**21. 改变世界的发明(NEW)**

1. The invention of Paper-making technology; 2200 years ago; in a dynasty of ancient China; it’s probably Xihan, well, to be honest, I’m not quite sure.

2. at that time, books were made of Bamboo sticks, wood sticks, skin of animals, cloth or silk. These materials were expensive. So books were luxuries for people, only those wealthy nobles could afford them. A man named Cai Lun invented a way of making paper with straw, bark and old cloth. This invention drastically cut down the cost of paper, and that made books affordable for common people.

3. the invention of paper-making technology is an innovation of writing materials. It greatly boosts the culture exchanging and develops of the economy of different ages.

4. without this invention, we can’t as many libraries, painting galleries as we have now. And maybe, the school education can’t be widely promoted as now.

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1. smartphone;
2. Not only for texting messages or making phone calls; make it feasible for people to shop online, surf the Internet, listen to music, take pictures...;
3. Children: to listen to stories, to watch cartoons, to learn languages;

Young people: to socialize, to study, to watch movies, to gain information with various apps;

Old people: have a means to kill time; can contact with others more;

1. Functional; large memory;

facilitate people’s daily life;

help people stay connected with each other in this digitalised age;

**Part 3**

1. **What is the most helpful innovation at home?**

wash-machines;

dish-washer; don’t like the sense of holding the greasy dishes; hand skin rough;

1. **What household appliances make us lazy?**

**floor mopping robot**; vacuum machine/cleaner;

**wash-machine:** all that we need to do is to throw the clothes into the machine and press several button; then we can lie on the sofa to watch TV or do something else.

1. **What kind of invention can be used at school?**

any kinds of invention that can be beneficial for school life;

not only for academic teaching; projector; electronic blackboard; printer; study-pad; calculator;

Some inventions for physical health are also used, we could find different sports facilities in gym center at school.

1. **Do you think AI will replace human teachers? Why?**

I don’t think so. By comparison, human teachers can care about the students not only on their academic things, they can also communicate with students about their life. ...

**22. 传统产品(NEW)**

1. I’m going to talk about chopsticks. China has a very long history...more than 5000 years. There are numerous traditional products created by ancient people. Chopsticks might be the most common traditional products that are used in our daily life.
2. In my country, kids are taught to use chopsticks at early ages. I remember when I was about 4 or 5 years old, my mother bought me a pair of chopsticks with some cute cartoon prints on the top. I was attracted by the cartoon prints, so I tried to use them happily.
3. Usually, chopsticks are made of bamboo. Now various materials can be made into chopsticks, like stainless steel, wood, silver, and so on. And with the help of some technologies, straw, corn stalks and tree barks can also be made into chopsticks.
4. I think chopsticks are indispensable in our daily life. We use them for meals everyday. And the long history of my country gives them some special meanings. We send chopsticks as gifts to new couples for the meaning of being always in pair. For the kids, they mean to grow up quickly. For friends, chopsticks represent forever friendship.

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1. china ware;

2. I couldn’t remember the exact that I tried to use china ware, since I had memory I see and use the china ware nearly everyday and everywhere.

3. China is mainly made of some certain kinds of soil. These kinds of soil are easy to be found in my country. For a long history, China is the country which export the main loads of china ware in the world wide.

4. china is the thing that we can be proud of. It contains the wisdom and creativity of our ancestors, and also, it’s a carrier of Chinese culture.

**Part 3**

1. **Why are traditional products important?**

1) carriers of a kind of culture; inherit

2) without them, we will lose the specialties of a nation

3) indispensable in people’s life; chopsticks; tea pot;

1. **Do you think tradition is important for a country? Why?**

Tradition is the things that accumulated in the history of a country’s development. It contains something that can distinguish a country from others. Without the tradition, a country will have not root. So....

1. **What are the traditional Chinese products?**

Tool: chopsticks; paper fan; oil paper umbrella;

Decoration: Chinese knot; lantern;

Toy: kite;

Food: dumpling;

Cloth: silk;

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

To know about what kind of culture they are in;

To have a sense of belonging to a group;

To strengthen the national integrity/cohesion/unity

**23. 提高注意力(NEW)**

1. like to use the way of timing to improve study efficiency;

2. when I study, I like to use a timekeeper to measure the time; I usually give myself a certain time to finish the study work; in the occasion, time can push myself in a tension; from some scientific websites, I know that, some certain degree of tension can improve people’s concentration; keep the irrelevant things out of my mind; totally focus on the things I need to do;

3. do homework;

4. simple and effective

**Part 3**

**1. Why is it more difficult for children to concentrate nowadays than in the past?**

I guess that’s because there are too many distractions, like too many toys at home, computer games, or the pressure from family or school. People’s daily life now is much better than in the past, common families can afford many toys, some parents might buy toys immoderately, children may spend a little on playing one, then another. That’s not good for children to concentrate.

And I think children nowadays are under more pressure. They need to burden loads of homework at school and some have to take interests classes after school. They don’t have much free time like children in the past. If they are under too much pressure, they might can’t concentrate well.

1. **Do you think technology will harm children's ability to concentrate?**

I don’t think so. I think children’s ability to concentrate relies on internal and external factors. The internal factors like keeping steadily in mind, having interests in doing something, desire of achieving something and so on will influence children’s concentration. External factors, like quiet environment, good teachers, interesting games and some other like these also can lead to positive influence to children’s ability to concentrate.

If technology is properly used to influence those internal and external factors, then technology will help children develop their ability to concentrate.

1. **What kinds of jobs require high concentration at work?**

Many kinds of jobs require....

The first job I think is surgeon. Coz surgeon needs to do operation for patients. Even a tiny mistake might ruin the whole life of a patient.

Another job I think is driver, especial the driver of public transportation. You know, driver should take the responsibility for a safe travel to passengers. If he doesn’t concentrate at work, ......

Of course, there are some other jobs like pilot, scientist, hairdresser, artist, etc.

**4. Can exercise help people improve concentration?**

I think so. I’ve read some relevant reports about this kind of question before. Getting enough exercise can promote people’s blood circulation. Good blood circulation can bring more oxygen to brain, and with the help of oxygen, brain can control people to concentrate better. But, those reports also mention that excessive exercise will lead some negative effects to concentration. So to exercise appropriately is important.

**24. 想参加的比赛(NEW)**

1. university singer competition; be held annually;
2. Sports center in my university; it’s big enough to contain all the students and faculties in my university; and also save the time on transport; ideal place;
3. Commonly, this university singer competition is in the middle of June. But this year, due to the fact of pandemic, the festival will be delayed to the end of next month.
4. For the main reason that I would like to participate in the competition is I’m really interested in music, I’ve practiced singing for 7 years, and now I’m a member of a music band. Also, the singer competition is usually exciting, young people at my age can’t resist the passion of it. Besides, the first prize is 2000 yuan, I can use it to go out for a trip.

**Part 3**

**1. What are the contests commonly seen on TV programs?**

quiz contest: physics, chemistry, poetry contest etc. ;

talent contest: cooking, singing,

sport contest: Racing driving,

1. **Why are competition shows popular**?

1) can see something exciting or thrilling;

2) people like to choose a competitor or a team to support; emotional bond

3) can see something surprising; that common people can’t do;

**3. What kinds of industries need competition? Why**?

Well, I think competition is an effective way to optimize an industry. So I can say nearly all kinds of industries need competition.

1. stimulate or push people to contribute more or work harder; That will directly benefit the industry;

2) By comparison, those industries that play the leading roles of social development usually have competitions.

**4. Do you think it is necessary to encourage people to compete with others in companies?**

It’s necessary.

1) appropriate; proper; ...can make the companies to be more competitive.

2) rat-race; bring bad influence;

**25.节约时间的方法／改变（NEW）**

1. to make a to-do list

2. first, I’ll give the items an order on the priority; then I’ll try hard to follow the list to do them. Maybe sometimes, I need to adjust the order according to my real situation. But I can clearly know what I need to do in a day.

3. To honest, I’m a little lazy. Sometimes, I even don’t want to spend time on making the list. And I think I don’t have good memory, I often forget taking sometime, if I forget to take the to-do list, I’ll feel all the things are in a chaos.

4. I think it’s a good way to help me save time. To be honest, I’m not good at time arrangement. If I don’t make the list, my study efficiency will be much lower than now.

**Part 3**

**1. What can people do to save time?**

Like what I’ve just said, to make a to-do list is a good way ....

Besides, to ask help from others who can offer helps can also....

To use some e-products, tools or scientific methods .... laptop, smart-phone, vehicle, scheduling;

**2. Does technology help people save time? How and why?**

Transportation: high speed train, airplane, car destination

E-products are intelligent. Type the key words and it can give you a large amount of answers or references.

Machines: high work efficiency;

1. **Do you think parents should be responsible for teaching children to save time?** I think so.

1) Saving time is a good habit which can help children to take the full advantage of the equal time to everyone.

2) ... can make children more active and self-disciplined; I think that’s a part of parents’ responsibilities.

3) children usually spend most of their childhood with their parents, they will be influenced more by their parents, so ....

**4. Do people who can manage time well become successful more easily?**

Managing time well means people can do more things within certain time. They will have higher work efficiency. If they can do more things than others, they will have more chances to be successful.

***Mass media(1)***

**1. 有趣的歌曲**

The interesting song I want to talk about is **Wolf Disco**, one of the most popular songs 2 years ago. It was firstly sung by an unwell-known singer--named Old uncle Baoshi in a TV program. By singing this song, that singer got the first prize.

The first time I listened to in my high school. One day my friend recommended me this song. The song tells a story about a group of people dancing excitedly in a disco club. It describes some interesting actions when people dance disco in the pool. I remember there are two impressive two lines of that song, the Chinese lyrics of them are very rhyming. Their English meaning is to use your left hand to draw a dragon, then use your right hand to draw a rainbow. The lyrics of this song are in Cantonese and northeastern dialect. This combination makes the song more interesting. In addition, the beats of this song are strong and easy to follow, people like to sing and dance as well, that makes this song very popular until now

**Part 3**

**1. Why are many music competitions popular in China?**

1) music competitions are good platforms for new singers to get attraction from public;

2) the tutors in the music competitions are excellent musicians; have popularity;

**2. What kinds of music do young people like?**

1) pop music; international singing style;

2) rap; rock; full of passion; free style; release emotion or mood more directly;

**3. What kinds of people like traditional music?**

... tend to be more peaceful inner heart; like to study something about traditions; because not many people like traditional music now, so some of them are more likely to be introverted;

**4. What are the differences between live concert and online concert?**

Live: can be with a great amount of audience, the live atmosphere is more thrilling and stunning; have chance to get close to the idols;

Online: charge much less or ever free; less interaction; be influenced by signal; be distracted by surroundings;