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Part 1

1. What do you always do in a hurry? Why?

Sample answer:

I often do my homework in a hurry because I have a bad habit of procrastination, and I always leave my work until the last day before it is due. In order to turn in the work before the deadline, I have to rush through my work. I don't advise other people to do this because when work is rushed, it tends to be of poor quality. I have been constantly trying to have better time management skills and to do my work early.

2. Did you recycle when you were a child?

Sample answer:

I did recycle when I was a child. I remember that recycling was taught at my school, and everyone had to go home to prepare a recycling bin and recycle all our plastic bottles and paper. My parents also taught me how to separate the different materials of paper, glass, and plastic. Recycling is now a habit that has accompanied me since I was little.

3. What do you do to help you concentrate?

Sample Answer:

I would like to wash my face with cold water to wake myself up as well as drink a cup of coffee in order to help me concentrate. In my opinion, they are very useful ways to stay focused.

4. Can we tell someone's personality from his or her handwriting?

Sample Answer:

I think we can tell something about a person's character from his or her handwriting. For instance, if someone's handwriting is terrible, it can be concluded that he or she may be careless.

5. Do you think people should be tidy all the time?

Sample Answer:

I think it is necessary to keep tidy all the time, for it is a way to show people's positive attitude to work or study. Besides, it is good for people to be healthy if they pay attention to tidiness.

6. What gifts did you receive in your childhood?

Sample Answer:

In my memory, I got most of gifts from my parents on my birthday when I was a kid. They would send me toys like dolls and some other stuff like books or snack. However, on special occasions like the day when I entered into the primary school, I would get the bags and other stationery from my grandparents. It was due to the tradition in my hometown.

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

Sample Answer:

In such situation, I feel very angry because it is necessary to return things borrowed from others and I think it is a basic rule for everyone to obey.

8. Do your friends like to tell jokes?

Sample answer:

Yes, my friends think telling jokes as a way to relieve stress of work and study. My friends and I often share jokes with each other as a relaxation.

9. What sports did you do when you were a kid?

Sample answer:

When I was a kid, I was super busy with sports. I loved going outdoors and being active, so I signed up for a ton of different sports in elementary school. I played soccer and basketball on my school's sports teams, and these usually took up my free time during autumn and spring. During winter, I swam on a local swimming team. During summer, I signed up for sailing camp and learned how to sail sailboats. I also did swimming for fun during the summer. I was very fit when I was a kid because of all these sports that I did.

10. What do you usually do on weekends?

Sample answer:

I usually spend my weekends with my family. We sometimes cook, ride bicycles, and go on picnics and hikes together. Once in a while, we might invite friends for a barbecue party. My weekends are mainly meant for relaxing and having fun, so sometimes when I'm not spending time with my family, I go to see art exhibitions and watch movies with my friends from school.



Part 2

1. Describe something you want to do for a long time but you haven't done yet

You should say:

What thing it is

Where you want to do it

How easy/difficult it is

And explain why you want to do it

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. Last year I planned to have training lessons in a gym near my neighborhood and keep exercising with the help of a professional trainer. According to my trainer, I should run for an hour every day. Besides, I had to go on a diet, which means I would eat a lot of vegetables for a long time. I think it was difficult for me to make up with my mind because I thought this long-time lesson would make me too tired. That's why when I am about to graduate from college, I haven't been to the gym once! Now I am busy with my essay and my teacher keeps asking me to hand on the latest edition, it is impossible to have enough time to lose weight in the gym.

As the weight increases, I notice the importance of keeping fit. Through the Internet, I have learned that I might suffer the fatal heart disease, which makes me decide to exercise regularly as soon as possible. Even though it may make me feel suffered, I have to make myself healthy so as to enjoy life.

2. Describe a time when you received good news

You should say

What the news was

Who told you the news

When you knew

And how you felt about it

Sample answer:

One time where I received good news was when I learned that my soccer team had made it to the semi-finals.

My school is very small and there are very few girls that want to play soccer. In order to have enough people to make a proper soccer team, my school had to combine the middle school and high school girls' soccer teams, which meant that middle school girls were participating in the high school soccer league. Within our soccer league, there were some tough teams that we had to work really hard against. Only four teams out of a total of more than ten teams in our soccer league could make it into the semifinals.

I remember that day, we were all on the school bus getting back to school after a soccer

match. My coach had just finished getting a call from the league's organizers who had calculated the total points for each team. My coach stood up at the front of the bus and waved his arms, getting our attention. That was when he announced the good news that we made it into the semifinals. Everyone stood up and cheered because no one thought that we would make it that far. I was so happy and excited that I just hugged all my teammates around me. All of our hard work practicing through the entire soccer season had paid off. It felt good to see that our hard work as a team was rewarded.

Making it into the semifinals meant that we would enter the elimination rounds where we would play for the first three places. This was the first time that our school's team had entered the semifinals, so it was a first for all of us, and that was why we were all so excited. Even though in the end, we only reached third place, it was still the best that our school's girls' soccer team had ever achieved.

3. Describe a place you visited that has been affected by pollution.

You should say:

Where it is

When you visited this place

What kinds of pollution you saw there

And explain how this place was affected

Sample answer:

Speaking of a public place that has been polluted, the first place came to my mind was a public park near my home. The very last time I visited there was actually two month ago with my mom. Since the first day I moved to this community few years ago, I've made a kind of rule to go for a stroll after dinner. The tranquil environment allowed me to temporarily escape from the concrete buildings, noise, and intensive workloads. Especially when I walk along the path surrounded by trees, bushes, and blossoms of different kinds of flowers, I feel so refreshed.

However, right now what imprints in my mind is not the stunning view any more. Instead, it is the awful condition of the grass and the lake full of litter. Recently, people tended to have picnics in the park. As the result, some people brought various food and tools to have barbeques on the grass, which made the environment of park worse. They poured used oil on the grass directly instead putting it into the bin. The smoke produced by barbecue made leaves of trees turn yellow as well as forced birds to fly away. In addition, some children threw bottles and food packages to the lake, resulting in disgusting smells and dead fish. To my surprise, these children thought throwing litters everywhere as a game, and their parents did not stop them from polluting the environment!

I think people should have a better understanding of environment protection and make effective measures as soon as possible. And I volunteered to clean litters in the park and cooperated with the park governor to put posters made by myself on the wall to inform people visiting the park the importance of environmental production. I hope the park would become cleaner soon.

4. Describe a job you would not like to do in the future

You should say:
What it is
How people do this job
What part of this job you think is difficult
And explain why you would not like to choose this job

Sample answer:

I guess I will never be a doctor in the future. Doctor is an ordinary profession, but its contents and duties make it extraordinary. As a doctor, you must be very professional, rigorous and have the courage to face death. And for me, the hardest part is facing death every day.

As we know, if I want to be a doctor, I will first have to receive an undergraduate Bachelor's degree which will take me roughly four to five years. After medical school I may be required to complete a one to three years paid residency. For me, in the future, it's unrealistic to take such a considerable amount of time to become a doctor.

What's more, being a doctor also comes with a level of stress, and can eventually weigh down on you. My friend Bob is a doctor who works in the emergency room. He regularly has to deal with losing patients, while consistently maintaining a heavy workload. I often see his WeChat Moments late at night showing that he is still working overtime. And such heavy workload makes me have no interest in this profession.

The most difficult thing is that you have to face death all the time. Becoming a doctor is also risky. Their job is to save people, so sometimes their carelessness will take a person's life. As a result, medical disputes sometimes arise. For all these reasons, it is impossible for me to be a doctor.

5. Describe a tradition in your country

You should say
What it is
Who take part in it
What activities there are
And how you feel about it

Sample answer:

The Spring Festival is probably the most well-known Chinese festival. Its celebrations last longer than a week, and it is probably the grandest and most important festival of the year. The significance of the Spring Festival is to celebrate the beginning of a new year.

Usually, during the Spring Festival, there's a gathering of the entire family. Because my grandparents on my mom's side and my dad's side live in different provinces, my family usually spends half of the winter holidays with my mom's family and the other half with my dad's. But I'm sure that most families just choose one side. We cook together as a family, making dumplings, spring rolls, and other treats. There is also the tradition of giving red packets filled with money to children. Many different traditions are specific to the region, and there are many customs that are different in different parts of China.

I remember that I used to really like the Spring Festival when I was a kid because there was always so much to do and so much to see. Lots of good food, candy, watching TV, chatting and gossiping with family – it was a child’s dream. Growing up, I feel that the Spring Festival has gradually lost its appeal on me perhaps because when I was a kid, I was at the center of attention, but now there are children that are much younger than me and I have to help with the chores. Anyways, I still appreciate the time that I get to spend with my grandparents and other relatives during the Spring Festival. In China, as we become more globalized, many traditional customs have faded away and disappeared. I think that because of this, it’s even more important to celebrate these traditional festivals to preserve the culture.

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

- You should say
- What it is
- Which song or poem it is from
- How you knew it
- And explain how you feel about it

Sample answer:

One of my favorite song lyrics is from Led Zeppelin’s Stairway to Heaven. The lyrics are “Yes, there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run, there’s still time to change the road you’re on.” The song, Stairway to Heaven, is one of Led Zeppelin’s most famous songs. The melody of the song is amazing, but what’s even better are the deep lyrics that convey some really poetic and philosophical thoughts about life.

My grandpa, surprisingly, loved listening to rock music when he was young, and he suggested this fifty-year-old song to me because I also love rock music. Whenever I listen to this song, I think of my grandpa and all the happy memories I’ve had with him. The song, Stairway to Heaven, is quite slow for a rock song, and it brings me comfort whenever I feel that I miss him.

The song lyric “there are two paths you can go by” is about making choices in life, and sometimes, it seems that the choices we’ve made are irreversible. However, the singer then says that “in the long run, there’s still time to change the road you’re on”, which means no matter how many mistakes you have made, it’s never too late to change your life for the better. These lyrics, along with the song’s title, Stairway to Heaven, mean that there’s often more than just one road to salvation. No matter what has happened in the past, there’s still always time to change. These lyrics give me strength and hope whenever I regret a choice that I’ve made, and they give me the courage to toughen up and face what I have to. It also reminds me to keep an open mind and focus on what I can improve in the future.

7. Describe an event you experienced in which you did not like the music played

- You should say
- What the event was
- Where you were
- What the music was like

And explain why you did not enjoy the music

Sample Answer:

I once had a weird experience at a street fair I attended in Shanghai. The street fair was Mexican-themed, and it took place along a street somewhere near The Bund. They blocked the roads so that no cars were passing through, only people were allowed in. There were lots of food vendors that were selling traditional Mexican food like tacos and burritos, and it all looked really appetizing. Some other stalls sold Mexican souvenirs like sombreros and other handicrafts. The street fair took place in the evening and there were lots of decorative lights all around. My friend and I both thought that it looked nice and inviting.

So, then we wandered through the street fair, stopping here and there to look at various items. We then bought some food and sat down at one of the small tables on the side of the road. Not long after we sat down, the speakers turned on and the music started playing. The music was deafening, and we could barely hear each other talk over the music. What was worse was that the genre of music they were playing was club music, otherwise known as EDM, which I'm generally neutral towards, but I felt that this wasn't the right occasion for it. Club music, hence its name, is meant to be played in nightclubs. Even though the music was energetic, I felt that it kind of ruined the atmosphere of the Mexican-themed street fair. True, there were lots of young people, and I understand that maybe the organizers wanted to liven up the mood, but it simply did not feel right to me. I would have much rather preferred some traditional Spanish music instead, like the kind that they play in Mexican restaurants. I think this kind of music would have been perfect for the relaxing and cheerful mood for that street fair, and it would have been a better representation of Mexican culture.

8. Describe someone or something that made a lot of noise

You should say:

Who or what made the noise

What the noise was like

What you did when you heard the noise

And explain how you feel about it

Sample answer:

Speaking of noise, I would like to talk about some noise made by a broken air conditioner when I studied in the school library last semester. It was a hot summer day when the final exam was coming. I got up early and hurried to the school library for fear that there was no seat to sit. Luckily, I got an ideal seat beside the air conditioner and I could enjoy cool wind for a whole day.

However, after having studied for about two hours, I noticed that the air conditioner seemed to have something wrong. It continued making loud noise which made me unable to concentrate on my study. Other students studying on this floor also noticed this annoying noise and they showed a bit of dissatisfaction. As the result, some students decided to go to other floor instead. As far as I am concerned, it was difficult to find a seat in other floors because many students studying in the library planned to review courses until the library was closed late at night.

Although I felt annoyed like other students, I decided to find a solution instead studying under such a noisy condition. Since I had a friend working in the library, I sent him a message about the current situation and hoped him contact certain professional workers to fix the air conditioner. After waiting for about five minutes, I saw my friend go upstairs with a worker. After that, the air conditioner was fixed by the worker, and the machine no longer made any noise. I was grateful to my friend and worker, and I started reviewing again.

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 an occasion when you wasted your time

You should say

Where you were

When it was

What you did

And explain why you think it was a waste of time

Sample answer:

I once wasted my time when I forgot to bring an important document for an appointment.

This happened last month in Shanghai when I had to get a health screening for my visa. I had already scheduled the doctor's appointment to be at nine o'clock and I had gotten up early to take the subway. It would take me around one hour to get to the clinic for my health screening. Half an hour after I got on the subway, I felt my pockets and suddenly discovered that I had forgotten my identification card. This was crucial to my health screening, and I was pretty sure that if I didn't bring my ID card, they wouldn't allow me to enter. I had no choice but to promptly get off at the next stop and ride home to pick up my ID card. So, I rode all the way home, called a taxi to get to my house, and then went on the subway again.

Unsurprisingly, I was late for my appointment because I had spent an extra hour on the road. Fortunately, there weren't many people at the clinic that day, so they still allowed me to enter even though I was late. However, I was still furious at myself for being so forgetful and spending all my time to go back and get my ID card. I could have better used that time to finish my overdue homework and to study for an upcoming test. However, I threw all that time away by riding on the subway doing absolutely nothing productive, and this is why I considered it to be a great waste of time. I learned my lesson that day: To always be prepared wherever you go, so that you can avoid foolish incidents such as this one.



Part 3

1. Describe something you want to do for a long time but you haven't done yet

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 when you received good news

1) Where do people get news?

Sample answer:

People get news from many different places. People can get news from websites online, various social media platforms, or by reading the newspaper. People can also get their news from other people, but this type of news tends to veer towards gossip. The places where people get news determine the news' timeliness and quality.

2) What kind of news do people like to read? Why?

Sample answer:

I think people like to read news that is closely related to their own lives. For example, my dad loves watching soccer and he always reads the latest sports news to keep up with his favorite sports teams. Other people read news to learn about what is happening in their city, or even around the world.

3) How can companies tell the public its news? On the internet or through press conference?

Sample answer:

Some companies release news on their official website online. Viewers who are interested can visit the company's website to see the news. Of course, companies also hold press conferences, especially when the news is important or is of concern to the general public. Holding a press conference allows the company's news to reach a wider audience.

4) What do you think of the news on social media?

Sample answer:

I think the news on social media is not always reliable. Speaking from personal experience, a lot of the news on social media is simply clickbait without any real content. Many times, I've clicked on a news article out of curiosity about the title, only to find that there wasn't much to learn. Furthermore, it's extremely easy to post news on social media, which means that the quality and reliability of the news can be mixed.

3. Describe a place you visited that has been affected by pollution.

1) Do you ever discuss the topic of the environment with your friends?

Sample answer:

Hardly actually, I do not discuss something about environment with my friends, but I suppose we should because the environment is an important matter to us human beings. And unfortunately, the environment is getting worse than before, mostly due to too much human interference and destruction to our surroundings. A plenty of environmental problems are caused by human beings such as soil erosion, global warming and acid rain, which in turn have terrible impacts on life of people. Therefore, I hope to discuss environmental issues with friends, and take actions to settle those problems.

2) What are the different kinds of environmental problems that exist right now?

Sample answer:

Right away, several environmental problems are persistent around the world. Three major environmental problems are, namely, air, water and noise pollution. Air pollution, smog, for instance, causes serious respiratory problems for human beings, and also makes the environment much worse than it used to be. Then, water pollution refers to discharging of domestic sewage and chemical contaminants into water, leaving a negative impact on quality of water. And the last one, noise pollution, like roadway, aircraft as well as industrial noise makes the living environment in a mess. All in all, these kinds of environmental problems exist in the society.

3) Whose fault is it that we have these environment problems?

Sample answer:

Frankly, human beings are indeed to be blamed for these environment problems, as there are too much intentional as well as unintentional destruction caused by human beings: smog, which is due to the exhaust gas intentionally produced by human beings; water and noise pollution, which are accidentally caused from mankind's bad habits. However, it makes no difference if we find faults with the environment destroyer without taking actions to protect it. Just as someone said: "When we heal the earth, we heal

ourselves”, I hope people could realize those problems and build up an effective mechanism to settle all these problems.

4. Describe a job you would not like to do in the future

1) How should young people choose job?

Sample answer:

Frankly speaking, there is a variety of jobs and choices given to young people with the development of our modern society. I strongly agree with the statement that young people should try different jobs before deciding their final career, only through various tries can young people know what on earth they are good at or they do desire for.

2) What kind of job would young people like to choose, well-paid job or the one with low salary?

Sample answer:

It really depends. I would say that most people would like to choose a good payment because work is widely considered as just a way to make a living. What really matters to them is their life outside work. With higher payment, people’s quality of life will improve and so will their happiness index.

5. Describe a tradition in your country

1) How do people value traditional festivals?

Sample answer:

I think that elderly people place a greater emphasis on traditional festivals because they tend to savor the past and have a more traditional way of doing things. Many younger people tend not to care too much about traditional festivals, and it’s a pity because so much culture will be forgotten.

2) What is the difference between festivals now and those in the past?

Sample answer:

Festivals nowadays tend to be a lot more commercialized and less important than they were in the past. In the past, many traditional festivals meant families gathering together and enjoying each other’s company. They would get to eat treats that they normally wouldn’t have, and enjoy luxuries only purchased during the special holidays. Nowadays, because people live happier and more affluent lives than they did a couple of decades ago, getting together as a family and having a good time is no longer limited to holidays, but has become something more commonplace. As a result, festivals seem to have lost their charm.

3) Do you think western festivals like Christmas are replacing traditional festivals in your country?

Sample answer:

I wouldn’t say that they are replacing traditional festivals, but there is an undeniable presence of western holidays here in China. During December, especially in the big cities that tend to be more international, there are Christmas decorations all around. At the same time, traditional holidays are still celebrated, and I don’t think many people would say they only celebrate Christmas but not the Spring Festival. Therefore, I wouldn’t state

that traditional festivals are being replaced by western ones, but rather, there's an addition of western holidays to the ones that we currently have.

4) Do you think it is wrong for children not to celebrate traditional festivals?

Sample answer:

In my opinion, I hope for my culture to be preserved, and I think that a good way to do this is by celebrating traditional festivals. However, our society is progressing forward and culture continuously changes, so I think that it's inevitable that some customs will be forgotten and replaced by new ones. I've grown up celebrating traditional Chinese festivals with my family, and I hope that my children will continue doing so as well, but I don't speak for all members of society. I think that ultimately, it's up for the parents to decide, and it's not right for other people to judge them if they don't.

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

1) Are you good at memorizing things?

Sample answer:

No, sadly, I am terrible at memorizing things. I memorize things extremely slowly. I remember back when I was in school and we had to memorize texts for Chinese class, I would always be one of the last ones to finish the memorization assignment. After a couple of weeks, my teacher would sometimes double-check to see how much of the text we remembered, and I always remembered close to nothing. I've always envied those who had good memories; it would have saved me a lot of time and energy during my school years.

2) Do you think children would like the rhythm of songs or poems? Why?

Sample answer:

I think that children would prefer the rhythm of songs. Poetry often contains obscure words and irregular sentence structures which may be difficult for a small child to grasp. Songs, on the other hand, tend to have stronger tempos and more playful melodies that are easier to remember, which is why I think children would prefer them.

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

Sample answer:

I do believe that it is easier for children to learn songs and poems than for adults. Children often have better memories and are more accepting of new things. They are constantly growing and learning every day. On the other hand, while adults may be able to understand a poem or song better than children, they tend not to have as good memories as children do, and therefore, it would be quite challenging for them to learn a new song or poem.

4) What can people learn from songs or poems?

Sample answer:

Through poems and songs, we can learn about the lives of people across different cultures and time periods. For example, in some ancient cultures, there is no written language and the only way to record history is to combine historical events within their songs. Even though the people of this culture may be illiterate, they can still learn about their history through a song or poem that is both concise and easy to remember.

7. Describe an event you experienced in which you did not like the music played

1) Why do many young people spend a lot of money on music concerts?

Sample Answer:

Music is therapy for many people, and it gives them hope and happiness. Young people spend money on concerts because it's a way for them to relax and have fun with their friends. I would say that going to a music concert and seeing a live performance is a totally different experience from listening to the same song on your phone. The spirit and the entire atmosphere at a concert are things that can't be forgotten.

2) Do you think older people like the same music as young people?

Sample Answer:

It depends. Usually, there is a generation gap between old people and young people because what was popular back then usually is not popular now. People's music tastes change over time, and someone who once loved rock and roll when they were young might only listen to classic music in their seventies. However, there are always classic songs and bands that are popular no matter what, such as The Beatles. Young people still listen to their songs even though it's nearly been fifty years since their debut.

3) Do you think music concerts are suitable for old people to attend?

Sample Answer:

Most old people don't like loud music and crowded environments, so they naturally would not be interested in attending music concerts that are filled with young people and noise. Furthermore, there is a safety risk because the loud music and flashing lights at concerts may cause some old people to have seizures. If there is an emergency, it would be rather difficult to get attention to seek help. Of course, there are also exceptions, and I'm sure there are concerts that are calmer and more suitable for old people to attend if they really want to.

4) Why do shopping malls often have background music?

Sample Answer:

Usually, shopping malls have leisurely and cheerful background music playing while people shop. I've read that slow music makes people relax and slow down, so by playing this kind of background music, they can make customers spend more time browsing through the shops to spend more money. Additionally, shopping malls usually intend to create a nice atmosphere for people, and the background music they play can help with this atmosphere.

8. Describe someone or something that made a lot of noise

1) Where can people hear a lot of noise?

Sample answer:

People can hear a lot of noise in public places, such as railway stations and markets. Mixed with shouts made by people and radio broadcast, the noise can easily make people feel uncomfortable.

2) What may happen if one listens to very loud music using earphones when they are running or hiking?

Sample answer:

Since the music from earphones is louder than sounds of surrounding environment, runners may ignore sounds made by cars or residents, which could result in serious accidents. Besides, people may miss some sounds that play a role as precarious information when they are hiking. For instance, stones may fall from the mountain peaks and it is dangerous for mountain climber if they do not notice such sound. When an individual focuses on music, he or she may get hurt by the stones.

3) What can be done to reduce traffic noise?

Sample answer:

To reduce traffic noise, more roads can be built so that drivers could have more choices to arrive at the same destination. Besides, a large amount of traffic noise is made by engines, so people can use greener traffic tools like electronic cars and bicycles which make little noise.

4) Do you think the world will be noisier in the future?

Sample answer:

I think there will be much noisy in the coming future, for more and more people move to urban areas, while more cars and planes will be produced to meet the rapidly increasing demand. At the same time, more shopping centers are planned to be constructed in the city center. It is common for malls and clubs to play loud music in order to attract more customers.

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 an occasion when you wasted your time

1) How can we avoid wasting time?

Sample answer:

I think that being prepared and having a solid plan is a good way to avoid wasting time. Oftentimes, there are occasions where we have the opportunity to do a lot of things and be productive, yet due to being unprepared, we are unable to carry out what we originally intended to do.

2) Is time management important?

Sample answer:

Yes, I believe that time management is very important, no matter during school or during work. Having good time management will allow us to work more efficiently so we can do more work in less time. As a result, we can spend the extra time on relaxing or exercising, which would be good for our health.

3) Should parents help children manage time?

Sample answer:

No, I don't think parents should help their children manage their time entirely. I believe that parents should give their kids a guideline and teach them how to manage their time, but the rest should be left up to the child. This way, in the long run, when the child grows up, he/she will have experience managing their own time schedule and become more independent.

4) Do you think relaxing is a waste of time?

Sample answer:

No, I don't believe relaxing is a waste of time because there are many benefits to relaxing that could prove advantageous in the long run. Relaxing makes people feel happy and invigorated. Therefore, after they relax, people will be able to work with a much higher efficiency to produce work with better quality.