**Part 1**

***I Basic questions:***

**1. Hometown**

**1. Where’s your hometown?**

Name:

Location: inland city; coastal city; provincial capital city;

Famous for: tourist attraction; food; specialty;

Province:

1. **Is that a big city or a small place?**

major city;

I think it’s a big city. There are about 6 districts; and it has nearly 10 millions of citizens here.

**3. Is there anything you dislike about it?**

\*To be honest, I like everything in my hometown. If I really have to choose something...., it would be the drinking water; a little salty; not soft water;

\*I think the population of my hometown is too large. It’s usually crowded during the rush hours in the morning and evening. That’s the part I really dislike.

1. **What do you like (most) about your hometown?**

The Grand Canal; Confucius; Mencius; rich of culture;

My hometown Jining is also the hometown of Confucius who is the most prominent educator in Chinese history. Therefore, my hometown is rich of culture. That’s the part I like about my hometown.

**5. Do you like living there? / Do you like your hometown?**

**6. How long have you been living there?**

**7. Please describe your hometown a little.**

name; location; history; famous for; potted pork stew with rice;

My hometown is XX. It’s located in the southwest of this province. It’s well-known for the Grand Canal and Confucius who is the most excellent educator in Chinese history. My hometown is also famous for food, the most representative one is potted pork stew with rice.

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

To be honest, I don’t know. I haven’t thought about this problem yet. I guess I’ll continue living there, coz my parents are there. I want to live with them.

I plan to live in some major cities, like Beijing or Shanghai. I think there will be more job opportunities.

**2. Home/Accommodation**

study;

bookshelf;

balcony;

French window;

face the south;

sunshine;

neighborhood;

spacious;

1. **Can you describe the place where you live?**

Currently, I live in a student flat/dormitory; I have to share the dorm with 7 roommates; It’s a little cramped;

I live in a quiet community. It’s located in the eastern part of this city. There are many big shopping malls like Wanda and Dinghao, and some restaurants nearby; it’s convenient to go out for shopping and eating. It’s a good living area I think.

1. **What do you usually do in your flat?**

to have a rest; to sleep at night; to have some leisure time by watching mobile phone or reading;

1. **What room does your family spend most of the time in?**

I think dining room; chat at the table; talk about what happened in the day; have good family time there;

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

I used to live with my grandparents in a house with a yard; a park; had much good time with my little friends there;

Now, I live with my parents in a flat in a tall building; I don’t know my neighbors well; I haven’t made any friends there yet;

**5. How long have you lived there?**

**6. Please describe the room you live in.**

Size: spacious; cramped; big; small; middle

Style:

Furniture: bed; sofa; desk; bookshelf; wardrobe; cabinet;

Feel:

My room is in European decoration style. I think it is big. There is a big bed in the middle. Next to the bed, there are my favorite bookshelf and desk. And the balcony is connected with my bedroom. So it’s very comfortable.

1. **Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?**

I prefer to live in a house; you know, house is commonly more **spacious** than flat. **Besides,** I can live with my pets; and the environment is usually **quiet** around house areas; **that means** I can have more privacy if I live in a house.

**8. Are the transport facilities to your home very good?**

I think the transport facilities are good. The bus station is quite close to my community. There’re about 6 bus lines. Except that, there’re always many sharing bike/electric-bike nearby. So….

**3. Work/Study**

**1. What technology do you use when you study?**

I think people now are living in a time of technology. When I study I use many technologies, like to use **smart phone** to search study materials, to use **earphones/headphones** to practice listening, and to make PPT by **laptop**.

In the class, my professors often use **projector**(投影仪) for teaching; and we use **printer**(打印机) to print ….; Students sometimes can record the teaching of professors with **recorder pen**.

E-mail;

1. **Do you like your subject?**

Not very much. I chose arts when I was in high school. Chinese is the first and common option for arts students in China. My parents also wanted me to learn Chinese so I chose it. In fact, I ever dreamed to choose the subject of law, but I didn’t get enough score to apply the subject.

**3. Why did you choose to study that subject?**

office work; carefulness;

By studying that major, I can have more chances to get a job.

I chose it simply because of my interests.

**4. What subjects are you studying?**

I’m studying Foreign literature, modern Chinese, ancient Chinese, Chinese calligraphy and so on. My major is Chinese. These subjects are the compulsory subjects for the major of Chinese.

Chinese; math; English; politics; chemistry; biology;

get good sense of achievements from …

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

I prefer the mornings. After a whole night rest, I have good energy in the morning. Usually in the afternoons, I feel sleepy or tired. So…

**6. Are you looking forward to working?**

Well, I think it’s not the time for me to work now. I’m not ready for working. I need to enrich my knowledge firstly. When I get my master degree, it will be the time I guess.

To be honest, I’m really looking forward to working. Study is too tiring. And I want to make money to start my independent life.

**4. The area you live in**

neighborhood

community 社区；小区

central garden

square

gym center

supermarket

fountain 喷泉

rockery假山

**1. Where do you like to go in that area?**

I like to go to a shopping mall nearby. Sometimes, I go there just for a walk or do some window shopping. In summer, it’s good place to stay away from the hotness outside.

neighborhood; square; mountain; garden;

Usually I like staying at home. Except my home, I like going to the supermarket nearby for shopping twice a week. …daily necessity/needs;

**2. Do you know any famous people in your area?**

To be honest, I don’t know. coz I live in a new community, I even don’t know my neighbors well. And there are any very famous people in my city.

I don’t care about famous people much, ...

**3. What are some changes in the area recently?**

There aren’t. I guess coz it’s a new-built community, everything is new there, so there aren’t any changes.

The roads near my community are wider. There is more greening. The cleaning is changing better.

**4. Do you like the area that you live in?**

Yes, I like. The facilities there are new and modern. A big shopping mall and a supermarket are nearby, it’s convenient to shop. And it’s not far from my relative’s home, so…

II Common questions

1. App

**1. App (20210912)**

variety show; documentary; Tik-tok; Wechat; Taobao; Alipay; Youdao; Netease Cloud music; Taobao;

1. What apps have you recently used?

Recently, my English teacher has recommended me some English apps, like Global times, ITV English, China Daily and so on. I found they are very good resources for learning English.

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

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I’m really keen on those video apps, like Renren, Tencent, Iqiyi and so on. I often binge watch(刷剧) in my free time. The movies and serial plays(连续剧) make me relaxed.

\*I usually use some apps for study, but to be honest, I’m not that interested in them, you know, not every student likes study… I have more preference on video, shopping apps, they make the boring school time a little bit more interesting.

\*Tik-tok is my favorite. I like to watch those funny and interesting short videos. Also it’s a good app to share my life online.

3. What was the first app you used?

It was QQ. When I was in primary school, having QQ account was a fashion thing. So I downloaded and installed QQ on my mother’s phone by myself, I thought it was cool.

Well, let me see. I guess it’s probably an app about English learning for kids. I forget the name. My mother usually used it to play English songs to me when I was young.

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

\*Some apps that can help me to keep fit.

help me to arrange balance diet; keep the record of my sleeping quality;

With the help of these kinds of apps, I can form a healthy lifestyle;

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If possible, I wish there’re some apps about how to apply foreign universities. Coz I have to pay a lot to the Oversea Education Agencies when I apply. If there’re some apps, that will be convenient.

**2. Colours (20210912)**

-ish; 略带…色的 reddish;

color shade色泽

neutral color 中间色

garnet 石榴红

coral 珊瑚红

ivory 象牙色

navy blue 海军蓝

ruby红宝石色

sapphire蓝宝石色

gray灰色

complexion 肤色

skin tone

1.What's your favourite colour?

My ... is green. It can make my complexion look better. Green symbolizes being energetic and it has the meaning of new beginning.

bring me good mood带给我好心情

I like plain color, like light gray, smoke gray, and so on. They make me calm.

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

Blue. .. appetite; blue is related to coldness. In the cold winter, if I dress blue clothes, the winter will be much colder.

plain;

Bright colors. These colors are too catchy, I don’t like to be focused, so …

1. What colors do your friends like most?

I think they like black most. Nearly every of my friends has some clothes in black. They say that black clothes can make them look cool/thin/slim.

My friends? I have many friends, they like different colors, mainly are trend colors…

4. What colour makes you uncomfortable in your room?

bright colors like red, yellow, orange; these colors are too eye-catching

Gray: dark; make the atmosphere gloomy; depressed;

Navy blue: too dark; too dim; make me distracted;

**3. Weather (20210912)**

temperate适中的; pleasant舒适的; mild温和的; humid; moist; 潮湿的

1. What kind of weather do you like most?

cloudy day; sunshine is not strong;

I like sunny days. I usually feel good in that weather. Sunshine makes things alive/dynamic. And it’s suitable for doing something outdoors.

I like windy days. Because I live in an area which is hot all-year-round. The air is wet. The wind can make me feel comfortable.

2. What's the weather like in your hometown? dry; oven;

It’s usually sunny. My hometown has distinct seasons. It doesn’t rain much in spring, fall or winter. I guess 2/3 of a year is sunny days. It’s a little dry.

In my hometown, one season can last for a whole year. It’s always hot. And the air is wet. In summer, there are usually heavy rains. And it’s common to meet typhoon.

3. Do you like the weather in your hometown?

Generally speaking, I like it. Well, if it is not too dry in fall or winter, that will be much better.

Frankly speaking, I don’t like it. Because it’s always hot and the air is wet. I usually get sweaty. That makes me uncomfortable.

North pole polar bear

4. Do you prefer dry or wet weather?

I prefer the weather a little wet. The moisture in the wet weather can make my skin comfortable.

My nose is a little allergic to the air dusts in dry weather.

***Person(9)***

**写人从哪几方面下手：**

1. **他是谁**
2. **他和你/别人的关系**
3. **他的特点**
4. **他的事情**
5. **他的影响**
6. **你(别人)对他的看法**

例：名人；对社会贡献的人；社会媒体上常刷的人；

I'd like to talk about a businessman. He is Niu Gensheng, chairman of Mengniu Dairy Group.

He has experienced a lot of **ups and downs** in his life.

He has a motto, that is, few people have gone through the experience from having nothing to possessing something, and then back to state of having nothing again. Gaining possessions brings one satisfaction because his value is acknowledged, and giving up what one has earns respect for him.

He has won people's respect because he has donated a lot of money to charity,which not many entrepreneurs can do. He has made an impression on me also because once he said that while many Chinese firms have yet to reach a stage where they can shoulder the cost of corporate social responsibility. They should give priority to the environment from the start. He began a project in 2004 using cow manure to generate electricity for civil use. The company produces 800 tons of cow manure every day. He believed that "By doing this, farmers are happy, society is happy, those drinking milk are happy and those realizing that we are not damaging the environment are happy. "I really admire his courage and soul.

例：

The person I want to talk about is the famous Chinese director Zhang Yimou. I once read a **biography** of Zhang Yimou. He really had to struggle to become a director.

I read that he literally camped out and begged to be accepted at a famous school in Beijing called the Beijing Film and Cinematography Academy.

He was five years over the age limit, but he submitted a portfolio of his best photographs to the Minister of Culture, and the minister was impressed and let him in.

I also know that he put a lot of effort into making his films artistic and realistic and sometimes he took chances and made some adventurous films. Like in 1987, he directed Red Sorghum and took a chance with the story, which was a bit controversial, and he also used an unknown actress at the time named Gong Li. He then went on to produce a lot of award winning films, and now he is Chinese best-known filmmaker. You can say that he is a bit of celebrity now.

I don't know that much about his personality. I know he is a **perfect**ionist and he expects things to be perfect when he directs. He loves natural things in life and he expects actors and actress to "be that way as well. He is quite **rebellious** but, I think he's realistic, and willing to make compromises as well. I guess I look at Zhang Yimou as being the kind of person that a lot of Chinese aspire to be. He's sort of cool, courageous, and blunt. He also makes the simple beautiful, which in my mind is a kind of magic.

例：好朋友；共度时光的人；邻居

1. I have many friends, but one of them is my best friend. Her/his name is XXX, I can say that she/he is my **confidant**. Someone said: “A friend is someone who can draw out your best qualities, with whom you can sparkle and become more of whatever the friendship draws upon." XXX is such a friend.
2. We have similar interests including playing volleyball/basketball. Maybe it's because we are good friends that we cooperate very well during matches. Most of the time we know what the other one is thinking about, without saying one word on the court. With her/him I have imagination and creativity.
3. ..... is very **eloquent** and from that point of view she/he is a friend who enriches me. We often debate various subjects. Even if we have disagreements, this doesn't get in the way of our friendship. On the contrary, it makes the time when we are together even more interesting and it contributes to our mutual enjoyment.
4. Being good friends, we confide in each other. We know each other's secrets and never repeat them, because we know betraying a friend is the quickest and most painful way to terminate a friendship. Because of all the things and dreams we have shared, we will always be best friends.

例：邻居；

1. I’m going to talk about my neighbor---aunt Wang. She used to work with my grandpa in a same company. And we live in the same building, so she is familiar with my family.

2. I knew her since I was young. My grandma and aunt Wang are both pet lovers. When I was a little kid, grandma often took me to aunt Wang’s home to play with her pet dog.

3. Except pet lover, aunt Wang is also a good cook. She can make various kinds of traditional Chinese food. Nearly every important festival, she would send us delicious food, like Zongzi, dumpling, sweet rice ball, moon cake, and something like that.

4. I’m interested in cooking. Every time when I go to her home, she would tell me the process of making those traditional food, like how to make the fillings, how to make the dough, how to wrap up the zongzi beautifully, and some tips she has. And she often tells me the interesting background stories of those traditions. I really enjoy the time of learning with her.

**P3**

**1. 感兴趣的名人**

1. What kinds of famous people are there in your country?

Actually, there are famous people in various industries, like sports, music, science, business, the list can go for a while. Well, I think for most young people now, famous people in sports and music seem to get more popularity

2. What are the differences between famous people today and those in the past?

With the development of technology, people now has more platforms/approaches to get popularity. They go viral online within a short time. There are a great amount of people using this way to get fame, the number of famous people is much bigger than before.

3. Do you think famous people should be necessarily good in their fields?

Of course.

1. ...should have some achievements to prove that they are good enough for the fame.
2. ...have the ability to set good example to others;

4. Do you think media is putting too much attention on famous people?

Media can get more audience rate by exposing the story of famous people.

Some famous people count on the media to get popularity from public.

**6. 想要共事的家人(NEW)**

Part 3

1.What kinds of family business are common in China?

1) retailing;

1. catering;
2. some professions have been passed down by generations;
3. Is it good to work with family members? Why?

1) know each other well

2) have blood ties; family bond

3) can trust on each other

3. Why do people want to do family business?

want their family to be prosperous together; rely on each other; steady life; they have more trust on family members;

4. What benefits are there when working for big companies?

1) get more professional working experience; big companies have more complete working system than small companies;

1. learn how to deal with different people;
2. governments usually supervise big companies more strictly; good working insurance;

**7. 有趣的邻居(NEW)**

Part 3

1.Do you think people are familiar with their neighbors?

If neighbors are colleagues, they usually know each other well.

Some people they rent houses, maybe they don’t live in a place for a long time, so they probably don’t know their neighbors well.

Some others may pay more on privacy, they don’t like to communicate much with others, .... don’t know... well.

2.How can people improve the relationship with neighbors in a community?

1) Greet to each other in the lift;

2) Send small gifts or food to each other;

3) Organize some activities;

4) Offer helps to each other;

a feasible way to ... bias

3. How do children build relationships with others in a community?

I think there are many ways that children can use to build..... The most common ones should be like this.

To play games; birthday party; garage sales

4. Is it beneficial to get along well with neighbors?

I think so.

1. You have relatively pleasant and friendly living environment;
2. Neighbors are more helpful than those relatives live far.

**8. 你的国家的名人(NEW)**

Part 3

1. What kinds of people are popular at work?

1) good working ability and experience;

2) leadership;

3) EQ, they usually can deal with different co-workers;

4) warmhearted; generous; considerate;

1. Are bosses more popular than employees at work?

It depends. Bosses own the companies and give salary to employees, but that doesn’t mean they are popular at work;

Some bosses like to spend time with employees, and they **treat** the staff **friendly**. And they have good ability of leadership and talented in business. These kinds of bosses are more likely to be popular at work.

While, some bosses are **arbitrary** and **bossy**, employees feel depressed with them, they may don’t like to communicate a lot with these kinds of bosses. .... not popular.

1. Which one is more important, keeping a good relationship with colleagues or doing well at work?

Generally speaking, I think both of them are important. But if I really have to choose one, I should say doing well at work.

You know, boss, leader, manager will concern more on what people can contribute to the company; if people can work well, they won’t be unemployed easily.

4. What benefits are there when a child is popular at school?

1) be motivated to study hard or do well at school;

2) can get confidence;

3) be more willing to go to school;

4) make more friends;

5) have more attention from teachers;

**9.喜欢一起聊天的朋友(NEW)**

Part 3

1. Where do young people like to meet?

I think young people like to meet in different kinds of places. Those who like doing sports often meet in sport courts or playgrounds. Some young people like to meet others in quiet places like **cafes, tea houses or libraries**. Some like to play games in net bars or amusement parks. Besides, cinemas and shopping malls are also popular places for young people.

1. What do young people talk about when they meet up?

Usually, young people like to talk about what are happening to them recently, they like to find something new and fresh from others. If they are familiar with each other, they will ask about something they are concerning. Also, young people like to talk about sports, celebrities, e-products, new movies and something that are popular among them.

1. Do you think people should be honest when talking with friends?

Yes, I think so. Being honest with friends is the base to develop true friendship. I think friends should be those people that we can rely on and trust on, we can share secrets, should be supportive to each other. Without honesty, I don’t think people can make true friends.

4. On what occasions do people talk with strangers?

There’re lots of occasions that people need to talk with strangers. For example, if someone needs to get information when they are lost, they sometimes need to talk with strangers for help. When people socialize, they usually need to talk with strangers. When they celebrate an event, take a group tour or have a party, they like to talk with strangers to make friends or to kill time. Except that, when people organize a volunteer activity, they usually need to talk with strangers who need help.