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Part 1

1. What kind of furniture would you like to buy?

Sample answer:

I'd like to buy some furniture with unique designs. In fact, I like to try new and different things. Whenever I see something novel, I prefer to take it home and decorate my house as an interesting space.

2. Do you like changes? Why?

Sample answer:

I am not sure if I like changes in life. You know people are always seeking for a stable job and steady companion. Nobody really likes unpredictable changes in life. However, changes are part of our lives, they are virtually inevitable. Sometimes we change the job, then, we have to move to another city which leads to a change of social net. The key point is that we have to go through it, and try to make the best of every change.

3. What kind of clothes do you usually wear?

Sample Answer:

When I was in senior high school, our school required all of the students to wear the school uniform, which was a sports style, water-proof outfit. It seemed to be ordinary and unattractive at first, however, I felt it was convenient to wear it in my school life. When it was in a bad weather, I could run through the rainy shower with the cloth covering and roll up the sleeves any time I would like to. Now I still like to wear sports outfit, because such cloth makes me feel free and relaxed. I don't need to take care of it or worry about wrinkles or something like that.

4. What kind of things do you recycle?

Sample Answer:

I recycle plastic, mainly plastic bottles and other plastic containers. I also recycle paper, and usually, it's scratch paper that I no longer have use for from school, and I also recycle cardboard boxes from delivery parcels.

5. What is your favorite sport? Why?

Sample Answer:

My favorite sport is soccer. I started playing soccer on my elementary school's soccer team when I was three, and I've been playing soccer ever since. I love the feeling of running on the wide-open soccer field, breathing in the fresh air under a bright sun. Moreover, I love soccer because of the collaboration needed between teammates, and the way that everything was a team effort. I enjoy the feeling of being on a team and struggling together no matter rain or shine to reach a common goal. And finally, that feeling of scoring a goal and having your teammates cheer you on is wonderfully delightful.

6. 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.

7. Do you usually go out in a hurry?

Sample Answer:

No, I like to be prepared, so usually if I need to go out and do something, I will set an alarm and be ready beforehand. I've had many experiences before where I've gone out in a hurry and forgotten something important or was late for an appointment. I've now learned my lesson that I should not go out in a hurry.

8. Is it difficult for you to stay focused on something?

Sample answer:

It depends. If faced with something interesting to me, I will stay focused on it with ease. When I have to concentrate on things which are not so attractive, I may have some difficulties to stay focus on them all the time.

9. Do you prefer sending or receiving messages?

Sample answer:

In my view, I prefer receiving messages very much. I think receiving messages can make people learn about the latest information with smartphone in a short time, so it is a really convenient way for people to convey information.

10. What's the differences between writing with a pen and typing on a computer?

Sample answer:

I think one of the most obvious differences between these two writing methods is that typing on a computer is much faster than writing with a pen. It means that we can have a better efficiency when we are in the class or workplace.

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Part 2

1. Describe an occasion when you forgot something important

You should say:

When it was

What you forgot

Why you forgot it

And how you felt about it

Sample answer:

Speaking of an occasion when I forgot something critical, I would like to talk about the examination I took last year.

It was a final English exam that would be held at one in the afternoon. Since I wanted to perform well in the exam, particularly in the reading section, I hurried to the school library in the early morning, in order to learn some new words. During my stay in the library, I was so concentrated on the study that I did not notice that it was already afternoon. After I looked at the clock on the wall, I decided to have lunch in the canteen near the library. When I found a seat and started to have my meal, I met a good friend who majored in English. Then we had lunch together and exchanged ideas about English learning, which I gained a lot useful experience.

Suddenly, I noticed that it was near one o'clock, and I said to my friend that I would take the exam. Then he said that time was enough and he wanted to send me to the classroom in order to relieve my nervous mood. Thus, I ran to the classroom where the exam was held, together with my friend. As soon as I went into the classroom, I realized that I forgot to take my radio which was used to take listening test!

Since I planned to go back to my dormitory in the afternoon, I only took a bag with some books and stationery. However, I totally forgot that I had to take my radio before the exam. While the listening test was about to start, I thought I had no time to take my radio from the dormitory. At that time, I told myself to calm down to find the solution as soon as possible. After one minute, I suddenly noticed that my friend might take the radio with him. Therefore, I ran out of the classroom and tried my best to catch up with my friend. Luckily, I succeeded in doing this urgent mission in only half a minute and he happened to have a radio which was so important to me! At last, I finished the exam and performed well, and I was grateful to my friend.

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 person who you think is very open

You should say
Who this person is
How you knew this person
Why you think this person is very open
And explain how you feel about this person

Sample answer:

Well, speaking of the open person that I think, it must be my college roommate Tracy. We had a good relationship in college and we shared a strong bond and affection. I want to thank this topic for giving me a chance to reminisce about my college days.

I like Tracy for her adorable behaviour on top of her smartness and loving nature. She is the person I can share everything with and that's the reason that I trust her so much. She is perky, charismatic, optimistic and the ray of sunshine in my college time.

Possibly she is the first person that can give me some rational thoughts at any time. I can still remember we failed in a group speech contest, all the members of the group were crestfallen and get ready to go back to the dormitory for a rest. But, Tracy gathered us and lead us to analyze the reasons for failure and boost our morale. Finally, we ended up with a nice dinner and it seemed we are the winners. At that very moment, I realised how open minded she was and cares for what is the most important in our life.

4. Describe an ambition that you have had for a long time

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.

5. Describe an old friend that you got in contact again

You should say
Who he or she is
What he or she is like
How you got in contact
And explain how you felt about it

Sample answer:

I once had a really good friend in elementary school named Meiling. My house was close to hers and I would always go over to her house after school to do our homework together. After fifth grade, my family moved away to a different city, and I lost contact with her. This was sometime around 2010 and the primary form of communication people used was still phone calls and emails. I didn't have a phone number nor an email account, and as time went by, I made new friends at my new school, so our friendship gradually grew apart. I guess we both were too preoccupied with our lives and just forgot about each other.

A couple of years later, as social media grew in popularity and smartphones became more widely-used, I started using some common social media platforms like Instagram. Naturally, I added all of my current friends. I also decided to search for some of my old friends and other people I knew, and I happened to find my old friend Meiling there. I followed her and we chatted for a while on Instagram. I remember back then in

elementary school, she used to be really introverted and artsy. She loved drawing and said that she wanted to be a fashion designer. Now, she's become rather outgoing and said that she wanted to study biology instead. I was a bit surprised at how much she changed, but I guess that I've changed a lot as well. There's not much for us to talk about since we've led totally different lives.

Overall, I was really glad to have gotten in contact with Meiling again. Even though we didn't have as many common interests anymore, it's always nice to chat with someone that you once knew. It brings back all the good old memories and makes you feel nostalgic. At the same time, I was definitely a bit sad because we weren't as good friends as we once were anymore. I guess that's just what happens in life, friends come and go and everyone has to move on with their lives.

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 the time when you first talked in a foreign language

You should say

Where you were

Who you were with
What you talked about
And explain how you felt about it

Sample Answer:

I still remember that I started to get a bit of taste of learning English when I was in grade one in primary school. I found it fascinating while I thought it wasn't enough only to take two lessons spending no more than two hours to learn it every week. It was in the early 1990s, at that time in my hometown there were not many language training schools like nowadays, yet I was so lucky to attend a school which provided us with oral English lessons. My teacher was well-experienced in teaching kids standard English.

Since I attended the class, I learned how to be bold to talk with my partners in English in front of other students. Miss Shirley assigned different topics for us to practice in each lesson, for example, we had to do conversation about school life and personal interests. My vocabularies for oral speaking started to accumulate, and more importantly, I obtained the skills to quickly response to the questions that teachers asked.

I felt so grateful that my primary school hired good teachers to deliver quality English lessons to me, it opened my horizon for sure and offered me opportunities to speak in this foreign language, I think it was that time I found my talent in language learning and I followed the path to study English teaching. Until today, I still encourage my students to be confident and speak out loud about their thoughts in English, I wish that I could bring the idea of how to learn English effectively to more people in my class.

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 an occasion when you forgot something important

1) What kinds of things do people forget easily?

Sample answer:

In my opinion, I think people tend to forget tiny things such as keys, ID card and so on. Since such things are so small in size, they are easily forgotten by careless person.

2) What kinds of people are more forgetful?

Sample answer:

I think people who are careless and lazy are more forgetful, for such individuals are often unwilling to make detailed plans. As a result, they may ignore something important under certain circumstances. Thus, these two kinds of people are more likely to forget important things.

3) How can people improve their memory?

Sample answer:

There are plenty of tools and methods to improve people's memory. For instance, they can record their mind or plans on the notebooks and some digital tools such as phone or computer. Since bad memory may result from lack of rest, people can try to have enough sleep in order to relieve stress in order to memorize complex things.

4) What do you think of people using calendars to remind themselves of things?

Sample answer:

I think it is an ideal method to record important matters, especially for employees working in the offices. Since they work on the computer, it is easy for them to have a look at the calendars which are often set beside the machine.

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 person who you think is very open.

1) Is it difficult for Chinese to express their feelings?

Sample answer:

Chinese traditional culture told us to be implicative, so we did. But now Chinese education encourage students to be more independent and inner-directed. So, compared with the old generation, young people in China today are more expressive.

2) Who do you think talks more? Children or grown-ups?

Sample answer:

Kids are more talkative I think. They always ask questions and are curious about everything they see. If you have a child beside you, you will find him humming, the world is noisy.

3) What is the difference between males and females in terms of expressing their feelings?

Sample answer:

It has been found that men and women more accurately display gender-stereotypic expressions, with men more accurately expressing anger, contempt and happiness, while women more accurately express fear and happiness.

4) Describe an ambition that you have had for a long time

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.

5. Describe an old friend that you got in contact again

1) What is the influence of social media on friendship?

Sample answer:

I think social media has made it easier to keep in touch with friends because back then, people had to rely on emails or phone calls to communicate with friends. Keeping in contact required effort from both sides. Now with social media, people can just turn on their phones to check out how their friends are doing. However, the downside of social media is that people usually only post about happy moments and moments that they want to share, and this could make friendship a bit superficial.

2) Why do people lose contact with their friends after graduation?

Sample answer:

I think the reason why many people lose contact with their friends is that they no longer have things in common, and they live entirely different lives so that there's nothing they can talk about anymore. Usually, after graduation, people will go on to do different things with their lives. If they continue with school, they likely will have different majors, and if they enter the workforce, they will have different jobs. They no longer socialize with the same group of people as they did in school, which is why it is very easy to lose contact after graduation.

3) Do people in your country like to make new friends?

Sample answer:

Yes, I think people are generally quite friendly in China and are happy to make new friends. Speaking from personal experience, I've met random strangers who've struck up a conversation with me on the bus or at restaurants. In school, I feel that I'm constantly meeting new people and making friends in clubs, classes, sports teams, and even in the cafeteria. I think as long as you are friendly and approachable, it is very easy to make friends here in China.

4) Do you think old friends are more important to the old generation or the young generation?

Sample answer:

I think that the old generation might value old friends more because it was harder for them to keep in contact with all their friends before social media. Nowadays, young people might have hundreds of friends on social media, and communication is super easy. Yet at the same time, I would say that true friends are hard to come by, so no matter for the old generation or the young, old friends are very important.

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 the time when you first talked in a foreign language

1) At what age should children start learning a foreign language?

Sample Answer:

There is no regulation on the age of children about when they have to study a foreign language. Some start learning from an early age while others pick up a foreign language

after they go to school. Children today tend to learn a foreign language when they are young for the reason that kids have some advantages in language acquisition. They are good at imitating accents and intonations and they don't fear to make mistakes in their learning process.

2) Which skill is more important, speaking or writing?

Sample Answer:

I think both speaking and writing skills are very important for people to deliver their ideas clearly and effectively. Good speaking skills help people to communicate with others in workplace and social situations. In addition, people with good speaking skills prone to give good presentations when it is required. On the other hand, writing is also essential for business management. For example, many people have to write emails or business plans in their daily work.

3) Does a person still need to learn other languages, if he or she is good at English?

Sample Answer:

My answer is yes. English is a worldwide speaking language which means there are millions of people who can speak and write in English well. In this situation, if someone can master another foreign language, he or she will be competitive and popular in job market. For instance, many colleges set up courses on foreign languages like Japanese, Spanish, German and French. These countries have commercial trade with most countries in the world. It is useful to acquire another language other than English in current society.

4) Do you think minority languages will disappear?

Sample Answer:

Well, I do believe some minority languages will fade away in the near future if we do nothing to protect them. Language exists when people are using it every day and enrich it with updated words and expressions. Take English for an example, there are a large number of words people no longer use today. As a result, these words have become outdated and will be eliminated from the language someday. Not to mention that some endangered language doesn't have written words, if people speaking these languages pass away, then nobody will use them anymore.

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.