

## 朗阁雅思口语考题预测

### Part 1

#### 1. Do you think young people and old people organize their time in the same way?

Sample Answer:

Nope, I don't think young people and old people share the same concept of organizing time. Old people tend to keep a regular schedule in their daily life, with sports and recreation as the top priority. However, young people, full of pep, are always occupied by their work, study or something from their family. Thus, they do not organize their time like senior people do.

#### 2. Why do some people throw garbage on the street?

Sample Answer:

I guess some people who litter on the street are too lazy to drop garbage into trash can. They are usually not well-educated, and consider it's of great inconvenience for them to find trash cans on the street. Plus, others may lack enough awareness of throwing garbage into can. In their daily lives, these people fail to develop a good habit of protecting environment. So they discard garbage on the street.

#### 3. Do you think planning is important for time management?

Sample Answer:

Planning is, from my point of view, of paramount importance for time management. Making plans helps people become aware of how to use time in organizing and prioritizing things, so they can succeed in their study and work. When making plans, people always need to bear in mind that they should begin with the more difficult and urgent tasks, and postpone the less important ones. Therefore, time can be in use in an efficient manner. To conclude, planning is essential for time management.

#### 4. What kinds of goal do people usually have?

Sample Answer:

Different kinds of people have different goals. Students aim for straight "A"s, scholarships and internships. Graduates compete for jobs with high salaries. And employees want to get promotion and pay raise. Generally speaking, most people's goals concern either money or power or the sense of satisfaction.

#### 5. Do you prefer a long break or several short breaks?

Sample Answer:

For my part, I prefer a long break, for I can have a long-distance trip and have more flexible schedules. Meanwhile, it would be impossible to travel for the whole month if I only have some short breaks.

#### 6. Do you like to take pictures of good scenery with your smartphone? Why?

Sample Answer:

Yes, I think it is convenient to take pictures of scenery with my phone, for I can record some unforgettable moments at once and share them with others through instant communication applications.

**7. What kind of water sports do you want to try?**

Sample answer:

I want to try water volleyball. I think it can be interesting to play volleyball in the water, and it can improve my team spirit while I am playing with other teammates.

**8. What's your ideal house? Why?**

Sample answer:

In my view, my ideal house would be a flat that includes a living room, two bedrooms and especially a study. My family members and I would all have personal space. For my part, I can spend my leisure time reading books and listening to some pieces of music in the study.

**9. What kind of science experiment did you do at school?**

Sample answer:

I remember having a chemistry experiment in the primary school. We put burning matches into a bottle, and saw the match extinguished at once. Later we knew that it was carbon dioxide that made the match extinguish.

**10. Do you think people like going to parks?**

Sample answer:

Yes, I think many people are willing to go to parks for the reason that it is a good chance for people to be close to nature. Many friends of mine choose to go to parks to relieve their stress when they enjoy natural scenery and breathe fresh air.

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## Part 2

### 1. 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.

### 2. Describe a time you heard a stranger talking on the phone in the public place

You should say:

Where you were

When it was

What the stranger was talking about

And explain how you felt about it

Sample answer:

Speaking of a time I heard someone talking on the phone, a recent experience popped into my mind immediately.

Last Sunday, I was sitting in a cafe while enjoying my cappuccino. I couldn't help noticing a guy at the next table was making a phone call to a taxi company to see if they could

reach out to a taxi driver. It turned out that he was in such a hurry that he left his wallet accidentally in a taxi which he had taken to see off his friend at the airport earlier that day and he just realized it until he was later in the café. Then he was anxiously looking at his phone all the time as if he would miss any. After around five minutes, he got a phone call and picked it up immediately. I heard that the call was from the taxi driver telling him that his wallet was still in the taxi with the driver. He was thrilled and nearly cried out, cause he had all his important IDs and cards inside it. The driver checked some information with him and he said he would meet the driver at the entrance of the shopping mall later. He seemed quite relaxed and relaxed after getting this phone call and left the cafe later to retrieve his wallet.

Generally speaking, I think it is important to follow simple rules of cell phone etiquette in public and I usually expect people to keep quiet in public places. I have also had some annoying experiences of hearing people around me chatting for a long time, and I think people may invade others' personal space in tranquil places. But I felt happy after having overheard this conversation, coz a genuine emergency call like this could save this person a ton of hassle. You know, the society is becoming more and more complicated and most of the calls are from cold calling companies or even spams. Although the news are always full of doom and gloom these days, this driver makes me feel he is sincere and trustworthy. I think sometimes I should trust in the goodness of human nature. After this invaluable experience, I wouldn't mind people picking up phone calls in public places as long as they don't disturb surrounding people.

### 3. Describe a place where you read and write (not your home)

You should say:

Where it is

How often you go there

Who you go there with

And explain how you felt about this place

Sample answer:

I like reading and writing in a coffee shop, like Starbucks. And I often go there once or twice a week, when I have a day off. I'd like to go there alone with a book, a pen, or just the iPad and my laptop.

Nowadays, WIFI is available in almost every coffee shop, it is very convenient for me to finish my work or just read a book I like there. There are also cooling systems in the cafes, providing me an environment which is very comfortable, especially in summer. Sometimes, I will go there with my best friend. Both of us like the atmosphere there, we'd like to read the same book and share our thoughts about that book with each other. Everytime, we will have a great time together.

And you know, the coffee shop is full of the aroma of coffee, I like it very much, because coffee is my favorite drink. Its smell makes me feel at ease. Nobody will disrupt me while I am reading or writing, so I can enjoy myself completely. At the same time, I can order a cup of coffee for drinking. As for me, it's the best couple with my writing. Writing always makes me feel tired, but coffee can make me feel sober. I'm used to writing with a coffee for a long time. There are also many coffee shops which serve bakery food. I like cakes

and cookies, reading and writing consumes my energy, and the cake is the best fuel for me.

So if you ask me, is there anyplace for reading and writing better than a coffee shop? My answer is absolutely not.

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

You should say:

What it is

Where you would like to try it

How difficult it is

And why you would like to try it

Sample answer:

The water sport that I want to try in the future is surfing. It is a sport that is particularly popular among youngsters. Unlike some mainstream sports such as basketball and football, surfing does not have a long history. According to some studies, it originates from Australia in the 1970s. It has become more and more popular in China in recent years.

It was in high school that I got to know this sport for the first time. I remember there was an article in our English textbook introducing surfing history and skills which could help people surf well. The teacher even played a relevant video for us. The video made a deep impression on me because all the players in the video were passionate and even female players looked very cool. After that going surfing has always been one of my dreams that I must realize in the future.

I know that there are plenty of places in China where people can go surfing such as Sanya, Shenzhen and so on, but the place where I want to try it the most is the Gold Coast in Australia because scenery there is gorgeous. Crystal-clear water and professional coaches in this area make this place a perfect surfing spot. Since it is a surfing paradise and a lot of young celebrities usually surf there, I might happen to see them if I surf there.

However, I heard from my friends that surfing can be pretty challenging and might be a bit risky for complete beginners because people have to master some basic skills and overcome the psychological barriers. To be honest, I am afraid of getting into water and I even spent quite a long time learning to swim.

Even though it is difficult for me, I am still looking forward to doing it not just because I want to realize my dream in high school, but also because I hope I can challenge myself. My best friend and I had a deal that we would go to Australia during the next winter holiday and try surfing there.

**5. Describe someone you know who does something well.**

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew this person

What this person does well

And explain why you think this person is so good at doing this.

Sample answer:

I suppose I should commence with the first aspect which is “who this person is”, and I’d probably select my uncle Mike, the CEO of a famous international trade company in Shanghai. He is a successful entrepreneur who started from the scratch.

When he set up his company, all he had was a budget of 30,000 yuan and merely 3 staff. Hard as the condition was, he managed to lead his team to achieve business success one after another just like the King Midas. Now the company’s profits have achieved over 100 million per year.

Regarding the theme of what makes him successful, the thing that needs to be highlighted here is that his success should mostly be attributed to some priceless soft skills he possesses, such as being modest, leading, and accommodating. Besides, he is extremely considerate and thoughtful, and is appreciated by everyone. Although he has also experienced ups and downs, he always remains positive. For example, in 2008, his business was hit heavily by the financial crisis. He lost one billion in merely six months. But he still believed that he would pull through the economic downturn. He sold his luxury villa and moved into a small apartment near his company with his family. Then he used the money to invest in new businesses. God helps those who help themselves. Finally, the company began to make profits again after three loss-making quarters.

As to my very last point, I want to say that I’ve learned from him a lot—no matter how tough a situation looks or how impossible it seems, just do it with your passion, dedication and perseverance. Where there’s a will, there’s a way.

**6. Describe an occasion when you got up early**

You should say:

When you got up

What you did

Why you got up early

And how you felt about it

Sample answer:

I’d like to talk about a time when I visited the Huang Mountain. In the last year’s National Day holiday, I took a 3-day guided tour to the Huang Mountain, one of the greatest mountains in China. In this special holiday, people from different cities flocked into this attraction spot.

According to the official report from the local government, the Huang Mountain was visited by an average of 10,000 people per day during the seven-day National Day holiday.

To avoid the long queue, our tour guide decided to take us there in the early morning and we all agreed to get together at 4.30 am in the hall of the hotel where we stayed. In the next morning, my alarm went off at 4.00 am, and I struggled to get up, washed my face, brushed teeth and put some makeup ...It was like a nightmare to me, and I'd never make it that early in the morning. Actually, I was so sleepy that I fell into asleep as soon as I hopped onto the coach, taking a nap for about half an hour during the drive.

At 5.00 am, we arrived. The strategy worked, and there were only dozens of people in the front gate, waiting for the ticket to be checked. When I stood at the foot of the Mountain, feeling the breeze, being surrounded by the lush green trees, I felt so refreshed and all my sleepiness went away. Although it was not pleasant to get up that early, I did have a wonderful time in the following trip. If we had not got up so early, we would have spent much more time waiting in line.

### 7. Describe a new public place you would like to visit

You should say:

Where it is

What it is like

How you knew this place

And why you would like to visit it

Sample answer:

A new public place I'd like to introduce is called Riverside Park, as its name suggests, it's situated near a river so folks living nearby could appreciate stunning views of waterfront areas. Also it's quite close to the neighborhood I live in, within just 5 minutes' walking distance from my house, so the great convenience is appealing to me so much.

Speaking of its layout, out to the east, there's an indoor arena for gymnastics, a stadium for track and field and a swimming pool for races, synchronized swimming and diving. Generally, it's an ideal place for athletes and sports lovers to have their physical trainings and competitions. The facilities in the south are simple but not monotonous with some specially-created water features including a circular ornamental pond and a surface fountain accompanied with fantastic lighting show every Saturday. After dinner you can also see some local residents taking a stroll or sitting on benches in a small rose garden while smelling the aroma released from the blossoms around to the west. Finally, up to the north, the pine trees have been made more accessible to visitors by the boardwalk built during the park's upgrade. But instead of being appreciated for its attractive scenery, this area is more often used for cycling and jogging.

Actually, I just knew this place by coincidence. As a homebody, I scarcely hang out for fun except for work, but once I took a wrong bus routine for commuting trip and passed by this amazing place, I was particularly intrigued by its peaceful environment.

The main feature I find rather fascinating is that lush vegetation is ubiquitous in the park and trees naturally function as noise barriers, making the surrounding seem quite serene and tranquil. As long as I wander inside, the park resembling a heaven could bring me inner peace and give me a chance to escape from the hustle and bustle of city life and

endless work.

**8. Describe a popular product (e.g. food, handicraft...) made in your region**

You should say:

What it is

What it is like

How it is made

And explain why it is popular

Sample answer:

Well, I'd like to talk about Peking duck which is a kind of traditional food in my hometown, Beijing. It is a whole duck that has crispy skin and tender meat with delicious sauce.

The way to make Peking duck is a little difficult, skilled cooks need to put the processed ducks in to a special stove made by a complex of different soils. After that, they should be roasted over the fire for about 45 minutes. Then the Peking duck is done.

The reason why Peking duck is popular in China is because of its delicious taste as well as its way to eat. According to the traditional culture, we should cut the meat into slices with specialized skills. Then we should put the slices of meat on a piece of pancake with spring onions, garlic, cucumber and sweet sauce. After that, we roll the pancake to wrap up all the ingredients together. With all the steps mentioned above done, it's time to enjoy this fantastic food. As we all know, Peking duck is rich in taste, and we can have various senses of taste which include sweet, salty and so on. I believe that everyone who has tasted Peking duck would have a deep impression on its great taste.

That's why it is so popular not only in China but also in the rest of world. It has become a special symbol among the Chinese cuisine. Every time I think about Peking duck, I would like to have one at once because it is my favorite food.

**9. Describe a time when you did not tell a friend the truth**

You should say:

When it was

Where it happened

Why you did not tell the truth

And how you felt about it

Sample answer:

When I was in graduate school, I obtained an internship in Beijing. Then I went to Beijing to work. I was a little excited because my best friend Xiaoqian was working in Beijing. Then we had a lot of leisure time together.

At one weekend, we had dinner and she introduced her new boyfriend to me. We talked a lot during the meal and I found her boyfriend boasting about his experience and showing himself every now and then. I didn't like him at all. Xiaoqian asked my opinion about him later in that evening. I said he was a nice guy because I can see she was quite into him and I was afraid if I tell the truth she would not be happy.



I don't regret about saying this because I believe Xiaolian would find out the boy was not her type. A few weeks later, Xiaolian told me they broke up and she said to me he was not fit her.

### 10. Describe a practical skill you learned

You should say:

What it was

When you learned it

Why you learned it

And how you felt about it

Sample answer:

Speaking of a practical skill I learned recently, I would like to talk about modifying photos.

I learned how to modify photos at home in order to get a job offer last summer vacation. When I looked for a part-time job, the interviewer said that I needed to have skills of modifying photos so that I could qualify for the job. Since I had a deep impression on the company very much, I made up my mind to learn how to modify photos. I had never learned basic knowledge about modifying photos, so I had to start from the very beginning. It was so hot at that time that I did not want to attend the course outside, so I bought some professional books to learn the skill step by step. I learnt basic concepts and practiced them on the computer every day. Gradually, I could modify some simple photos with the instructions shown in the books. It took me almost two months to master the skills, and I received my dream offer at last.

Although I faced plenty of difficulties during my learning process, I felt excited because I mastered a practical skill by myself. With this skill, I solved several problems I met during my work time, which had a great influence on later career. Since then I started to learn other related knowledge to have a further understanding of modifying photos. I firmly believe that such skill will lay a solid foundation on my later career and I will learn more practical skills to improve myself.

### Part 3

#### 1. 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.

#### 2. Describe a time you heard a stranger talking on the phone in the public place

1) Why do you think some people talk aloud on public transport?

Sample answer:

Firstly, I think that depends on different people. Children generally are self-centered and don't pay attention to their behavior in public transport. Consequently, they tend to talk aloud or make noises wherever they go. As far as adults are concerned, however, it generally has something to do with people's habits. Some people are used to talking aloud, whether in public or in private places, for years or even decades, so they do not take other people's feelings into account. These people might not realize that their loud noises disturb other passengers or even worse, they do not care about others at all. Since they mostly do not realize this impolite habit that has been kept for so long, it is hard for them to change. Also, it depends to a certain extent what kind of public transport you're on and how long the journey is. For example, if you're taking a 30 minutes journey on a bus, many people might take that opportunity to make a quick call, which can be

acceptable provided that it's not too loud. However, it is unacceptable that someone on a three-hour train journey talking very loudly the whole way, so short conversations are less offensive than long conversations.

2) Should people be banned from talking aloud in public places?

Sample answer:

Personally, I believe that it depends on what kinds of public places. The essence of good manners is to make another person feel comfortable. If people are in public places where loud noises are expected and do not disturb other people, like live concerts, bars and sports events, they should be allowed to talk aloud. The reason for this is that loud noises can spice up the atmosphere on these occasions and lead people to have a great time. On the other hand, in order to show others respect, people should be prohibited from talking aloud in public places where noises might give others a hard time or invade their personal space, such as in the library or hospital. On top of that, I think it also depends on the specific situations. Sometimes, genuine emergencies do occur, and some calls truly can't wait. For example, I think it's acceptable for people to talk loud on their phones in public place if people are trying to reach their hearing-impaired or elderly family members, parents are expecting an important call from their child, and those in the midst of a crisis.

3) Is it bad to talk on the phone in public places?

Sample answer:

Well, I think it really depends on what types of public places and different situations. First thing first, if people are in some noisy public places like live concerts, pubs and major train stations, it should be appropriate to talk on the phone. As long as people can keep their volume modest while talking on phone in public places, I think it is fine. More often than that, when our phones ring, it is hard to find suitable places quickly where talking doesn't annoy anyone else. Therefore, it is alright so long as the chatters do not disturb others. However, if the public places require utter silence, it is inappropriate to talk on the phone. For examples, it's quite rude and inconsiderate to talk on your phone in a quiet classroom or library. What's more, making phone calls may cause some safety issues, for instance, cell phones can interfere with the functioning of delicate instruments in airplanes and hospitals.

4) Why do some people always break rules in public places?

Sample answer:

There are a couple of reasons that can explain this phenomenon. To begin with, despite the knowledge of rules in place, some people decide to ignore the rules for their self-interests. Some people believe that they have to keep their personal freedom even in public places, and they would simply ignore warning signs or challenge the regulations as long as they aren't caught or punished. For example, some people believe that cell phone bans intrude on their personal freedom and they can use the devices wherever and whenever they choose as they pay a high monthly price for this communication option. It's pretty common for smokers to enjoy their cigarettes in some restaurants or bathrooms in spite of the "No Smoking" signs and anti-smoking regulations. Secondly, some people do not realize what they are doing is against the rules, therefore they fail to obey rules that they do not know. Last but not least, some people believe that most likely they are not going to get caught when breaking rules. It's not uncommon that some

people make significant mistakes by taking unnecessary risks. Therefore, warning signs or notices should be placed properly in these public places.

### 3. Describe a place where you read and write (not your home)

1) Which is more important, reading or writing?

Sample answer:

In my opinion, reading is more important than writing. Because reading is the input of the knowledge while writing is the output of the knowledge. Input is the precondition of output. For example, before you write a thesis, you need to read up a lot of references. Furthermore, without a careful reading, you may not write high-quality essays.

2) Who needs to have good writing skills?

Sample answer:

I think students need that. They need to write different materials. For example, they have a lot of tests, especially in Chinese and English tests. They have to write compositions. And test grades are important for all the students. At the same time, every university student needs to write an essay in order to graduate successfully. So, the writing skills are very important for them.

3) Where can people get more information, words or pictures?

Sample answer:

I think we can get more information from words. Because words provide a direct meaning to us, we can avoid ambiguity. And people can read words easily in everywhere and any time. On the contrary, I don't deny that we can also get information from pictures, but different people have different perceptions of them, it's hard to reach a consensus.

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

1) What's the difference between outdoor sports and indoor sports?

Sample answer:

Well, outdoor sports such as cycling, hiking, mountain climbing and so forth are generally played outside, so there must be really large areas for people to do these sports. Most of time in order to do outdoor sports, people might have to go to some quiet and peaceful places like parks, mountains, valleys etc. When doing outdoor sports, people can get closer to nature and even breathe some fresh air. Some people also said doing outdoor sports is a way to stay away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Badminton, bowling, yoga are all indoor sports and people have to do these sports inside rooms. For instance, people always do yoga at homes or in the gyms. If people want to play badminton, they'd better go to stadiums or sports centers. When doing some outdoor sports, people do not have to worry about weather condition. However, if it is rainy or stormy, people cannot do any outdoor sport.

2) What kinds of water sports are popular nowadays?

Sample answer:

Personally, I think swimming is the most popular sport now. I dare say the majority of people like swimming because it is suitable for nearly everyone. More importantly, since people do not have to master a lot of skills, it is easy to learn to swim. On average most people can learn it within a few days. You might not believe that nowadays swimming is a compulsory course in elementary schools and secondary schools in some areas and

students who can achieve better performance in swimming are more likely to be accepted by some famous schools, so many parents encourage their children to swim. Plus, surfing and diving are also popular now especially among young people. Unlike swimming, these two water sports are more challenging and exciting. Young people like to challenge themselves and they have a great sense of achievement when they break their last records.

3) Why should we develop water transport?

Sample answer:

Water transport is a trend because of globalization. The sea connects different continents, so water transport played a very important role in shipping goods from one continent to another far before trains and planes were invented. Water transport brings people a lot of benefits. Unlike other transports, water transport can help people save a lot of money. Since it operates on the natural tracks on the sea and people do not have to spend too much money constructing tracks, it is the cheapest mode of transport. Additionally, water transport is far more suitable to transport heavy and large goods over long distance than air transport and train transport due to its large carrying capacity. Water transport can promote trade and makes different parts of the world become closer. As far as I know, there are many sea areas that have to be discovered and explored in the future and I trust water transport can help us better get to know these areas.

4) Do you think it is necessary for everyone to learn to swim?

Sample answer:

Definitely yes. Learning how to swim can be beneficial in a variety of ways. Obviously, swimming is good for people's health. For children, swimming can help them grow taller and stronger. While for old people, swimming can slow down their aging process. I think it is the main reason why so many people learn to swim. It is even said that swimming every day can improve people's immune system. Besides, it is universally known that swimming is a very important life skill. People are able to save themselves if they drop into water accidentally and in some emergent occasions people who can swim can also help save others. However, we have to bear in mind that swimming sometimes can be dangerous and risky. We should go swimming in some fully licensed swimming pools instead of in the rivers or lakes. I do not recommend parents allow young children to swim on their own. They should be accompanied by parents or coaches.

**5. Describe someone you know who does something well.**

1) What skills and abilities do people most want to have today? Why?

Sample Answer:

Well, it's really hard to generalize, because different people have different demands. But I guess good communication skill is extremely valuable nowadays, that is to say, the ability to communicate effectively. You know, more and more people are addicted to the Internet today. We don't always need to communicate with friends or colleagues face to face, so that many people gradually tend to lose the ability of exchanging opinions or expressing feelings directly. This tendency actually does harm to our mental health. Therefore, many people really want to master this kind of skill in order to be sound in mind and be good at socializing.

2) Which skills should children learn at school? Are there any skills which they should learn at home? What are they?

Sample Answer:

Personally, I feel teachers should help children develop teamwork skills. Because of the one-child policy, many Chinese children are spoiled at home and tend to be self-centered. This situation will do harm to their own development. However, there are many kids at school, and they often play games and learn new things together. During this process, teachers can help them cultivate the sense of cooperation. Moreover, they can learn from their classmates' strong points and make up their own weaknesses.

Well, parents can teach their children many useful skills, among which I think reading skill is important. Although they can get this ability later at school, parents can help them more carefully and thoroughly, because teachers do not have so much time and energy on each student. Furthermore, the earlier they can read, the quicker they can learn new things when they go to school. Also, if you teach them early, it may instill a desire in them to keep studying throughout their lives.

3) Which skills do you think will be important in the future? Why?

Sample Answer:

I believe that the self-study skill will play an increasingly important role in the future. As the society develops so quickly, we have to acquire new knowledge faster than before, and only then can we stand out from the fierce competition. Therefore, we should study initiatively by ourselves, instead of always depending on other people's teaching or help.

4) Which kinds of jobs have the highest salaries in your country? Why is this?

Sample Answer:

To be honest, I'm not exactly that sure, but my guess would be that banking and high-tech industry are probably the job fields which pay the highest. Works of high technology are not easy to be done, so only the smartest intellectuals can handle this kind of tasks. And as for banking, I think it goes without saying that most jobs related to banking are relatively highly-paid, which is one of the main reasons why so many young people take financial course today.

5) Are there any other jobs that you think should have high salaries? Why do you think that?

Sample Answer:

I believe there are many important jobs should be highly paid, especially kindergarten teachers. First things first, to be a kindergarten teacher, one needs a lot of patience and love. They have to spend so much energy to handle with many naughty children every day. And the responsibility of taking care of children gives them great pressure, so I think they deserve a high salary. Besides, higher income can attract more people to do this job. If babies are taken care of very well, their parents can focus better on their own work and make more contribution to this society.

6) Some people say it would be better for society if everyone got the same salary. What do you think about that? Why?

Sample Answer:

I strongly disagree with that, because a high salary is a reward to the efforts talented people make. In general, some people devote themselves fully to their study and work, and even sacrifice their personal life to make contribution to their companies. If everyone

got the same salary, it would be unfair to the industrious staff. They may lose passion for work little by little. And the harmonious society will be disrupted in the end.

### 6. Describe an occasion when you got up early

1) What kind of people usually get up early? And why?

Sample answer:

Well, apart from individuals' living habits, it mainly depends on their jobs. CEOs or senior managers usually get up early because of their tight working schedule. Some people, like mail posters or newsboy, have to deliver mails or newspapers to their customers before breakfast. Baristas and cafe workers also have to be early at work to get everything ready for people stopping by in the morning.

2) Is it easier for older people to get up early than young people?

Sample answer:

Yes. I can easily find older people doing morning exercise in the nearby park on my way to school. The reason is when a person is beyond the age of 65, it is estimated that the average sleeping time decreases from about 8 hours to just 6-7 hours. By contrast, many young people have difficulty in getting up early and tend to sleep till noon on weekends.

3) What are the benefits of getting up early?

Sample answer:

Actually, there are quite a lot of advantages of it. For example, just as the old saying goes 'The early bird gets the worm', those who get up early would get a head start before everyone else. Besides, getting up early in the morning gives you a chance to work out things smoothly, without being disturbed by others. Furthermore, exercising in the morning helps get rid of the early morning jitteriness and let you begin the new day with positive energy.

4) What effect does sleeping in late have on a person's life patterns?

Sample answer:

Sleeping late is generally regarded as a bad thing although many people have such a habit. A late riser is normally a night owl, who enjoys staying up late at night. They feel quite energetic when the dark falls and can't fall asleep at midnight. Therefore, they will still get up late the next morning. In the long run, it may lead to disturbance in personal life pattern.

### 7. Describe a new public place you would like to visit

1) Do people prefer living in new house or old house? Why?

Sample answer:

Well, it's hard to say. But I reckon it depends in accordance with different people's preference. The young tend to reside in modern architecture such as flat or mansion with well-equipped facilities as well as fine decorations, so newly built houses completely cater to their demands whereas the senior people who already get accustomed to their own lifestyle are usually reluctant to making changes to adapt to a new environment or community. Thus I believe it's the old houses that they are particularly fond of.

2) Should old buildings be rebuilt? Why?

Sample answer:

Definitely no! Old buildings, especially historical buildings, are usually considered as vital culture heritages, representing an important piece of the history and reflecting the contemporary culture, customs and lifestyles. We shouldn't rebuild these old buildings because what people need is not the duplication or copies. The top priority is to raise people's awareness to preserve the original appearance of these buildings and keep them intact rather than demolish them.

**8. Describe a popular product (e.g. food, handicraft...) made in your region**

1) Why do people use imported products?

Sample answer:

There are many reasons for that. The most important reason I think is that some products have special tastes while there are no such raw material in the domestic country. As the result, people have to import these products to their countries.

2) Do different places have their own popular products?

Sample answer:

Of course. There are a range of differences in cultures and geological conditions among various places, which results in popular products with the characters of particular nations and regions.

3) What food is popular throughout the world?

Sample answer:

In my view, it is hamburger that is popular throughout the whole world. It is so tasty that suits most of people in different regions. In addition, it is easier to make people feel full comparing to other kinds of food.

4) Why do people living in different regions like different food?

Sample answer:

It is because people living in various regions have different cultures which lead to different views on cooking materials. Besides, different geological conditions result in unique concepts of food.

**9. Describe a time when you did not tell a friend the truth**

1) Do you think mutual trust between friends is important?

Sample answer:

I can see eye to eye with this statement. In this way, we can get along well with each other and share some secrets. Also, we will ask for help without too much consideration when we are in trouble.

2) Do you think people need to tell the truth all the time?

Sample answer:

I don't think so. Sometimes white lies are necessary. For example, there are occasions where people don't want to hurt others' feelings and then people normally choose not to tell the truth. Also, parents tend to tell white lies to kids because kids are not strong enough to take bad or disappointing things.



3) Why do children tell lies?

Sample answer:

When children made mistakes, they are afraid of punishments so they tell lies to their parents and teachers. For example, students tend to say that they are late for school due to traffic congestions instead of waking up late. They try to use lies to beautify their misconducts. Of course, sometimes children also tell white lies for good reasons.

4) What should parents do if their children tell lies?

Sample answer:

Parents should always be patient and manage to understand why their children lie. They need to teach them not to lie to others. Children are in a special state of life when they are forming their belief, philosophy and attitudes toward life, society, and the whole world. So they have to know that telling a lie isn't a correct thing. Otherwise, they might make up things and fake their lives, or even hurt people and finally hurt themselves. So, it is pivotal to teach kids who are lack of judging capability and self-control not to lie to lie.

#### 10. Describe a practical skill you learned

1) What is the most important practical skill in modern society?

Sample answer:

I think the most critical practical skill is computer skills. It is because almost all the jobs in various fields need to use computers to handle the work. Everyone should learn how to use the computer so that they can keep pace with time.

2) What kinds of skills are difficult to learn?

Sample answer:

In my opinion, skills like coding and designing are difficult to learn. It is because such skills all need to master a series of professional concepts as well as spend long time to practice.

3) What kinds of professions require practical skills?

Sample answer:

In my view, professions like education and medicine require practical skills. Take education profession as an example, teachers should learn certain skills like how to write well on the blackboard and how to teach students efficiently.

4) What are some special skills that people can learn?

Sample answer:

People can learn such special skills like how to clean plates completely with certain and how to brush teeth thoroughly. These skills can improve our living standard which makes us in good health.