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Part 1

1. When was the last time you went to a forest?

Sample answer:

When I was an exchange student in Taiwan several years ago, I went to Ali Mountain with my roommates. I was so exciting because there were so many hard-wood trees that I hadn't seen before. The scenery was appealing like what we see in fictitious films. We also took the train and watched the beautiful landscape at the same time which was a precious memory for all of us.

2. How often do you eat with your family?

Sample Answer:

Since my family and I live thousands of miles apart from each other, we rarely eat together. When it's Spring Festival, we get together for family reunion. At this time of year, we cook dumplings, steamed bread and various cuisines and interact with each other about our lives and works. Spending some quality time with my family is always great pleasure for me.

3. Do you prefer eating at home or at a restaurant?

Sample answer:

If I have time cooking, I prefer eating at home which is much healthier. Dishes in restaurants are often greasy and contain a lot of fat which is not suitable for me because I'm a little chubby. I don't want to gain weight anymore. I can have more healthy and nutritious foods at home like cauliflower and chicken.

4. Do you want to live on an island if you have a chance?

Sample answer:

Well, it depends. If it's a livable island like Taiwan Island, I'd like to. Though I've never been to Taiwan Island before, I've already heard that it's beautiful, especially the eastern part of the island. What's more, it's my dream to live in a house, where I can hear the sound of ocean waves when I wake up. But if it's an uninhabited island, of course, I wouldn't want to live on it. I can't imagine living on an island without the cell signal or WIFI most of the time.

5. What's your favorite hairstyle?

Sample answer:

My favorite hairstyle is dreadlocks. It's a hairstyle common on rappers, which may be thought to represent a rebellious state. But I think it's just a matter of individual expression. Two of my colleagues have tried the dreadlocks. Both of them got artificially dreadlocks temporarily when travelling abroad. It's a pity I didn't try this hairstyle myself. It's already on the top of my list, and I've determined to try dreadlocks when I go to Thailand this November.

6. Do you often wear makeup?

Sample Answer:

Not really. It's unlikely for a university student to make up too often, since our schedule is too tight. But sometimes I will wear makeup under certain circumstance like job interview, for the sake of respect.

7. Do Chinese people like to drink tea or coffee?

Sample Answer:

As far as I can see, Chinese people really like to drink tea or coffee, especially tea. Tea drinking is a tradition of my country that has lasted for at least 2,000 years. It has deeply emerged into people's everyday life.

8. Who do you watch movies with?

Sample Answer:

I tend to watch movies with my families and friends. When I watch movies at home, I always ask my parents to enjoy the films together with me. But when I go to the cinema, I am likely to invite some of my friends to accompany me.

9. Do you like living in the countryside?

Sample Answer:

No, not really. I admit that there is fresh air and peaceful environment in the countryside. However, living in the countryside could be boring for young people like me, as there might be not so much recreation. Instead, living in urban areas would be much more fun. I can go to cinemas and theatres. I can hang out with my friends and shop in all kinds of popular stores. Therefore, I am not a fan of countryside life.

10. What kind of music do Chinese people like to listen to?

Sample Answer:

Well, it depends. You know, tastes differ. In China, some old people enjoy classical music, because they can get inner peace from it. For example, my grandfather is fond of listening to Mozart every day, and he has tons of classical music CDs. But some young people may be crazy about rock music. The reason is that they believe it helps them to release pressure. Take my brother as an example. He is among those who are great fans of some famous rock singers, such as Bon Jovi.

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Part 2

1. Describe a historical building

You should say:

Where it is

What it looks like

What it is used for now

What you learned there

And how you felt about this

Sample answer:

What I am about to describe is a building that once marked cultural and historical apex but that has now fallen into obscurity. That's right; it's the Confucius Temple, Confucius residence while he was living. It's located in Qufu, a small town in central Shandong Province. Like any other temple, it has got a lobby beyond the entrance, with the portrait of Confucius hung on the wall. There are three bedrooms on either side of the lobby, but that area has become off-limits to tourists, so I didn't really get a peek of that. Though the building has been standing for thousands of years, it has been subject to multiple renovations in recent decades that gave the building a semblance of modernity. I have to resort to my imagination to picture what it originally looked like.

Now, the entire area has been converted into a tourist hot-spot. Visitors pay an entrance fee to visit the building; many would kneel before the portrait of Confucius to pray for blessings, after which they will throw cash bills into the so-called wish box in a hope that their wish will eventually come true.

Despite all the fuss over the history of the building, I don't believe the place is worth another visit. As I have mentioned earlier, it smacks of money filth. The temple is run by a few monks, although whether they are authentic and genuine is beyond my knowledge. The money is simply taken by the government to rebuild other parts of the town. Unless you are a true believer in such ritual, it is a waste of money and you wouldn't truly be disappointed if the purpose of your visit is to learn something about Confucius and its history.

2. Describe a person who encouraged and helped you to achieve a goal

You should say:

Who this person is

What this person encouraged you to do

How this person helped you

And explain why this encouragement helped you to achieve the goal

Sample answer:

Last year, my weight reached an all-time-high. I was literally shocked to see the number on the scale, suspecting something must have gone wrong with it. When I did the calculation of my BMI, I was looking at a figure that was beyond the threshold for morbid obesity. For the first time in life, I felt the strong urge to lose weight.

But the thing is the fatter I got, the more challenging it would be for me to stick to the workout plan. I didn't believe I got the determination to exercise regularly to reduce my weight to the average standard. However, my friend Josh egged me on. He is an active member of my university gym and he said that he's got some weight-loss tips. I believed him; well, if you'd seen his six packs and upper-body muscle, you'd understand what I am talking about. He set a rather ambitious goal: he promised me I'd lose at least 20 pounds in a month, so long as I stick to his plan. Thanks to his encouraging words, I jumped on board.

In the first few days, I felt as if the thinner me was being dragged and squeezed out of the flesh wrap that trapped me in. My muscles were sore and I couldn't feel my legs. At some point, I even began to convince myself that being fat wasn't so bad after all; if I kept doing exercises, there would be a good chance I could literally die. But Josh was there after my every workout, helping massage my muscles and instructing me on my dietary intake for the next day.

Miracle happened in 10 days, when I already lost six pounds and ten more in the next 10 days. At the end of the plan, I lost nearly 25 pounds. I was genuinely grateful for Josh. If it wasn't for his encouragement or as I had always called it "psychological manipulation", I would've long given up.

3. Describe a school you went to in your childhood.

You should say:

Where it was

What it was like

What you learned there

And how you felt about it

Sample answer:

When it comes to the topic about schools I attended in my childhood, the first primary school I went to in my life comes to my mind immediately.

The primary school I'm about to describe used to be located in the west of the countryside where my late grandparents lived. It is a textbook example of village school, with almost all of the pupils coming from the village. In my memory, the primary school was medium-sized and surrounded by walls. A variety of Chinese characters like hard working and motifs with symbolic meaning were painted on the outer side of each wall in bright red color. The school gate was set in the front facing to the north, with the name of the school written on the wall next to the gate. Opposite to the gate, there was a two-storey main building. Rooms on the first floor acted as classrooms, with the teachers' office at the end. Rooms on the second floor were left for extra-curriculum activities, such as handicraft facture or that sort of activities. To the west of the school building, toilets were sited and connected to the main building by a vestibule. The space between the main building and the gate was the playground for pupils to take P.E class or do the physical exercise. The area for raising national flag lied in the east of the school. It is

worthy to mention that trees with large canopy were planted around the playground, allowing students to shelter from the heat in hot summer.

I used to spend three years there for learning primary courses from the first to the third grade until moving to the city with my parents. I learned the basic knowledge about Chinese and mathematics there during the first three years in primary school. For example, I acquired the skill of reading and writing as well as the knowledge of basic arithmetic. By contrast to primary schools in most cities in China, the total number of students in that primary school was much smaller. Therefore, the population of students in each class was just around twenty and they had been close friends since their childhood. Although many years passed, I still keep in touch with my playmates regularly. To me, that primary school is more like a large family full of love and care.

4. Describe a time a child made you laugh

You should say:

When it was

Where you were

Who the child was

What the child did

And explain why you laughed

Sample answer:

Speaking of a child that made me laugh, the first person that comes to my mind is Dongdong who is the son of a Chinese renowned star.

Dongdong is a warm hearted and lively boy. Even though he is only 5 years old, he has joined many outdoor reality shows since he was 3. His humor, kindness attracts plenty of audiences, and of course, I'm one of them.

There was one time he joined a reality show in Hunan TV, and this program was about talking to foreigners on the street just for chatting or fun. I really expected this part because I know Dongdong can't speak English and I was wondering how he could talk to that foreigner. Here comes the funniest moment, Dongdong used body language and special Chinglish to show what he wanted to ask. For example, he asked that foreigner "how big are you?" The foreigner was confused because he didn't know exactly what big means. That was the part I laughed out loud, because I know Dongdong wanted to ask him "how old is he." In Chinese, big means age. In the end, Dongdong said I'm 5, and you? The foreigner finally understood his question and replied right away. Although it seemed a little awkward, I think he is so funny and adorable.

And the other day, this funny event was on the top search in Weibo. I've watched that highlight for another 20 times or so. No kidding, I laughed every time I watched. And I believe when he grows up, he will laugh too. I really appreciate that child who gives me happiness.

5. Describe an occasion when you got incorrect information

You should say:

- Why you got it
- When you got it
- How you got it
- How you found it was incorrect
- And how you felt about it

Sample answer:

I still remembered that last summer vacation, I traveled in a coastal city on my own, it was after dark and I planned to enjoy seafood to meet my appetite. Unfortunately, I couldn't find my bearings. Since my navigational device was out of service, you known, there were a lot of hills all around here and my calls got cut off several times, so I had no choices other than asking people for help to get right direction. Hence, I walked along the street and encountered a person who looked caring to tackle my pressing problem. He pointed me out a direction and I decided to get my destination. After about 30-minutes' walk, I felt uneasy and anxious, coz it was totally different from the place where I looked around on website. It was after dark, traffic was light and no one else was around. At that time, I found my phone worked, I was hurried to call the police and he would give me instant help after a while.

I felt not good coz it's time-consuming and energy-burning, I spent a lot of time finding my direction which meant that I rarely had time to get rid of stress. I couldn't enjoy the breeze, drink coconut with a straw or just lie on the beach to do sunbathing and appreciate the beauty of mother nature. Plus, I didn't set aside extra time to purchase loads of local specialty as souvenirs for my immediate family, which left me bad and lasting impression.

6. Describe an experience that you got bored when you were with others

You should say:

- When it was
- Who you were with
- What you did
- And explain why you were bored

Sample answer:

I wanna talk about last semester when I did group discussion with a bunch of classmates on campus. You know, at the end of semester, students were actively involved in preparing final, and didn't have enough time to refresh themselves like traveling aboard or hanging out with peers. Since I was preoccupied by tons of paperwork, I rearranged my schedule and had to do some final study with my partners. It was the first time that I worked on assignments with tons of people, but I didn't feel good, truly not. Since distractions may be improved by endless discussion and noisy ambience, they spent a lot of talking about some gossip, tourist attractions and other stuff, it made me feel so bored and more important thing was that I couldn't focus on my study anymore. I mean, I was not crazy about traveling, especially on public holidays, there're packed with people, some souvenirs get marked up, which bothered me. Hence, when they planned to visit a coastal city such as Qingdao to listen to birds in trees, smell the fragrance of flowers,

enjoy shimmering and limpid water as well as eat mouth-watering food, I felt out of place. Traveling was not my cup of tea, I just wanna ace the test, gain more credits, become one of the top students in class or take part in volunteer work to expand outlook, which can fulfill my potential and offer me sense of achievement. I felt bored coz we didn't have similar topics, interests or different goals to reach, so I thought twice when I had to do group project after that.

7. Describe a journey you went on by car

You should say:

When was it

Where you went

Who you were with

And how you felt about the journey

Sample Answer:

A couple of months ago I travelled to Mt.Lao with my classmates Echo and Jimmy by car, it was absolutely an unforgettable experience I'd never had before since we spent a half day on getting there. Well, to be more specific, our car was out of order in the middle of nowhere and we really had a hard day.

Let me tell you what happened. Well, I was always looking forward to driving to a place with a bunch of friends, visiting some extraordinary scenic spots, tasting delicious local cuisines, and feeling the exotic cultures. So after a tight preparation, we started our journey in March, a beautiful day in Spring. We departed at approximately 5:00 am, it was really early I know but we were very happy and excited not only because of our destination but also because it's a good way to run away from the hustle and the bustle of the city.

Unfortunately, our happiness didn't last long. We soon felt blue because we got a flat tire on the highway so we had to stop the car in the center of the road and pushed it on the side. At first, we were trying to replace it with the spare wheel but we didn't make it, to be frank, nobody was good at repairing so the only thing we could do was to call the emergency help, and waited for someone to come to change the tire. I felt very bad and helpless because there was no Internet in the highway and we basically waited for 2 hours for the rescue team.

It only took the mechanic about 10 minutes to fix the wheel and it costed us an arm and a leg. Fortunately our journey didn't cancel because of this incident, we drove to the service region of the express way and had a rich lunch, after renewal, we carried on our trip and finally arrived.

It wasn't a happy start I know, so from then on, I always carry mobile network when I travel to a new place, just in case I get nothing to do except endless waiting when there is accident happened on the way.

8. Describe an advertisement you remember well

You should say:

- Where you saw it
- What it was about
- What it was like
- Why you remember it well

Sample answer:

I'd like to talk about the most memorable advertisement I've ever seen. Well, I'm exaggerating things here a bit, because I hardly remember any other ads to be honest - I mean, commercial ads, of course. But I do remember this one as it is different, - it's actually a job advertisement.

I can't remember exactly when I saw it, as it's been quite a while, at least for a couple of years. I read it from somewhere online that there was a job vacancy for being a professional hotel test sleeper in a number of luxury hotels. At that point, it was the first time I'd ever heard of such a job when hotel testers, back then, were still quite rare. So straight away the title caught my attention, and as I found more about the job descriptions, my mind was blown off. It said that the selected candidate would be able to travel around the world staying in beds of some of boutique hotels with all the travel expense covered. Sleeping on the job and travelling for free! I was talking to myself then this was the dream job for me. This was too good to be true. The funniest thing about what the ad said, as far I can recall, was that the recruit got to role-play the travelers, without letting on that he/she was conducting a review. Yet, in order to get paid, he/she was required to write up a lengthy report about every aspect of the accommodation, including details about the bathrooms, dining, service, etc.

Why do I still remember it so clearly? Because apparently, I wasn't selected.

9. Describe a time when you first met someone

You should say:

- Where you met him or her
- When you met him or her
- What you talked about
- And how you felt about it

Sample answer:

I am going to talk about a time when I first met Yesenia, my lovely Colombian friend. I've known her since I travelled in Colombia last year and we first met in the downtown of Jardin - more precisely, at a fruit stall in the marketplace. I was there getting some sliced papaya for my breakfast, as I simply couldn't have enough of this local delicacy, while she happened to stop there for fresh fruits on her way to school. She started to chat with me, by asking me if I was fond of this tropical fruit. She came across as distinctly affable and we ended up exchanging email addresses, so that's how we met each other basically.

And when I say that Yesenia stuck me as an affable sort of a girl, she's not someone who is bubbly and overly friendly. Rather she is attentive and caring, not something you'd normally expect from a young girl at her age. An example here is we later on hung out in the town together, when she took me to some hidden spots for authentic local fare, knowing that I was seeking for a gourmet food experience yet travelling on budget. Another is she helped stop local people trying to show me things to make a sale, which was pretty common in touristy places there.

Well, I'd say there is something incredibly trusting about Yesenia, and to me she is really a thoughtful and hospitable girl. I am glad to have befriended her and that we still keep in touch and write to each other every now and then by emails.

10. Describe a piece of clothing you enjoy wearing

You should say:

Where you bought it

How often you wear it

What it is like

And explain why you enjoy wearing it

Sample answer:

A piece of clothing that I'm keen on wearing is a coat that I bought online last year. The coat is white in colour, and it's made of cotton fabrics, which makes it perfect for wearing in spring and fall. What's more, it also can be worn in air-conditioned rooms in summer.

Honestly, I didn't plan to buy clothes online at that time because I wasn't sure if they would suit me. But the weather was getting colder and my old coat was starting to look a bit worn out, so I decided to buy a new version. After visiting many online stores, comparing a lot of customer evaluations, I finally chose a cost-effective one, and it was delivered to my house a few days later. The funny thing is that I almost wore it every day for going to work or play and even go on trips. Now, I still wear it quite often.

Well, the reason why I enjoying this coat is that it's so practical and comfortable. It's cotton fabrics and it helps me keep warming during a cold day. Plus, it also comes in handy for carrying things like my phone, wallet tissue, and even a notebook because of its big pockets. It even folds up small enough to fit in my bag when I don't need it. All in all, I love my coat and cannot get through a day without them.

Part 3

1. Describe a historical building

1) Do Chinese people like to visit historical buildings?

Sample answer:

They are crazy about those cultural relics. On public holidays, these places are packed with travelers of all sorts: children, old age, and foreigners. What Chinese travelers like to do most is to take far more photos than necessary of the view. Even well before the holiday season, one can be sure that these places would be incredibly crowded.

2) Why do people visit historical buildings?

Sample answer:

Their motivation for visiting these places truly befuddles me. Many barely understand or show any interest in history; they take a lot of selfies and upload onto their social media. To me, perhaps, it is the crowd effect and their desire to be part of the festival atmosphere that has prompted them to make the visits.

3) Is it necessary to protect historical buildings?

Sample answer:

Well, it really depends on the historical importance of the building. One-of-a-kind landmarks that play a pivotal role in history certainly warrant adequate protection. But the problem is many local governments see the potential in making loads of money out of tourism industry and thus convert ordinary, century-old buildings into tourist destinations and attach a "beautiful story" to it. That has nothing to do with cultural preservation; that's pure business and money talking.

2. Describe a person who encouraged and helped you to achieve a goal

1) Why is it important for teenagers to set goals?

Sample answer:

Teenagers are surrounded with so many temptations in their life. Without a clear goal in mind, they might easily lose track of the purpose of life and indulge themselves in computer games, shopping, or endless chatting on social media. Goals will keep their life on the right track and protect them from those distractions.

2) What will encourage children to learn more?

Sample answer:

I don't believe conventional approach such as financial rewards would work in the long run. The motivation for learning has to come from deep down in their heart, so the best way is to inspire children's interest in learning, helping them recognize fun of the learning process and the satisfaction of successfully learning something new.

3) Do parents and teachers punish children physically nowadays?

Sample answer:

Very rarely. Corporal punishment used to be the norm both inside the classroom or at home, but things have changed. Many new parents realize that traditional ways no longer work very effectively; scientific approach to child rearing is strongly called for. So what we

see then is parenting books are quickly snapped up in bookstores, and none of those books encourages violent punishment.

4) Who do you think has the greater influence on the goal-setting of children, teachers or parents?

Sample answer:

Well, teachers evidently have bigger influence. Many parents are still spoiling or tolerating their children, so children are well aware that they can somehow get away with anything they are expected to do. Yet, children are taught to see teachers with respect. Whatever goals teachers set for them, children are more likely to listen and obey. It is such authoritative power teachers hold that has made them a bigger influence on the goal-setting of children.

3. Describe a school you went to in your childhood.

1) What's the difference between the present and the past teachers?

Sample answer:

The present teachers differ from their past counterparts on the basis of several aspects. Firstly, the qualification of teachers is far higher than before because of the increasing of general education offered to the citizens as a whole. For example, in China, people with a bachelor degree could be appointed to teach students in secondary school decades ago. However, it turns out to be very different nowadays. The normal threshold is master degree for graduates teaching in secondary school. Secondly, the present teachers are equipped with more skills, especially, the skills in using teaching technology. Owing to the technical advancements, such as mass media, is applied in teaching lessons, the teaching method is more diverse in drawing students' focus and interpreting some deep knowledge. Accordingly, ability to use certain equipment is necessary for the present teachers. Thirdly, apart from the traditional academic knowledge delivered in the class, the present teachers also lay great emphasis on the cultivation of students' innovation and creativity, so they shoulder more duty in the current teaching process.

2) What's the difference between being taught by teachers and being taught by AI?

Sample answer:

Fundamental differences exist between teachers and advanced technology, particularly in AI. Specifically, students taught by teachers can be effectively reminded and supervised by teachers when being distracted. In this case, students are more likely to concentrate on their learning. Besides, study with teachers allows students to promote their communication skills and critical thinking, thanks to the face-to-face teaching activities and free exchange of ideas. In addition, teachers are capable to adjust their teaching strategies and relevant knowledge according to the level of students in their class. For example, they can shorten the time for exercise when students have already mastered certain knowledge and make fewer mistakes. By contrast, AI, as a novel means in teaching, seems to be more intriguing to students, especially those with younger age, thus making students to be positively devoted in study. What's more, in comparison to teachers who may give some incorrect information in some cases, AI provides nearly standardized procedure and accurate answers. Additionally, more

diverse information is accessible to students by using AI, since the capacity for AI is without limit and almost incomparable.

4. Describe a time a child made you laugh

1) What can make child laugh?

Sample answer:

There are plenty of ways that can make child laugh. First, we can buy some candies, cookies or cakes for him, and as we all know, child likes to eat something sweet, and he will feel happy and enjoyable because he gets what he wants. Second, play games with him is also a good choice to make him laugh. For example, if you and him play league of legend together as a team, maybe you made an easy mistake and got yourself killed, I am sure he will laugh out loud because he didn't know you can be that dumb. Third, generation gap or cultural lag is definitely another way to make him laugh. For example, there are some modern online words which are quite popular among young people, and if he asked you but you've never heard of it, that moment will be very hilarious, and he will feel funny too.

2) What do you think is the best age for people to have children?

Sample answer:

Personally speaking, the best age for people to have children is when they are at about thirty years old. Because if they are too young, they may not have enough amount of money or decent living quality to raise the kid, which will be bad for the kid's normal life. For example, the kid may not have well education or nutritious food, and I think it's not responsible for parents to do that, if parents are very poor or young, they should first work harder to earn money, and then raise kids, because kid needs a lot of money. On the other hand, if adults are too old, like when they are thirty-five or so, women's fertility would drop drastically. At that time, they may not able to have baby. So, I think the best time of having children is when they are about thirty, by that time, they should have a house or a car, and of course a stable job which can sustain the life quality and stand the cost of raising the baby.

3) Do you think people should be trained before they become parents?

Sample answer:

Not necessarily. Because raising kids is part of the human nature, and we were born with it, we know what to do and how to do it. Plus, our earlier generation didn't have had trained to raise the kid because of the lack of resources, yet our parents all grew up safely and soundly. Moreover, having a training session will cost a lot of money, parents should save some money and use it to raise their kids in the future, such as education, living cost, car, house and etc. If there are some questions, they can find plenty of resources online, such as TV shows, online applications and so on. If some parents are not good at using online technology, or they think online stuff is unreliable, they can also ask for other friends' or their parents help, because they have many experiences. Therefore, they don't need to be trained by others.

4) Do you think childhood is the most important in one's development?

Sample answer:

I totally agree with this statement. Because people need to establish a series of good habits during their childhood, and it includes study habits, life habits, and even the ways to communicate with others. All of these habits will be with him or her for the rest of their life, which is crucial for a person's future development. More importantly, childhood is the best time for children to think about what they will do in the future. If a kid is really good at playing badminton, or singing, he should grab the chance when there is still time and pursue his dream at the very beginning. When he grows up, he will know how important to do what he likes. And he should feel lucky to stick to that dream. Even though he will feel helpless or confused during the process, parents should always encourage him to pursue his dream.

5. Describe an occasion when you got incorrect information

1) What kinds of professions are related to giving information to others?

Sample answer:

For example, some salespersons who needs to point out some special features to address customers' concerns, I mean, to convince consumers their products are worth the price and more likely to be bought by customers. Plus, teachers also have to answer students' some practical questions from their own experience to help them ace the test, gain more credits, become top students to gain money to cover tuition fee and living cost. Additionally, tour guides typically recommend citizens to visit tourist attractions, like some historical sites, local specialty and other stuff to get rid of stress.

2) What's the difference between giving information by phone and by email?

Sample answer:

As for me, giving information by phone is time-saving and effort-saving, you know, I don't need to operate my laptop, access to Wi-Fi, type the key words then send an email, instead, I can just pull it out and hang it up to receive information. Despite the fact that our technologies are advanced, there is no guarantee that small glitches or malfunctions won't occur like sudden disconnection from the internet, that would interrupt me a lot. However, giving information by phone is much easier to remember many details, and I can also take notes, highlight the important section of email, which can leave lasting impression on me.

3) How can people check whether a piece of information is correct or not?

Sample answer:

Most of people prefer to go to library and check some real materials like original documents and old newspaper to gain information. Recently, individuals have better chance to access to the internet and look around on their own, coz it's time-saving and effort-saving, they don't need to step out and walk around like crazy, instead, they can just stay at home, click the mouse, browse the page, type the key words then get information. However, asking professors for help is my thing, coz they're knowledgeable and influential as well as answer me some practical questions from their own since they have first-hand knowledge.

4) Do people trust the information online?

Sample answer:

It depends, coz a bunch of netizens who are not in high level of education, so if people encounter some academic difficulties, they prefer to go to library and check some real materials like original documents and old newspaper to gain information, or they can ask professors or parents who are knowledgeable and influential and answer them some practical questions from their own experience, coz they have first-hand knowledge. However, if individuals just wanna know some tips about traveling, recommendation of movies, they would trust the information online, coz some movie buff may have good taste.

6. Describe an experience that you got bored when you were with others

1) Why do people get bored?

Sample answer:

When they need to work or study with a bunch of people who don't have similar topics and interest or even same goal to reach, so they have a huge gap between them and it's hard to communicate with each other. As for me, once I was assigned to do a group presentation on tropical plants, like, to memorize the names and key characters of plants, one of my partners typical told some boring jokes and idle our time away, so I felt bored. Plus, when hanging out with friends but we have different places to visit, walking together would be really boring.

2) Why are people less interested in reading books nowadays?

First, they're preoccupied by tons of paperwork, emails, documents and other stuff to deal with, so they prefer to have a rest when they're available, like hanging with friends or watching a film. Plus, people and more time-saving and effort-saving method to receive information other than books, for example, they can watch TV, search for information on website, they can just click the mouse, browse the page, type the key words then get information. Additionally, they can use some social apps to absorb decent parts by watching netizens' comments or information, which could benefit a lot.

7. Describe a journey you went on by car

1) Do you think cars are a daily necessity?

Sample Answer:

I don't believe it's necessary to drive everyday, actually, there are more and more people taking public transportation for daily routine since there are so many benefits. Taking subway for an example, convenience, as you can see, there are plenty of subway stations along the street so we can take it anywhere we want to. Besides, metro runs much more frequently per hour thus we can catch it anytime we like. Another reason is that it's kind of fast to travel by underground during rush hours as it's the only vehicle underground, we don't need to worry about traffic jam at all. As a result, a growing number of citizens are abandoning private cars and prefer to travel by public transportation.

2) What will cars look like in the future?

Sample Answer:

Well, there are so many predictions like “cars will drive by themselves”, “cars will fly”, no one knows for sure. But one thing is certain, driving cars will have to rely on alternative energy, such as solar and wind power. It is obvious to notice that earth’s natural resources are running out so in the future, care for the environment will become very important. As a result, we will waste fewer natural resources in our daily lives, when petroleum is drained off, solar or wind energy might replace it in the car.

3) Is driving a skill that everybody must learn?

Sample Answer:

For most young generations I guess yes, as driving has lots of advantages. The most obvious advantage of driving is speed, it’s much faster than other transportation. When you drive, you don’t have to stop during any bus station or wait for other passengers. A secondary merit of driving is comfort. It’s absolutely cozy since you can adjust air-conditioning to suit your own needs, not to mention it’s quite spacial inside so there is more room to move around. Maybe that’s why there are more cars on the road these days.

4) What are the downsides of having a car?

Sample Answer:

One major concern about owning a car is the expense. It’s really dear to drive to school or work everyday, you need to worry about the petrol, parking fee, maintaining fee, even insurance and so on. Besides, it’s a pain to look for free car parking in the city, you might need to circle around for a while to find a space to park. Once you come across traffic jam, there is no choice left for you but wait in the car until the flow can move. Those are the common drawbacks of having a car.

8. Describe an advertisement you remember well

1) Why do some people hate advertisements?

Sample answer:

Well, there could be a number of reasons I’d say. Obviously, people dislike ads as they are absolute spoilers----no, kidding, I mean, they spoil the TV programmes for sure. Imagine when you are just expecting to find out if the suspect was truly the murder, then a long commercial of chocolate began to be shown. It could be such a nuisance. Then, video ads online are less disturbing as they can be shut off. But still, they are overly distracting. Above all, ads are unbearable simply because they are ubiquitous, they are literally everywhere. So I guess some people hate this pervasive nature of ads.

2) Do people usually buy stuff after watching advertisements?

Sample answer:

Well, nice out of ten, yes. For most people, advertising works well in terms of influencing them and persuading them to get something new. Even if the customers don’t buy the goods immediately after they watch the ads, they are very likely to make the purchase after they see the ads again and again. The idea behind this is simple: the ads stay. They

stay with the customers until they eventually own the products promoted so that the idea of desiring them is no longer haunting. So, yes, an effective advertisement successively stirs the viewers' desire of buying the product.

3) Is music useful in advertising?

Sample answer:

Definitely, I mean have you even seen a silent advertisement on TV? Music is considered to play a big part in an advertisement, in terms of how effective it is. It is a powerful tool for viewers to remember the ad, as sound sometimes leaves a more lasting impression on the images. And it's quite common that audience would then associate the soundtrack with the product in the ad, which means every time they hear the same music again, they are very likely to recall automatically the promoted product. In this sense, music does help with the effect of advertising.

4) What are the advantages of TV advertisements?

Sample answer:

They help sell products and services obviously, first of all. Without the TV commercials, most companies and businesses wouldn't be able to boost the sales and influence the customers. Millions of the TV audience, both adult and kids, both men and women are potential buyers for these big firms. Then, of course, consumers are also benefited, as otherwise they would be able to keep informed of the various choices or new arrivals they could have. The TV stations or the broadcast companies, on the other hand, can also generate substantial financial income by charging the fees from the advertising.

9. Describe a time when you first met someone

1) How do Chinese people make new friends?

Sample answer:

In all sorts of ways, just like how people in other parts of the world do, although arguably it comes more easily for kids than for adults to do so. This is because kids are generally more actively seeking out new friends, while some adults don't seem to bother. Anyway, what I am trying to say is that in China kids can strike up a new friendship just by sitting next to someone in class, and adults can also do the same by taking an adult class like cooking course or dancing, singing that sort of recreational courses.

2) Do you think it's strange to make friends online?

Sample answer:

No, not at all, if you ask me. It's perfectly well for adults nowadays to make new friends online and there're also loads of useful apps out there. I feel these apps are popular not just because they are user-friendly and fun to use, but they help take the anxiety out of meeting and talking to new people. Besides, social media have also made making friends so much easier. For instance, you can follow someone who posts stunning photos, or make a comment and raise questions in order to engage with that person. Then this could also lead to future hanging out in person if you wish.

3) Why do some people have few friends?

Sample answer:

Because they want a quiet life perhaps, first of all. They want to be left alone from the endless dinner parties, social media overload, getting dressed up and staying well-groomed that sort of things, you know, social anxiety. Rather, they much prefer to socialize with a smaller circle of good friends they know they can always trust. They might also opt to stick to these old friends than making new ones. Having said that, some people end up with few friends involuntarily. Say, Old people living in shelters or disabled people may have less access to means of friend-making than normal people.

4) Which is more important, new friendships or old ones?

Sample answer:

Well, it's down to the different situations, and it's very hard to compare both. Arguably, it's generally understood that humans are constantly seeking out new experience and creating new memories, so it's natural that one wants to meet new people and make new friends. Striking a new friendship is more entertaining and fun in this sense. Yet, it is also vital to cultivate your friendship as only a handful of really good old friends do care about your health and well-being. So I guess both old and new friends can be equally important, and one should be smart to invest in friendships that make you happiest.

10. Describe a piece of clothing you enjoy wearing

1) What's the difference between the dressing style of young people and that of old people?

Sample answer:

Well, compared with young people, most of the older people are often uninterested in fashion and more interested in conservative outfits. Fashion is for the young. Older people tend to wear more comfortable clothes and they already have a full closet of things they like. They prefer to hear that "you look good" rather than "that is a nice outfit".

2) Do the people living in south China (warmer) wear different clothes from the people living in the north (colder)?

Sample answer:

Obviously yes, particularly in winter. Compared with the north of China, south China is warmer and more humid. For instance, people in the north would wear thick down jackets, overcoats, caps or even gloves in winter. Nevertheless, people in the south would simply wear sweaters and outwears. They even don't need to buy any thick down jackets or gloves if they don't go to any other places.

3) Do you think students like to wear uniforms?

Sample answer:

Well, I don't think so. The vast majority of students are not into wearing school uniforms and the reasons are diverse. For some students, they regard the school uniforms are ugly especially the girls. The other students think that the school uniforms restrict them from showing their characteristics and aesthetic views. It is difficult for you to distinguish one student from others because all the girl students or boy students look the same with school uniforms and similar hair styles.

4) When do people wear formal clothes?

Sample answer:

People wear formal cloths to fit the dressing code to show their respect for the special event. For example, I wore formal clothes to the interview to show that I was serious about the matter. Thus, compared to those candidates who don't wear formal clothing, I can leave a good impression on the interviewers. Likewise, in a variety of occasions, such as dinner party, commercial meeting and wedding ceremony, formal clothes are also requisite.

