

Part 1

☆ What's your favorite subject/course? Do you think people who major in your field can find a job easily when they graduate? Did your parents choose a secondary school for you? What are your goals for the future?

My favorite subject is college English coz you know English abilities give you a competitive edge and improve your chances of employment. Besides, I will travel the world with few language barriers if I can speak good English. But it is well known to all that learning a foreign language takes time and energy.

My favorite course is music coz you know the history of music is the history of human society. There are many famous musicians who often play a key role on the development of our community, such as Beethoven ['bei,təʊvən] and Chopin ['tʃɒpɪn]. Besides, classical music can always calm me down. Listening classical music is one of my favorite leisure activities.

You know, I major in civil engineering and I think people who major in your field can find a job easily, because civil engineering is really a promising field. When I graduated from my school, I found there are a lot of chances of employment which are about civil engineering. Furthermore, most civil engineers always receive a relatively higher social status and good payment. But it is no easy to be a civil engineer, because being a civil engineer requires more schooling and higher degree.

No, they didn't. But they actually gave me many good advices about choosing a secondary school. I should really thank my parents for this.

☆ What's your hometown famous for? Is it good for young people? Can you tell me about some recent changes in your hometown? What will your hometown be like in the future? Can you tell me something about the public transport system in your hometown? Is the traffic heavy in your city?

You know, my hometown is a famous fabulous seaside city—Zhuhai. It is famous for its beautiful beaches and delicious seafood. Besides, the cityscape is gorgeous. I really like my hometown not only because it's beautiful landscape but also the laid back lifestyle.

As I see it, Zhuhai is a good place for young folks coz you know Zhuhai is a peace and quiet city. People there are pretty laid-back. Young folks can go hiking、biking、jogging or camping in their leisure time. This is benefit for their growth. So it is good for young people.

You know, last year the government of Zhuhai proposed many positive policies which were beneficial to the development of Zhuhai's economy and living environment. So there are more chances of employment for our young generations and the city life is becoming more convenient.

I believe Zhuhai will become a by far more attractive city in the future with these positives policies and the investment environment of Zhuhai will be better.

Zhuhai has a developed public transport system, which is made up of minibus, shuttle bus, ferry, sky train and so on. It is quite convenient for people to take a bus here coz there are loads of bus stations in Zhuhai now. Besides, the bus drivers in Zhuhai are quite gentle.

The traffic jams in Zhuhai only happen in rush hour. So I don't think the traffic is really heavy in mu city.

☆ Do you live in a house or a flat? Which is your favorite room in your house/ flat? Do you think there is anything that should be improved in your house/flat? What kind of house do you wish to have?

I live in an apartment with my parents. Even though it is really an old one, I still really like it because I have lived in this apartment so long that it contains many precious memories of mine.

My favorite room is my bedroom coz I decorate my bedroom with my favorite toys and books.

I hope that I can have a new TV set in my apartment coz the sound and visual effects of the old one is really bad.

☆ Does your Chinese name have any special meanings? Do you think you'll change your name in the future? Are there any important traditions about giving children their names in China? Who give children their names in Chinese families?

My family name is QIU and my given name is LONG.I was born in the year of dragon. Long is the Chinese translation of dragon. And my parents hope that I can be strong as the dragon in Chinese legend.

No, I don't think so coz my name carry some special meaning from my parents.

Yes, I suppose so. In Chinese tradition children's names are mostly given by their father rather than any others family members.

☆ What sports did you play when you were a child? What're the differences between sports played by boys and sports played by girls? What're your favorite sports now? Are there any sports you want to learn to play?

I often went swimming in my childhood coz, you know, swimming is probably one of the best all-around exercises. It keeps you fit and keeps your body in shape. This increase in physical fitness enables me to avoid obesity and many health problems. Besides, I always fell calm when swimming and it was just a good way for me to get away from my everyday study.

When it comes to sport, females are considered to be inferior to males in physical strength. Therefore, males are prefer to some high-strength sports, like football and basketball, while females are prefer to some low-strength sports, like jogging and biking.

Now my favorite sport is badminton, you know, badminton is very popular in china and there are many world-famous badminton players here, such as 林丹 and 张宁. Many companies tend to select badminton as their business-house sports, because it helps to develop useful group skills and strategies.

Recently I really want to learn some adventure sports, such as rock climbing and gliding flight, because these sports can inspire people that nothing in the world is difficult for one who sets his mind to it.

☆ Why are gardens and parks important to us? Do you often go to gardens and parks?

You know, now most citizens suppose that gardens and parks are important to both individuals and cities. They not only provide people with the place to do some leisure activities and enjoy their weekends, but also help to enhance the cityscape.

Yes, I do. I often go to the 海滨 garden, which is the biggest garden in Zhuhai city, with my parents in weekend. The garden doesn't charge visitors any entrance fees, so everyone can go there as many times as they want. As my parents believes in strengthening family ties, so no matter how busy they are, they would make sure to find some time to have a picnic or fishing with me in this garden.

☆ What do you collect? Why do people collect things? What kind of things do kids like to collect? Is it good for kids to collect things?

It is known to all that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. As I am a movie buff, I prefer to collect the video disks of my favorite movies, which have stared since I enter the secondary school.

Ah, there are certainly some reasons for people to collect things. As I see it, some people collect things for personal pleasure, while other collect stuff in order to increase their wealth.

While, in my childhood, I like to collect the toys of my favorite cartoon figures.

It is difficult to judge this trend is good or not. It is my personal belief that even though this may be really money consuming and takes children too much time, they should be encourage to collect things they like, which helps to develop their curiosity.

☆ Did you like reading books when you were little? What were your favorite kinds of books? What kind of books do you like these days? Why do you like reading such books?

When I was a little child, I was really into reading children's storybooks because the pictures in this kind of books were always attractive and the stories were interesting to school age children.

My favorite kinds of books were children's storybooks and cartoon book.

I am currently in fiction books, such as the series of Harry Potter and Twenty Thousand Leagues [li:g] Under the Sea. Because the imaginary worlds in these books are so fascinating, and the story lines are always though-provoking.

☆ What're your favorite public holidays? Are public holidays important to us? What do you usually do on public holidays? Who do you usually spend holidays with? How do you spend weekends?

It is no doubt that my favorite public holiday is the Spring Festival because I can receive much lucky money, which enables me to buy what I want. I suppose that the Spring Festival is the most important public holiday in china. Besides, most Chinese people like to celebrate the Spring Festival with their family members.

Yes, I suppose so, because public holidays provide us with the opportunities to relax our bodies and ease our minds. People can get away from their dull routine of everyday work and stay with their family, which helps to strengthen family ties.

As I am really an outdoorsman, normally, I tend to hang out with several friends, do some outdoor activities or travel to other cities.

In most cases, I usually spend holidays with my family and girlfriend.

You know, I believe in strengthening family ties so no matter how busy I am, I would make sure to find some time to accompany my family. So I spend most of my weekends with my patents.

☆ What's your favorite kind of weather? What kind of weather feels the best when people work? Do you prefer cold weather to hot weather?

I love cool, rainy days the most. I have no idea why some people find it "depressing". I think it is a very "romantic" kind of weather, you know, A great weather to just snuggle [sn̩gəl] with my girlfriend all day.

Personally, I think chilly['t̩li:], low humid ['hju:m̩d] days are perfect for working coz this kind of weather can make you refreshing.

You know, I am a man who sweats easily in the hot days, which has brought my so many troubles. So, personally, I prefer to cold weather.

☆ Do you exercise every day? Do you think it's important to exercise every day? What's the importance of keeping fit?

That depends. I prefer to work out every day because this beneficial to my body and can keep me in shape. But, you know, when I'm busy, it is really difficult for me to find some time to exercise every day.

Yes, I suppose so. Doing exercise every day promotes the development of the body and muscles and helps to keep me fit. This increase in physical fitness enables me to avoid obesity and health problems, such as heart disease and high blood pressure. So, it's important to exercise every day.

You know, keeping fit helps to decrease the stress from working all day and control our weight. It is well known to all that all work and no play make jack a dull boy.

☆ Do you like parties? Do you like dancing? Have you learned how to dance? Why do so many young people like dancing today? Where do people dance in your country?

Yes, I do. Actually, I am an easy going type of person and tend to hang out with my friends. So I like parties because they provide me with the opportunities of strengthening relationship of friends. Besides, most of the parties held by my friends are really funny.

Ah, actually, I am weak in dancing. However, I suppose dancing is the most graceful sport in the world.

No, I haven't.

Ah, you know, actually, dancing is really popular in China now because youngsters think dancing is graceful and can keep them fit and keep their body in shape.

Chinese people tend to dance in the dancing club and some popular bars where they can share their happiness with loads of people who have the same interest.

☆ Do you like swimming? What're the benefits of swimming? Do you prefer to swim in the sea or in a swimming pool? (Day 8: D)

I'm really into swimming. I had learned swimming in my primary school.

You know, swimming is probably one of the best all-around exercises. It keeps you fit and keeps your body in shape.

As I see it, I prefer to swim in a swimming pool coz there are less kids splashing water around. Besides, it is no doubt that swimming in the pool is much safer, you know, there are loads of potential hazards['hæzəd] in the ocean, I am afraid to step on the poisonous marine life.

☆ Do you like travelling? Why? Where do you want to travel?

Yes, I suppose so. I'm really into travel.

You know, I can meet some new people in my trip, and I believe that travel can enrich my social experience and expand my outlook. That is exactly why I like travelling.

Recently, I want to travel to Xiamen city with one of my best friends-子龙. Xiamen is a fabulous['fæbjuləs] seaside city with great views, friendly local people, mild temperature and many other great things. Besides, 子龙 was born and grew up there in Xiamen. So who could be a better tour[tuə] guide than him?

☆ What're your favorite colors? Do you think colors have any special meanings? What were your favorite colors when you were a child? Are colors important to you when you choose clothing? Is there anything that has dark colors in your house? Are there any colors that you would avoid when decorating your house?

I prefer bright colors like orange, green and cream coz bright colors are considered outgoing and friendly. As I am an easy going type of person, this is exactly why I like bright colors.

Colors mean many different things to different people and cultures. For example, many Chinese people (including me) tend to think of red as a lucky color. On Chinese new year eve, parents like to dress their children in red, which contains the best wishing from adults.

Actually, I preferred dark colors in my childhood, such as black and brown, coz you know, I was really a naughty['nɔ:ti] boy and used to spot my clothes, which always made

my parents angry. As dark colored clothes do not so easy to get dirty, that is exactly why I preferred dark colors.

When it comes to cloth, I prefer comfort over color. But, it is still one of my considerations.

There are many things have dark colors in my house, like computer, television and my coffee cup.

Yes, I suppose so. I think I would not use blue to print my house coz I find this color is kind of "depressing".

☆ How often do you use your computer? Is Internet important to our lives? What do you think of online shopping? Do you think we should trust information on the Internet?

Actually, I use my computer almost every day, because I can have a chit chat with my friends through programmes, such as QQ and blog.

Yes, I suppose so. It seems that information highway has made our live much more convenient than ever before. It has put a wealth of information at your fingertips. So, Internet is important to our lives.

Ah, I'm an online shopper. I really enjoy purchasing goods at my comfortable home. It is my personal belief that having the goods delivered to your place beats[bi:t] having to go out and bargain['ba:gin] with the shop assistants.

That depends. Even though you can get loads of information from the internet, this does not mean all the information is reliable. For example, some adults often post false private information on their personal webpages which enable them to pretend to be youngsters in order to meet some school age teenagers.

☆ Do you like fashionable clothes? Why?

Actually, when I am choosing clothes, whether the clothes is fashionable or not is always not the first consideration of mine, because, you know, I prefer comfort to style.

☆ What are the differences between the children now and the children in the past?

Now children are taller and probably much heavier, you know, because they eat so much greasy fast food ... And I would say the children today know a whole lot more than the kids did ten years ago, but play video games too often and watch too much TV, which I believe is not healthy at all.

☆ Do you have a mobile phone? Which is more important to us, a mobile phone or a fax machine? Do you prefer to send text messages or to make phone calls?

Yes, I have. I have a smartphone which is a birthday gift from my parents. My parents gave it to me in two years ago, and I treasure it a lot.

As the application of mobile phone is increasing, people now can use their mobile phone to do many things, such as making a phone call, surfing internet, checking email and getting direction to their destination. So, I suppose mobile phone is more important to us, because this little gadget has made our lives much more convenient.

Actually, I prefer to send text message, because using texting is cheap and convenient.

☆ Do you often read newspapers? Why?

As I used to get current affairs from the information highway and news shows of TV, I don't read traditional newspaper and magazine very often, because they are much more convenient and cost-efficient.

☆ Why do people prefer to stay away from noise? What's your favorite kind of sound? What kind of sound do you try to avoid?

As I see it, there is no doubt that people prefer to get away from noise. Noise not only distracts us from our work, but also makes us really uncomfortable and upset when it's too

loud. So, that is exactly why people prefer to stay away from noise.

It is no doubt that my favorite kind of sound is music, especially the country music, because this kind of sound tends to calm me down.

You know, I always try to always the noise from the street because this is really a distraction to me.

☆Where do you meet new people? Where did people meet new people in the past?

I tend to meet new people online through some websites, such as facebook and blog, because these websites do not require me to meet new people face to face, which really reduce the chances of embarrassment [im'bəʊəsmənt].

☆Do you like writing letters? Do you prefer to write letters or emails?

Actually, I don't put pen to paper very often coz, you know, my handwriting is pretty messy. That is exactly why I don't like writing letters.

I tend to emails coz email is much more convenient and much faster than regular mail. Still, it can't be denied that letters convey our feeling more effectively.

☆Do you wish to learn another foreign language? What's the most difficult thing in learning a foreign language?

Even though the ability of speaking another foreign language can increase your competitive power, I still don't wish to learn another foreign language, because learning a foreign language takes time and energy. It is certainly not easy to be good in a foreign language.

As a matter of fact, there are no shortcuts to learning a foreign language. It's well-known that practice makes perfect. And I suppose the most difficult thing in learning a foreign language is the grammar.

Where do you usually buy clothing? What is your favorite kind of clothing?

Rather than buying clothing in big shopping center, I prefer to buy clothing in boutique[bu:ti:k] coz sometimes I can find some real bargain there.

I prefer the athletic look, you know, just like a baseball tee, gym pants and sneakers coz this kind of clothing just make me feel comfortable.

Have you ever been to a concert? Did you like it? What kind of music do you like? What are the differences between going to a concert and listening to CDs?

Yes, I have. I went to see a classical music concert in Zhuhai last year.

I'm really fascinated by the concert coz I enjoyed the atmosphere there.

I prefer classical music to pop music coz pop music doesn't have much depth and classical music tends to calm you down.

We can hear singers or bands perform live in concerts. We share the viewing experience with a large audience who love the same music. But CDs give us far more choices[tʃi:s]. These days, concert ticket prices can be sky-high so it's unlikely we can go to all the concerts we wish[wi:] we could go to.

☆What's your favorite type of TV show? Did you watch much TV when you were a kid?

My favorite type of TV show is the quiz show coz it is much more educational and it always encourages me to explore this world on everything around us.

No, I didn't. Because I was really a naughty boy and I preferred to hang out with my friends in my childhood rather than to sit in front of the TV set.

☆What're your favorite outdoor activities?

Recently, my favorite outdoor activity is to play Killers of the Three Kingdoms which is a popular card game in China with my friends. The game is so interesting that we always play for hours.

What are the most important character traits for success?

I think confidence and self-discipline are the most important character traits for success.

☆ Do you like taking photos? Do you like to take photos outdoors or indoors? Is photography popular in China?

Yes, I suppose so coz photos capture precious moment for us. Going through a photo album is like a trip down the memory lane.

You know, I enjoy taking photo of wild life. That is exactly why I tend to take photos outdoors, which enable me to capture the movement of my favorite animals.

Yes, I suppose so, you know, there are a host of photo magazines and photography associations in china now.

If you visit another city, will you buy some postcards or take photos there?

When I am going to visit another city, One thing I will definitely bring with me is the camera because photos can capture precious moment and beautiful cityscape for the city.

☆ What do you like to do in your free time / spare time? ☆ Do you think time management is important to our lives?

Actually, I'm quite the outdoorsman. So I'm into take some outdoor activities in my leisure time, like swimming, hiking, biking, camping, walking dogs and going to amusement parks. I believe that good games give you a youthful heart and positive attitude.

As I see it, it is essential to balance our time wisely between our work and leisure coz it's enable us to do thing more efficiently, reduce our stress level and achieve more in less time. And you know, all work and no play make jack a dull boy.

☆ Why do some people keep pets?

Firstly, to some people, their pets are their constant companions [kəm'pænjən]. Besides, keeping pet is good for our emotional health as well.

What kind of song do you like best?

I prefer to country song coz this kind of song tends to calm you down.

Do you have a driving license? Do you prefer to be the driver or a passenger?

Yes, I have. I just got my driving license few weeks ago.

I prefer to be a driver than to a passenger coz driving makes life much easier for me and my family members. Besides, in many cities, a driving license is a necessity for finding a job. In contrast, some people think that having a car let you have to shoulder all the burdens of a car ownership: having to keep the car maintained and filled with gas, the parking fees and of course the insurance.

What are the differences in men's and women's favorite leisure activities? Who have more free time, men or women?

When it comes to leisure activities, males tend to some outdoor activities, like camping, hiking and bungee jumping, while females tend to some indoor activities, like playing killers of tree kingdoms and uno.

I think that depends on the job rather than the gender.

Do you prefer to celebrate your birthday with your family members or your friends? How do children celebrate their birthday in China? What age is the most valued age in China?

Yes, I do. In many Chinese families, celebrating your birthday with your family members is a tradition.

Most of the Chinese children celebrate their birthdays by having a birthday cake with candles or having a square meal with their families at home or outside. And the wealthy families may choose to celebrate with a party outside, inviting friends as well.

Do you think families should eat dinner together? How often do you go to restaurants with

your family members? Why are family and friends important to us?

I believe eating dinner together with your families can promote the communication between family members and strengthen family ties. Besides, children can exchange ideas with their parents at that time. So I think families should eat dinner together.

Actually, we seldom go to restaurant coz we believe that the food restaurants serve can be very unhealthy, no matter how good it tastes.

Because they will be out there whenever you're in need and they will not resist helping you. by the way Friendship is a blessing[bles], you know, you will understand the deeper meaning of having a close family and friends when you are in need.

Do you prefer to relax at home or hang out with friends? What do you usually do when you're alone?

Actually, I'm quite the outdoorsman. So I prefer to hang out with my friends.

When I'm alone, I tend to spend a whole day doing nothing but watching movies or reading my favorite novels.

☆ What're your favorite wild animals?

My favorite wild animal is elephant coz they are quite gentle and adorable, you know, they never "bully" other animals. I always thought of elephants as wise creatures, large, smart, perhaps: polite. So whenever I went to the zoo, I tended to take huge photos of elephant.

☆ Do birds have any special meanings in China? Do you think it is important to protect birds?

Actually, in Chinese tradition, Magies ['mægpai] are considered to be lucky birds, while corbies['kɔ:bi] are considered to be unfortunate birds. For example, most Chinese traditional clothes that we save for joyous days contain the embroidery [im'brɪdəri] of Magies

It is undeniable fact that birds play a vital role in maintaining the subtle balance of the earth's ecological system. Besides, for thousands of years, many birds have given loyal service to humans, like pigeons ['pidʒin] convey message in wartime. So it's important to protect birds.

What kind of food is most popular in your country?

It is no doubt that the Chinese dumpling is the most popular food in china. In Chinese tradition, people tend to make and eat dumpling on Chinese new year eve, because the shape of Chinese just like the gold ingot ['ɪŋɡət], which make us think it can bring fortune.

☆Is it easy for you to remember numbers? Do numbers have any special meanings in your country?

Normally, I am weak in remembering numbers. Some numbers can be really tough to remember for me.

Many Chinese people including me tend to think of 6, 8 and 9 as lucky numbers because they sound similar to some Chinese words that have positive meaning.

Do you think science is important to our lives? Why? ☆Which kind of technology are you most interested in?

I believe science is very important to our lives.

It is no doubt that science has made our lives much more convenient. It has largely promote our working efficiency ['ɪfɪənsi] and productivity. Physics helps us figure out how things work. Chemistry shows us the structure of the world and how materials interact with each other. Biology teaches us where living things come from and what living things need to survive.

I'm stimulating in artificial intelligence. I think that "artificial intelligence" can make a

useful robot ['rəʊbɒt] in the future. It can help us to do all matters, can even do some matters that our normal person can't make.

Do you often do housework at home? Do you often make things by yourself? Is it important for kids to be skilled in handicrafts?

Yes, I do. I often do the dishes, do the laundry ['lɔːndri] and mop the floor at home. I believe doing housework is the responsibility for every family member.

No, I don't. I seldom make things by myself coz I am really weak in this field.

I suppose it is important in modern children's education coz making handicraft can inspire children's creativity and cultivate their curiosity.

☆ Do you like making things by yourself? What did you make when you were a child?

No, I don't. I seldom make things by myself coz I am really weak in this field.

I made a telescope in my infants' ['ɪnfənt] school. 详见 part2.

☆ What's your favorite food? What's the most popular food in China?

I love steamed fish the most, which is our Chinese traditional dish. And you know, I live in a seaside city, so the resource of fish is really abundant. I can often find the freshest fish in my community's market, which enables me to make this dish.

You know, the Chinese cuisine contains loads of famous dish, such as white boiled chicken and red cooked ribs. But when it comes to the most popular food in china, I suppose the Chinese traditional dumpling is always the most suitable answer. In Chinese tradition, people tend to make and eat dumpling on Chinese new year eve, because the shape of Chinese just like the gold ingot ['ɪŋɡət], which make us think it can bring fortune. Besides, it certainly tastes so delicious.

☆ What was your favorite type of movie when you were a child? Do you still like this type of movie now? Do you prefer to watch movies in movie theaters/ cinemas or to watch DVDs at home?

You know, I was really into animated film in my childhood coz it afforded me a lot of happiness. Besides, the figures and storylines are always so interested towards children.

Yeah, I still like this type of movie now, and I just saw the < Kung Fu Panda > few weeks ago, which afforded me a lot of happiness.

I tend to watch movies in movie theaters coz it has a better atmosphere. I can watch a movie on an enormous screen and share the viewing experience with a large audience who like the same movie. Beside, the sound and visual effects are way better.

Do you often visit museums? Do you think museums are important to our lives? When was the last time you visited a museum? Is it a good idea for museums to sell goods to visitors?

Actually, I seldom visit museums coz there is only an art museum in Zhuhai and I am weak in understanding the deeply meaning of the work of art.

Yeah, I suppose so. Museums are buildings where historical, cultural or scientific stuff is kept and shown to the public. Children can enrich their knowledge and learn the history about their culture in museums.

You know, in most cases, there are loads of researchers doing research in museums. So if museums can't get enough funding and need extra money to support them, selling souvenirs ['su:vəniə] may be a nice idea which enables them to get enough funding. But museums may have trouble serving visitors well if they simply focus on doing business.

How should young people treat elderly people?

I suppose that youngsters should treat them with respect. More exactly, adolescents should pay our grandparents a visit from time to time and help elderly neighbors with physical work which helps to develop a good relationship between youngsters and elderly people.

☆ What do you think is happiness? What makes people feel unhappy?

It's an emotion. Basically, it means enjoyment of life. Some people believe wealth can lead to happiness. But actually happiness is more about being emotionally rewarded than about just being wealthy. That's why many super rich people are actually very unhappy.

I guess ... the loss of something we truly value, like good grades, friendship, trust or stuff that's very useful in our daily life, like keys or a wallet ['wɒlɪt].

Who are better decision-makers, men or women?

It is difficult to identify who are better decision-makers, because men and women have different thinking model. Men tend to act alone and make decisions based on our own knowledge, information or judgment. Ladies tend to ask their friends or family members for advice.

☆ Did you give or receive any gifts recently? What were they? Do you prefer to give gifts or to receive gifts?

Yes, I just received a Casio watch from my girlfriend as my birthday gift. She is so nice, I love her very much.

It always feels better to give especially if you are the reason for your friend's happiness. Why is money important to our lives?

Because we are born in this world with needs, like food, clothing and shelter. Money is simply a means of obtaining these things.

☆ What're your favorite flowers? Do you think flowers are important to Chinese people? Do you often give others flowers as gifts? Do flowers have any special meanings in China?

My favorite flower is lilac ['laɪlək] coz they have great fragrance ['freɪgrəns]! And they were the first flowers I ever received.

Yes, I suppose so. I don't think we would care to live in a world without flowers. Flowers make our world more valid and Chinese people often use flowers to describe their emotion.

Yes, I do. I just gave my girlfriend a bunch of lilies ['lɪli] as her birthday present.

Yes, I suppose so. Flowers mean many different things to different people and cultures. In Chinese tradition, lilies symbolize one hundred years of love and devotion.

☆ How do you get news? Do you read newspapers or magazines?

I usually get current affairs from the information highway and news shows.

I don't read traditional newspaper and magazine very often. I tend to read international newspaper coz it's much more convenient and cost-efficient.

Do you like shopping?

Actually, I'm a last minute shopper. You know, I go shopping only when I really need something.

☆ Do you like drawing and painting? What were your favorite kinds of drawings or paintings when you were a child? Do you think children can benefit from drawing and painting?

Yes, I do. Even though I am not good at this field, they enable me to express my thought.

As I am an animated film buff, I always draw my favorite cartoon figures in my infants' school.

I suppose drawing and painting are important to children's education, because they help to inspire their creativity.

☆ What kinds of pets do Chinese people like to keep? Do people of different ages prefer different pets?

Many Chinese people tend to keep dogs and make friends with them coz they are

adorable and loyal to their master.

I don't think so. Take one of my friends—lily as an example. She has kept a dog since she was just ten years old. They have developed a closed friendship to each other and she is used to playing and walking with the dog.

Do you think air travel is important to us?

I am sure it is. It makes our trips by far more convenient and comfortable. Some people may be concerned about its safety but according to statistics air travel is actually the most safety form of travelling.

Have your neighbors help you with anything? Do you prefer to have old people or young people as your neighbors?

My neighbors are really kindness. They often help me to keep my pets (tortoise ['tɔ:ts]) and maintain my apartment.

I prefer to young people coz they are more sociable, open-minded and easier to communicate with. I can find common topics with them easier, which helps me to develop a good relationship with them.

Do you prefer to use emails or letters?

I tend to emails coz email is much more convenient and much faster than regular mail. Still, it can't be denied that letters convey our feeling more effectively.

☆Do you like watching advertisements?

Some ads are pretty fun and entertaining. But sometimes they may interrupt the TV shows. Now television stations in China are not allowed to interrupt TV shows that are more than 45 minutes long with ad breaks. I believe it's the right move...

Why do we need advertisements? What's your favorite kind of advertisement?

They keep us informed about the latest products and brief introduction of them, which helps us to choose our needs.

I tend to be attracted to the creative ones. They are fun to watch even if they can't really give you the info you need.

Part 2 (请各位同学勇于合并答案, 我一般是两三个题目共用一个答案的, 如下面的城市与建筑类题, Describe a beautiful garden / park 和 Describe a place that is close to water 与 Describe an interesting public place 用的是同一个答案一样)

城市与建筑

☆Describe a beautiful garden / park.

☆Describe a place that is close to water.

☆Describe an interesting public place. / Describe an interesting place that is open to the public.

I'd like to talk about one of my favorite gardens in my hometown, it is called 海滨 garden and it is one of the biggest gardens in Zhuhai City. It is located at the center of the city so it kind of serves as a symbol of Zhuhai.

The garden doesn't charge people entrance ['entrəns] fees, so everyone can go there as many times as they want. Inside, you can immediately see two huge lion statues ['stæɪtju:] at both side of the entrance. As you go further, you'll come across a fountain ['fauntin] 喷泉 and in it you can see lots of coins, because tourists see it as a wishing fountain. Not far from the fountain there's a lake and a small island ['aɪlənd] at the center. People often feed the fish there but they won't have to pay a fine for that.

I often go there on weekends with my family. My parents believes in strengthening family ties so no matter how busy they are, they would make sure to find some time to accompany me. We often chose that garden mainly because it's a perfect spot to have a picnic or fishing.

Whenever we're there, my dad and I would go fishing while my mom would prepare our foods or just read books. Sometimes she would try her hand on fishing but with no luck.

☆Describe an ideal house / flat.

Describe a flat / house / room you lived in when you were a child.

Ok, my ideal house must be near the sea and there will be a small garden at the back of the house, which enables me to grow my favorite plants there. You know, I really loved the feeling of watching the plants grow. When all the flowers are in full bloom, the garden must be totally gorgeous.

My ideal house will be a 3-storey-high building and the whole place must felt light and airy. The ground floor will be a garage where the car can be locked for the night. The first floor should contain a living room, a bathroom, a kitchen and a dining ['daɪnɪŋ] area. The best part of this floor, ah, I think will be the living, because I will decorate it with the souvenirs of my favorite films. With regard to second floor, it will contain five bedrooms. So I can invite my parents to live with me, you know, I believe in strengthening family ties.

☆Describe a place you'll travel to when you have a day off.

☆Describe a journey that was longer than expected. / Describe a long-distance journey.

The place that I want to travel is Xiamen city, which is located in Fujian province. This is a fabulous ['fæbjələs] seaside city with great views, friendly local people, mild temperature and many other great things.

It only takes you three hour and a half to get there by express train from Guangzhou city.

I'd like to go on a trip to Xiamen on weekend with my best friend—子龙 because he was born and grew up there in Xiamen. So who could be a better tour [tuə] guide than him?

Although I've never been there before, I've heard a lot about this attractive medium ['mi:dʒəm]-sized modern city.

子龙 told me that there were so many tourist attractions with great scenery['si:nəri]. The

most popular one must be Gulangyu Island. To reach the island, visitors need to take a ferry first.

And another 'must-see' is Zhongshan road, a long and prosperous ['prɒspərəs] commercial street in the downtown area. The street is excellent for window-shopping because there are hundreds and thousands of shops. You can not only buy various products, but also enjoy great local snacks, such as Sacha noodles, fried oyster['ɒɪstə] and stuff. The best thing is that this is a car-free street. So you won't be bothered by any traffic noise and the terrible smell of burning gasoline when you walk along this tidy road.

It'd be great if my best friend could spend two days helping me explore this nice coastal ['kəʊstl] city, which is famous for its modern city life and better living environment, you know, the cleaner city streets and fresher air.

☆Describe a peaceful / quiet place. (Day 8 A: a library 或 Day 8 C: a garden)

☆Describe a building in your school.

OK, I'm going to talk about the library of the college where I studied in. It is a quiet and lovely place and I really enjoy the quiet atmosphere there. The library is within walking distance from the dorm which I lived in, and you know it's in the center of my college. The library is a 6-storey-high building with two sliding doors in the sides. The whole place feels light and airy. The best part of it is the seats near the window on the five or six stair coz there's a wonderful view outside the window. The library put tons of resources at your disposal, but there's a limit on the number of books you can check on. I was a novel buff, and I often went to the library to read Chinese novels twice a week. Some students think of the library as a haven, a place where they can get away from the dull routine of everyday study, while the others think the library is a wonderful spot where they can concentrate on their thinking.

☆Describe some changes in your hometown.

You know, last year the government of Zhuhai proposed many positive policies which were beneficial to the development of Zhuhai's economy and living environment, such as the project of the new sky train and the reconstruction of Hengqing island. So, there are more chances of employment for our young generations and the city life is becoming more colorful now.

However, there are also some problems, which have brought troubles to our citizens. You know, as the city becomes more attractive than ever before, the increase in tourism has caused damage to the local environment. For example, too many hotels are built at beautiful beaches in Zhuhai lead to the erosion of the beautiful landscape. Therefore, I suppose the government of Zhuhai would be well-advised to find some solution to reduce the impact of tourism.

☆Describe a street/road and some buildings on this street.

The street I'd like to talk about is 中山 Road, a wide road consisting of four lanes[leɪn]. It's located near 暨南 university in 香洲 District, a bit far from the downtown area in 珠海 city.(It's only a 20 minutes' bus from the city center.)

My apartment is on this street. It's nothing out of the ordinary during the daytime. On the left side of it, there are many newly-built blocks [blɒk] of flats. You can find some restaurants, convenience stores along the right side of the street. However, it turns into a bustling ['bʌsl] night market after sunset. It's almost always jam-packed with loads of people, most of whom are students looking for some "in" stuff among various stalls[stɔ:l] selling products, like clothes, shoes, CDs and many more.

The street is quite familiar to me because I pass it by almost every day. My mother and I occasionally wander along the street when the sun goes down. The street is actually so

famous that I suppose it has become a new landmark here in 珠海 city. If you are looking for a real bargain, this is the right place.

Describe a modern building.

Describe a museum or an art gallery. (Day 10: A)

Describe a school you studied at before. (Day 7 p116)

Describe a leisure center with facilities such as a fitness center (Day 8:B) and / or a swimming pool (Day 8:A).

Describe a place that helped you learn about the past.(p164,p165,p177 老建筑)

Describe a hotel. (Day 8: A)

Describe a place where there is a lot of noise. (Day 10: J)

Describe a historical place in your hometown.

Describe your favorite part of your city/hometown. / a popular part of your hometown.

Describe a shopping mall.

组织与个人

- ☆ Describe a person you've learned from.
- ☆ Describe someone who helped you study.
- ☆ Describe one of your friends.
- ☆ Describe a person you're familiar with.
- ☆ Describe a good student.
- ☆ Describe your neighbour.
- ☆ Describe a person you'd like to travel with.

Describe a person you helped before.

Describe a teenager.

Ok, let me talk about one of my friends—子龙, now he is a postgraduate student in the university of surrey, you know a reaaaaaaly good one. He is my best friend and he is my classmate of secondary school and high school.

He is always well-liked and great[greɪt] at sharing knowledge with his classmates.

He is just average in terms of appearance, except that his sparkling eyes showed he must be an intelligent gentleman. The most impressive thing about him as a student is, of course, how much knowledge he has. He read tons of books and often hanged out in a library. There is no doubt that he used to get good grades at school. He obtained the scholarship many times and past the English four level test without a hitch.

After I decided to take the ielts exam, he volunteered to help me practice oral English. Even though he was busy finishing his essays, he still made sure to find some time to have a chit chat with me through internet. I really learned a lot from him.

- ☆ Describe a teacher who taught you before.

Describe the important person to you when you were a child.

Describe one of your childhood teachers.

Let me talk about my favourite teacher—liu. she was my secondary-school teacher, you know, a really good one. Her classes were always well-liked and she was great at sharing knowledge with her student.

I studied in Zhuhai NO.1 middle for 3 years. And she was my Chinese teacher. She instilled me not only knowledge, but also high moral values and principles. She empowered her students to evaluate her lecture openly in order to meet the expectation of her students. She was articulate, knowledgeable and patient. I would say she was a teacher who was never cramped[kræmp] her students' style and got them out of their shells[ˈʃel].

She often told me interesting and educational stories on class, which were always though-provoking. Besides, she often took snacks she made to class and shared them with me.

She was not just a wonderful teacher, but a great friend as well.

- ☆ Describe a friend who is a leader. (a company leader or a political leader)
- ☆ Describe a leader you admire.
- ☆ Describe a successful person.
- ☆ Describe a successful small company.

I would like to talk about one of my friends who owned a wedding planning company. We were classmates when I was in the high school. In my opinion, he is a very smart and social['səʊʃəl] person with a good mind of business. After graduated from the university, many people started to work in companies, but he decided to start his own business: a weeding planning company.

Chinese people have a tradition of having luxurious[lɪg'zjuəriəs] wedding ceremonies.

People are willing to spend plenty of money for it. The industry has a big market for wedding service. Therefore, his company is growing very fast. He started with two employees and very limited facilities, but in two years, his company has about 20 fixed employees and some part-time employees, including wedding planners, emcees['em'si:], make-up artists and photographers[fɒtəgrəfə] and so on. Most of them are young people, who have a desire [di'zaɪə] of fashion and romance. The company provides a full range personalized ['pə:sənəlaɪz] wedding services according to the needs of every couple, like car service, restaurant arrangement, wedding party service, providing professional emcee. If you pay enough money, you only need to tell them about your dreamed wedding ceremony and they will make every detail perfect.

My elder female cousin ['kʌzn] got married last year, and she chose him to arrange her wedding ceremony. Although his company was busy for another wedding on the same day, he showed great ability in leading his company and organize everything in a good order. The preparation of both two weddings brought him a lot of pressure, but everything turned out perfect. At the end, my family was all impressed by the decoration of my cousin wedding ceremony, and he even brought us a surprise through the emcee ['em'si:]. Thanks to his help, my elder female cousin wedding was a great success, and all our guests[gest] enjoyed it.

☆ Describe two people in your family.

☆ Describe a person who has a healthy lifestyle.

☆ Describe the oldest person in your family. / Describe an old person. (直接换成 grandmother)

Ok, let me talk about my favorite chef[ʃef] in my family—my mother. She is a chef, you know, a reaaaaaly good one. The dish she cooks are always well-liked. The white boiled chicken she makes is second to none.

She is just average in terms of appearance. But she always wears a friendly smile on her face, which makes her pretty approachable.

She has a healthy lifestyle and always looks on the bright side. She likes practice taichi at weekend with some of her good friends. Besides, she doesn't allow every family member to eat their evening meals sitting in front of the TV set, which she supposes is very unhealthy. She prefers to taking outdoor activities rather than watching TV at home.

My mom is intelligent, sophisticated [səʃɪstɪkeɪtɪd] and pretty lenient['li:njənt]. She can always give me good advice when I need it from her. She is a great mother and everyone says I take after her.

☆ Describe your personality. (Day 8: D 的另类话题)

I'm an easy going type of person, which I do believe is a good character.

People often say "like father, like son." And I couldn't agree more. My father and I are both quite easy to get along with. So we both have a large circle of friends.

One thing that my friends like doing when they meet up with a problem or when they want to make a complaint is (to) ask me out for a long chat or to spend one hour or two talking on the phone with me, and I almost never give any comments or advice unless they ask me to do so. So you can say that I'm a very good listener.

Being approachable definitely is a good quality, because if everyone was like this, all the conflicts would be resolved through a peaceful talk.

☆ Describe an adventurous person.

Well, Popo, a girl who was my classmate in high school definitely is the most adventurous person I've ever met so far.

After learning an article featuring['fi:tʃə] extreme sports in a spoken English class, the

teacher asked us to develop a further discussion on this topic. Popo, 子龙 and I were made a team. I didn't say much about extreme sports because I've never tried any risky sports before, nor have 子龙. But Popo got excited and she shared with us her experience [iks'piəriəns] of trying hang[hæŋ] gliding[glaid], an activity that makes people able to fly like a bird. She told us that she tried it when she was visiting Sydney. We both felt worried when we heard her glider turned upside down because the wind was too strong and she almost crashed [kræʃ]. But luckily, she landed safely and survived. Not only that, she even had a plan of going rock climbing with the other members from the outdoor sports club that she joined.

We felt that she was such a brave girl that it seemed nothing could bring her down. I sincerely admire her from the bottom of my heart[ha:t]. She's cool.

☆ Describe a person in the news.

☆ Describe a famous person you'd like to meet.

Describe a wealthy / rich person.

Let me talk about one of my favorite book—<gorgeous of tune D>.This book is an autobiography [,təʊbaɪ'græfi] of my favorite music idol—Jay Chou and there are many exquisite photos of Jay in it.

Let me talk about my favorite music idol—Jay Chou. I guess you heard a lot about him coz he is so incredibly famous in China. He is a legendary figure in the music scene.

He was born and raised in Taipei. When he was little, Jay didn't get good grades at school. However, he has a natural ['nætʃərəl] aptitude for music. When he felt alone, he looked for nice music to cheer him up.

He was kind of average in terms of appearance so no one really expected that he would get a great success in his first album—"Jay". His music was so original that young folks were soon crazy about him. As there are tons of "Jay" buffs in China now, tickets to his concerts always sell out in just couple of hours.

Jay's music blends many elements, like hip-hop and folk music. And he also wrote songs for many popular singers. I really want to meet Jay and asked for his autographs [ɔ:'tgræfi]. His latest album "Volume 11"< exclamation [,eksklə'meiʃən] mark >was just released in the end of 2011, so more nice music from him.

☆ Describe a workplace.

☆ Describe an ideal job.

☆ Describe a job/an interesting thing you wish to do in the future.

Obviously, the ideal job of me is a structure engineer job, as being a good building designer is my dream since I graduated from high school. You know, in some cases, a good building served as a landmark of city. If I can design a famous building in the future, I will have a sense of achievement.

Actually, structure engineer is a promising job in China, because there is huge population here, which means it is not easy to meet the housing demand. So there are great chances of employment to those who graduated from structure engineering.

But it's no easy to be a structure engineer since being a structure engineer requires much schooling, an advanced degree (master degree) and some work experience. So that is exactly why I decided to have my further study in UK. I really want to finish my post graduated study in the university of Sheffield which has a good reputation in structure engineering.

Describe a job that can make the world a better place.

A psychologist's[sə'kɒlədʒɪst] job

A satisfying job

A job which could make this world better

A job which could make this world better I think is a psychologist whose job is to help people deal with their problems as well as find ways to live a happy, meaningful life. They work at many different places, such as hospitals, businesses, government agencies and stuff.

It's not easy to be a psychologist since being a psychologist requires much schooling(5-7 years of post graduate work after completing college), an advanced degree (a doctoral degree) and some work experience.

More and more people nowadays are faced with issues, like depression, abuse, stress, eating disorders, so the demand of great psychologists is rising.

they help people maintain a healthy lifestyle through counseling['kaunsəl]. (version 1)

they advise people on how to deal with problems of everyday living

If there were no psychologists, it would be harder for us:

to recover from personal crisis['kraisis], such as divorce, the death of a loved one.
(version 1)

Release the negative emotion barrier in our hearts. (version 2)

This is a satisfying job because psychologists are generally highly paid. Some of them are even self-employed and have their own spacious offices in addition to setting their own hours. Isn't it amazing?

Describe a job you wish to do in the future./ Describe an interesting job.

Describe some changes in your lifestyle.

Describe a TV show host/presenter

Describe an artist you admire.

Describe a famous person in a foreign country = an international celebrity.

自然界

☆ Describe an experience with bad weather.

I want to describe an experience with extreme cold. I travel to Beijing in my summer holidays several years ago, because I wanted to visit the forbidden city and great wall. However, the first few days of my trip, I even couldn't leave my hotel coz it is extreme cold accompany a strong storm outside, maybe 20 degrees below zero. Even though I stayed indoors as much as possible, I still feel uncomfortable because the heating system was not adequate for the weather. Besides, many accidents, such as household fires and the fall of trees, were covered by the media. The hospitals were full of patients who had a cold. This was really a nightmare to me. And there was a power failure in the southern part of the city due to damage of electric cables.

After few days, the weather became to improve, and I could finally begin my trip.

☆ Describe your favorite wild animal.

Elephants are fascinating creatures['kri:tə̃ə]. They are huge, gigantic, you know. A full-grown[grəʊn] elephant can weight over 6,000 kilograms and can stand over 4 meters. Actually, they are renowned as the largest four-footed in the world. However, they are quite gentle and adorable, you know, they never “bully” other animals. I always thought of elephants as wise creatures, large, smart, perhaps: polite!

They are gregarious [grɪ'geəri:əs] animals/ live in groups. The mothers lead the whole family group and the new baby elephants were protected by other family members. A full-grown elephant has a long trunk and a pair of long tusks[tʌsk]. They use their trunk[trʌŋk] to “grab” food and use their tusks to dig water.

In African, thousands of elephants have been trained to carry heavy loads and carry people through the jungle['dʌŋgl]. They are like hard-working employees for their masters. But they ask for bananas rather than cash.

☆ Describe an animal/ a pet in your city.

You know, in China, many people keep a dog as a pet. To their, their pet is their constant companion [kəm'pænjən] and good friend. Take one of my friends—lily as an example. She has kept a dog since she was just ten years old. They have developed a closed friendship to each other and she is used to playing and walking with the dog. Besides, keeping pet is good for our emotional health as well.

Actually, there are loads of gardens and parks in Zhuhai city which provide people with enough places to walk the dog. Even though a dog can afford you a lot of happiness, it is no easy to keeping a dog because you should take care of it, feed it with proper food, bath it and take it to have a physical exam regularly. So, before ones decide to keep a dog, they will be well-advised to ensure them can concern and love the dog forever.

Describe things you can do to help improve the environment. (Day 10: J)

☆ Describe a walk you took with a friend. (十天口语 Day 8: C)

A few weeks ago, my friend, 子龙 and I were walking down on east street in the downtown area when a beggar['begə] in his worn[wɔ:n]-out clothes came[keɪm] into our sight.

He was almost always ignored when people walked him by. My friend and I were wondering if we should give him some money since we suspected it might be just a trick. Then, we just walked away. we didn't talk to each other for the next few minutes until we both decided to return and gave the poor man some change because of the guilt and sympathy arose in our hearts[ha:t]. At that moment, we didn't really care whether it was just another trick we could see or hear about in our lives, at least we helped and we felt much relieved after this.

Anyway, helping others is something that everyone should do. That's a special walk I took with my friend.

休闲娱乐

☆ Describe an outdoor activity (such as a sport or an outdoor game).

☆ Describe your favorite sport.

Describe your favorite leisure activity.

Describe something you do to improve your health.

Describe something you often do in your free time.

Whenever I am asked about my favorite sport, my answer is always the same: swimming, you know, swimming is very popular in China coz it's probably one of the best all-around exercise. It keeps you fit and keeps your body in shape. Actually, I almost go swimming in of my community swimming pool thrice[θraɪs] a week.

Swimming skill is important coz sometimes it can really save your life. It's a good workout coz it exercise every muscle in my body. When I float on the water, I feel really calm and relaxed. Swimming just can let me get away from my dull routine of everyday study.

Actually, at first, I don't know how to swim. I just swim like a brick. But my father taught me patiently how to kick[kik] my legs and control my breathing. Little by little, I got the hang of it and felt comfortable with the water. Eventually, I can swim like a fish now. I can swim thirty minutes and still feel great. I am really thankful for my father.

☆ Describe a healthy lifestyle.

Today I'd talk about a person in TV news that I want to meet. I got to know him through a local TV news report. According to the news, he is the 1000th person who has just turned 100 years old. And interestingly, the mayor[mɔː] of Fuzhou city even paid him a visit on his 100th birthday.

This old man still looks pretty fit on TV with a walking stick. And he's quite talkative['tɔːkətɪv] as well. When the reporter asked him what his secret of longevity[lɒŋ'dʒeviti] was, he said that it all came down to his loving family and the healthy lifestyle he had formed after he retired[rɪ'taɪəd].

As a father, he has 4 sons and two daughters. His children have always got along well with each other. After his wife passed away, he lived with his eldest son. But his other children and grandchildren often visited him at weekends. They brought him some nice presents from time to time, especially on holidays, like father's day and spring festival.

4 years after his retirement, his wife died of a heart attack. It helped him realize the importance of health. In order to keep fit, he not only managed to quit smoking. But also started working out in the park.

Oh, one more thing that I shouldn't forget to mention is that his balanced diet has helped a lot for living such a long and healthy life. For example, he hardly eats oily food. His meals include many vegetables and much fruit, such as: cabbage['kæbɪdʒ], tomatoes, carrots['kærət], cucumbers['kju:kʌmbə] and stuff.

I'd like to meet him with my grandfather because I wish he could talk my grandpa into stopped smoking, which is a really bad habit.

☆ Describe your favorite foreign film.

A foreign film I'd like to talk about is Inception[ɪn'sepʃən], an action-science fiction. The film was released last year and I saw[sɔː] it in the cinema when it came out.

The plot is kind of complicated and I still couldn't fully understand the film. But basically, it tells a story about a man who hopes to get back to his children after having been accused[ə'kjuːz] of murdering his wife. The hero, together with his team, needs to complete a mission of incepting an idea to the subconsciousness['kɒnʃəsniːs] of his target's, who is a son of a billionaire's[bɪljə'nɪə], that he should break[breɪk] down the empire that his father has built after his death. The mission is given by a Japanese who is

the opponent[ə'pəʊnənt] of the billionaire. After going through all the twists and turns, the hero and his team makes it in the end.

I like this film a lot because this film is different from all the movies I've seen before. The story is kind of thought-provoking. For example, dreams can be designed and people can be led[led] into a dream. Actually, the moment I got out of the cinema, I was wondering if I were in a dream or not.

How amazing it was, isn't it?

☆Describe a well-known traditional story/ children's story.

☆Describe a character in a childhood story.

The story I wanna talk about is "the boy who cries Wolf[wulf]". A naughty boy has many sheep. He looks after them every day. He feels boring and lonely and suddenly thinks out of an idea to play a trick with the people in the village. The boy shouts[ɔːt] loudly, "Help, help, a big wolf's coming." Once the villagers hear the shouting, they go quickly to rescue ['reskju:] the boy with sticks[stɪk] and swords[sɔːd].

However, when they arrive, they find out that the boy was telling a lie and then they go back to village annoyingly. A few minutes later, the boy is crying for wolf again. Some kind-hearted villagers come again but still find nothing and go back in anger. The following day, when a wolf is actually coming, nobody responds to the boy's shouting.

Eventually, all the sheep of the boy's are eaten by the wolf. From this story, I understand that to be honest is the most important character that everybody should have. Once you tell a lie, nobody will trust you anymore. If you want to gain trust and credit from others, you shall never deceive[di'si:v] them in the first place. Otherwise, no one will respect you.

☆Describe an ad that helped you buy something.

The advertisement[əd've:tɪsmənt] I saw grabbed my attention immediately. It actually contained two photos that ran[ræn] in a magazine promoting a restaurant called Happy Cantina[kæn'ti:nə].

The pictures showed a scene in a kitchen where different type of vegetables, like carrots, onions['ɒnjən] and peppers['pepə], were happily preparing themselves to be cooked. The carrots were chopping each other on the cutting board; the onions['ɒnjən] were grating[greɪt] themselves on the grater. The purpose of the advertisement was to indicate that all the food served at HAPPY Cantina[kæn'ti:nə] is fresh.

I felt it was probably one of the best advertisements I have even seen. It was full of humour, imagination and creativity. Of course, I was curious to find out if the food was actually as fresh as they indicated in the advertisement, so I went to the restaurant and ended up having a fantastic and tasty dinner. What a great advertisement, it served its purpose['pə:pəs] and got me to go to the restaurant.

☆Describe your favorite photo. (Day 8: D)

I want to describe the photo which was taken after the first badminton match in my college. You know, I was really into badminton when I studied in my university. So I jointed the badminton club as soon as I entered the school. In order to help the freshmen get along well with each other, the chairman decided to hold a badminton match in the college court. We really enjoy this match, because it did serve its original purpose. All the members play the game in a friendly atmosphere and we kept contact after the match. You know, I also won the third place and met one of my best friends in this match. When I look at this photo, each time, it helps me to recall the precious period in this club. I would never forget the moment when we stayed together. Even though we had graduated from the university, we still often talk together in the internet.

☆Describe a song you often listen to.

I would like to talk about a famous English song, called <You Are Not Alone>. It was recommended by my best friend, when I entered the high school. As soon as I heard this song, I like it very much.

"You Are Not Alone", released in August 1995, is the second single from Michael Jackson's album HIStory. The song was written by R. Kelly['keli] and produced by Kelly and Jackson. Kelly wrote the song after the loss of close people in his life. This song is so beautiful and so sad.

On listening to 'You Are Not Alone', one wonders how many times Michael tried to tell himself, during his most desperate and anguished['æŋgwiʃ] times, that he did have support in his life, from a higher power, or even friends and family, whether he actually believed it or not.

Now this song always makes me want to cry because it is called, "You Are Not Alone" and MJ is gone. You know what it means? This is the best song he ever made and I love all his other songs.

☆Describe a song you heard when you were a child.

The song I wanna talk about is the national anthem ['ænθəm] of China, called <March of the Volunteers>. The song was originally the theme song for a film called "Sons and Daughters of the Storm", which describes China under the Japanese invasion of Manchuria. It is the song which I heard the most in my childhood. Every Monday in the primary school, all the students and teachers needed to gather in the playground and sing this song loudly with the raising of the national flag. This is really an inspiring song which reminds us with the important of our national spirit.

When I learned the <March of the Volunteers> in the first time, I actually couldn't understand the deeper meaning of this song. However, after I studied the history of the foundation of China, I figured out that this song in fact contains the story of people's struggle. In it, some intellectuals overcome their indecisiveness and rush to the battlefield of the anti-Japanese resistance.

☆Describe an educational TV program.

☆ Describe something you'll do this weekend.

Ok, I want to talk about one of the most famous quiz show, called <who want to be the millionaire>, which I used to watch regularly with my family every Saturday night. The show lasts for 2 hours in each episode['episəud]. It manages to create such a stimulating atmosphere that almost every family would always sit in front of TV suggesting different answers when the game is on. I remember how excited my parents were when we watched it.

When luckily got chosen to join the show, the candidate['kændidit] sits face to face with the hostess who raises[reiz] questions about every aspect['æspekt] of life, from simple life wisdom['wizdəm] that almost everybody knows to those complicated questions related to professional academic subjects.

If the candidate is able to answer all the questions correctly, he or she can consequently get one million as the final prize. In order to get the prize, I think there would be a lot to be done. Actually, the more knowledge you know or try to learn, the more likely you're going to win.

I'd really like to be a competitor in <who want to be the millionaire >, not just because I would have a chance to win prizes, but also because the show would encourage me to explore this world on everything around us. In other words, the show's educational value shouldn't be underestimated.

In addition to this, this is a show produced for all the family to watch, especially the ones with children, for spending time together watching this type of show could deeply enhance the family tie.

☆ Describe your favorite website.

I am going to describe the social networking site, called MicroBlog. You know, MicroBlog is really very popular in China now, and some people even get addicted to it. People can chat each other and post their latest information or photos on to this website. Besides, they can pay close attention to their favorite celebrities. I also like to visit this website, because I can keep contact with my friends through it.

However, posting your personal details onto this kind of social networking sites can bring some dangers too. When someone takes your personal information and pretend to be you, you may get a huge trouble. There is much coverage from the press that some adults post false information onto MicroBlog in order to meet some school age children. I suppose some censorship should be implemented to deal with this current issue.

☆ Describe a book you enjoyed as a child (such as a storybook)

☆ Describe your favorite book.

The story I wanna talk about is "the boy who cries Wolf[wulf]". A naughty boy has many sheep. He looks after them every day. He feels boring and lonely and suddenly thinks out of an idea to play a trick with the people in the village. The boy shouts[ɔ:t] loudly, "Help, help, a big wolf's coming." Once the villagers hear the shouting, they go quickly to rescue ['reskju:] the boy with sticks[stik] and swords[sɔ:d].

However, when they arrive, they find out that the boy was telling a lie and then they go back to village annoyingly. A few minutes later, the boy is crying for wolf again. Some kind-hearted villagers come again but still find nothing and go back in anger. The following day, when a wolf is actually coming, nobody responds to the boy's shouting.

Eventually, all the sheep of the boy are eaten by the wolf. From this story, I understand that to be honest is the most important character that everybody should have. Once you tell a lie, nobody will trust you anymore. If you want to gain trust and credit from others, you shall never deceive [di'si:v] them in the first place. Otherwise, no one will respect you.

☆ Describe an interesting news story in a newspaper/ on TV.

Several days ago while I was reading a newspaper, I read an interesting news saying an IBM computer nicknamed "watson['wɒtsn]" defeated two champion['tʃæmpjən] contestants[kən'testənt] on a prime-time American quiz show entitled[in'taitl] "Jeopardy['dʒepədi:]".

The competition was publicized as a "men versus machine" contest.

Over three special editions of the show, Watson beat his human opponents with ease. One of the men it defeated even holds the Jeopardy record of 74 straight[streit] wins.

After I read more coverage, I knew that Watson is a giant piece of hardware which is able to understand the question and try to match it against huge amounts of information it has in a split-second and then very quickly assesses how good a match it thinks it has.

I think this is an interesting news because it has proved that human beings are not always smarter than their inventions.

I guess nobody would disagree with me that Watson, the computer really is an IT genius and a breakthrough in computing.

Besides, I do believe it was also great publicity for IBM.

Nickname v. 被昵称为
match v. 与……配对
assess v. 评估

publicity n. 宣传
buzz v. 按（抢答器）
prime-time adj. 黄金时段的
giant adj. 巨大的
special editions 特别版
a breakthrough n. 一项突破
champion contestants 冠军级别的参赛者
in-depth coverage n. 深度报道
human contenders 人类竞赛者
with ease 轻而易举地
be equivalent to 等于
be publicized 被宣称为
in a split-second 在不到一秒的时间内

Describe a TV program you don't like. / Describe an interesting TV program that you can talk about with your family. （第三部分可能问到：Do you think TV programs play educational roles?）

Describe your favorite foreign food / foreign dish.
(<http://blog.hotelclub.com/top-10-international-cuisine/> 然后就可以点击进入各国的 recipes)

Describe a hobby you had/a thing you often did when you were a child. (such as a game or a sport)

Describe a quiz show.(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeopardy!>)

Describe a party you prepared for others. (Day 10)

Describe an extreme sport. (Day 8:D)

Describe a game you played when you were a child (but not a sport). (Day 8: D)

事件

☆ Describe a sports game / match / competition you watched.

☆ Describe something that you wish to succeed in.

A sport event I'd like to talk about is a badminton match. It was held in last summer break in my community. All the residents['rezɪdənt] in the community were welcomed to participate in this match.

The game was held in the badminton court near a park in my neighborhood. Many people came to support their friends and family, so it was fairly crowded on site[sait].

After the first two rounds, about 25 contestants were eliminated and only 6 contestants made it to the final, including me fortunately. The competition was getting fiercer and fiercer because the other 5 players were all skillful and competitive.

In the end, I was defeated by the runner-up, which means I only got the third place. It was a pity that I didn't win the first prize. But it was alright because I enjoyed it a lot. I wish there would be another badminton race this year.

The winner was a badminton coach, and funnily enough, it turned out that he and I studied in the same college when we had a little chat after the match

☆ Describe something you succeeded in doing. / Describe something you hope you can be successful in.

☆ Describe something you and other people did together / Describe an occasion when you co-operated with others.

☆ Describe a positive change in your life.

I remembered my deskmate and I made a presentation about the introduction of Chinese spring festival back in high school. It was quite an unforgettable part of my school life.

Mr. Liu, my oral English teacher, who comes from 北京, chose my deskmate and I to introduce some facts about the celebration of spring festival. I felt quite excited about this challenge. So did my deskmate. My deskmate wrote a few short paragraphs about the celebration, and I downloaded some pictures about some typical symbols people could see or use during spring festival, like firecrackers['faɪə,kraɪkə], spring couplets['kʌplɪt], red envelopes['envələʊp] and stuff. A few days later, we made the presentation in front of the whole class. The presentation we made was not bad except a few grammatical[grə'mætɪkəl] errors that Mr. Liu pointed out. He said we could have done better if we hadn't been so nervous.

I really think making a presentation was not very difficult. What I found most difficult was speaking in front of a lot of people. But, that experience was kind of helpful for me. I've gained much confidence in public speaking ever since then.

☆ Describe a conversation / dialogue (on the phone / mobile phone) that you enjoyed.

☆ Describe a musical event. (Day 8 F:音乐会) / ☆ Describe an occasion when you listened to music from another country.

The music event[i'vent] I'd like to talk about is "superstars' night", which is a music concert featuring classic pop songs that have been popular for years.

The concert was held in the sports center last year in 珠海. I went to the concert with my family. It was the first and only music concert that we've been to, ever. My parents and I had a great time.

The concert was nearly 4 hours long, so we didn't go home until midnight. Nearly 20 the most successful pop singers from HongKong and Taiwan presented a fantastic show together. The various colored lights as well as the two massive LED screens on both sides of main stage made the atmosphere thrilling[θrɪlɪŋ]. The huge sports center was

jam-packed with loads of music fans from different age groups, just like my family.

My parents and I, together with all the other crazy fans, kept waving our hands when the singers were singing and performing live on the stage. And when those pop stars stayed so close to the audience shaking their hands, they couldn't help screaming.

What I liked about the show was that it was pretty unusual to see those pop icons['aɪkɒn] in reality[ri'æliti]. Hearing so many classic pop songs in one show was quite an unforgettable experience.

Feature 以...为特色

Present 呈现出

colored lights 彩灯

massive 巨大的

atmosphere 氛围

thrilling 令人激动的

be jam-packed 拥挤的

together with 和

pop icon 流行偶像

in reality 在现实中

☆ Describe a wedding.

☆ Describe a special family event.

I'd like to talk about a time I took part in my cousin's wedding ceremony. My cousin, who is now working in Guangzhou, is one year older than me. She got married 4 years ago during national day holiday. And I felt happy for her.

(What event + when + how I feel)

The wedding reception was held in a big restaurant near the downtown area. The moment I entered['entə] the restaurant, I saw a big wedding photo at the entrance of the banquet['bæŋkwɪt] hall and I loved the way the restaurant was decorated, you know, the ribbons['ribən], the white and pink[pɪŋk] roses and colorful balloons[bə'lu:n]. (where)

All the guests had arrived before the wedding feast kicked off. (who)

About half an hour later, my cousin in her beautiful white wedding gown[gaʊn] went up onto the stage with her husband, who looked pretty handsome when we were enjoying those great delicacies['delɪkəsi:] on the table. (what happened)

And then, as the wedding host instructed, they were holding their hands cutting the cake, and pouring[pɔ:] the champagne down into the cup tower before they exchanged the ring and kissed each other. (what happened)

Afterwards, interestingly, my aunt was so thrilled that her voice was trembling['trembl] when she was making a speech, which is so emotional. She said that it had been one of the most meaningful days in her entire[in'taɪə] life. (What happened)

Ending:

If I hadn't attended my cousin's wedding ceremony, I would definitely be full of regrets since she and I are so close. And each time my cousin came back, my aunt kept nagging about her marriage. But now, Since my cousin has found her true love, my aunt needn't worry any longer.

Describe a skill you wish to learn.

☆ Describe something you learned recently.

☆ Describe your favorite subject.

☆ Describe an interesting / unusual thing you did recently.

Describe something you did on your computer

Computer has become an very important part of modern life because of its powerful

functions. Several years ago when I was studying in college, I first got to know a great software on my computer science class called adobe[ə'dəʊbi:] Photoshop, which is a photo editing program developed and published by Adobe Systems company. I've been really interested in it.

I have to say Photoshop is pretty hard at first since there is an overwhelming amount of tools and features available. But once you get the hand of the most basic tools used for photo editing, then you can make awesome pictures! I strongly recommend that you just start playing around with all of the different functions and see what happens instead of following some tutorials on the internet.

Thanks to Photoshop, now you can put your enemy's head on a cow's body, which is quite entertaining. But more importantly it can also be used to refine flawed[flɔ:d] photos, such as (Brightening the teeth and face in a bad photo, erasing a pimple['pɪmpəl] as well as removing any blemish['blemɪʃ]).

Photoshop's a powerful thing and worth learning. Up to now, on my blog, I've already posted many pictures and photos that I've edited. And my friends like them a lot. It's awesome.

☆ Describe an important festival people celebrate in your country. / Describe a celebration.

☆ Describe a special meal.(Day 10)

In my country, the spring festival is one of the most significant celebration that every single chinese anticipate every year. It's usually celebrated between late January['dʒænjuəri] to early February ['februəri].

Generally, the Chinese people prepares for this holiday by making sure everything in their life is in order, or at least under control. I mean the house should be clean and decorated with colorful lights, problems should be resolved, clothes worn out should be replaced. That's why people buy new cloths before new year arrives.

Meanwhile, red envelopes that contain money, are given to family and friends (especially the youngsters) as a symbol of luck and wealth.

At midnight there are fireworks and firecrackers show to greet the coming of the New Year.

Although people nowadays don't celebrate spring festival as passionately[ˌpæʃənətlɪ] as they used to do, it's still a festival that everybody looks forward to celebrating because the 7-day holiday brings family and relatives together at the end of the year, sharing the happiness together.

Describe a happy event.

Describe a piece of good news you heard on the phone or via email.

Describe an exciting message.

Describe a practical skill/ something you're good at.

Describe a letter you received. (Day 8: F)

Describe a sports event.

Describe some advice/a suggestion your received before.

Describe a situation when you needed help.

Describe a naughty thing you did when you were a child. (Day 10)

物品

☆Describe your favorite clothes. / an item of clothing

I still remember a suit[sju:t] of school uniform, which is indelible[ɪn'deləbəl] in my memory. When I was in the kindergarten, there was a primary school near it. Every day, when I played with other kids I could see many students wearing in uniform studying in the school. The uniforms looked like sport suits. The upper was of blue with some white stripes on the sleeves[sli:v]. The trousers were in white. It seemed to me that the uniform was very attractive and I always dreamed to be one of the pupils['pju:pəl] and wore [wɔː, wəɪr] the same uniform as them. Then, two years later, I really became one of the primary school students and got a suit of uniform. I dressed in it every day no matter in school or home. To me, it was not just clothes but a kind of indication, which showed that I was a formal student in an academic school. And I could always feel that I was growing up with it.

☆Describe a handicraft. / Describe something that was made by yourself.

I made a simple kite[kait] for my cousin last week. Since I'd never made a kite before, I'd thought it must be tricky['trɪki:]. But it turned out that making a kite was actually just a breeze.

I decided on its shape first. You know, I just chose a flat one coz obviously it was the most basic form and could be easily around. Then I got a sheet of coloured paper and cut out the shape.

My cousin found some thin plastic['plɑ:stɪk] strips[stri:p] for me. I tied them together with a string[striŋ], which, apparently, would be the frame of the kite. After that, we made the "bridle['braɪdl]", which connected the frame to the control line. Finally, I glued[glu:] the paper to the frame.

All set. Ready for the "maiden['meɪdn] flight".

It flew [flu:] pretty well. Our hard work paid off.

I have no idea what happened to it later-maybe it got thrown[θrəʊn] away. My cousin is just 8-year-old, anyway...

☆ Describe something you lost.

☆ Describe an expensive thing you want to buy / the most expensive thing you've bought./ ☆Describe something you would buy if you had a lot of money.

☆ Describe an expensive thing you had when you were a child. (How about an expensive storybook ?)

☆ Describe a gift you gave a friend / a gift you received before. / Describe a gift you will buy for a friend.

When I was a child, my classmates and I used to play yo-yo after class together. Actually I had many yo-yos with different colors and size, but my favorite one was a present from my father on a children's day many years ago although I couldn't remember how old I was exactly.

That yo-yo looked almost the same with the others. It consisted of a piece of string and a small spool [spu:l]. But it has different shapes, colors and designs. like those yo-yo specialists taking part in World yo-yo contests[kən'test] that I got to know on television. But I could only do the simplest play. It's like this.

Bring your elbow ['elbəʊ] down with a snap [snæp] as you release the yo-yo out. Then the yo-yo would go down. As soon as it reaches the bottom of the string, turn your hand over and the yo-yo will climb the string and return to your hand. It may sounds pretty easy, but it surely took me much time to learn, I mean it called for much training.

Some of my classmates were really good at playing yo-yo and could perform many tricks, such as "walking the dog", "loop [lu:p] the loop". We often held a competition after

classes or at weekends. It was so much fun.

☆ Describe something you wish to buy that is made in another country.

☆ Describe a vehicle you wish to buy. (Day 8 : E)

Ok, I am going to describe one of the popular cars in China, called forester, which is also my dream car. Forester is designed by one famous car company, Subaru. Even though the appearance of this car is average, it is really a good. It is a sports utility [ju:'tiləti] vehicle. So it has a stronger engine than ordinary car, which enables you to overcome most of the obstacle on the road. You can drive it both in the city areas and the mountain areas. It does offer you a sense of passion. That is exactly why it is my dream car. Besides, the space of this car is so large that you will feel comfortable when you are sitting inside.

You know, if you want to buy a car, one of the most important considerations is the safety. And then, forester may probably your first choice because it contains 6 air bags.

I really want to have a forester coz driving makes life much easier for me and my family members. But as an imported car, the price of forester is sky high to me, around 300 thousand RMB.

Describe a childhood toy. (Day 8: kite)

Describe something in your home that was broken or that didn't work.

Describe a piece of electronic equipment/ an electronic device that is NOT a computer. (Day 8: E)

卡片 (Day 10)

☆ Describe a restaurant / a small shop you often go to with your family members and friends.

I would like to introduce a dessert store named New Dream to you. It's my favorite. It's within the walking distance of my home. So I go there regularly with my girlfriend. I like it not only because of its nearness, but also because of the better decoration and atmosphere in it, which greatly appeal to me. Most people who go there are local residents. The shop assistants have a nice service attitude. They often wear a smile on their face, which makes them really approachable. In terms of products, of course, the desserts it sells are awesome. I often end up having a fantastic and tasty afternoon tea there. Besides, the store owner always plays some famous classical music to calm the costumers down and gives an everyday topic for people to exchange opinions about. It is really interesting.

g experience.

用 Beijing trip

Describe a person who's good at cooking. (Day 10)

Describe a good law.

Describe an old/antique thing in your family.

Describe a place where you usually have lunch.

以上答案仅供参考哦，大家要记得按照个人习惯整理出自己的思路，理顺答题逻辑，这样才能事半功倍呐。祝大家考试顺利，获得自己满意的好成绩！
——默小默