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071208CNS1

Question: Describe a present you have given to others. Explain why you think it is important. sample answer:

I remember when my friend Mike had his 18th birthday, I gave him something very special as a birthday present. It's a 12-month subscription to National Geographic magazine. With this subscription you not only get 12 issues of paper magazines mailed to your home, but also get unlimited access to the national geographic website. My friend Mike later told me that among all the presents that he received that day, he loved this one the most. With a 12month subscription, he said, it was like getting a present from me every month. More importantly, it reminded him once every month that he should study English just a little harder, so that he could understand the written articles in the magazine, and not just look at the pictures.

080315CNS2

Question: Some people like to read a book continuously so that they can finish the book all at once. However, others prefer to read a little bit at a time, and will read several times before they can finish the book. Which way of reading do you prefer and why? sample answer:

Whenever I start reading a book, I always try to finish the whole book as quickly as I can, so I would read the book without stop if possible. I feel that by reading a book continuously, I can read it more efficiently because everything I have read seems to be vivid in my memory. For example, I have trouble remembering names when I read novels. I get confused with who is who in the story. So I have to read all the chapters at once to keep my memories of the characters fresh, and the understanding of their relationships clear. Also, trying to finish a book all at once is a good way to avoid procrastination, because there will be no excuse to put off reading the next section of the book until a later day.

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S1: Describe your favorite room either of your own house or in other places and explain why.

My favorite room in my house is the den! Before moving in a couple years ago with my family, I had never lived in a place with a den before. There's something so fun about having a special little room placed off to the side of everything else. It's cozy and intimate. The simple act of watching movies on a stormy night becomes heightened, like the room's only purpose is to provide enjoyment. The den in my house also has a door that opens right to the backyard. On nice days, I leave that door open and let the cool breeze and sound of chirping birds into the room. I love it. It's such a peaceful part of the house!

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What do you think is ONE of the most important characteristics that a teacher should have?

sample answer:

I think one of the most important characteristics of a qualified teacher is keen observation. This is because the first step towards successful teaching is to find out where the strength and weakness of each student is, and this requires careful observation of each individual student. For example, when working out a math problem, one student may be careful but slow, while another may be fast but careless. A good teacher should be able to notice the difference and teach them accordingly. Moreover, having keen observation means that when a student has met with a difficulty and needs encouragement, the teacher will pay attention and take action immediately.

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Do you always make friends who have different interests from you? Why?

Yes, I like to make friends with people who have different interests from mine. When you have a large circle of friends with different interests, your own life becomes more varied and interesting. For example, one day you can hang out with a group of sports fans playing basketball. Another day you can attend a poetry reading activity with a bunch of literature enthusiasts. It seems every day you are doing something new, and this is fun. Another reason is that sometimes you have to try different things before you can discover your true interest or real talent in something. And then you can further develop this interest into a skill, which may benefit your whole life.

090118CN=080215NA

S1: Among the following three professions, which do you think make the biggest contribution to society? Farmers, doctors, teachers. sample answer:

I think teachers make the biggest contribution to society. If you're thinking of it from the base level of young children, four and five year-olds who have not yet entered school, how do they eventually become doctors? How do they become business leaders and scientists and writers and chefs and engineers? They have to be taught! They not only have to be taught the specifics of their field when they're old enough, but they have to be taught general information throughout their childhood to even get them to the point of having a career. No matter what a person eventually contributes to society, there's a good chance that at some point in their life they were inspired and taught by a teacher!

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following question. In order to stay happy, you must have a job that you love doing.

I kind of agree with this. I don't think you have to do a job that you love in order to stay happy. I mean, it is possible for a person to be happy even if he or she is doing something that's not completely enjoyable. If you're a struggling sculptor, for instance, who is working at a grocery store to be able to pay your rent, I don't think that's a reason to be unhappy! Sometimes you need to take any job you can; there's no shame in that. Just continue to work on your sculptures on the weekends and never give up on your passion. Keep it alive. And maybe someday you will find steady work as a sculptor. It's completely possible!

090329CN=070804CN

S1: Describe a day that you enjoyed the most or was the most special to you. Include reasons and details to support your response.

My 6th birthday was a really great day. A whole bunch of my classmates and I went to the petting zoo and played with all the animals. We got to pet the goats and rabbits and feed them little handfuls of food. Then, the best part, all of us kids got to take turns riding a pony around the barnyard! I still remember her name was Sheba and she was gray with pretty, almost silver speckles. I'm sure she was walking pretty slowly in her little circle, but to a six year-old it was like a rollercoaster ride! Then my parents brought out the ice cream cake. It was so delicious! I still enjoy birthdays now, but something about birthdays when you're a little kid is just extra exciting. Those are some of my best memories.

S2: Some people prefer to have classes during the day and do part-time jobs in the evening while others prefer to have classes in the evening and do part-time jobs during the day. Which do you prefer?

I prefer to have classes during the day and a part-time job in the evening. That's mainly because if I'm in a lecture class in a warm dark room and it's getting later into the evening, there's a very good chance I'm going to be falling asleep at my desk! That's not helpful to my studies and it definitely doesn't make my professors happy if they notice. So, I much prefer to go to class in the daytime when the sun is shining and I'm wide awake. I might still be sleepy at my evening job, but at least there I'm continually engaged by my co-workers and customers. They kind of keep me alert. I'm talking to people and not just sitting in silence. I feel like everything just works out better that way.

090516CN=071017CN

S1: Describe the most important decision you have made. Explain why this decision was important to you.

When I was eighteen, I had to decide whether to go to college near my home or on the other side of the country. It stumped me for several weeks, honestly. I was about to start my adult life; whatever I chose could drastically alter my future! Was I going to have the comforts of home or the adventure of a new place? Eventually, I decided to attend the college across the country. I realized that, no matter what, things were going to change when I went to university. I might as well embrace those changes and experience a brand new town and people. The great part is that my home is still there, waiting for me! I just have more life experience and stories to tell now.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? All students should be required to study art and music in secondary school.

I quite disagree with the idea that all high school students should be required to study art and music. I admit that art and music open the door of creativity for students, which may benefit their whole life. However, with all the expectations that parents and teachers place on them, today's high school students are already having a stressful life. Adding another compulsory course into the fully-packed school curriculum would only make their life busier and less enjoyable. Weixin:laoxikou. Furthermore, studying art and music is costly because you have to purchase paint, canvas, instruments, and so on. This could be a burden to some of the parents.

090517NA

S1:Question: Some schools require students to take part in community service activities after school. Which of the following do you think is the best activity for students? 1. planting flowers in the community 2.doing clean-ups in the garden 3. recycling waste. sample answer:

There are 2 reasons why planting flowers is the best community service activity for students. First of all, flowers make the community more beautiful. Most people love to look at and smell flowers, especially in the spring and summer. And whenever community members see the flowers that the students planted in their town, they will fondly remember the students who planted them. The second reason is that it brings people together. When students plant the flowers they will probably work alongside townspeople. By working together as a team, students will understand the importance of being part of a community. Weixin:laoxikou. They will also learn that making contributions to their community makes everybody happier and more productive.

S2:Question: Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Teachers should make their lessons fun.

I definitely think that teachers should make their lessons fun. The main reason is that if lessons are fun, students will want to learn. When students enjoy their lessons, they are more likely to come to class, talk to their classmates, and do their homework. On the other hand, if lessons are boring, students will probably be absent more often, not participate in class activities, and not do their homework. From my experience as a student, I know this is true. I never used to like studying world history because I always had boring teachers. But a few years ago I had a professor who always delivered creative and fun lessons. I loved studying with him, and so did my classmates, and by the end of the semester we had learned so much.

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S1: Describe the changes in your life five years from now on. Include specific examples and details in your explanation.

In five years' time, I hope to have moved to the country. Living on a small farm would be ideal. I want to raise chickens and grow vegetables and be able to drink my coffee out on my front porch in the morning in complete peaceful silence. Hopefully by then I will have submitted some of my photographs to magazines and had them published; that's been a dream of mine for a long time. I also think I will be more relaxed in five years. I was kind of an anxious teenager, but have started to calm down more recently. That will continue, I think. I'll keep meditating and practicing tai chi and just feel more at peace with everything. I also hope to have paid off my student loans by then! That will definitely help me to be less stressed!

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Power and money is the symbol of success.

I disagree with this. Of course, it can be very nice to have power and money. Some people out there have the whole package: power, money, family, good health, and so on. They could definitely be called successful in their life. But to aim for only power and money seems kind of shortsighted. I've known too many cold, shallow people who have a good job and are quite wealthy, but shut out others and don't even seem to enjoy themselves. They become selfish and strange and still oddly unsatisfied. Meanwhile, there are many people who may not be rich, but they make the best out of everything. They find joy in their loved ones and hobbies. When they do have money to spare, they appreciate it. They're happy, and I think that's what true success is.

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Question: When you take a trip, do you prefer to just look around, or do you prefer to take pictures and keep a journal? sample answer:

I prefer to take pictures and keep a journal when I'm traveling. Often, I'm having such fun and everything happens so fast, it kind of becomes a blur. I would hate to forget the funny old bookstore I spontaneously visited for five minutes, or the gorgeous flower display I walked past on the sidewalk. Taking photos helps me keep the events organized and the memories clear. What also helps is keeping a travel journal. At the end of each day of my trip, I like to jot down quick notes about the moments of my day. That way, I remember each restaurant I ate at and park I visited. I just like knowing the specific order that everything happened. It makes the events read like a story. Years later, the fun details of my trip will still be crystal clear.

091101CN=070817NA

S1: What is your favorite outdoor place to do exercise in a nice day?

There is a park a few blocks away from my house where I go running quite often. It's pretty simple: just a large field with a track going around it. But the atmosphere of the park is just so quiet and comforting. It's tucked behind this

big hundred year-old building and almost seems hidden. On the other side of the park, a tall hill covered in pine trees casts its shadow over you. You feel closed-in and cozy. Many times when I've gone running there, I've seen deer and rabbits eating the grass and casually walking across the track. They seem to enjoy the park just as much as I do! It's such a lovely place. I can't believe more people don't know about it.

S2: Some people like to have a break or get a job during summer vacation. Others think it is better to take a class.

Which do you prefer and why? Weixin:laoxikou.

I try to take on a part-time job during my summer vacations, if I can. Sometimes it will only be for one day a week. It's just always helpful to get the work experience and keep myself on some sort of productive schedule. I'm much less likely to take a class during the summer. I'm often so exhausted from all the homework and tests and papers from the school year that I truly need to get away from it for a while. I need to recharge. That way, I can start the new school year with a good attitude, not feeling like I'm going to crash and burn immediately. So my summers are an easy blend of relaxing and working a simple job. I find that it helps make the rest of the year more productive and fulfilling.

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S1: Describe a most unforgettable success in your life. Explain why it was important to you. Include reasons and examples to support your response.

Many years have passed, but till today, I still could not forget the challenging experience when I successfully found my first job as a journalist. You know I have dreamed to be a journalist since I was a child. And I went to study journalism in a university because of that. But when I graduated, I found it was very difficult for a female to be a journalist nowadays, for the job is really a tough one. But I overcame it by proving I could persist in the tough work no less than men, and then I got it. I wrote articles critically and always accepted new ideas around U1e world. I am proud of my achievements in news press.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is never too late for an old person to receive higher education and to get a university degree. Use specific reasons to support your answer.

From my perspective, I totally agree with the statement that people are never too late to receive university education to get a degree. I have two reasons for holding my opinion. First of all, from university we can learn a lot. Besides the knowledge from the textbooks, we also learn skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving and communication skills. With these knowledge and skills we can survive in today's fierce job market and get a satisfying job after graduation. What's more, we can meet new people who are important human resources for us to have a better career. We can cooperate with each other so to succeed in the future. Those classmates we met in college can become our future human resources for many years. So, all in all, I agree with this statement.

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S1: What's your favorite toy or game in your childhood?

My favorite toy when I was a child was a stuffed teddy bear that named Rudolph. My grandma bought him for me when I was 2 years old. I have a lot of memories of this stuffed animal, and I still have him on my bed to sleep with every night. As a child, I used to bring Rudolph everywhere with me, and I still remember one instance: I had been shopping with my grandpa and I accidentally left Rudolph at the store, not realizing it until we got home. My grandpa drove me back to the store to get him, and I never forgot that. I've always felt like I'd only be able to get to sleep if Rudolph was by my side.

S2: Do you like to be taught by experienced teachers or by new teachers?

I think in most of the cases I would like to be taught by a veteran teacher rather than a rookie teacher. Think about visiting a dentist or seeking advice from an attorney, I'm sure many people would prefer the most experienced because they are more likely to possess well-developed skills and hands-on experience to provide what you need. New teachers may be well trained in terms of teaching methodology, but it is only through the real-world application of these theories that teachers reach their full potential, and that takes time. My own experience also proves this. From high school to university I've always done much better in subjects taught by experienced teachers than in those taught by new teachers.

100227CN=081114NA

S1: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is good for students to attend a university or college in a foreign country. Explain why.

Studying overseas has a number of advantages. Firstly, it may give students access to knowledge and facilities such as laboratories and libraries which are not available in their home country. Furthermore, by looking abroad students may find a wider range of courses than those offered in their home country, and therefore one which fits more closely to their particular needs. Finally, students learn to be independent and more adaptable to a new environment. These are important qualities for future success. So I would say it is good for students to study in a foreign country.

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S1: Describe a gift that you want to give to someone.

If I were to give someone a gift, I would choose something that is personally hand-made. A photo calendar would be a good choice because it's not only memorable but also useful. It's easy to make your own photo calendar as a gift. There are many websites where you can print out a calendar using a template but customize the photos in the calendar. So I would upload some of the nice photos I took recently, especially those that would remind us of the sweet memories we shared, like the pictures of a beach or a party we went to together.

To make it even more personal, I would write on each page of the calendar a few words expressing how I cherish our friendship.

S2: Is it easier to be a teacher than to be a student?

I've never been a teacher before but I guess it must be more difficult than being a student. First, being a teacher, especially a professional and well-liked one, you have to possess an abundance of knowledge and skills in at least one subject. To achieve this, a teacher often has to spend years studying teaching methodology and even more years practicing and improving their skills or teaching. Also, teachers have much greater responsibility and thus more pressure than students do. Teachers often try very hard to meet the great expectations of both the student, and their parents, as well as the high standards set by school management and the general public. This could lead to high levels of stress for teachers.

100424CN=081108NA

S1: Describe your favorite teacher. Explain why you like him or her. Include reasons and details to support your response.

My favorite teacher is Miss Yang, a 30-year-old young woman who is now teaching me English in a training school. I like her because she is NOT like a teacher in a traditional sense. You know what a stereotyped teacher looks like - serious, strict, sometimes intimidating. But Miss Yang is different. She is full of energy in the classroom, always smiling. She uses humorous language and dramatic body gestures to capture the attention of every student, so no one falls asleep during her class, no matter how uninteresting the topic was. I like her also because she is a responsible teacher. She would correct each little mistake that I made in my written essay. I know that must have been time-consuming.

I prefer to take time and think carefully before making the final decision. I don't like risks or surprises, so I need to evaluate the risks associated with each alternative before making a decision, and once I've made one, I know it's final and I won't change it or regret having made it later. Also, for some important decisions, I need to consult other people for their opinion. For example, if I am making decisions about which university to apply for, or even whom to marry, I would certainly discuss this with my parents or my best friends. I need time to make sure the decisions I've made is the right one.

100710CN=090515NA

S1: Describe a time when you tried to do something that you have never done. Explain what you did and why you did it.

Talking about something I tried to do for the first time. I can't help but think of last summer when I did my first bungee jumping in Macao. I travelled there with my friends and we were visiting the Macau Tower when we came across this big bungee jumping sign. It took me a while to collect enough courage and finally make the decision to have a try because I was not an adventurous person at all. But

I thought I should do something that could make me proud of myself, so I gave it a shot. I was connected to a large elastic cord. After making sure everything was OK, I jumped off the platform. I think it was 200 or 300 meters high. The free falling lasted about 20 seconds but for me it was close to forever.

S2: Some people prefer to do one job or project at one time. Other people prefer to do several jobs or projects at the same time. Which do you prefer and why?

I think it's better to focus on doing one thing at a time, rather than handling multiple tasks at the same time. The human brain is not a computer after all; it really can't think of that many things in parallel. If you are hungry and thinking about donuts, then you probably will not be able to focus on solving a math problem. So if you dedicate all your thoughts to only one task, you will get it done more quickly and accurately, whereas if you split your time and effort between different tasks, you run the risk of not completing any one of them with good quality. This is why at the end of each term I would cancel another activities and focus on preparing for the exams only.

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S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children should be required to help with household tasks as soon as they are old enough to do so. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

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S1: Describe one thing you didn't want to do but you were asked to do. Explain what the result of that thing was. Include reasons and details in your response.

When I was younger, maybe eight or nine, my parents decided that every Sunday evening I should clean the entire living room. That meant I had to vacuum, dust, pick up everything off the floor, and anything else they could think of. I hated it at first. All I wanted to do was play or watch TV. I acted like I was being tortured, doing each task really slowly. But eventually, once I turned some music on and got a rhythm going, it actually started to be pretty fun. I turned the chores into my own little game, seeing how quickly and efficiently I could do everything. And when I was done, the living room was so much more pleasant to be in. I ended up getting a real satisfaction from the whole experience.

S2: Some people prefer to make detailed plans for the future. Others prefer to concentrate on present things and don't make any plans at all. Which way do you prefer? Use specific reasons to support your answer.

I like to make plans for the future because otherwise I feel like I'm just floating around aimlessly and that's a very frustrating feeling. I want to have the sense that there's something on the horizon, whether it's a class I'm going to take or some location I want to travel to. Even if I don't have enough money for a vacation right now, just doing the research about places like France or Italy makes the idea of visiting them seem that much more exciting. Don't get me wrong; I love living in the moment and enjoying the sights and sounds and people that are in front of me. But plans are very important, too. They can provide a certain structure and hope, something to look forward to and feel good about.

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S1: What do you think is the most important quality of a working environment: good leaders, good colleagues, or flexible time?

Friendly colleagues, a good leader and a flexible time schedule are all essential elements for an enjoyable and productive work environment, but if I had to choose between them, being able to work flexibly would be my first consideration because it gives me a sense that I am in control of my own life. I hate having to get up so early every day at the same time or squeezing myself into crowded public transportation. By working flexible hours, I can travel to and from work in non-peak hours, which will reduce not only travel time but also costs. Also, it enables me to rearrange my holiday /workdays so it might be possible for me to have a much longer vacation, like two or three months, when I can travel extensively and non-stop.

S2: Do you agree or disagree: cell phone changes our lives greatly.

For me, there's no doubt that cell phones have substantially improved our lives in many ways. The obvious reason is that so many things have become so much easier now. We can connect with family, organize to meet friends, and even run a business, by using a cell phone. The best thing is that we can do all of these things spontaneously. Furthermore, new advances in cell phone technology have given us many new ways to use a cell phone-such as

listening to music, watching movies, and surfing the Internet, but 20 years ago these things were quite unimaginable. Therefore, cell phones have greatly improved people's lives.

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S1: Describe a character in a book, film, or poem, and explain why you like it.

I really like the character of Forrest from the movie Forrest Gump. I get the feeling that he sees some things clearer than anyone else, like when he knows that it's not good for Jenny to be in an abusive relationship, or that Lieutenant Dan is still the same person he was before his injury and can still lead an accomplished life. He has such a pure heart and that's very admirable. Forrest Gump is always himself; he doesn't let the world tarnish him. Sometimes he's in silly situations and sometimes he's in upsetting situations, but he just continues to do what he thinks is right.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Young people today know more about world events than their parents did before. sample answer:

I agree that young people today know more about the world than their parents did in the past. The first reason is that young people nowadays can have much quicker access to world information. In the past, people mainly depended on newspaper and television for world news. Both were slow in reporting the latest events. But today, with the help of the Internet, and social media like Facebook and Twitter, young people can know all major events happening in every corner of the world instantly. Another reason is that the world is simply getting smaller. With globalization, information travels much more freely and quickly across continents. International trade, immigration, travel and transportation have all made young people much more aware of global events.

101031CN=090925NA

S1: Describe an important day in your life. Explain why it is important.

When I was seven, I took swimming lessons during the summer at our local outdoor pool. I could swim okay, but was still petrified of the diving board. Multiple times, when class was over for the day, I stood on the end of the board and stared at the water, desperately wanting to jump-in. Finally, on the last day of swim classes, I was at the board once again. My heart was pounding, but I used that adrenaline to fling myself off the board. It was kind of awful! Water got up my nose and I sputtered, coughing, to the surface. Yet, I was so incredibly proud that I had jumped in the First place! My mom even bought me ice-cream as a reward. I haven't jumped off a diving board since, but I'll always have the knowledge that I was brave enough to do it once.

S2: Watching TV is not a good use of time. Do you agree or disagree?

I have to say that I disagree with this statement. I feel like whenever people say that television is a waste of time or that nobody should watch it, they're only thinking of the negative aspects of television, like really trashy reality shows or something. But at its best, television can be every bit as artistic and thoughtful as a novel or a great movie. Over the past fifteen years especially, there have been a great number of dramatic TV shows with rich characters and complicated, intelligent plot lines. Audiences can laugh, cry, and marvel at these television shows, while seeing the world from unexpected perspectives. It's not brainless in the least!

101114CN=090807NA

S1: Describe a historical event that you're interested in most. Explain why you are interested in it and want to know more about it. Include reasons and examples to support your response.

I have long been fascinated by the sinking of the Titanic ever since I watched the movie they made about it. I still have many questions like how it was built, how they had called it unsinkable beforehand, how the passengers ranged from some of the wealthiest people in the world to poor third class people in cramped rooms on the lower decks, how they insisted on seating the women and children in the lifeboats before the men ... There are just so many tragic and unbelievable elements that all came together on one horrible night! Everything happened so fast and so long ago, there are still so many factors I wonder about.

But every time I learn something new about Titanic's sinking, I feel like I'm uncovering part of the mystery.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? What a person wears can show his or her personality. I would agree, for the most part, but only in a very general sense. For instance, if someone is dressed very sharply, in a nice suit, I would think them to be professional and on-the-ball. I don't know any details about their personality, but at least I know they were thoughtful enough and had enough foresight to dress very nicely that day. Meanwhile, if someone is wearing sweatpants and a raggedy old t-shirt with stains all over it, I might think they were sloppy

and careless. Once again, they could be the nicest person in the world or a complete jerk; I have no idea about who they truly are! But their fashion choices can give me an immediate read on them, whether it is entirely accurate or not.

101121CN=090530NA

S1: Talk about an activity you enjoyed doing with your family when you were a child. Describe the activity and explain why it was enjoyable to do this activity with your family.

When I was a kid, my family and I used to go hiking in the summertime. We would wake up really early, when it was still dark, and my mom would make us blueberry pancakes in the shapes of different animals. The smell of brewing coffee filled the whole house and I loved that. Then we'd head out to one of the nearby trails. There were tons of them within an hour of our house; it was really nice. I don't remember the individual names of the trails anymore, but they were all dense with pines trees and absolutely gorgeous. My mom and dad would lead the way, with my brother and I lagging behind and telling jokes to each other as we hiked. One place in particular had a waterfall at the top of the trail. That was my favorite. We would picnic up there and I would feel so peaceful and connected to everything, there with my family in the vast wilderness. Those are great memories.

S2: Some students prefer to study or work on difficult class assignments early in the morning. Other students prefer to do this type of work in the evening. Which do you prefer and why?

I prefer to study and work on assignments early in the morning. In the evening I like to be able to relax and settle into my routine before going to bed. I'll watch some TV, drink some tea or hot chocolate...I want to be at ease and free of burden, not stressing out over homework and deadlines. I sleep much better that way. Even the darkness of the evening makes me drowsy; I feel like my work would suffer if I tried to do it then. But in the mornings I'm alert and ready to go. I have a new, energized sense of determination and I work much faster and more productively. The key is to do each homework assignment a couple days ahead of schedule, so that I'm not scrambling to complete it just a few hours before it's due!

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Question: Describe a special event or occasion that you had with your family or friends. Explain why it was special.
sample answer:

My parents threw a huge Halloween party one year when I was about seven. It was interesting because they never did stuff like that. Our house was always calm and quiet! We didn't even have people over for dinner, really. But, for whatever reason, we had a massive Halloween party that year. I don't even know how many people were there. It was so fun—we had black lights and fake cobwebs all over our front porch. People were bobbing for apples in the backyard. I remember my sister and I chasing each other through the fake gravestones, dressed in our costumes, just having the time of our lives! It was an unforgettable night!

110108CN=091211NA

S1: Talk about a type of movie you do not like. Explain why you do not like this type of movie.

I'm not really a fan of romantic comedies. I feel like there's so much potential for a cute, charming, funny story of two people falling in love, but the majority of the time the movies are overall failures. The women are always rigid workaholics, the men are always too perfect and bland ... Everyone is just a lame stereotype that I can't connect with. And the situations they get themselves into are so stupid. There's a wacky misunderstanding, a frantic rush to an airport, a reunion in the rain. It's so predictable and obvious how everything is going to turn out that I just can't make myself care. Movies like that make romance look stale and corny. They're not funny, either. They're just awkward.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students should do part-time jobs before attending college.

I think having a part-time job before going to college is probably a good idea. First of all, it will help you transition into living a more independent life. The responsibilities you'll have at your job, even things like getting yourself

there on time, will prepare you for the increased responsibilities of college and possibly living away from home. It can be quite a shock going from being a sheltered kid to being an adult with deadlines and precise schedules. A part-time job while still a teenager can make it easier. Also, that work experience is only going to help you in the future. Even if you're just working at a fast food restaurant, you will gain customer service experience that will help with job searches both during and after college. Weixin:laoxikou.

110212CN=091010NA

S1: Describe a special experience that has changed you in life. Give reasons why it changed you with examples/details.

I've never been a fan of thunderstorms. I have this irrational fear that lightning is going to hit my house or electrocute something I'm touching ... I just get scared and wait anxiously for the storm to pass. But once when I was a teenager I was babysitting my young cousin and, lo and behold, a storm started up outside. It was bad, with trees bending in the wind and the rain pelting the windows nonstop. Thunder was rumbling really loudly and my cousin, Theo, told me that he was scared. For a second I didn't really know what to say. But then I decided I had to be the adult and assuage his fears rather than linger on my own. I built a little makeshift tent in the living room with a blanket and a few chairs and had Theo climb in there with me. We sang songs to distract ourselves from the storm and soon enough he was perfectly fine. I felt really proud that day, like I was on the road to maturity.

S2: Do you prefer to learn from current people and events or from people and events in the past?

I prefer to learn from people and events in the past. I feel like, when events are current, we sometimes can't properly understand them. We're just living them, day-to-day, perhaps without seeing the big picture. We can't see the forest for the trees, as the saying goes. There needs to be that distance of time in order to have proper comprehension. It is only then that the themes and patterns emerge and we can learn what sorts of things work and what sorts of things are harmful, or what is right and what is wrong. I would feel much more confident proclaiming something from twenty years ago as wise or a brilliant idea over something contemporary, where I'm still not even sure what all of its results and ramifications will be.

110220CN=090919NA

S1: Describe a tool or object that you rely on often in your daily life. Explain why it is important to you. Include reasons and examples to support your response.

Answer 1 (object): I would be lost without my coffee cup! When I was a teenager, coffee wasn't really a necessity for me. Then I went to college and was suddenly falling asleep in class! This was happening nearly every day; it was horrible! I guess the combination of increased homework and having fun in the dorms was making me stay up way too late. Anyway, the solution that I came to was to always, always have coffee with me. Every morning I make strong, black coffee and fill my portable coffee cup to the brim. I take it with me everywhere I go, from my dorm to my classroom to the library. Weixin:laoxikou.

Answer 2 (tool): Well, the object I'd like to talk about is my electronic dictionary. My father gave it to me as my birthday present. It is very smart and can be carried about very easily. It includes several major dictionaries such as the Oxford English Dictionary, the Contemporary Longman Dictionary, the Collins English Dictionary, etc. It's quite extensive and can contain up to 500,000 headwords and definitions.

It has a lot of useful features. I can look up the pronunciation of new words. It also includes a lot of sentences so I can learn how to use the word in my daily conversation and in my writing. It is very useful in helping me prepare for my Toefl test.

S2: Some people prefer to solve a challenge all by themselves. Others prefer to depend on other people's help. Which do you prefer and why? Include details and examples in your explanation.

Answer1 (giving reasons): Whenever I face a challenge, I would boldly confront this challenge and try to overcome it as best as I could, by myself. I think being able to solve a difficult problem without the help of other proves that you are an independent and competent person, which will win you respect and trust from people around you. Also, you can feel a much greater sense of fulfillment and excitement after successfully dealing with a challenge all by yourself than with others' help. Finally, in many cases there is no one to turn to when you need help because either people are unwilling to help or they are not competent enough to do so.

Answer2 (giving detailed example): I usually prefer to solve challenges by myself. I ask friends for advice some times, but ultimately nobody knows my situation as well as I do. Last year, for instance, I thought my biology professor was grading our tests way too harshly. My roommate was absolutely sure that I needed to confront him and that he was an unqualified teacher. But I held back, because I interacted with the man every day and could tell he was really nice. So instead I asked his teaching assistant what we could expect for the rest of the semester. She assured me that everything would get much easier. That made me feel better and I was glad that everything would get much easier. That made me feel better and I was glad that I listened to my intuition, because I knew the situation better than my roommate did.

110312CN=091204NA

S1: Which person do you want to know more about? Explain why.

Answer 1 (Qin Shi Huang): The person I have always wanted to learn more about is Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of China. Although I've read plenty of information about him in textbooks, historical novels and films, there are still a few unsolved mysteries that I am very curious about. For example, I would like to know where he was born exactly, as there is a bit of a controversy regarding his true birthplace. And secondly, although this sounds weird- who is Qin Shi Huang's father? The answer to this question remained a mystery and I guess it will remain a mystery forever until a possible DNA test could be conducted. Weixin:laoxikou.

Answer 2(Charlie Chaplin): I am always interested in anything I can learn about the silent film star Charlie Chaplin. I think it is because he's such an icon and even if you are a little kid or you've never seen any of his movies, you know his face. You can picture his moustache and his bowler hat and his funny walk. His image is larger than life and transcends a time span of nearly a century. Yet, of course, he was a real flesh and blood person behind all the fame. He grew up in poverty, he had eleven children, and he wrote and directed his own films and composed the music for them! He was sentimental, but also a womanizer and very controlling. All of these things just fascinate me because I also deeply respect his talent and enjoy his movies, I love learning about the true life of the legend.

S2: Do you like to go to one place and stay there for a long time for your vacation, or different places and spend little time at each place? Weixin:laoxikou.

I prefer to move around to different places during a vacation, if at all possible. I want to see as many aspects of a new place as I can. So if I were to visit, say, Britain, I would try to stay in a hotel in London and then maybe a bed and breakfast out in a more rural area and then another hotel up in Glasgow. That really keeps everything fresh and exciting. You are not just returning to the same hotel room every night for two weeks. You're having a blast in one spot, yet anticipating how fun the next location is going to be as well! And you have the satisfaction of feeling that you really saw a wide scope of a country and took every opportunity you could while visiting.

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S1: Choose ONE of the forms of the technology in the list and tell why it has great impact on people's lives in your country? Airplane, computer or television. Use specific reasons and examples to support your response.

I would like to talk about the computer, which I think has revolutionized people's lives in my country, in at least two very important areas – education and entertainment. In education, because of computer multimedia technology, students don't have to spend a long time learning abstract theories about a subject; they can see them demonstrated vividly and on a computer screen, which is so much easier to understand. In entertainment, computer games have become a major part of almost anyone's childhood in my country, and have often replaced other recreational activities that used to be very popular such as doing sports, which is a pity. But I would also like to argue that playing computer games moderately is beneficial to children's hand-eye coordination and problem-solving skills.

S2: Which is better for children? To grow up in a big city

In my opinion, it's better for a child to grow up in a big city. I think first of all, in the city a child can receive better education because in most countries, the best educational resources and facilities such as teachers, libraries, and laboratories are always found in big cities rather than in small towns. Another important advantage is that by living in a big city, children are more connected to the outside world. In a city like Shanghai, children can go to museums, theaters or visit exhibitions every day to see the latest shows on foreign arts and culture, whereas in a small town, you can hardly get the opportunity to see these things.

110320CN=091219NA

S1: If a foreign visitor comes to your country, what food will you introduce to him/her? Explain why.

I would offer to take this foreign tourist to the most popular local restaurant in my city and recommend this wonderful Chinese cuisine, which is called "kung pao chicken", diced chicken fried with chili and peanuts. Actually this is the

most popular Chinese dish; you can find it in every Chinese restaurant, big or small. The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games even made it to the top of the official menu to cater to the myriad tastes of international guest. But I have another reason to recommend "kung pao chicken", which has something to do with a cooking contest I won when I was in college. I spent days researching and experimenting with methods to improve ways to make the perfect "kung pao chicken" and finally I was able to impress the judges. So to recommend "kung pao chicken" also means opportunity to boast this particular experience in front of the foreign guest and hopefully win his/her praise.

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S1: Talk about an experience of learning something new. What difficulties do you have to overcome in order to learn it?

I can still remember how I first learned to ride a bicycle when I was only six. At first, I found that I wasn't tall enough, so I had to lower the seat so that I can touch the ground with the tip of my toes while seated. I did it all by myself. The most difficult thing is to learn how to keep balance. In the beginning, I pushed myself along with my feet and got the feel of how the bike leaned and steered. I did this for about 30 to 45 minutes or so. Then I pushed myself along fast and glided with my feet up in the air. After practicing for an hour I was finally able to ride my bike confidently.

S2: Some people like to watch or listen to news every day while others do that occasionally. Which do you prefer and why? Use specific reasons and examples to illustrate your point.

Well, I opt to listen to and read news every day and that's what I've been doing for the last ten years. For one thing, it's often the case now that news is constantly updated as the reported event develops, so it's essential to pay close attention to the news so as to get the whole story. Like the other day when I learned from BBC that an American soldier was kidnapped in Iraq, it took several days to negotiate his release. It was not until this morning that I learnt that he was rescued. Another reason I read and listen to news every day is that it helps me improve my English listening comprehension. Chances are that my listening ability will take a step backwards if I skip for even one day. So these are the reasons I prefer to read and listen to the news every day.

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S1: Where do you like to go shopping? Explain why. Include details and examples to support your response. I find shopping in a supermarket very convenient and consumer-friendly. Numerous kinds of commodities are available in a supermarket, which grants us abundant options that we cannot find in any grocery or roadside stores. What's more, in supermarkets, customers are free to look at and pick up the things they like and are allowed to return goods to the shelves if they decide not take them after a second thought. This form of consumption avoids some embarrassment which is likely to take place in a department store between shop assistants and consumers. In a word, as a purchaser, I find shopping in a supermarket the easiest, the fastest and the most comfortable. So I prefer to go shopping in supermarkets rather than in other kinds of stores.

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S1: What do you think is the most important advancement over the past 20 years in your country? Use reasons and specific examples to explain why you think that is important.

Personally I found the increasing availability of cell phones the most important advancement in my country. It makes people's life ever more convenient and colorful. For example, we can now keep in touch with family members especially in the event of an emergency like the other day my grandmother was so forgetful that she left the house key at home and couldn't get in so she used the cell phone that I bought her and called me to get her the key. It is hard to image what would imagine what would happen if she had to wait for a whole day till I got home in the evening. Besides that I can also use the mobile phone to get you from A to B using navigation, a very useful feature for people like me who has a hopeless sense of direction.

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S1: Describe a person that you look up to as a role model. Explain how this person influenced your life. Include details and examples to support your response.

An important person I want to talk about is Henry Li who is the most heroic person I really admire and I really look up to as a role model. He saved hundreds of survivors from the earthquake in Japan last year. After the disaster, he was courageous enough to save people although it was really dark and dirty. Most other people would prefer giving donations or offering prayers from their houses but he had the bravery to go out in the actual field to help. A role model is really someone who can do extraordinary things like what he did, and I hope one day I can do something heroic like Henry Li and become a role model for other people.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the

I agree that, when possible, young children should learn to draw or paint. In my opinion, learning to draw comes with a variety of developmental benefits for children. Drawing helps stimulate children's imaginations. When children learn to draw, they have an opportunity to exercise their imaginations. They learn to picture something in their minds and reflect those images on paper. Drawing can improve children's visual and perceptual skills as well. When children learn to draw, they begin to study the world around them more closely. "Draw" can also be a great answer for the age-old question, "What can I do? I'm bored!"

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S1: Your friend often feels nervous when speaking in front of a large group of people. What suggestions would you give to your friend to overcome this fear?

I sometimes suffer from stage fright too, but over the years I have learned a few tricks that can help me overcome it. I would recommend my friend to do the same. The first suggestion is to relax your body before going on the stage. Easing the tension from your body can help steady your voice and relax your mind. Activities like stretching your arms or legs, or even simple things like chewing a gum a little bit can help to reduce tension in the body. Second, I would recommend my friend to watch a comedy on the morning of the day before he is to give the speech. Laughing will relax you and take your mind off your nervousness. For example my favorite comedy is "The Big Bang Theory", and I often watch it when I get nervous. It worked magically well every time.

S2: Do you prefer to have fast food in a fast-food restaurant, or do you prefer to have food in other kinds of places?

I don't like to eat food in a fast-food restaurant. Health is my first concern. Fast food is known to have poor nutritional value because it is high in calories, fats, sugars and other unhealthy ingredients. Having too much fast food contributes to higher risk of obesity and cancer. My next concern is with the dining environment of a fast-food restaurant, which is often crowded and noisy, and there appear to be queues everywhere. So I would avoid going to a fast food restaurant as much as I can. Instead, I would choose to have food in a small but cozy restaurant or cafe, where I can sit comfortably in a chair, enjoy reading the latest menus, and maybe listen to some nice music while having a lovely afternoon tea. Weixin:laoxikou.

110625CN=091017NA

S1: Describe a piece of news or a story that you are interested in recently. Explain why you think it was interesting. Include reasons and details in your response.

Recently I read a news on the internet that I took a quite an interest in. The founder of the famous website WikiLeaks Julian Assange was arrested on rape charges. Julian has always been my hero; the website he founded has published lots of classified documents from various governments. The general public has for the first time been able to see what's really happening in the Iraq war and the war in Afghanistan. The website has won a number of awards, including the 2008 Economist magazine New Media Award, which is a very prestigious award. I couldn't believe that he could commit crimes. I think it must be because the governments were pissed off and want to take revenge on him for disclosing sensitive materials that have put them to shame.

S2: Some students prefer to take an essay question where they must write an essay to a question. Other students prefer to take a test with objective questions. Which type of exam question do you prefer? Give reasons and examples in your explanation.

I prefer to take a test with objective questions such as multiple-choice questions (MCQs). First of all, if I take an essay question, the teacher may penalize me for my poor writing and presentation, if there are only MCQs, all I need to do is to write the letters ABCD. Secondly, when I am incapable of answering or have no time to answer a

particular MCQ, I can simply select a random answer and still have a chance of receiving a mark for it. But with essay question, this technique will not work.

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S1: Among the following three types of professions, which do you think makes the most important contribution to society? Primary school teacher, nurse, artist.

It is my considered opinion that of the three professions listed, primary school teachers contributed most to society and are therefore the most important. First of all, it is likely that a person may not attend college or even secondary school; however, most people attend primary school to receive basic education, so primary school teachers influence most people's lives. What's more, primary school teachers play an important role in developing a child's intellect and work habits. Primary school is the first time most children are in a strictly educational environment. While pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes do teach children some basic skills and knowledge, such as shapes and colors, primary school immerses children in the educational environment they will be experiencing until graduation from high school.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People who are 18 years old are not mature enough to vote.

I think that 18 is a suitable age at which individuals have the necessary capacity to independently decide how to cast a vote. First of all, at 18, most people have finished their high school, which means they are literate and have the reasoning ability, and this is the prerequisite for voting. Secondly, at 18 a person can have his/her driving license. If we allow them to drive, we should also recognize that they are mature enough to vote. Finally, in today's society 18-year-olds are more mature than ever before and there is no significant gap between an 18-year-old's ability to vote and people who are older. In fact many 40-year-olds are incapable to make informed decisions.

110813CN=100723NA

S1: Our society is now facing very serious environment problems. Choose one approach that you believe to be useful to save our planet.

In my opinion, every one of us, including myself, of course has the obligation to contribute to the welfare of our planet earth. In fact, there are simple ways that can make a big difference. The one on the top of my priority list would be to dramatically improve the energy efficiency of electrical goods. There are many ways to achieve this. For example, we can change the light used in our home. If every household in China replaced one regular light bulb with one of those new compact fluorescent the pollution reduction would be equivalent to removing one million cars from the road.

S2: Are you willing to carefully choose the gift which your friends like or choose whatever you like?

I'd rather find out what the person is interested in and present the gift accordingly. For one thing, I think that when it comes to gift-giving, it really is the thought that counts. A gift that is to his or her liking demonstrates that I have given some thought to the person and his or her interests. Second, I might actually offend a friend by giving him or her the gift he or she does not like. This is especially true when it comes to foreign friends. For example, I won't give a book that contains ox-slaying content book to a friend from India because an ox is considered a sacred animal in Indian culture.

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S1: Among the following three types of books, which do you like the least? Mystery novel, science fiction, biography. I have to admit that I really don't like science fiction at all! In my opinion, most science fictions are basically about a bunch of supernatural human beings doing weird things in a fantasy world. You never see people like them in real life, not to mention the things they do, so unless you like daydreaming, you'll find sci-fi stories anything BUT interesting! Another reason I dislike science fictions is that sometimes they are written without common sense! For example, there is actually no sound in space because there is no air and sound needs air to travel. Yet some science fictions depict scenes of aircraft landing and taking off making loud noise!

S2: Do you like to travel alone or travel with your family members? Explain why.

I like to travel alone. I'm a pretty independent person. Although I don't mind doing things with friends or family, I don't like to be tied to someone else's schedule all the time. If I travelled with my parents, for example, I would be dragged out of bed at 6 o'clock in the morning and spend most of the day walking, sleepy and exhausted. What's more, the more people you travel with, the more tastes and interests you have to bear with. Like if I travelled with

my sister, I would be wandering in jewelry stores or souvenir shops wherever I travel, which gets me bored. So I would rather travel alone, even if it means a lonely or a more costly trip.

110828CN=100522NA

S1: What kind of music do you like the least? Give reasons why you do not like this kind of music.

I honestly can't stand hard rock. First of all, they are really loud. I can't concentrate at all with the rock music in the background. It seems to me that the only purpose this type of music serves is to make people go deaf. In fact, I read in the newspaper that there are quite a few teenagers who actually lost their sense of hearing listening to this type of music on headphones all day. What's more, I really don't like the hard rock singers, the way they speak; the clothes they wear are really weird. To make things worse, many young people are crazy about them and try to imitate them.

S2: Some college students like to spend their free time studying another course or doing schoolwork. Others like to join a club and enjoy club activities. Which do you think is better and why?

Whenever I find some free time at university, I always engage in some sort of activity. There weren't many clubs in the university where I was studying. But I know there are many in the U.S and Canadian universities, and I think it's a good idea to join a club and enjoy club activities. First of all, a club is a great way to find friends. Students can meet others who share your interests. They can explore their physical, creative, social, political, and career topics with like-minded people. What's more, many activities take place in a relaxing environment and begin with warm-up techniques or exercises. These promote healthy methods for dealing with stress.

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S1: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? University students should learn how to manage their time more efficiently.

As a university student, I think the skill of time management is extremely important. Like many other students, I often get to the end of the day and feel like I worked hard but actually didn't get anything done. This must be due to the lack of time management skill. I mean, university students nowadays have so many things to do each day, like going to classes, doing sports, socializing, the list goes on, so we must learn how to make a schedule and manage our time efficiently to keep to this schedule. Also, the skill of time management will be useful when we graduate and enter the workplace because an employee will have even more tasks to deal with and even more deadlines to meet.

S2: Some people think it is better for students to study in a classroom building. Others think that it is better for students to study on the Internet. Which do you think is better and why?

I think it's probably wiser for students to study in classrooms and buildings on campus. The internet is full of too many distractions. A simple assignment that should take an hour can easily stretch into several hours if there are funny videos to be watched and blogs to be read. It's better to go into a quiet room on campus and just study there. Everything about the setting, from the nearby textbooks to the rustling of other people's papers, will remind you to stay diligent to your work. And if you're slightly uncomfortable or bored, that actually helps too! It will make you want to get the work done faster and just get it over with already, so you can be free to do whatever you want. You will be more focused and more hard-working.

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S1: Describe a performer, an actor or a musician, etc. that you think is great. Please give specific reasons why you think he/she is a great performer.

There are countless world-famous actors or musicians but the one person that I admire the most is Liu Wei, a Chinese disabled pianist from Beijing. He won the first series of China's Got Talent at the age of 23 by playing the piano with his toes. Liu Wei lost his arms in his childhood, but he started playing the piano at age 18 to pursue his childhood dream of being a musician. He persisted and taught himself how to play, despite cramps and abrasion, often practicing seven hours a day. I watched his performance on TV the final of China's Got Talent and I was moved to tears.

S2: 13 年 3 月 24 日已考

111016CN=100925NA

S1: What are some of the benefits that cell phones bring to people?

I think cell phones have greatly changed the way people communicate with each other that they are an integral part of our lives. They keep people in constant contact with each other, which is a great convenience, especially when there is an emergency situation. Secondly, as mobile phones nowadays are equipped with an assortment of ingenious functions, people never feel bored anymore. For example, while waiting for a bus or queuing to see a doctor, people can listen to one's favorite music as well as watching movies.

S2: Do you agree or disagree that students should be required to go to school before they are 16.

I support the idea of compulsory education for students before they are 16. Without it, it is likely that there would be more illiteracy and more ignorance among citizens, which is detrimental to a country's social and economic development. Secondly, compulsion is the only way to ensure that all children have equal access to education. Without it, the poorest and most underserved students in the nation would be the ones to suffer without an education, without proper education, how are they supposed to make a living?

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S1: What are some important effects of the worldwide availability of the Internet on modern people's life? Use specific details and examples to support your response.

The increasing use of the Internet has had both positive and negative effects on modern people. On the one hand, with the help of the Internet, communication among people is much faster and less costly. For example, Skype and Gmail enable us to communicate instantly with our friends, family members or business colleagues in almost any part of the globe where Internet service is available. But on the other hand, the Internet has created online games that can be addictive to children and young adults. This can take away precious time which otherwise should have been used for something more productive, like reading or exercising.

S2: Some students prefer to go to universities or colleges in their hometown. Others prefer to go to universities or colleges in new cities or towns. Which do you prefer and why? Include details and examples in your explanation. Studying overseas has a number of advantages. Firstly, it may give students access to knowledge and facilities such as laboratories and libraries which are not available in their home country. Furthermore, by looking abroad students may find a wider range of courses than those offered in their home country, and therefore one which fits more closely to their particular needs. Finally, students learn to be independent and more adaptable to a new environment. These are important qualities for future success. So I would say it is good for students to study in a foreign country.

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S1: People often feel home sick when they are away from home. What do you often do to deal with home sickness?

I think the key to beating homesickness is keeping a positive attitude. More specifically, find an activity to do when you miss your family. Painting is a good choice. You can always send your creation back home so a part of you will be with them. This also helps you from focusing on home too much. More importantly, make sure you have a friend. You will be homesick much more often if you're lonely. Having a friend provides a distraction from feeling bad, and it also gives you someone to talk to about it who can comfort you and make you feel better. If the above two solutions don't work. Try think this way: you are indeed lucky to have a place or people that are worth missing. Wouldn't it be worse if you didn't miss them at all?

S2: Do you prefer to take courses related to a specific career, or do you prefer to take a variety of courses?

Given the choice, I would prefer to study a variety of courses even if they are not related to a specific career. As a university student, I really don't know what kind of career I will enter into when I graduate. The courses we are learning, and the types of job that we do may not and do not have to be closely related. It's not surprising nowadays to see an engineering student doing sales and marketing in a consumer goods company. Moreover, just like the old saying goes, variety is the spice of life. By taking a variety of courses my life would be more varied and my curiosity will be greatly satisfied.

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S2: Do you like to prepare for something in the beginning or wait just before the due date?

I like to prepare for something way beforehand instead of putting thing off till the last minute because you can have more time carrying out careful and extensive research. For example, I usually have to devote weeks to gathering research for a term paper, reviewing many contradictory opinions before I can perform my own analysis and offer my own perspective on the subject. Another reason is that early preparation in the beginning can help me see ahead of lime the weaknesses make provisions to remedy those weaknesses. For example, after finish my paper I can have time to proofread it and make some changes so that in can tum in a paper that is satisfactory.

111218CN=110610NA

S1: One of your friends is going to study math as his major. What suggestions would you give to this friend? I would suggest this friend of mine to be diligent and strategic. It's important to be diligent because studying math is tough and takes a lot of time and effort. Unless you are a genius, which most students aren't, you will have to work hard trying to understand abstract concepts and memorizing complicated formulas. Next, be strategic. By this I mean using time efficiently, because if you do not know how to use your time wisely, you will only find yourself buried in books all day long and exhausted without achieving anything. The best math students usually know how to combine these two qualities well, so these are what I would suggest my friend to do if he is considering studying math as his/her major.

S2: Some people would borrow money to buy things they need. Others would save up money until they can afford it. Which would you do and why?

I would definitely save up enough money before making the decision to purchase something. I think this is what every wise and responsible individual should do. Firstly, suppose I have purchased an expensive item, say the latest Apple computer, with money borrowed from others. I would have a feeling that this computer doesn't really belong to me yet, not until I have repaid the money. This kind of thought will somewhat reduce the pleasure and enjoyment I could have derived from this item. Secondly, getting into the habit of borrowing money to satisfy one's needs will lead to increased debt and will make the borrower bankrupt sooner or later.

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Talk about a recent event or celebration you went to. Do you think that everyone who went there had a good time? sample answer:

I recently attended my cousin's wedding ceremony. My cousin is an engineer who is now living and working in the U.S. It was really a grand occasion. All the relatives including my 90 year old grandpa were present. I guess there must have been over a hundred people. We had a magnificent dinner at a restaurant. During the dinner we talked, proposed toasts to each other. There were traditional opera performances to watch. I guess everybody was having a good time except my aunt and uncle. The reason is that my cousin is their only son and after the wedding he'd have to go back to the States. Therefore my aunt and uncle won't get to see him very often.

120108CNS2=100320NAS2

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Sixteen-year-old people are not mature enough to drive. sample answer

In my opinion sixteen-year-olds are way too young to drive without supervision. After all, they are still high school students. They tend be reckless, always looking for fun and excitement. That might lead to accidents. Also, I recently read a news report that suggested that the teen brain — the part that weighs risks, makes judgments and controls impulsive behavior is not developed enough. Therefore, they are generally not ready to face the lifethreatening risks that drivers can encounter behind the wheel.

120217CN=110625NA

S1: Talk about two singers who are popular in your country. Explain why they are popular and how they are different. I would like to talk about Leehom Wang and Teresa Teng, two immensely popular and influential Chinese pop singers but with clear differences both in terms of their musical style and their audience. Leehom is an Americanborn singer. His musical style is known for fusing Chinese elements with hip-hop and R&B. On the other hand, Teresa Teng was known for her folk songs and romantic ballads. Many became standards in her lifetime, such as "The Moon Represents My Heart" In terms of audience, Leehom has become an idol for the younger generation in China who love pop music while Teresa Teng, although she passed away nearly 20 years ago, still enjoyed great popularity, but mainly among older people born in the 50s or 60s.

S2: When they meet a problem, some people prefer to seek advice or help from people who are older than they are, while others prefer to seek advice or help from people of the same age. Which do you prefer and why?

I think it all depends on what types of problems you are dealing with. I encounter many different kinds of problems every day. Some of them are really small and may be too personal so I only ask my close friends for help. For example if I am extremely sad about my girlfriend breaking up with me, I would never turn to my parents for help. Instead, I would talk with my friends who can offer me comfort. However, on other occasions, there may be complicated problems and to solve them requires skills and experience far beyond my own knowledge or capability, and it is at this moment that I think older people's help or advice is much more valuable.

120225CN=101218NA

S1: Is it a good idea to keep a pet such as a dog or a cat? What can you benefit from such an experience? I think keeping small animals such as a dog or a cat can bring a lot of benefits. Pets can substitute for the absence of other family members. Sometimes a couple who is unable to have children will adopt pets and treat them like babies. They shower on their pets the love that they might have provided a child and receive affection and companionship in return. Many people who live alone enjoy the companionship of a pet instead of loved ones who are at a distance or have passed away. The pet becomes a family member for these people and deserve the same kind of treatment that a member would receive.

S2: Should students start to plan their career before entering college, or should they do so until they have entered college and studied for a period of time?

Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions during one's life time and therefore should not be rushed. Before entering college, most young people have no idea of what they want most and where their interest and passion really lies. So it might be a good idea to wait until they have studied a number of college courses before deciding upon which line of work they really like to pursue, it avoids reckless decision based on unfounded assumptions about a career. What's more, college also provides a lot of internship positions during vacation for students to have a real taste of what a particular job involves, after getting a comprehensive picture, students are in a position to make informed choices

120310CN=100306NAS1+110415NAS2

S1: What suggestions would you give to your friend who wants to improve his/her scores in class?

To improve your scores, first of all, be sure to take notes during class! No matter how well you're paying attention and think you're going to remember what your teacher says, you're not going to remember everything. So write it down, clearly and quickly. And use a pen! Pencil smears after a while and becomes really hard to read. Also, try to study in a place that is free of distractions. If you're in your living room and using your laptop, it can be way too tempting to watch some TV or slip on your earphones and listen to music. All these things do is slow you down when you're trying to read something. Try studying in the library or an empty classroom and see if you're able to focus more. Weixin:laoxikou.

S2: Some people play games for enjoyment. Others play games in order to win. Which do you prefer and why? I like to play games just for enjoyment! So many things in life are serious and stressful; I think it's really important to just relax sometimes and do silly things simply because they are fun. Of course, if I'm playing something intense and fast like air hockey, I try to win. But I don't care if I lose! Honestly, all I'm doing is sliding a little piece of plastic across a table. How could I possibly be upset if someone does it better than me? The whole point is to enjoy being in the moment, laughing with friends. Years down the road, that's what you'll remember. You won't remember who won or lost, nor should you care. Focusing on the joy of the action is what's important.

120318CN=100828NA

S1: Are the living standards of people today better than the past?

Well, I can't generalize for every part of the world. But so far as china is concerned I'll have to say our living standards are definitely better than previous generations. First of all, people's income has increased, this means they have more money in the bank and they have more money to spend on things other than daily necessities. They spend more on leisure activities such as watching movies and traveling to other places. Secondly, the poverty

rate has lowered considerably. If government figures are to be believed, poverty rate decreased from 10.2% in 2000 to 3.8% in 2009, that's a huge step forward.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The Internet plays an important role in your life. Use specific examples and details to support your answer.

Well, I am a college student, and for me, the internet has become an indispensable tool for my academic life. Over the internet, I can retrieve information and databases from every networked library around the world in seconds. The World Wide Web provides an easy way to access hard-to-find information. I can now reach any library through the global network and find what they want. Besides that, the internet is also a fabulous entertainment facility. I can listen to the music, watch TV and do many other interesting things, and actually I can't imagine life without the internet.

120428CNS1=101030NAS1

Question: What is your favorite place to study? Give details and examples in your response.

It seems that most students like to study in the library, especially when there are examinations. I also like to study in the library, mostly because of the quiet atmosphere there which allows me to better concentrate on my study. When everyone is reading books quietly, I kind of naturally use more diligence and self-discipline. Elsewhere, I might be wandering around and doing meaningless things. So the diligence of other people in the library also inspires me to work harder. Besides, there are reference books in the library which provide ready guidance in case there is a difficult problem and when a little bit of research is needed.

120428CNS2

Question: Some people prefer a job which deals with the same tasks every day. Others prefer a job which deals with many different tasks. Which do you prefer and why?

I would prefer a job that has a little bit of variation. Sitting at a desk all day doing the same thing over and over again would bore me out of my mind. I can't imagine that this kind of job would be interesting at all. I think I am too intelligent to sit and do a mindless task all day. Also I think those jobs will be taken over by computers soon. I would rather have a job that requires me to go around and do lots of different things. Like teaching: Every day there is a new lesson and you never know how class is going to turn out. You have to be spontaneous in the classroom and I think I would prefer a job like that over any other type of job.

120512CN=110402NA S1:

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S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students nowadays work harder in their study than students in the past.

I definitely agree with the idea that students nowadays work harder; it is especially the case in China where there is an ever increasing population. Here in China, Parents are eager to make their only child a versatile genius capable of multiple skills such as playing pianos, calligraphy dancing and so on; so students have to work like crazy to meet their parents high expectations for them. It is also due to the gloomy economic prospect for the whole world. It is not uncommon to find a vacancy with a hundred graduates competing for. Therefore, each student has to work harder to distinguish themselves from the rest.

120520CN=100821NA

S1: One of your friends has suddenly received a large amount of money and has asked you for advice on how to handle this money. What advice would you give to your friend? Give reasons for your answer.

I would advise my friend to save most of the money for a rainy day because the economy is really bad at the moment with students finding it very difficult to find jobs, and people are even talking about a recession in the USA and Europe. So the money could come in handy if she needed some money to fall back on at some point in the future. Another reason I would suggest saving the money is that she could put the money towards buying a flat. Property prices are rising all the time, so buying a house or flat would not only be a good investment, but would also ensure that she would always have a place to live, without paying extortionate rent.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with this statement? People should dress according to the latest fashion.

I disagree for a couple of reasons. Firstly, because dressing according to the latest fashion is incredibly expensive and people should not be expected to buy fashionable clothes just so that you can be seen by others to be 'cool' or 'trendy'. Most people probably wouldn't be able to afford the exorbitant prices anyway. Moreover, not only would the price of the clothes themselves be unreasonable, but fashions are constantly changing and so dressing according to the latest fashions would mean buying a whole new wardrobe every few months, which is also unrealistic for the average working girl or man. Finally, the clothes we wear are often an expression of our individuality and everyone dressing according to the latest fashions would limit the possibilities for this expression, and instead everyone would wear the same clothes, which would be incredibly boring.

120526CN=111203NA

S1: Many regions in the world face problems with air pollution. What can be done to decrease the amount of air pollution in these regions? Use details and examples in your response.

Not that I'm an expert on the subject, but I know that car exhaust is one of the major causes of air pollution. Of course cars are necessary a lot of the time, but carpooling or taking the bus when you can certainly must help things! With more people in a single vehicle, there are fewer total vehicles on the road and less exhaust being produced. It seems to be easier to take the bus when you incorporate it into your daily routine, memorizing the times and routes and committing yourself to them. I, for instance, take the city bus to and from my college. And I have friends who ride their bikes to work or to school. If everyone did little things like that, it might not get rid of air pollution, but it would at least help make it better.

S2: Given the choice, many people would prefer to live in an older or more historic building or house. Others would prefer to live in a more modern building or house. Which would you prefer, and why?

I would prefer to live in an older house! I love the sense of history they have...The creaky stairs, the fireplaces, the mud rooms and attics and basements. You can just feel all the different stories that have taken place in them over the years. When you live or spend a lot of time in an older house, you are reminded of the past. Newer houses, on the other hand, I find very boring. They're all similar to each other. It's like they were factory-created, not lovingly designed by a person. The wood cabinets always seem cheap and flimsy, everything is in the same color tones. They're just so lame! I would take a funny, interesting old house any day.

120609CNS1

A friend of yours wants to make a big purchase but does not have enough money. What will you suggest your friend do to get extra money?

sample answer:

I think my friend can turn to me for help first. Although I'm not a millionaire I do have a small amount of savings in the bank which I can lend to my friend if he really needs it. I trust each of my friends and I'm sure he will pay me back in time. If that amount is not enough, he can also turn to his other friends for help because everyone must have their own circle of friends who are supposed to be helping each other. Alternatively, he can also apply for a loan from the bank. Many banks nowadays offer personal loans to people who have a stable income and a good credit. Of course banks charge a pretty high interest rate so he should be careful and try to repay the loan as soon as possible.

120609CNS2=090403NAS2

When going on a vacation, some people prefer to stay in a hotel, while others prefer to camp outside in a tent. Which do you prefer?

I am not an adventurous type of person, so I would choose to stay in a hotel, like most people do when they travel. I think staying in a hotel is first of all safe. You are protected in the room without having to worry about your belongings being stolen or yourself being attacked by wild animals. Secondly, it's more comfortable and convenient in a hotel room, because you have all kinds of facilities that you may need, for example, TV, the internet, a mini bar, hot bath, etc., whereas if you stay outside in a tent, you have to face the challenges of bad weather or mosquitoes.

120617CN=101203NAS1+100619NAS2

S1: Which challenge in the list do you think is the most difficult for university students? Being far away from families, finding time to relax, making new friends.

As I am prepared to go to study in a foreign country, I can imagine that home sickness must be the biggest difficulty for me to overcome. I think that holds true for most young people of my generation. Most of us are the single child

in the family and we are very much attached to our family members which we could normally rely on for help. I guess I may have to interrupt a lot of personal relationships or even break them off to come overseas, so I might feel lonely, unhappy, unmotivated and unable to concentrate on studying. However, I am also a very resilient and optimistic person and I am sure I will pass this difficult stage just fine.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In order to be successful, a person should study in the university.

I think in this increasingly competitive world, a college education is a must for a person to succeed. One important answer to this question is more opportunity. As opposed to generations of the past, high school graduates today are unable to obtain the number of high-paying jobs that were once available. The Chinese economy has been transformed from a manufacturing-based economy to an economy based on knowledge, and the importance of a college education today can be compared to that of a high school education forty years ago. It serves as the gateway to better options and more opportunity. There are additional reasons as to why it is important to go to college. When students experience a post-secondary education, they have the opportunity to read books and listen to the lectures of top experts in their fields. This stimulation encourages students to think, ask questions, and explore new ideas, which allows for additional growth and development and provides college graduates with an edge in the job market over those who have not experienced a higher education.

120714CN=110805NA

S1: Among the following three professions, which do you respect the most: photographers, musicians, painters. Explain why.

As far as I am concerned, I have to say that compared with painters and musicians, the photographer is the person that I admire most. The reasons are as follows. Firstly, being a photographer is never an easy job, since most of the photographers especially those who take photos of animals have to stay outside for several hours, even several days, in order to take the pictures they want. Secondly, different from painters and musicians, the photographer is closer to the life of common people. For example, photographers can take photos in the weddings to keep the important memories for the couples; young girls will like to go to photographic studios to take beautiful photos for themselves. So in conclusion it seems that photographers are everywhere in people's daily life.

S2: Which do you prefer, reading paper books or reading electronic books? Explain why.

I prefer to read e-books for two reasons. Firstly, reading e-books is much cheaper. Instead of spending a great amount of money buying paper books in the bookstore, downloading e-books costs me almost nothing. Since I am still a student now, I do not have much extra money to be spent on buying books, so reading e-books can save me a lot of money. Secondly, reading e-books is environmentally friendly. As the production of paper consumes huge amount of water and tree resources, choosing electronic books over paper books will help preserve valuable natural resources and help protect our fragile environment.

120722CN=101009NA

S1: Describe a change in your country. It could be a social, economic or political change. Explain how this change influenced people in your country.

The most noticeable change in my country is that people, especially young people are getting more and more interested in celebrating the so called "imported festivals" such as Valentine's Day and Christmas Day. These festivals are really catching on among young people. Actually, they are keener to observe those holidays than the traditional Chinese festivals such as Spring Festival. I remember on the Valentine's day this year, I took my girlfriend to KFC because they ran this "love song" promotion in which people can go online and select a song of their choice, a date and a time and a specific KFC, and when we arrived, the restaurant played our song. My girlfriend got such a surprise that she almost cried. It was really a memorable occasion.

S2: Some students prefer to live alone or live with their friends when they study abroad. Other students prefer to live with local family when they study abroad. Which way do you prefer and why?

As a would-be overseas student, I would definitely choose to live with the local family. There are actually quite a few advantages to it. First of all, through communications with the host family in English, I can practice a foreign language with the native speakers; therefore, my language skills could be developed. What's more, by living with the local people, I can get valuable information such as where to find a nice restaurant; what are the local tourist attractions and you have a more secure, home-like environment while living with the local family.

120728CNaS1=111119NAS1

Question: Traffic congestion is becoming worse in many cities. What can the government do to decrease the number of cars and other vehicles? Use details and examples in your response.

sample answer:

I think the government can do at least two things to reduce the number of vehicles running on the street. First, it can increase the level of tax imposed on each newly-purchased vehicle. This will somehow discourage people from purchasing new cars and the number of vehicles on the street will naturally decline. Second, the government can take measures to improve public transportation, such as buses and the metro system, so more people will be willing to take public transportation instead of driving. This will also effectively reduce traffic.

120728CNaS2=111119NAS2

Question: Some people think that the government should take responsibility and invest money in protecting endangered species of animals, but other people say private citizens should take responsibility. Who do you think should take the responsibility, and why? sample answer:

I think that the responsibility of protecting wildlife ultimately lies with the government, because only the government has the resources and manpower for such a daunting task. The protection of endangered species is a highly specialized work. You don't just go to the forest and start protecting the panda, for example. You have to set up a protection zone, introduce a few species, and hire a large team of professional people, including researchers, vets, biologist, nutritionists, and the list goes on, to work together on a carefully studied plan. And it costs a huge amount of money. This is not something that an individual is capable of, so the government should take the responsibility.

120826CN=110211NA

S1: What personal quality do you admire most? Creativity, courage or intelligence? Explain why? Please include details and examples in your response.

I would consider creativity as the most admirable personal quality in the modern world because it can be the difference between success and failure. Because of intense competitions in the market, every enterprise and venture needs creativity to succeed, whether they are car manufacturers or software companies, large scale engineering projects or financial service providers. For example, Apple would never have been successful without its founder Steve Jobs, a creative genius who launched a series of innovative products. Another great person known for creativity is Deng Xiaoping, the designer of the innovative "one country, two systems" solution to resolving the Hong Kong issue.

S2: Some people prefer to listen to music while they are studying or working. Others prefer to stay in a quiet place while they are studying or working. Which way do you prefer and why? Include reasons and details in your response.

I preferred listening to music while I was studying or practicing some easier subjects such as geography or English. I found I could concentrate much better when I was listening to music. It also helped me relax and not go to sleep. But that was only when I was doing these subjects. If I were doing some difficult subjects like economics and mathematics while listening to music, I easily get distracted and my concentration would definitely be on the song, which would play over and over again long after the music has actually stopped playing, which is really distracting. So it really depends on what I am studying.

120902CN=111105NA

S1: Many schools do not allow students to take their laptop computers into the classroom. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of having laptop computers in the classroom? Use specific details and examples to support your opinion.

In my opinion, taking laptops into the classroom has more negative than positive effects on students' study. Computers, of course, do bring convenience and updated information into the class. Sharing information such as presentations from teacher becomes much easier and faster. However, students may get lost and become addicted to computer games either in class or outside. Considerable evidence has proved that students do not yet have the will power to control themselves. What's more, with computers, it would be difficult for teachers to observe students' true performance. For example, a student with a laptop on his desk can pretend that he is listening attentively to the teacher while he is only chatting with his friends online.

S2: Some people like to move about and live in different places. Others like to stay at one place all their lives. Which do you prefer and why?

Personally speaking, I would prefer not to stay in one place but to move to different places, to work or to live. Firstly, moving around will enable me to broaden my horizons and enrich my knowledge. Within the diverse living environment, I will have more opportunities to make new friends in different places and observe and experience their different cultures. For example, I was used to having noodles as my main food when I was living in Tianjin, a city in northern China. But now rice has become my staple food when I am in Shanghai. Besides, you will be easily

bored if you live in one place for too long. In this case, withdrawing from the old environment would be a great idea to liven up your life. The new neighborhood and working environment could effectively refresh you, getting you back to life again.

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Some people think students should study in the classroom while others believe they should visit the museum or the zoo. Which do you prefer and why?

Well, personally, I think both the classroom and outside facilities such as museums or zoos are OK. I mean it all depends on which subject you study. For example, if you are studying theoretical subjects such as mathematics or languages, I think the best location would be in the classroom. A qualified teacher, a whiteboard and a pointer would be sufficient. However, if you are studying subjects such as botany or zoology, it's better to visit museums or zoos, because you can view or even touch the animals and plants there, so you have a more direct understanding of them.

120922CN=101022NAS1+110708NAS2

S1: Among the following three types of work, which would you enjoy doing the most? Helping children with communication problems, doing community work, growing plants in the garden.

Actually, I am not really good at handling children or growing plants, so I'd rather choose to do some community work. I once volunteered to take good care of some elderly people in the nursing house. We went there early in the morning because we had a lot of work to do. We cleaned the room, did the bed, after that we sat with them listening to their interesting life stories. I quite like this kind of activity because it enhanced my personal skills, I learnt how to communicate with other people, how to listen to other people

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Watching sports programs on television is not a good use of time.

Well, personally, I think both the classroom and outside facilities such as museums or zoos are OK. I mean it all depends on which subject or which class you study and it also depends on my age. For example, if I study theoretical subjects such as mathematics or languages, I think the best location would be in the classroom, a qualified teacher, a whiteboard and a pointer would be sufficient. However, if I study subjects such as botany or zoology, I'd prefer to visit museums or zoos while studying, because through viewing or even touching these samples, I can have a more direct experience with the subject content under study instead of just pages and pages of textbooks.

120923CN=111014NA

S1: If you are given an assignment, what would you do to make sure it is finished on schedule? Give specific details and examples to support your answer.

Well, from my point of view, there are two things to check before getting down to the assignment. First of all, I would go through the task thoroughly to make sure that all the detailed requirements are well understood. For example, my English teacher always has strict rules about the spacing that we should use in our essay layout, so to avoid the extra re-editing work I always pay attention to every detail of the assignment. Just as what a proverb goes, you can't make something out of nothing. Having everything ready before taking off lays a solid foundation for the task. Besides, it is always helpful to have a timetable that breaks the assignment into different sections or different phases. A practical and realistic schedule can help me double the speed with half the fuss. When things above are ready, all I need to do is to stick right to the plan, following the timeline step by step.

S2: Some people prefer outdoor activities such as basketball. Others prefer indoor activities such as yoga. Which would you prefer and why?

Some people prefer indoor activities because they think it's less physically demanding.

However, I think outdoor activities like playing basketball with my friends in an open basketball court are much better. First, outdoor activities are often more strenuous and so they can exercise your body more. If you stay indoors to do yoga, it probably consumes less energy than playing football or badminton. Secondly, many outdoor activities are team sports, in which a team of players work together for the same goal, i.e. to win the game. So you are more likely to make new friends and develop interpersonal skills better. Last but not least, you can have more chances to get close with the nature, which means sunshine, fresh air and more space. This is something indoor activities can never provide.

121013CN=111029NA

S1: Many schools require their students to complete at least 40 hours of community service. Do you agree or disagree with this requirement? Use specific details and examples to support your opinion.

I am totally supportive of this requirement for the following reasons. First, a university is often called the ivory tower. Most of the time students are well protected from the society. This leads to students being detached from social surroundings. Students in my school, for example, seldom know much about events beyond their textbooks. However, being engaged in community service could provide them with the chance to be more informed of the outside world. The second reason is that some types of community service teach students about love, care and sympathy. For example, if students perform their community service in a nursing home, they will be given a chance to offer care and emotional support to the aged people there. Anyway, what community service teaches students could never be obtained from the class.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The success of a school largely depends on the resources it has such as textbooks and journals.

Nowadays, schools are trying every means to achieve success in fierce competition. Resources a school possesses play an important role in accelerating this process. For instance, textbooks with updated information refresh students in academic study. Those journals dealing with current trends and demands really broaden students' horizons. However, there are other decisive factors besides textbooks and journals. In my opinion, teacher is actually the key to success. When most people now choose, they will weigh and consider the faculties of a school as a crucial aspect. Star teachers are increasingly appealing to students than mere facilities. This can be explained by an old saying that the best way to learn is to learn from the best. Only when a school is staffed with well-known teachers can it make full use of all resources. For example, teachers with appropriate teaching methods can support students to implement self-exploration. In this way, students with high quality represent the success of a school.

121028CNS1=120203NAS1

Your university is planning to allow students to watch TV in their dormitories. What is your opinion? What are the advantages and disadvantages of watching TV in dormitories? Include reasons and examples to support your response. sample answer:

I think the university is right in allowing students to have TV's in their dorm rooms. The advantages of this is that students can have another easy way to inform and to entertain themselves. I mean with a TV in the dorm, students can watch news programs when they want to get an update on world events, or they can watch a TV drama if they want to relax for a while. But of course watching television can be a negative thing if students spend too much time in front of the screen, not to mention that the noise can be disrupting for those who prefer to have a quiet living or studying environment. But overall, I think with moderation and consideration, students can benefit a lot from having a TV in their dorm.

121110CN=111008NA

S1: Describe the differences between two cities that you have visited before. Give details and examples to support your response. My two most memorable visits to cities were probably the times I went to [A] and [B]. Yes, they were very different experiences! [A] was gigantic and bustling. There were people and lights and skyscrapers everywhere. I took the city train to get around. There was such an air of excitement and energy to everything! When I went to the art museum, there was a line out the door. Afterwards, as it got dark, a jazz band was playing on the street corner. It was like a crowded, non-stop party. [B], meanwhile, was enjoyable in an entirely different way. It was quiet and sleepy and freezing and much smaller than [A], but full of charming and bright shops and restaurants that made you feel cheerful. It's so isolated. It's like a magical little wonderland more than anything. It was very special in its own right.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teachers should encourage students to start using computers from primary school. Give details and examples to support your response.

I agree with this. Computers have become such an everyday tool in the 21st century that children need to be extremely comfortable in their use of them, with the same ease that they can read or write. Waiting until the kids are older to get them familiar with computers isn't helping anyone. We've all heard about how kids absorb information the best when they are quite young. So get them started young and give them that skill set! When I was six, I went to a really good school that put all of us on computers and had us complete a typing program over the course of several weeks. To this day, I type very fast. It just comes naturally to me because I learned it so young! Compare this to people of older generations, who didn't have such training and generally type slowly. The early education really helps.

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S1: Talk about an organization or club you want to join and why.

I want to join an organization called Pedal Power. It's an international charity based mainly in the UK. It sends bicycles to some of the poorest regions in the world. I want to join this organization because with a bicycle, people can get wherever they want to go without much trouble; this enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives. In this way, I can make a difference in other people's lives. What's more, I think as a Chinese national, I have more resources to contribute to this organization because, as you know, China is virtually a "Kingdom of Bicycles", where a lot of unwanted bikes are discarded each year, if they can be collected and repaired, Pedal Power can have a constant supply of bikes to send.

S2: Some students prefer to study for only one long time during a week. Other students prefer to study for several short periods of time during a week, which do you prefer?

I definitely prefer breaking down a long study session into several short chunks because there is research that shows that after an hour of intense focus, the brain needs a break. It needs to shift gears a while. The brain's ability to absorb information starts to decline after about the first hour, so for example, you are dealing with a lot of new concepts and vocabulary, if you just reviewed your notes, even 20 minutes a day, it would be much better than studying for 5 consecutive hours during the week before the exam.

121130CN=120422CN=100619NAS1+1011203NAS2

S1: One of your friends wants to drop out of college. Do you think it is a good idea or not? Why?

sample answer:

I would strongly advise him against dropping out of college. College education can provide a student with many more new and exciting opportunities. Many high school students get tempted by earning a good income immediately, and this is understandable. However in the long run college graduates will find it easier to find higher paying jobs. For example, many of the best paying jobs, such as lawyers and doctors, all require a degree in higher education. Another reason is that the connections which are collected during college may turn out to be extremely helpful in the future, because fellow graduates often trust and are willing to help each other.

S2: Do you agree or disagree that assignments handed in after the deadline should receive a lower score? I think it depends on the reason for delaying handing in the assignment. If it is because of some unpredictable cause that is beyond one's control, then I think exceptions can be made. For example, if a student gets flu and can hardly get out of bed, the doctor advises him to stay in bed for a few days until he gets better; I think in this situation, the reason given is valid and reasonable. However, if a student can't submit his assignment simply because of his procrastination or poor management of time, then a certain amount of score should be deducted because that would make him realize that late submission carries penalty and he should be careful about it next time.

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S1 : What suggestions would you give to a foreign friend who is coming to your country to study?

I would give three pieces of advice to my friend who is to become a foreign student in my country. First, try to learn some Chinese. The Chinese language is becoming increasingly important in the world, and if you are fluent in Chinese you have more chance to be hired by a local firm. Second, be aware of the cultural differences between China and the western world. China is a large country. Different places have their own unique cultures and it is better to know them to avoid misunderstanding or even troubles. Finally, learn how to cook before coming to China because it takes a while to get used to Chinese food, so until then you should be prepared to cook for yourself.

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S1 : In your opinion, what are some important characteristics of a good school? Use reasons and specific examples to explain why these characteristics are important.

Well, in my opinion, a good school should consist of at least two important characteristics. The first characteristic is the facilities and equipment that are required for different kinds of subjects. For example, many famous universities in the US have their well-renowned laboratories, which enable students to pursue advanced studies in various fields of study. Secondly, I believe the atmosphere of a particular school is also very important because it is the spirit and soul of it. Without a good atmosphere, the school will become no more than a factory producing talents that only know how to operate a certain machine.

S2 : Do you prefer to be friends with people who share the same opinion as you do or with people who hold different opinions?

I will definitely choose the second one—a job through which I can obtain great personal satisfaction. I have two reasons for this choice. To begin with, a job takes up at least eight hours per day, which is one third of our lives in total. If I am assigned to boring tasks or things I don't like to do, I feel unhappy all day and that is the last thing I want. Moreover, money plays only a minor role in my life, compared with personal satisfaction and leisure. So basically I will try my best to find my "labor of love", because once I do so, my job will become my leisure and I feel happy and contented all day long.

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S1 : What is one style of clothing that the students in your school tend to wear? Why do you like this style of clothing?

In my opinion, style of clothing reflects both popularity, and personality. Students in my school tend to wear a 'Preppy Style'. This style is often associated with young students who are engaged and excited about learning, but who like to show some individuality and status. For example, students sport brand named labels of shirts, sweaters, jackets, and slacks. They also wear a certain type of flat shoe, tennis or sneaker. Western brands such as Aeropostale, Old Navy, and Hollister have popular 'preppy styles'. 'Preppy students', as they are often referred to, like to be seen and known as studious. They always carry their backpacks, and may even wear 'eye glasses' to complete their 'preppy' look. I like this style of clothing because whether students are genuinely 'preppy' or just like to mimic the look, the competitiveness seems healthy. 'The Preppy style' student may aspire to better grades.

S2 : What kind of job will you choose? A job through which you can get a lot of money or a job through which you can get great personal satisfaction

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S1 : If a high school is planning to organize an after-school activity for its students, what kind of activity would you recommend and why?

Recently I have taken quite an interest in cooking so I would suggest that the school organize a cooking-learning activity to teach students to prepare some delicious food. It can be really fun and I bet there will be a lot of communication going on with students and it's a good way to build up team spirit. The school can even hold a contest to see who can cook the most delicious food and it doesn't have to be very complicated. Only some common easy stir-fry recipe dishes are enough, Weixin:laoxikou. like Kung Pao Chicken or Stir-fry Bean Sprouts.

More importantly I think cooking is an essential skill for people nowadays as eating self-cooked food is a much more healthy and less costly way of life than for example eating in a restaurant or in a fast-food store.

S2 : Some people prefer to wash dishes by a dish washer. Others prefer to wash dishes by hands. Which do you prefer and why?

Long before automatic dishwashers were invented, families washed dishes the old-fashioned way, using water, soap, towels, and their hands. My family traditionally hand washed dishes after eating their meals. Dishwashing was a family responsibility, and everyone, including children who reached a certain age, was expected to learn the proper way to wash dishes. For example, I can remember having to re-do dishwashing because I did not get them clean enough the first time. After that, I learned to wash more carefully. I prefer hand washing dishes to the dishwasher, because sometimes there are not enough dishes to cycle through the dishwasher. Also, sometimes, it's necessary to pre-wash or soak some dishes, pots, and pans, because the dishwasher does not clean them as well as hand washing. Finally, washing dishes by hand can be therapeutic, and can be a pleasure to do after one's family has enjoyed a great meal.

111209NA

S1: What are the advantages and disadvantages of allowing students to eat in class? Use specific details and examples to support your opinion.

To be honest, I can only think of one advantage, which is students won't be starved in the class. So for those who get up late in the morning and don't have time to eat their breakfast at home, being allowed to eat in class means a rescue. However, the disadvantages far outweigh the advantages. When students eat things in the class, terrible smells permeate the room, sometimes accompanied by obnoxious chewing noises. So it's impossible for other students to focus because it destroys the learning atmosphere. Often teachers have to wait until this student has finished his meal, which is certainly not fair to those time-conscious students. Once I had this experience of having the same class with a girl who kept eating stuff throughout the class. I'm sure she's a nice girl personally, but we were all irritated because one, most of us were hungry, two, it was a tough class, and three, the noise was distracting.

S2: Some people like to collect old things such as newspapers. Others throw things away after they have used them. Which do you prefer and why?

Because I am some kind of nostalgia type, I prefer keeping old things to just throwing them away as rubbish. Many old things are filled with sweet memories which can remind people of their past. Thanks to my mom, I still have many toys I played with when I was a little girl. Secondly, old items may have great value for collection. Take newspapers for example. The one with Chairman Mao's opening speech on the Founding Ceremony for China in 1949 surely will be a good bargain in an antique market. Moreover, from an environmental point of view, recycling used items such as newspapers and magazines is a good start towards reducing carbon emission. Finally, when it comes to old clothes, an interesting thing is that fashion always resurfaces after a few years. Old clothes may become vogue again so it makes sense to keep them instead of throwing them away.

111217NA

S1: Describe one way to improve the system of education in your country. Use specific details and examples to support your opinion.

It is hard to define a perfect solution to the improvement of education system since it's such a complicated and multifaceted subject. But if I have to, I would like to say that diversifying the evaluation methods of the admission into the university will definitely help a lot. That means we should put more attention to students' other performances rather than depend solely on their academic scores. For example, students' performance as well as attendance of those so-called less important subjects such as art, PE and so forth should be taken into account when assessing their qualification. Only if we carry out this principle in school can students take those subjects seriously and could have a chance to get really stretched. How to improve the education system is a long-term problem confronting both parents and the government. It could turn out to be a bigger one if we give an inappropriate response to it.

S2: Some people like to reading paper books while other like to listen to audio books. Which do you prefer and why?

It's reasonable for people to choose audio books over printed ones. The attractions consist of three points: convenience, taking up less space and saving time. But in my opinion, traditional reading is better at least for three reasons. First, paper reading allows you to read at your own pace. You can even have a second go if you didn't get the meaning. Second, it's possible and convenient for readers to make references, take notes or underline beautiful sentences in a book. Last but not least, books are what an author's thoughts are all about. You should

treasure them up and digest the essence whenever you want to. In my house, there are three shelves fully stored with all my cherished books such as the four great classics of Chinese literature, The Analects of Confucius and so forth. I have read them time and time again in my spare time. It is the very advantage that audio books can never match.

120118NAS1

Which of the following do you think is the most important for maintaining good health? Doing exercises, eating healthy food, or going to bed early? sample answer:

Among the three, I think healthy food is more important than the others for a person to remain healthy. This is because first, we eat three times a day, and every day. So if we have an unhealthy eating habit, and we do not correct it in time, the bad effects will accumulate until one day we start to develop symptoms that are difficult to reverse. Another reason is that eating healthy food is a goal that is not so difficult to achieve, compared with the other options. Some people may find it difficult to go to bed early because of their work assignment or they may not have the luxury to go to a gym for exercise, but they can easily cut down on the calorie intake of their food simply by switching to a diet with more vegetable and less meat.

120118NAS2

Which do you prefer? A job in a distant city with a high salary, or a job in your current city with a low salary.

I would prefer to work in my current city even if the salary is low. I prefer to be near my family and my friends because I can turn to them for help whenever I meet with some difficulty or obstacles at work. Suppose I am not happy with my boss. I will need to talk to someone intimate, so I can vent my anger and complaint. I can only do so if I am working in a place near my best friends. If I work in a place far away, on the other hand, I won't get the chance to get together with my family and friends often. Apart from this, I will also have to pay extra money to cover the cost of renting an apartment or long-distance transportation, which makes the high salary not so desirable anyway.

120323NA

S1: What kind of food do you recommend to add to the food menu of the campus cafeteria? Use Examples and details to support your response.

I recommend the cafeteria expand its menu with more nutritional foods. First, students

Kant more choices. For instance, a fresh, healthy salad bar should be available to students.

The variety of vegetables on a salad bar gives students choices of their favorite foods. Also, a salad can be eaten as a side dish or a full meal. Salads are a great value, and the cafeteria should include locally grown produce, which is likely to be cleaner, healthier, and cheaper to purchase. Next, the menu should include more choices of fresh fruit. Fresh fruit has natural flavors and sugars, and are an important part of a healthy diet. Many students need special diets, while others dislike the high-calorie fat, and sugar in some cafeteria food. Without a doubt, the addition of salads and fruits would encourage, and help students to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

S2: Some people like to buy new and expensive books while others prefer to buy old and cheap ones. Which would you prefer?

I prefer old, cheap books over new, expensive ones for two reasons. First, I save money, because buyers of a book's first publication usually pay more, because they can be the first to claim they have a copy of the book. Additional advertising, marketing, and publishing costs are included in the price of the first books printed. However, I can save money by waiting a few weeks until the book is available to check out from my public library, or I can borrow it from someone else that has already purchased and read it. Also, I save money if I find the book at a used book store, garage sale, flea market, or EBay. Second, if I wait to purchase a book at a lower cost, I can buy extra ones. In the end, I prefer worn, readable books even if previous hands handled it.

120505NA

S1: Your university is planning to replace paper books and magazines in its library with electronic books. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this plan?

I think it's a great idea to replace paper books and magazines with electronic ones. Because, it's easier for students to keep thousands of e-books with their portable personal devices, such as laptops, Ipads, ebook-readers. Also, since electronic materials are often cheaper than print materials, this helps with our university's limited budget and at the same time protect our environment. What's more, students are not allowed to cut off paragraphs from the library books, while electronic sources can be cut, paste or re-edit, and organized by key words and phrases, that would greatly reduce the amount of reading, and searching.

S2: Should the government spend money on projects which can encourage its citizens to lead a healthier lifestyle? My firm position is that the government should spend money on projects to encourage citizens to lead healthier

lifestyles, because it can reduce money spent on insurance and medical care, as well as save lives. Also, if more individuals have an incentive to do preventive health care, they would enjoy their longevity, and at the same time provide more labor force and fortune to the society. In a word, government funding to encourage healthier lifestyles is worthwhile.

120728NA

S1: 已考

S2: 版本 1: Should people be encouraged to visit science AND art museums?

In my opinion, people should be encouraged to visit science museums over art museums, for two reasons. Firstly, science in my country is a less popular school subject than art, and we need to get more young people interested in the world of physics, chemistry and biology. Visiting interactive science museums and learning about what scientists achieve is the first step to recruiting the scientists of the future. Secondly, it is important for people to learn about topics such as medicine and the environment, and how these are relevant to them personally. This may lead to more donations to medical or scientific research, and more people taking care of the world in their everyday lives. That's why, even though many think art museums would be more interesting, we have to encourage both adults and children to visit science museums.

版本 2: Should people be encouraged to visit science AND art museums?

In my opinion, people should definitely be encouraged to visit both science and art museums, primarily for the two following reasons. Firstly, many people these days waste their free time playing computer games and watching TV, which isn't productive for them or anyone else. Going to museums instead would make their minds more active and help them learn more about the world than they can see from their living rooms. It might even give them enthusiasm to be involved in other activities. Secondly, visiting museums sparks young people's interest in everything from sculpture to physics. Visiting interactive museums and seeing remarkable exhibitions are the first steps to recruiting the artists and scientists of the future, so that my country will be able to reach great heights in years to come. That's why everyone, but particularly young people, should be encouraged to visit science and art museums as much as possible.

120907NA

S1: If you were to choose a place to live, what kind of location would you prefer and why? 1. A place close to school 2. A place close to your family 3. A place close to a transportation hub (airport or bus terminal, etc.)

If I had to choose a place to live, I would prefer living close to a university, because I could walk to school every day without having to take a bus or drive my own car, and I would be able to attend some great entertainment on the campus. First of all, walking is good exercise, and not driving helps me to avoid traffic, parking, and wasting time. For example, if you keep on walking every day, even for a little while, it will help to keep you in shape, and even lose weight if you need to. Second, I love to look in the newspapers for exciting concerts, lectures, and plays that come to campus and are often free of charge. For example, Taylor Swift is probably coming to a campus near you, since the students love pop stars. That's why you can't beat living near a campus.

S2: Some people think the best way to study is to attend a lecture. Others say that it's better to read by yourself. Which way do you prefer and why?

From my experience, I believe that the best way to study is silent reading, because when I read alone, I am able to focus, question, and interact with the text. Lectures can be engaging or distracting, depending on the teacher and the classroom. So, I prefer reading by myself, because I learn and remember more. For example, sometimes I need to read something more than once in order to focus. Unless you tape a lecture, or can take really good notes quickly, you may not be able to keep up with a lecturer. Studying alone, I am not distracted by people talking and getting up and moving around. I control the distractions. I also like to silently question why the author said or didn't say something. It's kind of like having my own private conversation with the author. In the end, I remember more of what I read by myself.

120915NA

S1: Nowadays robots are widely used in the society. What are the benefits and risks of this?

As I see it, robots are here to stay, and are widely used in society. Robots have benefits and risks at the same time. They are used on land, in air, and on sea. Robots are being designed to perform surgical procedures, just

like surgeons once performed. I saw one being used on YouTube. It was cool! The military is using robots to carry out secret missions. For instance, robots are now front line "soldiers". They are being sent deep in the ocean where man can't survive, and are finding all kinds of treasures. The risks of robots are just like any other artificial, man-made thing; it can break, malfunction, and be a danger. Also, the more robots are used, the more human labor is replaced. This could lead to unemployment, which is already a severe problem in the present day society.

S2: Should employees be required to wear suits in the workplace, or should they wear casual clothes?

In my opinion, I feel that most casual clothes are nice enough for the workplace, because many jobs require a lot of hands-on tasks, or you may be working behind the scenes and never really be seen by anyone except those who are doing the same work as you. So, for these reasons, employees do not need formal suits. For example, why would retail workers need a suit, when all that they are doing is cleaning up behind customers, and re-shelving items that are out of place or may be thrown all over the place. Also, you don't need a suit if you are cooking food, bringing out the meals to diners or serving drinks. We don't usually pay bills to people with suits on. As long as someone is clean and dressed appropriately, I believe that casual clothes are all that's required.

121027NA

S1: Talk about one of your family members who has similar traits as you. Describe those traits.

When I consider a family member with similar traits as I, it's my beautiful daughter, because people say that she looks, talks, writes, and acts like me! I agree that as she gets older, her facial features resemble mine. She has lovely "dimples" in her cheeks; I don't. Weixin:laoxikou. However, we both share glowing smiles. Another trait that she has inherited from me is the sound of our voice. Most people can't even tell our voices apart when we speak on the phone. As a writer, my daughter seems to have the same style and tone as I. She says that she hears from voice when she writes. Finally, no one has to tell me that my daughter and I act in similar ways. She and I are both good speakers, and always say what is on our mind. I am proud that my daughter, my twin, shares so many traits.

S2: Between the following two places, where would you choose to live? 1. Big and new place but far from your workplace and/or university 2 small and old place but near your workplace and/or university

I would choose to live near a small, old place near a university for these reasons. As a student attending a local university, I rely on the convenience of its location to housing, shopping and entertainment. Since I don't own a car, I depend on public transportation to get to school, work, shopping centers, and to entertainment. A small, old place can be affordable, clean, and safe. I prefer the closeness of living near my neighbors, and for everything that I depend on to survive from day to day. I also save money which I can use to pay for my tuition and books. Living in a small, old place has more to offer than its size, and each day brings a new experience.

121103NA

S1: Which of the following three subjects would you choose to learn? Math, painting, science. Explain what you want to learn from this subject.

If I could choose to study any area, I would choose to study painting for three reasons. First, since I admire the works of painters like Mary Cassat, I would like to learn more about her style of painting and the reasons for her paintings. I think that I would be able to appreciate her paintings even more if I understood the artist herself. Second, studying painting would give me a chance to develop my own skill as an artist. I would like to learn to paint portraits of children and mothers like Cassat did. Her work shows love and compassion toward the subject.

It touches the heart. I would like to paint in that way. I would like my work to give a message of love and compassion. These are the two reasons that I would like to study painting.

S2: Do you prefer to use e-mails to communicate with your friends and family members or do you prefer to use the telephone?

When I want to talk with my friends or family, I prefer to use the phone for two reasons.

First, the telephone lets me hear the actual voices of my loved ones. To hear the tone of love in my parents' voices or the laughter in the voice of my dear friend from college is too wonderful to describe. No matter what words people try to use in emails, the words alone still can't convey the tone of the speaker. The second reason is that it allows for spontaneity of conversation. Emails tend to be stilted and one sided since really they are just half of a conversation. The phone allows for the topic to wander and change as real communication takes place. Though both are useful, for real conversation with friends and family, nothing can be better than and nice, long, catchup-on-the-news-chat with those we love.

121116NA

S1: Talk about the benefits of talking to older family members (grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc.)

One of my favorite things to do is to be around older members of my family. I like to sit quietly and just listen as they talk to each other. My favorite thing is when they start telling stories about the things they used to do when they were young. My Aunt Grace always brings up the time that Uncle John was chased by the rooster when he was a little boy. Then Uncle John tells the story about Aunt Helen's first date. Life was very different when the aunts and uncles were young, and it is interesting to hear how they lived. Apart from being interesting, talking with older family members allows me to learn from their knowledge and wisdom, as they are never reluctant to teach you important lessons about life.

S2: When things at home such as furniture or electrical appliances are broken, some people prefer to have them repaired in a shop, while others prefer to fix them at home. Which do you prefer and why?

When items at my home break, I prefer to fix them myself if I am able. I prefer repairing the item myself for two reasons. The first reason is simply money. It is very expensive to have a repairman come to my home or send an item to the repair shop. The repairman charges a fee to come, and then he charges an hourly fee to do the repair. The cost will add up fast! The positive reason for doing the repairs myself is the good feelings that come when I am able to learn something new and be self-sufficient. It makes me feel proud that I have been able to take care of a problem for myself by myself. From time to time there will be repairs that I cannot fix, but when I can, I like to take care of problems myself.

121117NA

S1: If you are asked by your teacher to do community service, which of the following would you choose? Explain why. 1 helping children with their homework 2 teaching adults to use the computer 3 cleaning city park

One of my favorite activities to do for community service is to clean our local park. There are two reasons that I usually choose that activity. First, serving in the park allows me to help many people at one time. In our community, most families spend some time. Each week at the park. Mothers take their children to play, older folks gather to talk, and many other groups meet there from time to time. When I clean at the park, I feel like I am helping many people all at once. Secondly, working at the park allows me to be outside in the fresh air. Since I am indoors at school most of my day, I like a chance to enjoy a change of scenery, fresh air, and a little exercise. I want to be a productive member of society, and cleaning the park is one of my favorite community service projects.

S2: Do you prefer to live in an area that is noisy but close to shops or public transportation, or an area that is quiet but far away from shops and public transportation?

If I had to choose between living in a quiet area that is far away from shops and public transportation or living in a noisy area that is close to these conveniences, I would definitely choose living in the quiet area. First, living in a quieter and more peaceful area is very important to me. After the stress of school or work, it is pleasant to leave the noise and activity behind for a little while. The quietness allows my body, mind, and spirit to relax. Second, living away from shops and public transportation usually means the area is less crowded. I like living where there are fewer people even if it is less convenient. I can always walk or cycle to the places I need to get to.

121201NA

S1: If you were to do a project, which of the following would you choose? 1. A recycle program 2. Teaching children about vegetable growing 3. Teaching children about healthy eating

I think I would like to teach children about healthy eating. Recycling and vegetable growing are very useful things to know and both are helpful for the environment, but they're not necessarily urgent. If there are kids who don't know about healthy eating, however, that could start to make them sick very quickly. If they're not getting enough vitamins from fresh fruit and vegetables, they could become tired and sluggish. If they're eating too much sugar and fat, they could become overweight or even develop serious problems like diabetes. Kids need to learn good eating habits from an early age and stick to them! It's a very worthwhile thing to teach them about and I would feel I was doing a lot of good.

S2: Which do you prefer? An interesting class but very strict with scoring, or a boring class that gives you high scores.

I would prefer an interesting class that is strict with grades and scoring. Of course, I see the appeal of a super easy class where you don't learn much but are guaranteed to get a good grade. I mean, who doesn't love good grades? Yet, if you do that too much, you start to feel unfulfilled. You wonder "Why am I even in school if I'm not learning anything? I'm getting straight A's, but what does that even mean anymore?" It becomes pointless. I find it is much more satisfying to be very interested in a class and learn a lot, even if the work is hard. Then you at least feel that

you achieved something. Your grade may be average or even bad, but you learned things that truly excited you and that you will always remember.

121207NA

S1: Among the following professions, which do you think is the most important to a city? Police officer, building designer or transport worker.

I think police officers are absolutely vital to a city running properly. When you hear of cities that are falling apart, one of the main problems that they have is a lack of a police force. Robberies increase, violent crimes increase. People become afraid to even go downtown or walk down the street after dark because they feel unsafe. Then families start to move away for the sake of their children, and so on. It's a mess. A city, first and foremost, needs to be a place where citizens can feel secure enough to live their normal lives. That means having police officers available when needed, both on patrol and responding to emergency phone calls. Well-designed buildings and public transportation are just secondary compared to that. Weixin:laoxikou.

S2: Nowadays many people find their social network on the Internet. Do you think it is a positive trend?

Yes, I think this is a positive trend for the most part. Online dating, for instance, can be very useful. Often, it's difficult to know whether people you randomly meet in person are single, in a relationship, or even interested in a relationship. Trying to figure it out can be awkward at times. But dating websites lead you to a large amount of people who are very clear about what they are looking for as far as relationships. It simplifies the process. Also online, you can make friends who share your interests and passions by going to websites about those specific topics. Someone who is shy and withdrawn might find it easier to initially talk to new people if it is done over the computer. Eventually such interactions can happen in person, but meeting online can make it start easily and pleasantly.

121208NA

S1: Describe a person in your family whose personality or behavior is very different from yours.

My Aunt Vivian is crazy about jazz music. She's always going to jazz shows and concerts around the city. Whenever I visit her house, there are trumpets blaring from the speakers of her stereo. It's funny because nobody else in our family cares much for jazz. Not me, not my parents, not even Aunt Vivian's husband. It just sounds like noise to us, honestly. But we try to learn when she talks about it! She's such an animated person, too. She'll talk so fast, explaining what the different instruments are doing, that I can barely understand her sometimes. I'm much more relaxed and calm than she is! But I admire her knowledge and her dedication to jazz. She could probably teach a class on it if she wanted.

S2: Some schools require students to bring their own computers to the classroom. Do you agree or disagree with the policy?

I disagree with this policy. What about the students who don't have very much money and can't afford their own laptops? Or have very old computers that overheat or have other technical issues? This could be a very uncomfortable situation for them. Also, when students have computers right in front of them, it is too easy for them to get distracted from the classroom activities. They could start messaging with friends or playing games...It just leads to trouble! Good, old-fashioned notebooks work just as well for taking notes. If the students need to complete an activity on the computer, the class can just meet in a computer lab on campus. Most schools have at least one computer lab, if not several.

121214NA

S1: An environmental group is planning to organize an activity to help protect the environment. What activity do you suggest and why?

I think the best activities are those that are educational and easily accessible. To organize a community clean-up day might be a good idea, because the whole community can participate in this activity, without the need to have any specialized knowledge. On a single day a large number of people, not only adults but also children, gather and work together for the common interest of their own community. They can clean up the streets, dump the trash, and most importantly, learn useful knowledge about environmental protection during the process, like the correct ways of handling toxic wastes.

S2: When you give gifts to others, do you prefer gifts that are fun or gifts that can be used?

If I am to give my friend a gift, I would choose something that my friend can use over something that is simply fun but is not practical. This is because I want my friend to keep this gift, so if this gift can be used daily, like a coffee

mug or a wallet or even a pillow, my friend will probably keep this gift with him, which will remind him of our friendship. On the other hand, if the gift is fun but without any practical use like a fancy toy, probably my friend will enjoy playing with it for a while but soon he will stash it in the bottom of the drawer and never take it out again.

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S1: Which of the following do your friends like you about the most? Cheerfulness, kindness, intelligence
I think my friends probably appreciate my kindness the most. I always make an effort to be pleasant with them. When they tell me about their day, I truly listen. If they have a problem, I support them. And at holidays and birthdays, I always give thoughtful gifts that I know my friends will like. I don't understand people who are super competitive with their friends or try to make their friends feel bad about themselves, hinting that they aren't pretty enough or smart enough. Who needs that? Who needs people in their life making them unhappy? The whole idea is that a friend is a person who you like. You enjoy their company. Being kind to them is extremely important.

S2. If you were to choose a class to study for fun, which one would you choose? An art class or a science class? I would choose an art class! I love art in all forms, from paintings to music to sculptures. But I don't know how to create any of it! So I would love to learn a few basics. Even just knowing what types of paint to use or how to properly draw shadows would be really useful. It's all new to me. I also think it would be kind of relaxing to just sit in an art class and paint for a couple hours. I don't have an activity like that currently, where I can zone out and be creative in a nice, quiet space. It sounds great. Trying to make my own art would probably make me appreciate famous works of art more, as well. I won't just think a painting is pretty. I'll recognize how much work the artist put into it and how difficult the techniques are. It would be a rich learning experience!

130118NA

S1: What are the most important qualities that a successful leader should have?

I think that a successful leader needs to always, first and foremost, truly care for the people he or she is leading. Some politicians get wrapped up in issues and scandals that may be exciting for journalists to cover, but actually affect a very small amount of the population. That sort of disconnect isn't very helpful. The best leaders are the ones who have a keen eye on the real needs of the people. There are leaders who say "You know what? Our school systems are not providing a well-rounded enough education to our children" or "Unemployed and struggling people need easy access to free food." These are issues that many people can connect with. It makes a very personal, positive difference in their life. And the good leaders who attach themselves to such issues rarely gain anything from it. They're not being selfish or power-hungry. They just honestly want to help.

S2: Do you agree or disagree? People should always tell the truth.

I suppose I disagree. Honesty, of course, is very important in life. However, I don't think it is wise or realistic for people to tell the truth 100% of the time. Little white lies, for instance, are sometimes necessary. A husband telling his wife who is sick in bed with the flu that she looks pretty (even though she doesn't) is an example of this. Or telling your sister that you like her new house that she bought, even if you think it is freezing and in a bad neighborhood. To spare your sister's feelings, you lie a little. Maybe eventually you'll bring up questions of safety in the neighborhood, but not immediately. There is a time and a place for everything. And sometimes, when you're waiting for the right time to tell the truth, a slight lie is okay.

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s1: Which of the following extracurricular activities would you recommend children to take? Plying sports, playing music, or visiting art galleries? Explain why

I would recommend that children learn to play an instrument. The whole process of learning to read music and play the corresponding notes is wonderful for the minds of young kids. They're memorizing things, they're improving their rhythm... They're just using their brains in a way that is pretty unique and beneficial. And once they learn to play entire songs, their confidence just shines! This is especially true if they play their instrument at a school concert or something similar. When they see their parents and the rest of the audience clapping for them, they are so proud. It's always good to accumulate talents and skills, and knowing how to play an instrument is one that kids will always appreciate they have.

S2: Which do you prefer? A job with a high salary but requires you to take a lot of business trips, or a job with a low salary but does not require you to take business trips.

I would prefer a job with a high salary and lots of business trips! Some people might find business trips to be an annoyance, but they actually sound fun to me. I love plane rides and hotels and traveling to new places. What a great way to see other parts of the world! I think that would be preferable to just staying in the same office every single work day. There would always be a new, exciting trip just around the corner. And to not only get paid to travel, but to receive a high salary for it? That's a dream come true! Also, if somehow the business trips do get old after a while or I feel like I'm not home enough, I could always switch jobs. With all the money I'd made and saved from the high salary, I'd still be pretty satisfied.

130202NA

S1: Which of the following activities do you think bring the most benefits to children and teenagers? 1. Reading books 2. Talking with elderly members of the community 3. Travelling to other countries

I think that reading books provides the most benefits to children and teenagers. Books can give them a window into the world unlike anything else. A little girl reading in her backyard can suddenly be immersed in the world of Paris in the 1770s, Japan in the 1950s, or even just a different way of life on the other side of her own country. Reading from an early age gives kids a context for the world they live in and a more open-minded stance. They don't only know their own narrow circumstances. They are aware of many, many other modes of living. They also understand history and so much of what happened before they were even born. This gives them a valuable wisdom that will never leave them.

S2: In some cities there is a law against making noises at night such as loud music or TV. Some people support this while others do not. What is your opinion?

I support this law very much! Everyone should be able to get a good night's sleep, whether they live in a city or out in the middle of nowhere. It doesn't matter if they're renting an apartment or bought their own house; people are entitled to sleep peacefully in their home. The fact that others would be blasting loud music or listening to their TV at full volume in the middle of the night, knowing full well that they were probably keeping their neighbors awake, is just horrible. It's easy enough to listen to those things at a reasonable volume! Therefore I think it is absolutely fair for rude, noisy people to get in trouble for being inconsiderate. Maybe it will make them think twice about being unnecessarily loud during sleeping hours. Weixin:laoxikou.

130215NA

S1: Among the following three activities, which do you think has the most benefits for students? 1. A field trip 2. A home tutoring session 3. A presentation given by a local leader

A presentation given by a local leader would be the most beneficial for students to experience. For one thing, sometimes it is hard for young people to visualize career paths beyond high school. Having a local leader come in and talk about their specific job, and the specific steps they took to get there, could be very useful and encouraging. For another, some students don't have any real role models. This leader could become a vital role model for them. The students could also ask any questions they want and maybe even find out about internships or volunteer opportunities at the local leader's office. The presentation would give them some helpful tools for success.

S2: Some people consider going to the gym a priority in their life, while others go to the gym only when they have time. Which do you think is better and why?

I think that prioritizing going to the gym is preferable to only going to the gym when you have time. Often, people become lazy and don't go to the gym nearly as much as they first intend to. Not only do they get out of shape, but they're throwing money away on barely used gym memberships. It's better to stay strict and make yourself go to the gym on a defined schedule. You'll feel healthier and more content with yourself. If you truly only want to exercise at random times, it's probably better to quit the gym altogether. You can go on runs or do yoga when you have time, and it won't cost you a thing!

130223NA

S1: What are the advantages and disadvantages of eating in a fast-food restaurant?

Fast food restaurants can be great when you go there on a whim. Say you and your roommate have just seen a movie at the theater, it's evening, and you don't feel like immediately going home and cooking dinner. Fast food is perfect for moments like that! Your food will be ready in just a few minutes, it will be greasy and salty, and it will taste delicious. Getting fast food can be undeniably fun and enjoyable. But at the same time, it's not a perfect experience. The restaurant itself is usually devoid of any style or warmth. The seats and tables are hard plastic. The color scheme is too bright and clashing. Bad pop music plays on the radio. And the food, while tasty, is most

likely full of chemicals and preservatives that you wouldn't find in a normal restaurant. That's why getting fast food, while fun, is best done only occasionally.

S2: Which do you prefer? Card game or computer game? Explain why.

I prefer card games! Computer games are fine, but computers have already infiltrated our lives so much. We can work on them, write on them, watch TV on them....It's nice to just take a break and play a game that has nothing to do with computers. Even the feel of the deck of cards in your hands is such a welcome physical change from staring at a screen. And something about cards is so classic! You can sit on your front porch, playing a game of poker as the sun sets in the distance, and really feel like someone could have been doing the exact same thing a hundred years ago. It's a very cool sensation and makes card games even more fun.

130302NA

S1: Which of the following makes you the happiest? 1. Spending time with friends and family 2 .Studying by yourself 3. Exercising

I'm most happy when I'm with my family and friends. There is just nothing like laughing and sharing and enjoying your time with people that you love! That close human interaction is priceless. Now, don't get me wrong, I appreciate my alone time. I can be a little hermit, shut away in my bedroom. Nice breaks all to myself, where I read or write, are great. But soon enough I start to yearn to hang out with a friend or spend the afternoon with a family member. My relationships ground me. When I'm content with them, I feel like I can face anything in the world. And if I'm feeling sad, giggling over silly movies with a friend or relative is the best cure I know of.

S2: Do you prefer to have classes in the morning or in the afternoon? Explain why.

I prefer afternoon classes by far! For one thing, I'm always completely exhausted during morning classes. It is often, literally, a struggle to keep my eyes open. I've even fallen asleep in class a handful of times! Not only do I get embarrassed, but I miss out on important information from the lecture as I snooze away. It's just bad. To me, afternoon classes are much better. I'm able to sleep-in a little and arrive at the classroom refreshed and ready to learn. Also, when I'm up at night working on homework, it's really nice to know that a paper isn't due until noon or my test isn't until 2:00 pm. It seems like I still have a lot of time, so I don't get nervous or overwhelmed. When the class starts at 8:00 am, it's a completely different story!

130308NA

S1: Your friend studies in a business school now, but he likes playing musical instrument. Would suggestion would you give to your friend? To keep studying business, or to learn to play music?

I would tell my friend to keep studying business, but still take music lessons in his spare time. He already did all the work to get into business school, so he shouldn't just abandon it partway through. That would be such a waste of time and money! Also, he's never going to regret having a business degree. But later on, he might regret it very much if he doesn't follow through on getting the degree. Even if he doesn't go into business, any higher education is helpful as you look for jobs and start your career. In his spare time, too, he can absolutely continue to practice his musical instrument! Maybe he could join a band after graduation and try to be a professional musician. Maybe it will work, maybe it won't. But he'll still have his business degree to fall back on, so he really can't lose either way.

S2: Some people choose to go to a school which is close to home so they can keep their old friends. However, other people like to study far away from home so they can make new friends. Which do you prefer and why? I think staying close to home for college is a good idea. The transition from high school is drastic enough; it's nice to have your old friends close by still. That way you can still see them on the weekends, catch up on what everyone is doing, and maintain that closeness. I do think, however, that even if someone stays close to home for school, they should not continue to live with their parents. Instead, they should either live in the dorms or rent an apartment with other students. Then, they can both have the comforts of being near home and branch out in independence and adulthood. They will still meet new friends, in addition to staying close to the old ones.

130322NA

S1: If you were to study a new form of art, which would you choose? Wood sculpture, portrait painting, or photography?

I would like to study wood sculpture, I think. For one thing, you hear about it way less than you do portraits or photography. There's probably a whole wood sculpting culture that I know nothing about! What types of woods are nice to carve from, and for what reasons? Which ones are softer or harder? What wood is from local trees and what wood is foreign? I have no clue about any of these things and honestly, it sounds quite interesting. Also, if my

studies included me trying to create some art myself, I think wood sculpture would be the choice with the most creativity involved. With both portrait painting and photography, you are capturing something pre-existing. You paint someone sitting for you or you take a photo of something in front of you. But with wood sculpture, what you end up carving comes solely from your imagination. That's more appealing to me.

S2: Do you prefer to participate in activities alone, or with a team or group?

Usually I prefer to participate in activities with a team or group. If the activity is a class project, for instance, it's nice to have a flurry of different opinions. Everyone in the group will have focused on slightly different things from the class and will add their unique voice to the project. That makes the end result more dynamic than if I had just worked on it myself. Activities outside of the classroom are also often more fun in a group. Going to a park, for example, becomes something of a little adventure when there are several people involved. Someone will unexpectedly begin to climb a tree like a monkey or throw pinecones at everyone else...The randomness certainly increases and makes everything more exciting.

130406NA

S1: Which is the most challenging place to work? Museum, hospital, business office.

I think a hospital must be the most challenging place to work. Even though doctors and nurses are completely trained and competent, it doesn't change the fact that there are lives at stake every single day! What unbelievable pressure! Things can go wrong so quickly and everyone not only needs to know the correct procedure to carry out or medicine to give, but they need to do it fast. Then there is the whole personal aspect of calming down relatives of patients, breaking bad news, giving diagnoses, and so on. Even the receptionists must encounter some intense situations at least once a week. I imagine emotions are running high pretty much constantly. It takes a definite inner strength to work in a hospital!

S2: Which do you prefer? Taking a course taught by a teacher, or study by yourself?

I much prefer taking a course taught by a teacher! I need that structure of going to class at a certain time and on certain days. I need someone giving me specific chapters to read for homework. I just don't have the discipline to do that myself. Laziness would set in, I'm sure, and I wouldn't study nearly as much as I should. Also, a teacher can answer any questions I have about a subject. If left to my own devices, I could have a question about something and not be able to find a decent answer anywhere. Along that line of thinking, I could also misunderstand something at some point and have no one there to correct me. I wouldn't even realize my knowledge was wrong! So, I might not even learn that much of substance, really. I prefer to have a teacher's guidance. Weixin:laoxikou.

130412NA

S1: A school is planning to organize its students to visit the workplace. Which place do you recommend the students to visit? 1. A science lab 2. A business office 3. A TV studio

I would recommend a business office. I think in today's economic climate, most students would finally work in the office so by visiting a real office environment they can know what their future place of work would look like. They can also ask employees some questions like how to adapt yourself quickly to a new working environment, and how to say no to your boss if you think he is wrong or you think you can't finish a task in time. On the other hand, a science lab is only for a few of the most intelligent and a TV studio would only be for those who study media and broadcasting.

S2: Some students prefer to work on their course paper one or two days before its due date. Others like to work on the paper bit by bit every day. Which do you prefer and why?

I prefer doing the work right away and a little bit every day. This ensures I can finish the task in time. Writing a course paper requires a lot of research work, like research in the library or conducting interviews or surveys. It cannot be done just in two days. Another reason is that this ensures the best quality. You have to allow the extra time to re-edit and improve on what you have written.

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S1: Which of the following volunteer work would you choose and why? 1. Working as a home tutor 2. Helping adults 3. Helping old people

I would choose helping adults as a volunteer position. Sometimes people are so close to being stable in their life, and all they need is just a little help and kindness. I would love to assist with something like that. Some adults, for instance, are unable to read at a good enough level to get a job. Teaching adult reading lessons would make a

world of difference to people like them. Other adults have maybe been laid off or gone through some other difficult time and are now homeless. Volunteering at a soup kitchen would help assure that these homeless people get a nice, hot meal and are served with a smile. Children are often focused on with charity work and, although that's an honorable thing, I don't think people should immediately become excluded from help when they become adults. That good spirit toward each other needs to continue on. Weixin:laoxikou.

S2: If you have time, would you choose to learn to play a new musical instrument or learn to play a new sport? I think I would learn to play a new sport. In fact, I've always wanted to learn how to play volleyball. I know the very basics, I guess, of hitting the ball over the net. But I have memories of being little and trying to play volleyball with my friends and not really understanding how to properly do anything. I couldn't hit the ball hard enough, I didn't know how to position my hands...I don't think I scored a single point! And that was the last time I tried to play. So I think it would be fun if I could learn, finally, all the precise moves and maneuvers to play a decent game of volleyball! Maybe I could even challenge my friends to a match.

130517NA

S1: Some schools require students to take part in community service activities after school. Which of the following do you think is the best activity for students? 1. planting flowers in the community 2. doing clean-ups in the garden 3. recycling waste. sample answer:

There are 2 reasons why planting flowers is the best community service activity for students. First of all, flowers make the community more beautiful. Most people love to look at and smell flowers, especially in the spring and summer. And whenever community members see the flowers that the students planted in their town, they will fondly remember the students who planted them. The second reason is that it brings people together. When students plant the flowers they will probably work alongside townspeople. By working together as a team, students will understand the importance of being part of a community. They will also learn that making contributions to their community makes everybody happier and more productive.

S2: Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Teachers should make their lessons fun.

I definitely think that teachers should make their lessons fun. The main reason is that if lessons are fun, students will want to learn. When students enjoy their lessons, they are more likely to come to class, talk to their classmates, and do their homework. On the other hand, if lessons are boring, students will probably be absent more often, not participate in class activities, and not do their homework. From my experience as a student, I know this is true. I never used to like studying world history because I always had boring teachers. But a few years ago I had a professor who always delivered creative and fun lessons. I loved studying with him, and so did my classmates, and by the end of the semester we had learned so much.

130622NA

S1

Question: Which of the following activity do you prefer to do alone rather than in a group? Study, shopping, exercise. I would prefer to study alone. This has something to do with my personality. I am a quiet person, and a bit introverted, so I normally do not talk to other people unless I have to. When I am studying, for example, I like to stay in a quiet place, with nobody around me, so I can concentrate on my study. If I have a question, I prefer to write it down, think about it for a while, and if there's no solution, I would probably write an email to my teacher or post a message on the Internet. I am also easily distracted, so if there are other people studying beside me, I will be disturbed by whatever noises they may produce, like a distant chatter, or an occasional phone ring.

S2

Question: Do you prefer to do a job which requires you to travel a lot, or a job that allows you to work at a fixed location?

I would defiantly choose a job that is in a fixed location. I hate travelling for work, mainly because it disrupts your daily routine. When you take a business trip, for example, you may have to get up very early in order to catch a flight, or get home very late because of a train delay. You would miss your favorite TV show, a weekend family dinner, or a training session at the gym. Another reason is simply time. When you travel to a distant city, you spend a lot of time on the way, and it can be extremely boring and exhausting. A trip from Shanghai to New York takes about 14 hours, and there's nothing you can do except reading, sleeping and eating.

130713NA

S1

Question: Suppose you are doing volunteer work at a hospital, which of the following jobs would you choose? 1. Talk to patient 2. Read to patient 3. Look after patients' family members Sample answer:

If I am to take a volunteer job at the hospital, I would prefer to talk to the patients there. I would choose this job because I am good at communication. I used to take a course in interpersonal communication. It teaches me how

to use effective strategies when communicating with different people in different situations. I am sure I will be able to use these strategies, like facial and body movements, tone of voice, etc, to comfort the patients, and to cheer them up. Moreover, I think having someone to talk to is what many patient would need the most, especially when they are staying in a hospital, as this can reduce their fear and stress.

S2

Question: Do you prefer a job which requires you to communication with others, or do you prefer a job where you work alone.

sample answer:

I would prefer a job where I am allowed to communicate with others. I can't imagine doing a job with no one to talk to. It would make me feel like a robot. Communication is very important in a job setting for two reasons. First, when you meet some difficulty at work, you can communicate with your coworkers and you can find a solution together. It's much more efficient than working on the problem again and again all by yourself. Second, having someone to talk to also eases the stress you may encounter at work. Suppose you feel stressed at work. Instead of suppressing this feeling, you can talk with your friend for a while, maybe have a cup of coffee, and you'll feel much better afterwards.

131116NA

Which of the following activities do you prefer to do with friends .1, taking a walk2 going to a movie3 traveling to another city

sample answer:

I would choose travelling to another city if I could. I love travelling to different places because this gives me a completely different experience. You get to meet new people that speak a different language or dialect, you can see interesting buildings that are different from your hometown, and you can enjoy food that you may never have tasted before. These are all the exciting things you can experience when you travel to another city. On the other hand, taking a walk or going to a movie are things that you can do everywhere and almost every day, so they are quite boring in my mind.

131122NA

Your friend wants to have a more healthy eating habit. What suggestions would you give to this friend?

sample answer:

I would suggest the following to my friend. First, switch to a more sugar-free diet because a high-sugar diet boosts your odds of tooth decay, heart diseases, not to mention weight gain. So I would ask my friend to be careful whenever he is doing food shopping. He should read the labels to see the sugar content, and he should avoid buying sweet things like chocolate or candy bars. Second, I would strongly advise that my friend never skip breakfast. I know many young people don't have time for breakfast because they get up too late. This is a very dangerous habit because over time it does damage to your stomach and may even cause diabetes.

100828CNS1

Describe one thing you didn't want to do but you were asked to do. Explain what the result of that thing was. Include reasons and details in your response.

When I was younger, maybe eight or nine, my parents decided that every Sunday evening I should clean the entire living room. That meant I had to vacuum, dust, pick up everything off the floor, and anything else they could think of. I hated it at first! All I wanted to do was play or watch TV. I acted like I was being tortured, doing each task really slowly. But eventually, once I turned some music on and got a rhythm going, it actually started to be pretty fun. I turned the chores into my own little game, seeing how quickly and efficiently I could do everything. And when I was done, the living room was so much more pleasant to be in. I ended up getting a real satisfaction from the whole experience.

080809CNS1

Describe your favorite subject at school. Explain why this subject is your favorite.

My favorite subject at school has always been history. I enjoy history because by learning about people and events in the past, I begin to realize how the world and its people came to be as they are today. For example, to understand why even as a Chinese citizen I cannot go to Hong Kong as freely as I wish, I'd have to know certain historical periods and events. Another reason I enjoy studying history is because I was fortunate to have a number of excellent history instructors throughout my high school years. They never forced me to memorize stuff. Instead, they told us exciting stories and introduced us the greatest minds in human history. They made George Washington or Napoleon vivid persons rather than just historical names.

110731CN

S1:

What type of music do you enjoy most? Explain why you enjoy this type of music. Include reasons and details in your explanation.

I enjoy classic rock and roll from the 1960s and 1970s. My favorite bands are The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, but there are dozens of others that I love as well. Not only are the songs from that era extremely catchy and fun, but they kind of transport you to a different time when you listen to them. You feel the rebelliousness in the guitar solos and the yells of the lead singers. You feel the sheer energy of the era, which was spurred on by social events both good and bad. It was just a wild time back then! And listening to the rock music makes everything seem so immediate. No picture of the 1960s and 1970s is complete without the music. I never get tired of it.

S2

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It's easier to teach children in primary schools than students in universities. Include reasons and details in your explanation. 答案: I don't agree with this opinion. I think it is more difficult to teach children in primary schools mainly because the discipline is harder to maintain. There may be many distractions for children that will keep them from learning, and they have a much shorter attention span. On the other hand, students in universities are better at self-motivation and discipline. They are also more aware of the importance of utilizing their time productively. There is a sense of urgency because it is all about their future. There are, of course, many distractions for university students as well, but as adults they are expected to know how to handle them.

120615CNS2

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Wealthy people should be required to use their money to help others.

No. I don't agree with this statement. It would be nice if wealthy people can be generous enough to use their money to help the poor, but they don't have the obligation to do so. First, for most wealthy people, they don't become wealthy overnight. They have accumulated their wealth after years of hard work and wise financial management. In a word they've earned their wealth so it would be unfair to just require them to share what they've earned with others. Second, I think giving money is not the best option because as the old saying goes, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." So to really help the poor, we should teach them a skill rather than simply giving them money.

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Which form of transportation is the most enjoyable? Train, automobile or plane?

I personally enjoy travelling by train the most. I think travelling by train is by far the most reliable means of transportation, in terms of both punctuality and safety. weixin: laoxikou Unlike the airplane, trains strictly keep to their schedule, seldom delayed or cancelled. If the train schedule says arrival time is 10:30, the train will arrive at that time. When you can be sure of the departure and arrival time, then planning a trip or a business meeting becomes a lot easier for you. Moreover, I feel that travelling by train is much safer than travelling by bus or by air. The fact that a train stays on the ground and on a fixed route makes me worry less about it dropping off the sky or colliding with another running vehicle.

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Do you think that people will read fewer books in the future? sample answer:

I think the trend is for people to read less and less. I believe the future of human communication will be a return to the more direct social interactions that existed before the evolution of written language. I am not predicting a return to polysyllabic grunting and interpretive dance. Instead, I believe we will rely less and less on reading and writing, and more and more on watching, listening, and speaking. The future of human communication may become merely multimedia experiences. Eventually, even digitally written words may themselves disappear—and we will communicate via interactive digital video and audio—and the very notion of "literacy" may become meaningless. But fear not—I don't predict this will happen until the end of the century—and I am probably completely wrong anyway.

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If a high school is planning to organize an after-school activity for its students, what kind of activity would you recommend and why?

sample answer:

Recently I have taken quite an interest in cooking, so I would suggest that the school organize a cooking-learning activity to teach students how to prepare some delicious food. It can be really fun and I bet there will be a lot of communication going on with students and it's a good way to build up team spirit. The school can even hold a

contest to see who can cook the most delicious food . It doesn't have to be very complicated; only some common easy stir-fry dishes are enough, like kung pao chicken or stir-fry bean sprouts. More importantly I think cooking is an essential skill for people nowadays as eating home-cooked food is a much more healthy and less costly way of life than, for example, eating in a restaurant or in a fast-food store.

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Some people like to spend their spare time with friends, some people like to spend it alone. Which do you prefer? Answer: I like doing both! I suppose more of my time is spent alone, though. I really value being able to be alone with my thoughts and do whatever I want. I can go for a drive in my car, run some errands, read a book. It's almost meditative; I need those times to recharge and just relax. At the same time, if I'm by myself for too long, then I start to get antsy and feel like visiting a friend. So, I guess my preference is to spend my spare time alone, but not all of my spare time. I think it's wise to mix it up and continually change your patterns of activity so you never feel as if you're in a rut

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If you were to become a volunteer at the school or in the community, what kind of volunteer work would you do and why?

I think People have to contribute to their communities, societies and humanity in some way, and doing volunteer work is a great way to achieve this. If I got the chance, I would like to become a care-giver volunteer for my neighborhood. I am a medical student and I believe that I have the professional skills and knowledge to help those local people who are sick, disabled or semi-bedridden. Even if they do not need medical attention, or if I am not qualified to do so, I could always help by doing laundry, cleaning, cooking, etc, for them, which is also important. I think it is truly gratifying work and I hope that if I need help someday, that someone might come to help me.

140315CNS2=091220CNS2=071117NAS2

Some people prefer to work in the office, while others prefer to work from home. Which do you prefer and why? sample answer:

Given the choice, I would prefer to work from home. By working from home I don't have to spend 2 or 3 hours every day commuting, which means I don't need to get up very early, rush through my breakfast, and squeeze myself into an overcrowded bus or subway train. It feels like I'll have 2 or 3 hours extra time every day, all to myself, which I could spend as freely as I wish, such as jogging or exercising, reading books, or walking by dog. Some people may say that working from home means cutting yourself from the rest of your colleagues, but I think that with today's telecommunication and internet technology, weixin: laoxikou you can still stay connected, and quite effectively, with your colleagues or your boss by writing emails, making calls, and sending or receiving fax.

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Describe a special friend in your childhood. Explain why this friend is special to you? Include reasons and details to support your response.

Answer: I can't talk about my childhood without mentioning Tom. We have been neighbors since we were in primary school. We kinda stuck together since we found we have many things in common. For example, we both loved soccer and joined the school soccer team. We loved science fictions and were both devoted fans of the Star Trek series. People said we even looked similar, a little bit chubby with about the same height However, Tom is a special friend not just because of these similarities. To me, he is special teacher who first introduced me to the world of astronomy, which seemed to be his specialty. He would let me spend hours looking up into the sky, teaching me how to remember the names and positions of the stars and constellations.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Personality changes as one grows older.

Answer: Many people say that personality is genetically determined, but I believe that it changes with age. For example, as people reach middle age, they tend to become more mature and less dependent on others. They care more about their work, responsibilities, and those in their lives. When people get old, they are less energetic and become less open to new ideas and concepts. These are all personality changes that naturally occur when people get older. Another possible factor of personality change is education. As knowledge accumulates over the years, people's understanding of the world or of themselves may both change, leading to a different pattern of personalities.

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What quality do you think is the most important for a university student? Self-motivation, hard-working, or intelligence? sample answer:

I think that the most important quality for a university student is self-motivation. This is because students who are self-motivated can always find the strength and confidence to complete a task, even when this task is challenging,

and they do so without giving up or needing others to encourage them. In the university there are so many challenging tasks, weixin: laoxikou like coping with exams and meeting deadlines for papers. Those who are self-motivated do not need other people to tell them what to do or when to do it. They just do what needs to be done, in due time and with good quality. With self-motivation you are naturally hard-working, out of your own will rather than being forced by others. Intelligence is good too, but it doesn't always help.

101023CNS1=090801NAS1=140323CNS1

Talk about one activity you will do in the near future. Explain why you want to do this activity. sample answer:

Answer 1:

Tonight I'm going to go to the store and get my nephew, Adam, a birthday present. He's turning four on Friday and that's also the day of his party. He really likes big cats, like lions and panthers, so hopefully I'll be able to find a stuffed animal of one of those. If not, his mom always likes when he gets educational toys as presents. I'm sure the store will have a puzzle or alphabet game that would be perfect for Adam, as well as a cute bag for me to wrap it in. No matter what presents he ends up getting, I have a feeling Adam's favorite part of his birthday party will be the cake! It's going to be lemon cake with vanilla frosting this year. I can't wait!

Answer 2:

In a few days my sister and I are going to the art museum downtown. They're having an exhibition about PostImpressionism painters right now, mostly van Gogh, and it's ending within the next week or two, so I want to get down there while I still can. I kind of wish I hadn't waited so long, though! My sister and I have always enjoyed going to art museums together, even when we were little. Our grandparents used to take us. I can remember, probably around the time I was in kindergarten, gazing up at a painting and just being fascinated. No matter how many times you see a piece of art, it can still enchant you.

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Some people prefer to be a leader in a group project, while others prefer to be a supporting member in a group project. Which do you prefer and why? Use examples and details in your explanation. sample answer:

If I could choose, I would prefer to be a leader in a group project. Although being a leader in a group means more responsibilities, it also means I am given the chance to develop my leadership and management skills, which I think are very important in the current society. For example, when I am applying for a job, my resume would look a lot better if it could include a successful project I have personally led. Well I'm not saying supporting members are not important. It's just that the work of a leader is more challenging, so it is more valued. Being the leader of a project also has the potential of stretching me to my limit, helping me find out what I can really do.

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Talk about a person you want to know more about. Explain what you would like to know about this person and why. The person I have always wanted to know more about is Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of China. weixin: laoxikou Although I've read plenty of information about him in textbooks, historical novels and films, there are still a few unsolved mysteries that I am very curious about. For example, I would like to know where he was born exactly, as there is a bit of a controversy regarding his true birthplace. And secondly, although this sounds weird, who is Qin Shi Huang's father? The answer to this question remained a mystery and I guess it will remain a mystery forever until a possible DNA test could be conducted.

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Do you agree or disagree that students should be required to go to school before they are 16. I support the idea that students should receive compulsory education until they are at least 16. Without this policy, it is likely that there would be more illiteracy and more ignorance among citizens, which is detrimental to a country's development. Secondly, compulsive education ensures that all children have equal access to education, regardless of their social or economic status. Compulsive education is funded by the government, so children from even the poorest families can afford to send their children to school. This is often the only chance to help these families make a better living in the future.

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Describe a special event or occasion that you had with your family or friends. Explain why it was special. My parents threw a huge Halloween party one year when I was about seven. It was interesting because they never did stuff like that. Our house was always calm and quiet! We didn't even have people over for dinner, really. But, for whatever reason, weixin: laoxikou we had a massive Halloween party that year. I don't even know how many people were there. It was so fun—we had black lights and fake cobwebs all over our front porch. People were bobbing for apples in the backyard. I remember my sister and I chasing each other through the fake gravestones, dressed in our costumes, just having the time of our lives! It was an unforgettable night!

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When they meet a problem, some people prefer to seek advice or help from people who are older than they are, while others prefer to seek advice or help from people of the same age. Which do you prefer and why?

I think it all depends on what types of problems you are dealing with. I encounter many different kinds of problems every day. Some of them are really small and may be too personal so I only ask my close friends for help. For example if I am extremely sad about my girlfriend breaking up with me, I would never turn to my parents for help. Instead, I would talk with my friends who can offer me comfort. However, on other occasions, there may be complicated problems and to solve them requires skills and experience far beyond my own knowledge or capability, and it is at this moment that I think older people's help or advice is much more valuable.

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Your friend often feels nervous when speaking in front of a large group of people. What suggestions would you give to your friend to overcome this fear?

I would give my friend the following suggestions. First, relax your body before going on stage. Easing the tension from your body can help steady your voice and relax your mind. Activities like stretching your arms or legs, or even simple things like chewing a piece of gum can help to reduce tension in the body. Second, I would recommend my friend to watch a comedy on the morning of the day before the speech. Laughing will take your mind off your nervousness. For example my favorite comedy is "The Big Bang Theory", and I often watch it when I get nervous. It worked every time!

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When you take a trip, do you prefer to just look around, or do you prefer to take pictures and keep a journal? I prefer to take pictures and keep a journal when I'm traveling. Often, I'm having such fun and everything happens so fast, it kind of becomes a blur. I would hate to forget the funny old bookstore I spontaneously visited for five minutes, or the gorgeous flower display I walked past on the sidewalk. Taking photos helps me keep the events organized and the memories clear. What also helps is keeping a travel journal. At the end of each day of my trip, I like to jot down quick notes about the moments of my day. That way, I remember each restaurant I ate at and park I visited. I just like knowing the specific order that everything happened. It makes the events read like a story. Years later, the fun details of my trip will still be crystal clear.

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Talk about two singers who are popular in your country. Explain why they are popular and how they are different. I would like to talk about Leehom Wang (王力宏) and Teresa Teng (邓丽君), two popular and influential Chinese pop singers. They have clear differences both in terms of their musical style and their audience. Leehom is an American-born singer. His musical style is known for fusing Chinese elements such as Beijing opera with hip-hop and R&B. On the other hand, Teresa Teng was known for her folk songs and romantic ballads. Many became standards in her lifetime, such as "The Moon Represents My Heart" (月亮代表我的心). In terms of audience, leehom has become an idol for the younger generation in China who love pop music while Teresa Teng, although she passed away nearly 20 years ago, still enjoyed great popularity, but mainly among older people born in the 50s or 60s.

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Do you prefer to have fast food in a fast-food restaurant, or do you prefer to have food in other kinds of places? I don't like to eat in a fast-food restaurant. Health is my first concern. Fast food is known to have poor nutritional value because it is high in calories, fats, sugars and other unhealthy ingredients. My next concern is with the dining environment of a fast-food restaurant, which is often overcrowded and noisy, and there appear to be lines everywhere. So I would avoid going to a fast-food restaurant. Instead, I would go to a small but cozy restaurant or café, where I can sit comfortably in a chair, enjoy reading the latest menus, and maybe listen to some nice music while having a lovely afternoon tea.