the gym and following professional instructors, jogging and doing some particular aerobics like Pamela and Zumba. But for children, they take PE lessons to go swimming, jumping, running and so on. In my point of view, no matter what kind of manner you choose to keep fit, always keep safety in mind.

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

Parents can play a crucial role in helping and guiding their children to maintain good health. Firstly, they can establish a well-rounded plan that includes specific daily activities such as allocating a certain amount of time for exercise. For example, engaging in physical activities for at least one hour every day can help children stay active and prevent health issues. Additionally, setting a regular sleep schedule can ensure that children get enough rest, improving their overall well-being. Parents can also encourage their kids to adopt healthy eating habits, such as consuming a balanced diet that includes fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. By providing nutritious meals and snacks, parents can enhance their children's health. Moreover, parents should educate their kids about the importance of proper hygiene practices, such as regular handwashing, to prevent the spread of germs.

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

Yes, I do believe it is beneficial for governments to engage popular celebrities in promoting health awareness. By leveraging the star power and influence of celebrities, governments can effectively reach a wider audience and grab their attention. Celebrities have a significant impact on public opinion, and their involvement can create a buzz around health campaigns and initiatives. This approach can make health-related messages more relatable and engaging for the public, especially young people who are often influenced by celebrities. Furthermore, celebrities can use their platforms to share personal health journeys and inspire others to adopt healthy lifestyles. In conclusion, leveraging popular celebrities can be a powerful tool for governments to build health awareness and encourage positive behavior change.

68. 工作/学习中的积极建议

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

参考答案

A great piece of advice can lead individuals to become better versions of themselves. A positive suggestion I am going to tell you is how I was encouraged to overcome procrastination.

Procrastination is a huge problem among young adults these days, and you can see it everywhere on the internet. People tend to spend their time on more pleasurable things rather than pending tasks, and therefore put off (推迟) things that need to be accomplished to a later time, usually the last minute, which often results in poor performance.

I also was a serious procrastinator two years ago when I was working on a project at work. Although it was only a month before the due date, my proposal was still blank. However, I was not worried because I knew that one way or another (以某种方式) I would eventually complete it. I didn't notice that if this went on, I would probably have failed to live up to my leader's expectations (辜负某人期望). Fortunately, my best friend Jim didn't give up on me. He looked at (研究) all the documents and offered a suggestion that I divide the task into 20 separate small projects and set a deadline for each one.

I did exactly what he advised and successfully submitted my work on time, and I was even praised by my leader. When I began working a few years later, I also followed this procedure, which turned out to be very effective. I felt grateful for his suggestion, because without it, my life could have followed a different path (走上一条不同的路).

Part 3

1. Should parents always encourage their children?

Yes, I agree. Parents should notice that children need encouragement to help their motivation with general day-to-day tasks or especially when they are achieving new goals such as learning to walk, eating vegetables, or sitting exams. It's important that they feel encouraged that they are doing good, and have the ability to do better and achieve their dreams. When they are given positive feedbacks and attention toward good behavior and achievement, they are more likely to repeat the behavior. Encouragement is a better way than simply talking to help children tell good from bad, and it motivates confidence in themselves along the way.

2. Do you think negative feedbacks are more important than positive feedbacks? Why?

I wouldn't say so. We all recognize that negative feedbacks give us an opportunity to learn and grow, but that doesn't mean negative feedbacks are more important than positive feedbacks. As a matter of fact, positive feedbacks can be more powerful. They help people feel confident, which is useful for them to do a better job. They make people feel appreciated, which in turn makes them become more motivated and engaged. Receiving positive feedbacks shows them that they are supported, and this leads to a better personal relationship. It's a much easier environment for us to live in where everyone is more open with each other in giving encouragement.

3. When should parents encourage their children?

Parents should encourage their children whenever they feel like giving up due to failures. It is crucial for parents to provide support during these challenging moments. Firstly, parents should offer words of encouragement, reminding their children of their capabilities and the potential for growth. Secondly, parents can help their children identify the lessons that can be learned from failure, emphasizing that setbacks can be valuable learning experiences. Additionally, parents can share personal stories about their own failures and the subsequent achievements, instilling a sense of resilience and determination in their children. Lastly, parents should create a nurturing environment where mistakes are seen as opportunities for growth rather than reasons for disappointment. By offering this kind of support, parents can motivate their children to persist and overcome obstacles.

4. Why is negative feedback as important as positive feedback at work or in study?

Negative feedback is just as crucial as positive feedback in the workplace for several reasons. Firstly, negative feedback helps individuals identify their weaknesses and areas for improvement. By highlighting areas that require attention, individuals are motivated to develop their skills and become more effective in their roles. Secondly, negative feedback provides an opportunity for growth and development. It encourages individuals to seek solutions, learn from their mistakes, and make necessary adjustments. Additionally, negative feedback promotes better communication and teamwork. When given constructively, it helps employees understand expectations and clarify misunderstandings, fostering a more productive and collaborative work environment. Ultimately, a balanced mix of positive and negative feedback encourages continuous improvement and allows individuals to reach their full potential.

69. 向长者学习技能

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

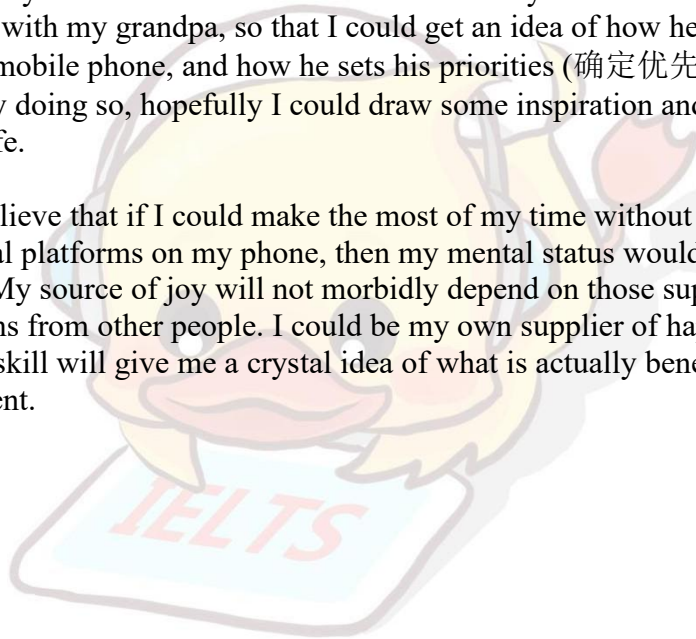
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The skill that I hope to learn from older people is to live life meaningfully without constantly checking mobile phones.

Nowadays, it seems that me and my friends are all tethered to our phones (似乎都离不开我们的手机). We would be so out of our element once our devices are out of our reach. But the truth is that the more we scroll social media, the emptier we feel deep inside. By contrast, the older generation like my grandparents, do not have this morbid relationship with smart phones. Most of them only use these devices for making phone calls. Apparently playing on phones is not the source of their happiness. They have their ways of fulfilling their everyday life, which is what I admire.

In order to acquire this ability, I believe the first step is to have a close observation on the elder's lifestyle and their attitude towards those daily details. For me, I plan to spend more time with my grandpa, so that I could get an idea of how he arranges his life without a mobile phone, and how he sets his priorities (确定优先事项) in his daily routine. By doing so, hopefully I could draw some inspiration and incorporate them into my own life.

I firmly believe that if I could make the most of my time without repeatedly checking those social platforms on my phone, then my mental status would be healthier and more peaceful. My source of joy will not morbidly depend on those superficial materials or affirmations from other people. I could be my own supplier of happiness and confidence. Also, this skill will give me a crystal idea of what is actually beneficial to my personal development.



Part 3

1. What can children learn from their parents?

Well, I believe there are tons of things that we children can learn from the elderly. They have experienced so much more than we do, and they probably have encountered similar problems as us when they were young, so there must be a lot that we can learn from them, like how to deal with the job interview, how to organize our finance and so on. Take myself as an example. I always admire my parents' ability to maintain the work-life balance. I personally find it hard to deal with my study and leisure time, so it is incredible that they can take care of this family as well as perform well in their jobs. I would always like to pick their brain and improve myself for the better.

2. From whom can children learn more, parents or grandparents?

Well, I don't really think people can actually put a number on how much they can learn from their parents and how much from grandparents. Lessons that are acquired from either parents or grandparents are equally valuable. Maybe along certain points in our life we will lean more on our parents' advice because we are experiencing similar situations as they once did. But when life turns a corner, we may find our grandparents are a more informative source of suggestions. For example, when I encounter some problems about my work or the interpersonal relationship, I would turn to my parents, because the work environment may have changed greatly from that of my grandparents' time. But my grandparents are also wonderful teachers in teaching me how to live a meaningful life without attaching to mobile phones, which is valuable as well.

3. What kind of help do you think older people need?

In my opinion, older people often require assistance to adapt to modern life. One aspect that could greatly benefit them is learning how to use smartphones. By teaching them how to navigate mobile devices, they can communicate easily with their loved ones, access vital information, and stay connected to the world around them. Helping them understand the functionalities of various apps, such as social media platforms or video calling applications, can enhance their sense of belonging and reduce feelings of isolation. Additionally, guiding them on how to use different features like setting reminders or accessing online services can make their daily lives more convenient and efficient. With the proper support, older individuals can overcome technological barriers and become more independent in this ever-changing world.

4. What skills can young people learn from older people?

Young people can learn a range of valuable skills from older generations. One such skill is traditional craftsmanship, where they can learn how to create handmade products using traditional techniques. This not only allows them to acquire practical skills, but also helps to preserve and pass on cultural heritage. By actively engaging with older people, young individuals can learn the art of papermaking, pottery, or textile weaving, for example. These skills not only instill a sense of pride in one's cultural heritage, but also promote creativity and provide a unique avenue for self-expression. Embracing the knowledge and expertise of older individuals enables young people to connect with their roots and contribute to the preservation of traditional craftsmanship for future generations.

70. 用手机做重要事情

Describe a time you used your cellphone/smartphone to do something important

You should say:

What happened

When it happened

How important the cellphone/smartphone was

And explain how you felt about the experience

参考答案

The experience I want to talk about is when I used my smartphone to shoot a family photo on my grandma's birthday.

It was last year when my grandma turned eighty, which is a birthday very worth celebrating in Chinese culture, so we held a big party for her. We have a big family, and many relatives came to the party – aunties, uncles, cousins, my grandma's brothers and sisters... people I hadn't seen for most of my life! We all treasured this opportunity because we knew that the chances are可能 some of us may never see each other again. So, even though the party was filled with laughter and toasts 祝酒, there was also some sadness floating around 流传, 传播.

At the end of the party, one of my aunties proposed 提议 that we should take a picture all together. I was the youngest at the event 在当时, 在现场, so I took on the role of photographer. We didn't have proper cameras or any professional equipment, but the wide-angle lens 广角镜头 installed 安装 inside my phone was enough to shoot a perfect family photo. Everyone was happy, and the vibe 氛围 was so loving and supportive.

I think mobiles are very crucial in terms of capturing and storing our precious 珍贵的 moments. Gone are the days when ...的日子已经过去了 you had to carry a heavy camera around to take pictures. Now, we have our phones on us all day long, and if anything happens, we can document it instantly and store it digitally.

I really appreciated the birthday party because such huge get-togethers 团聚 might only happen once in your life. I'm also grateful for my mobile phone as we were able to capture 记录 the event.

Part 3

1. What do you usually do with a cellphone?

What I use most frequently with my cellphone is to text back and forth on my Wechat. I don't like to make phone calls, but I like to text to people for work, study, and relationships. Apart from that, I sometimes use my phone to watch some musical videos, or watch a mini movie. But I try not to stay on the phone for too long, for the sake of my eye health. Besides, unlike a lot of my friends who spend days and nights on the phone playing games, I never play games on the phone.

2. What are the differences between young people and old people when using a cellphone?

As far as I know, the old people like to use the phone to chat with their family. They like to send voice messages to their family on Wechat, since most old people are not good at typing. Apart from that, they watch some interesting videos or read news on their phone. However, the young generation like to download different apps which assist their study or work. For example, many young people have Zhihu, Xiaohongshu on their phone where they can have access to communicating with those who are like-minded to themselves.

3. Which one is more important, using a cellphone to make phone calls or to read messages?

In my opinion, both using a cellphone to make phone calls and to read messages are important, but their significance may vary depending on individual needs and preferences. For some people, phone calls are essential for effective communication, especially for urgent matters or important conversations. On the other hand, reading messages can be equally important as it allows for text-based communication, which is more convenient and less intrusive in certain situations, like in public places or during meetings. Thus, the importance of each function of a cellphone depends on the specific circumstances and individual preferences. For me personally, I find reading messages more valuable as it enables me to stay connected with others without interruptions or time constraints. Overall, both phone calls and reading messages serve different purposes, and their importance is subjective to individual needs and preferences.

4. Do you think there should be a law to stop people from making phone calls in public?

In my opinion, I believe that having a law to prevent people from making phone calls in public might not be necessary. Instead, it is more advisable to encourage individuals to develop a sense of etiquette and manners. This issue should be tackled more through cultivating habits and fostering moral responsibility. For instance, people could be educated on the significance of maintaining privacy and respect for others in public spaces. By promoting such values, we can create an environment where individuals voluntarily refrain from making phone calls that may disturb others. Ultimately, it is about fostering a culture of consideration and mutual respect, rather than relying solely on legislation.

71. 帮助小孩

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

参考答案

One unforgettable incident when I assisted a child occurred during my summer break (暑假) last year. It was a scorching hot day, and I was strolling through a local park when I noticed a distressed little boy sitting alone under a tree, sobbing inconsolably.

Filled with concern (满怀忧虑), I immediately approached him to inquire about his well-being. It turned out that he had lost his way and couldn't find his parents. Understanding the gravity of the situation, I tried to calm him down and assure him that everything would be alright.

Taking into account his age, I decided to ask him a few questions in order to gather more information. Fortunately, he remembered some details about his parents' appearance and what they were wearing. I promptly contacted the park authorities, who initiated an announcement on the loudspeaker with a description of the boy's parents.

In the meantime, I sat with the child, engaged him in conversation, and offered him some water and snacks to make him feel more at ease. As time passed, I could see the relief and gratitude in his eyes as his parents emerged from the crowd, anxiously searching for him. Witnessing the joyous reunion of the child and his family was truly heartwarming.

I helped the child because I genuinely empathized with his predicament. As a responsible member of society, it is our duty to extend a helping hand to those in need, especially when it comes to children who are vulnerable and dependent on adults for their safety.

Regarding my feelings after assisting the child, I experienced an overwhelming sense of fulfillment and satisfaction (强烈的成就感和满足感). Being able to make a positive impact in someone's life, particularly a young child, reinforced my belief in the importance of compassion and the power of helping others.

Part 3

1. What can schools do to develop students' awareness of volunteering?

Schools can play a crucial role in nurturing students' awareness of volunteering. Firstly, they can organize community service programs where students actively participate in local initiatives. For example, schools could collaborate with local non-profit organizations to create opportunities for students to engage in volunteer work. Secondly, schools can incorporate volunteering as a part of the curriculum, such as by including it as a module in subjects like social studies or citizenship education. This would help students understand the importance of giving back to society. Finally, schools can invite guest speakers who have made significant contributions through volunteering, motivating students and providing them with role models to look up to.

2. Why is it necessary to do volunteer services?

It's not rare to see many adults take part in volunteer services, I think it remarkable because voluntary work is necessary for both community and individual. For the community, volunteers have shouldered many tasks and helped reduce the financial burden. For volunteers themselves, such work would help cultivate their sense of responsibility, which is a very treasured morality in both life and work. So in a word, people should be encouraged to do volunteer services.

3. What can you do to help your neighbors?

Firstly, individuals can offer a helping hand by assisting with daily chores such as gardening or cleaning. This not only reduces the burden on their neighbors but also fosters a sense of community. Additionally, one can lend a listening ear and emotional support, especially in times of difficulty or loneliness. Another practical way to support neighbors is by participating in community initiatives, such as organizing neighborhood events or volunteering for local charities. Overall, by demonstrating kindness, empathy, and actively participating in community life, we can create harmonious and supportive neighborhoods.

4. Do people in your country like to help neighbors?

In my country, people's inclination towards helping neighbors varies. In urban areas, where neighbors may not be as familiar with each other, the willingness to assist might be lower. However, in rural areas, there is a stronger sense of community, and people are more inclined to help and support one another. For example, in farming communities, neighbors often come together during harvest season to assist each other with the workload. This communal spirit is deeply rooted in the cultural fabric of rural areas, facilitating mutual aid and cooperation. Overall, while the level of neighborly assistance may differ between urban and rural settings, the concept of helping neighbors remains valued in our society.

5. Why is it important to help neighbors?

There are several reasons why it is important to help our neighbors. Firstly, by supporting our neighbors, we create a sense of community and unity, which enhances social cohesion and harmony. Additionally, lending a helping hand fosters positive relationships, as we build trust and goodwill among our neighbors. Moreover, helping neighbors during challenging times creates a safer and more secure neighborhood, reducing crime rates and increasing overall well-being. In conclusion, assisting our neighbors not only benefits the individuals we help, but also contributes to the overall welfare of the community.

6. Should developed countries provide technological help to developing countries?

Yes, developed countries should provide technological help to developing countries. This assistance can contribute to global progress and create a better world for everyone. By sharing their advanced technological knowledge and resources, developed countries can support the development of industries and infrastructure in developing countries. This can result in improved access to education, healthcare, and communication, empowering people and promoting economic growth. Additionally, technological aid can enhance disaster management and sustainable development efforts in the developing world. Through mutual cooperation and support, we can work towards a more equitable and prosperous global community.

72. 免费物品

Describe something you received for free

You should say:

What it was

Who you received it from

Where you received it

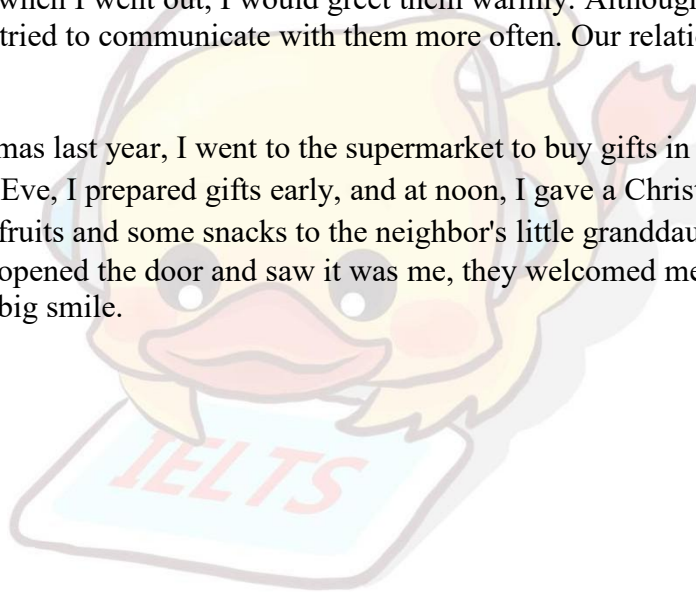
And how you felt about it

参考答案

The most impressive free item I received was an Easter present from my neighbor.

In fact, I didn't know my neighbors very well before the whole thing happened, as they are an old couple from Russia. Because of our different living habits(生活习惯) and language barriers(语言障碍), I didn't see or talk to them very often. So, we just had simple greetings, and no in-depth discussions(深入交谈). I remember last Easter, at almost noon, someone knocked on the door. I wondered who it was, and when I opened the door, it was my Russian neighbor. They brought me a little cake that looked like they had baked it themselves and a few colorful Easter eggs., They wished me a happy Easter, and gave me a warm hug. I was surprised at the time, but still very happy. Although I don't have the habit of celebrating Easter, it feels good to be remembered(被人惦记的感觉很好). I happily accepted the gifts and immediately sent pictures of the cake and eggs to my parents and friends to share the joy. . The cake given by the neighbors was sweet, and the painted eggas delicious. From that day on, every time I ran into(碰见) my neighbors when I went out, I would greet them warmly. Although I still can't speak Russian, I tried to communicate with them more often. Our relationship suddenly became closer.

For Christmas last year, I went to the supermarket to buy gifts in advance(提前). On Christmas Eve, I prepared gifts early, and at noon, I gave a Christmas pastry(圣诞节糕点), some fruits and some snacks to the neighbor's little granddaughter. When the neighbors opened the door and saw it was me, they welcomed me warmly and thanked me with a big smile.



Part 3

1. Why do customers like to receive free gifts from companies?

Customers often appreciate receiving free gifts from companies for a variety of reasons. Firstly, receiving a free gift makes customers feel valued and appreciated by the company. This gesture creates a positive impression and strengthens their loyalty towards the brand. Secondly, free gifts can be seen as a token of gratitude for their ongoing support and patronage. It enhances the customer's overall experience and fosters a positive relationship between the company and its customers. Moreover, free gifts provide customers with an opportunity to try new products or services without any financial obligation. This helps them explore and evaluate the company's offerings, increasing the chances of future purchases.

2. Is it good or bad for people to have free education in the future?

It is good for people to have free education in the future. The benefits that free education can naturally bring is the improvement of social productivity. As we all know, science and technology are the primary productive forces, but where does science and technology come from? There is no doubt that it comes from learning. Free education means that everyone can afford to go to school and enjoy the right to receive education, so naturally, the per capita academic qualifications and quality will be greatly improved, which is beneficial to all walks of life. The estrangement between people can also be reduced, which is naturally conducive to the progress of the society.

3. Why should everyone have access to basic healthcare?

Everyone should have access to basic healthcare for several reasons. Firstly, it is a fundamental human right to have access to medical services, regardless of one's financial status or social background. Secondly, providing basic healthcare to everyone helps in preventing the spread of contagious diseases and ensures a healthier society as a whole. Moreover, accessible healthcare promotes early detection and treatment of illnesses, leading to better health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs in the long run. Additionally, basic healthcare access contributes to economic development by improving productivity and reducing the burden on individuals and families. In conclusion, ensuring universal access to basic healthcare is vital for the well-being and progress of society.

4. Is it necessary to provide free public transportation?

In my opinion, providing free public transportation can be beneficial, especially in areas with high population density. The need for free public transportation arises from congested roads and limited parking spaces. By offering this service for free, it encourages people to leave their private vehicles behind, reducing traffic congestion and lowering pollution levels. Additionally, it can help lower transportation costs for individuals and provide accessibility to those who cannot afford private transportation. However, implementing free public transportation requires careful consideration of the financial implications and efficient management to ensure its sustainability. Ultimately, the decision to provide free public transportation should be based on the specific needs and circumstances of each locality.

5. Will people be happy when they receive free things?

Absolutely! People are bound to feel happy when they receive free things. I mean, who doesn't love getting stuff for free, right? Imagine receiving a surprise gift or a free ticket to a concert. The joy and excitement that comes with the unexpected gesture can create a lasting memory and feeling of happiness. However, it is important to note that the level of happiness can vary from person to person, as individuals have different preferences and expectations.

6. What kinds of free service should be provided by the government?

In my opinion, the government should provide various free services to its citizens. First and foremost, public libraries should be made widely available. These libraries offer a wealth of knowledge and resources, allowing people from all walks of life to access books, magazines, and educational materials without any cost. Moreover, the government should establish and maintain public parks and recreational facilities. These spaces provide an opportunity for individuals and families to engage in physical activities, relax, and connect with nature, enhancing overall well-being. By offering these free services, the government promotes access to education, encourages a healthy lifestyle, and fosters a sense of community among its citizens.



73. 造福社会的工作

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

参考答案

There are numerous jobs that are undoubtedly useful to society. One such job that immediately comes to my mind is that of a doctor. Doctors play a significant role in maintaining the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

I am well aware of this job through various sources such as books, media, and personal experiences. The crucial role of doctors in society is consistently highlighted, making it a profession that is well-recognized and cherished. (备受认可和珍视)

Doctors are individuals who have undergone extensive training and education in the field of medicine. They acquire (取得) the necessary knowledge and skills to diagnose and treat various illnesses and injuries. They work in hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare settings. They can specialize in different areas such as pediatrics, cardiology, or surgery. (儿科、心脏病学或外科。)

I firmly believe that being a doctor is exceptionally useful to society for several reasons. Firstly, doctors have the ability to save lives. With their medical expertise, they can provide accurate diagnoses and prescribe appropriate treatment plans, ultimately leading to improved health outcomes.

Secondly, doctors also contribute to the prevention of diseases. They educate individuals about healthy lifestyle choices and preventive measures, such as vaccinations, which can reduce the spread of contagious diseases and improve public health.

Furthermore, doctors provide crucial support and care to patients and their families, offering comfort and reassurance during challenging times. They act as advocates for their patients, ensuring they receive the necessary treatments and support services.

In conclusion, the job of a doctor is undeniably useful to society. Their knowledge, skills, and dedication to improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities make them an essential part of our society.

Part 3

1. What kind of jobs are well-paid in your country?

In my country, there are several well-paid jobs that individuals aspire to. One such job is being a CEO. CEOs not only hold high positions within companies but also have significant responsibilities for the overall success of the organization. They are accountable for making critical decisions, guiding the strategic direction, and managing the company's resources effectively. CEOs often earn a substantial salary due to the level of expertise and experience they bring to the table. Additionally, their leadership skills and ability to drive growth and profitability play a crucial role in determining their compensation. Thus, many individuals pursue the CEO role as it offers excellent financial rewards and a chance to make a significant impact in the business world.

2. What kind of jobs receive a low income?

There are several types of jobs that typically receive a low income. First, unskilled or labor-intensive jobs such as cleaners, farm workers, or construction workers often fall into this category. Additionally, jobs in the service industry, such as waitstaff or cashiers, usually have lower wages. Furthermore, entry-level positions or jobs that require minimal qualifications may also have lower pay. It's worth noting that income can vary depending on factors like location and company policies. However, it's crucial to keep in mind that fair pay and access to decent working conditions are essential for all employees, regardless of the job they have.

3. What kind of jobs deserve a high salary?

Well, there are several types of jobs that are often rewarded with high salaries. One such profession is that of a doctor. Doctors undergo extensive education and training, as they are responsible for taking care of people's health and well-being. Their job requires a great deal of skill, knowledge, and dedication. Additionally, doctors often work long hours, including being on call during weekends and holidays. The level of responsibility and the pressure they face can be immense, as lives are literally in their hands. Therefore, it is only fair that doctors are compensated well for their hard work and expertise.

4. Do you think doctors should be well-paid?

In my opinion, doctors should indeed be well-paid for their crucial role in society. Firstly, the years of study and training that doctors undergo require tremendous dedication and effort. They sacrifice their time and personal life to gain the necessary skills and knowledge to save lives. Secondly, the job of a doctor can be extremely demanding and stressful. They often work long hours and face immense pressure to make accurate diagnoses and provide effective treatments. Furthermore, doctors shoulder the responsibility of taking care of people's health and well-being, which is a fundamental aspect of any community. Therefore, it is only fair and reasonable for doctors to be compensated adequately for their expertise, commitment, and the vital service they provide to society.

5. Who should receive a higher salary, young people or older people?

In my opinion, salary should be determined based on one's qualifications, skills, and experience, rather than age. It's important to assess the individual's contribution to the organization, rather than focusing solely on their age. Young people can bring fresh ideas, innovation, and adaptability to the workplace, while older individuals can offer wisdom, experience, and expertise. Therefore, I believe a fair compensation system should consider the individual's merits, regardless of their age. Ultimately, it should be a matter of rewarding hard work and dedication, rather than discriminating based on age.

6. Do you think schools should provide career advice to students?

In my opinion, I believe that schools should definitely provide career advice to students. By collaborating with companies and businesses, schools can offer valuable insights into various career paths. This partnership allows students to receive up-to-date information on job market trends and requirements. Furthermore, schools can organize career fairs and workshops, where students can interact with professionals from different industries. This exposure not only helps students make informed decisions about their future but also enhances their networking skills. Ultimately, integrating career advice into the education system equips students with the necessary knowledge and resources to make successful career choices.



74. 去过且推荐的宜居之地

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

参考答案

I would like to recommend the beautiful city of Vancouver (温哥华) in Canada.

Located on the west coast of the country, Vancouver is surrounded by stunning mountains and is known for its vibrant cultural scene.

I had the opportunity to visit Vancouver last summer with my family. The weather was perfect, with warm temperatures and plenty of sunshine (温度温暖, 阳光充足). We explored the city's diverse neighborhoods, such as Gastown and Granville Island, and we were impressed by the clean and safe environment.

What I particularly enjoyed about Vancouver was its natural beauty. We took a day trip to Stanley Park, which is a massive urban park with lush forests, scenic walking trails, and breathtaking views of the ocean. The city also offers a variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, cycling, and kayaking (徒步旅行、骑自行车和皮划艇), which allow visitors to immerse themselves in nature.

Furthermore, Vancouver has a rich cultural heritage. The city is home to numerous art galleries, museums, and theaters, offering a wide range of performances and exhibitions. We had the chance to attend a spectacular contemporary dance performance at the iconic Vancouver Playhouse, which was truly unforgettable.

In addition, the city's culinary scene is diverse and vibrant. We enjoyed trying various international cuisines in the numerous restaurants and food markets. The selection of fresh seafood was particularly impressive, and we savored delicious dishes featuring local ingredients.

Overall, I would highly recommend Vancouver as a place to live. Its natural beauty, cultural richness, and outdoor activities make it an ideal destination for individuals and families alike. Whether you are an art enthusiast, a nature lover, or a foodie, Vancouver offers something for everyone.

Part 3

1. Why do people move from one place to another?

There are various reasons why people choose to relocate from one place to another. Firstly, some individuals may move to pursue better job opportunities. For instance, they may seek higher salaries or more fulfilling careers in another city or country. Secondly, people often move for educational purposes. They may want to study at renowned universities or gain exposure to a different academic environment. Additionally, personal reasons such as marriage or starting a family can prompt people to move. Lastly, individuals may seek a change in lifestyle, such as moving to a place that offers a better quality of life or a more favorable climate.

2. What should people prepare before they move to a different city?

Before moving to a different city, individuals should make several preparations. First and foremost, it is crucial to research about the new city. This includes understanding its culture, climate, and local customs. Additionally, it is advisable to gain knowledge about the cost of living, housing options, and transportation facilities. Financial planning is equally important, so it is recommended to save some money for initial expenses, such as rent deposits or moving costs. Furthermore, connecting with individuals who already reside in the new city can provide valuable insights and make the transition smoother. Finally, packing essentials, organizing important documents, and notifying relevant parties of address change are essential steps towards a successful move. By taking these preparations, people can ensure a more seamless and enjoyable experience in their new city.

3. What kinds of place do people in your country prefer to live in?

In my country, people have diverse preferences when it comes to choosing a place to live. Some prefer bustling cities with a vibrant and fast-paced lifestyle, while others opt for peaceful countryside settings. However, there is also a significant number of individuals who seek out serene coastal areas or picturesque mountain towns. Ultimately, it depends on one's personal preferences and lifestyle choices. For instance, those who prioritize convenience and access to a wide range of amenities would opt for city living, while those who enjoy a more laid-back pace of life may be drawn to rural or coastal areas.

4. What are the benefits of living close to one's workplace?

Well, living close to one's workplace offers numerous advantages. Firstly, the most significant benefit is saving valuable time. Commuting long distances takes up a substantial portion of one's day, causing stress and exhaustion. By living near their workplace, individuals can conveniently walk or have a short daily journey, allowing them to allocate more time for rest or personal activities. Moreover, proximity to work promotes a healthier lifestyle. People can engage in regular physical exercises, such as walking or biking, instead of being trapped in traffic congestion. Additionally, living nearby encourages better work-life balance, as one can easily run errands and spend quality time with family or pursue hobbies after work.

5. What factors make a city liveable?

There are several factors that contribute to making a city livable. Firstly, access to basic amenities such as clean water, electricity, and healthcare facilities is crucial. Additionally, a well-developed transportation system, including efficient public transportation and well-maintained roads, is important for ease of movement within the city. Moreover, the presence of green spaces and parks provides a source of relaxation and recreation for residents. Finally, a diverse range of educational and cultural opportunities, including museums, theaters, and schools, enhance the quality of life for residents.

6. Why do many people choose to move to big cities?

Many folks decide to move to big cities for all sorts of reasons. First off, one of the biggest draws is the wide variety of job options you can find in urban areas. Big cities have tons of different industries and sectors, giving people a much better shot at landing a job. Plus, jobs in cities usually come with higher pay and better career growth opportunities, which really encourages people to make the move. On top of that, the appeal of job openings, a lively lifestyle, improved infrastructure, and a welcoming attitude towards diversity are all major factors that pull many individuals toward big city life.



75. 改变世界的发明

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

And explain how it changed people's lives

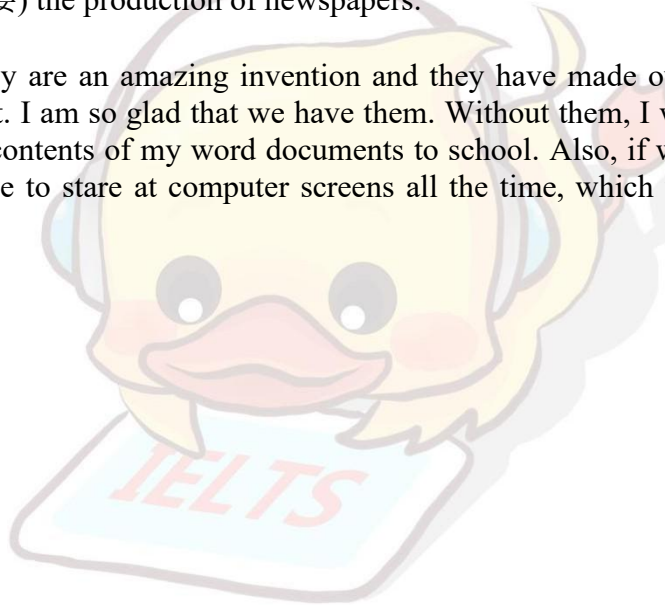
参考答案

In my opinion (在我看来), an invention that has changed the world is the printer.

I am sure almost everyone knows what a printer(打印机) is. It is a device that can be used with a computer. You just click a button on the computer and the printer prints out what's on the screen. I think it has changed the world a great deal. For example, I don't think we would have a newspaper industry without printers. With printers, whenever you want to show something to someone, you just need to print it out and it only takes several seconds to do so. Also, with newspapers, people get to know about current issues in a super short time as they help information to circulate(流通) pretty fast.

I think printers are useful for all ages. For example, students like me need them to print out train tickets and schoolwork. People who work need them to print out documents. And most older people have a habit of reading the news, and printers are essential for (对..很重要) the production of newspapers.

I think they are an amazing invention and they have made our lives significantly more convenient. I am so glad that we have them. Without them, I would have no idea how to bring the contents of my word documents to school. Also, if we didn't have printers, we would have to stare at computer screens all the time, which would do great damage to our eyes.



Part3

1.What is the most helpful innovation at home?

Dishwasher. I' m not a lazy person, but I don' t like doing housework cuz it' s time-consuming and non-productive - you can' t really call finishing the housework a big achievement, right? So I think the dishwasher is a life-saver and THE most helpful innovation at home. It usually takes one and a half hours to clean the desk and dishes after meal every day. But after using the dishwasher, it only takes 20 mins and that means a lot to me. Because not only I can free myself from plain labor, but I also save time to do more meaningful and important things, such as talking with my family, doing exercises and taking my dog for a walk.

2.What household appliances make us lazy?

Television, I think. We have so many developed household appliances coming up these days - washing machines, dishwashers, microwaves, etc. But these appliances are to free us from time-consuming and non-productive housework, which grant us more time to do meaningful things, like talking with our family, doing exercises or taking walks with our pets. However, TV seems to be an appliance just to kill time. We can just be a couch potato and don' t think or don' t do anything else. By spending too much time watching TV, we may lose the time to read a good book or to do some interesting and meaningful with people that really matter in our life. So, in my point of view, TV makes people not only lazy in body but also in mind.

3.What kind of inventions are used in schools?

In schools, various inventions have revolutionized the way education is delivered. One example is interactive whiteboards, which have replaced traditional blackboards and allow teachers to make learning more engaging by incorporating multimedia elements. Additionally, digital devices such as tablets and laptops have become essential tools for students, enabling access to vast information and enhancing their learning experience. Another significant invention is the use of online learning platforms, which provide students with a flexible and interactive environment to study and collaborate with their peers. Moreover, advancements in educational software have paved the way for personalized learning, where students can tailor their educational journey according to their individual needs and interests. These inventions have greatly transformed the classroom setting, making it more dynamic and conducive to effective learning.

4.Do you think AI will ever replace human teachers?Why?

In my opinion, AI (Artificial Intelligence) may have some potential to enhance educational systems, but I don't believe it will entirely replace human teachers. While AI can provide access to vast amounts of information and assist with administrative tasks, it lacks the emotional intelligence and personal connection that human teachers offer. Teaching involves not only imparting knowledge but also motivating, inspiring, and nurturing students. Human teachers can adapt their teaching methods to individual learning styles and provide valuable guidance and support. Additionally, human teachers are flexible and can respond to unexpected situations or challenges that AI may struggle with. Therefore, while AI can complement teaching, it cannot replace the invaluable role played by human teachers in education.

76. 少年的榜样

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

参考回答

Part 2

One famous person who serves as a role model for young people is Malala Yousafzai. I first became aware of Malala through media coverage of her courageous advocacy for girls' education in Pakistan. Despite facing threats and violence from the Taliban, Malala continued to speak out for the rights of girls to receive an education. Her unwavering commitment to this cause led to her being targeted and shot by the Taliban at the age of 15, but she miraculously survived and went on to become a global symbol of resilience and courage. (她对这一事业坚定不移的承诺导致她在 15 岁时成为塔利班的目标并遭到枪杀，但她奇迹般地活了下来，并成为坚韧和勇气的全球象征。)

Malala has since become the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate, receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 for her advocacy work. She has also established the Malala Fund, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring every girl has access to 12 years of free, safe, and quality education. Malala can be considered a role model for young people for several reasons. Firstly, her bravery and determination in the face of adversity inspire others to stand up for what they believe in and make a positive difference in the world. (首先，她在逆境中表现出的勇敢和决心激励着其他人坚持自己的信念，为世界带来积极的变化。) Secondly, her advocacy for education highlights the importance of knowledge and empowerment in breaking cycles of poverty and inequality.

Finally, Malala's resilience and optimism in overcoming challenges serve as a reminder that even in the darkest of times, hope and perseverance can lead to meaningful change. Overall, Malala Yousafzai's story serves as a powerful example of the impact that one person can have on the world and encourages young people to believe in themselves and their ability to make a difference. (总之，马拉拉-优素福扎伊的故事是一个有力的例子，说明了一个人可以对世界产生的影响，并鼓励年轻人相信自己，相信自己有能力改变世界。)

Part 3

1. What kinds of people are more likely to become famous?

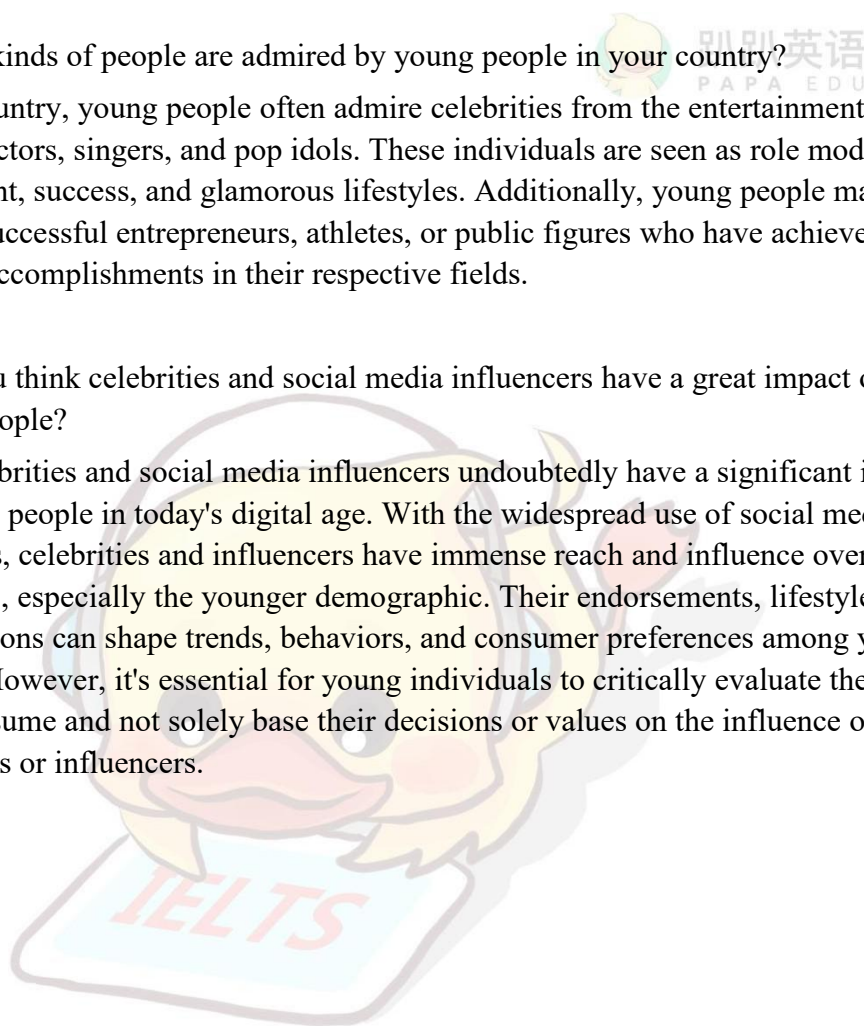
People who are more likely to become famous often possess exceptional talents or skills in fields such as entertainment, sports, business, or politics. Additionally, those who are charismatic, outgoing, and have a strong presence in the public eye tend to attract attention and recognition. However, the rise of social media has also provided a platform for ordinary individuals to gain fame through viral content or online presence, blurring the lines of traditional fame.

2. What kinds of people are admired by young people in your country?

In my country, young people often admire celebrities from the entertainment industry, such as actors, singers, and pop idols. These individuals are seen as role models for their talent, success, and glamorous lifestyles. Additionally, young people may also admire successful entrepreneurs, athletes, or public figures who have achieved notable accomplishments in their respective fields.

3. Do you think celebrities and social media influencers have a great impact on young people?

Yes, celebrities and social media influencers undoubtedly have a significant impact on young people in today's digital age. With the widespread use of social media platforms, celebrities and influencers have immense reach and influence over their followers, especially the younger demographic. Their endorsements, lifestyle choices, and opinions can shape trends, behaviors, and consumer preferences among young people. However, it's essential for young individuals to critically evaluate the content they consume and not solely base their decisions or values on the influence of celebrities or influencers.



4. Is it important for children to have a role model?

Having a role model is indeed crucial for children as they navigate through life's journey. Role models serve as guiding lights, inspiring children to aspire for greatness and instilling in them the values of integrity, perseverance, and empathy. By emulating the qualities of their role models, children can cultivate positive habits and behaviors that contribute to their personal growth and development.

5. What qualities do famous people have?

Famous individuals often possess a combination of charisma, talent, and determination that sets them apart. They demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges, exhibit passion for their craft, and leverage their platform to advocate for causes they believe in. Moreover, many famous people display authenticity and humility, connecting with audiences on a deeper level and leaving a lasting impression beyond their achievements.

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

Today's famous personalities often wield influence through social media and digital platforms, which can amplify their reach and impact. Additionally, modern celebrities may gain fame through reality TV shows or viral internet phenomena, showcasing a different avenue to stardom compared to the more traditional routes of the past.

