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事件类

Topic 1 等待美好发生(新题)

1. Do you think people like to wait for a long time?

No, I don't. People are very impatient nowadays. They prefer things to happen quickly and have little tolerance for waiting, especially for extended periods. For example, if someone orders food from a restaurant, they expect that their food will be ready in around 10 minutes. If the food takes more than 30 mins, I think people would become quite discontented and might begin to voice their complaints or inquire about the delay. Parcel delivery is another example that comes to mind. If a parcel takes longer than a week to be delivered, people usually complain because it is so common to receive a parcel in a few short days now, especially in China.

2. On what occasions do people have to wait for a long time?

People sometimes have to wait when they have appointments, especially with doctors and dentists that often go overtime with their patients. It's quite common to sit in a waiting room well past your appointment time because a doctor is occupied with the patient before them. Although they have scheduled times, sometimes they have too many tests to run or things to talk about with the patient, and so they end up taking a much longer time. Another occasion is parcel delivery. If a parcel is being shipped from a long way away, such as from abroad, it can take several weeks to receive the parcel. Since covid happened, it feels like things take much longer and some companies will have warnings about deliveries taking longer than usual because of this issue.

3. Why do most children have difficulties waiting for a long time?

Children have difficulties waiting for a long time for two main reasons. The first reason is that they have no concept of time. Especially children who are still too young to tell the time. For example, if a 5-year-old child is hungry and waiting with their mother in a restaurant for some food, it is likely that the child's behaviour may become erratic as he or she is unable to wait because they have no awareness that things take time and can't just happen now. The second difficulty is about patience. Children don't have the skills, training or brain development to sit and wait quietly. For instance, most children when impatient will become naughty and this is literally because they are immature and without the brain development required to have patience.

4. What do people do while waiting?

The number one thing for people to do while waiting is definitely be on their mobile phone. People don't like to wait so their phone provides a good distraction. For example, if someone is waiting for the dentist to call them in, the person may choose to distract themselves, so they don't have to think about the time and feel bored. Another thing people do is listen to music. Like being on one's phone, listening to music is something people love to do, especially when they're waiting for something. The final thing people do when waiting is read. It's unlikely to see people with paper books today but people may read books on their phones. That said, most hair salons still have magazines, so if someone is waiting for their hair to be dyed, they may choose to read a magazine while they wait.

5. Are most people patient while waiting?

I think it depends. If there is a distraction, like <u>a mobile phone to scroll on</u> or a book or magazine to read, then most people can be patient while waiting. However, if there is nothing to do, then many people will be patient for a short time before <u>getting grumpy at</u> whomever they're waiting for. Besides, it's essential to be clear and honest with information. For instance, if people are told they'll have to wait for 10 minutes but end up waiting for 30 minutes, I think most people would <u>lose patience</u> because it's way longer than what they were initially told, and getting inaccurate information can make them unhappy.

6. Do people queue consciously while waiting for the subway train?

Well, some countries have rules around queuing and others do not. In China, <u>this is not a rule that is enforced</u> so most people don't queue. Instead, when the train arrives, passengers simply board the train whenever the doors open, even if people need to <u>get off before they get on</u>. For example, in Shanghai, in peak hour, there is often so many people on the subway. Most commuters tend to <u>rush on and off the train</u>. If you're a bit slower, you might miss your chance to exit or have to wait for the next train. This situation can <u>lead to a lot of hazards</u>. So, I believe that increasing the number of subway staff and improving supervision would encourage people to queue up consciously.

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Topic 2 让你开心的照片(新题)

1. Do you think people take more photos now than in the past?

<u>Absolutely yes!</u> People take so many photos today, <u>quite simply because</u> they have a mobile phone that they carry everywhere they go. You know, today's phone cameras are way better than what we had 20 years ago, so anyone can be a potential photographer. You can just <u>whip out your phone and capture any moment you want</u>. Back then, taking a photo was not easy. you'd either have to go to a professional photo studio or invest in expensive camera equipment. <u>Tech has totally made it easy</u> for anyone to take pics whenever they feel like it. Plus, social media platforms like WeChat, Weibo, and Xiaohongshu make <u>sharing those photos a breeze</u>. You can show off your life to friends, family, or even strangers online. So, it's no wonder we're all taking way more photos these days!

2. Why do some people like to post their photos on social media?

I think people like posting their photos to social media for two reasons. First of all, they probably want to <u>keep their followers up to date about whatever they are up to</u>. You know, we're all social creatures, and when something new or exciting happens, we like to share it with our friends. So, whether it's <u>landing a new job</u>, getting a new pet, or having a baby, posting photos is an easy way to let everyone know. Another reason people post photos is to show off. They like to <u>flaunt their achievements</u>, whether it's a cool car, an amazing vacation, or some <u>snazzy designer clothes</u>. They <u>get a kick out of the likes they get from others</u>, boosting their sense of accomplishment.

3. What types of photos are people interested in taking these days?

<u>Selfies, it's all about selfies</u>. People <u>are so obsessed with</u> taking photos of themselves for their social media that it has become the most common type of photo taken today. <u>For many</u>, getting likes and comments from friends, family, and even strangers can feel pretty rewarding. Take college graduation, for example. It's a big deal, so it's no wonder that tons of people post-graduation selfies. People also take photos when they do something special. For example, fishing enthusiasts often <u>snap selfies with a big catch</u>. Many of them would then post it on social media to show off, telling everyone, "Hey, I caught this big fish!" So, generally speaking, I think most people are taking photos of themselves.

4. Do you think equipment is important for photography?

Sure. I think that if you want to take a good photo, you need more than just your mobile phone. Most photographers will have a top quality and expensive camera. They will have <u>a zoom lens and high pixel quality</u>. It will usually be digital so they can quickly transfer it onto their computer for editing, so they'll also need a computer. Besides, if the lighting is poor, they will often need <u>additional lighting</u> as a flash is not enough. So, in order to take high quality photos, a photographer must have additional equipment.

5. Do you think being a professional photographer is a good job? Why?

I think it would be a great job! There's a lot of freedom in this job and <u>potentially also a lot of income</u>. Firstly, they get to be their own boss and don't have to be in an office all day. For example, if someone works as a wedding photographer, they will be required to be present at the wedding for the whole day, even <u>before the day officially begins</u>. Although they will be working all day, capturing the most beautiful moments, they will likely <u>get fed a delicious meal in addition to being paid</u>. <u>That's the other part that would be good about</u> being a photographer, you can get paid a lot of money for your photos. <u>Using the same example as before</u>, people who get married pay a lot of money for <u>a top-quality photographer</u>. So, for the money and the freedom, I think it would be a great job.

6. Do you think being a photographer was important in the past or is it important now? Why?

I think the job of a photographer was more important in the past than it is today. In the past, photography was a rare and difficult skill. The equipment photographers used was incredibly complicated <u>and so was the process used to develop the photos</u>. Just one photograph required a lot of time, planning, and skill. So, there were relatively few people who could master the art of photography, <u>making it challenging for the average person to enter the field</u>. But the desire to capture and preserve memories through photographs remained constant, which contributed to the profession's high importance in the past. <u>Fast forward to today</u>, smart phones have made photography free and accessible to everyone, so the job of a photographer is less important.

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Topic 3 喜欢的聚会(新题)

1. Why do people like parties?

People like parties for many reasons. I think the main reason is that people like celebrating. More importantly, they like celebrating with their loved ones. For example, when a best friend or partner has a birthday, most people love to get together with all their closest friends and family to celebrate that person. Another reason people like parties is because they're fun and it's kind of like having a holiday. It's a time when people can really just let their hair down and not have to think about the stress in their lives like their work deadlines, money stressors or family problems. When people celebrate Chinese New Year, for example, they get a whole week of relaxing and celebrating and being with the people they love so it makes sense that this is why people like parties.

2. Why do some people not like going to parties?

I think that some people may have some anxiety around going to parties. For example, if someone is young and single and is going to a party where they aren't very familiar with the host, they might feel a bit uneasy about going alone. They may wonder if they'll have someone to talk to or if they'll be alone the whole night which isn't particularly fun. Also, some people don't like to drink and parties are often a time when people drink a lot. This can make their behaviour quite silly and some people just don't like be around that. They'd much prefer staying home or going to a movie with a friend.

3. Do you think those who tend to stay at home are less healthy than those who often attend parties?

I don't think we can say this is true. Staying at home doesn't mean you're unhealthy but then going to parties also doesn't mean you're healthy. For instance, a person who stays at home may be eating really nutritious food, going to bed early, and engaging in morning exercise. Someone who goes to a party, however, is likely to get less sleep and they may consume alcohol or eat some food that is not so nutritious. If either of the two are unhealthy, it is more likely to be the person who parties than the person who stays at home.

4. Do you think music and dancing are a must at a party?

Well, I don't think music and dancing are a must, but they can certainly add to the party's fun. Generally, they tend to make gatherings more enjoyable. For instance, at weddings, music sets a relaxed tone, encouraging people to unwind and mingle with friends and family. Dancing at weddings is like a fun way to be close to others. Gatherings like weddings often have some unfamiliar faces, and music and dancing can help break the ice, making it easier for everyone to chat and connect. But if you're at a party with people you know well, like during Chinese New Year with your family, people might not be as interested in music and dancing; they could prefer playing a game or talk.

5. What would you do if you were disturbed by a neighbour's party?

<u>Hmmm, this is a tricky one</u>（请多学习这类表述"这个问题很难回答"的开头方式）. It really depends on how you are being disturbed. It also depends on the laws in your city. For example, if someone in the apartment next door is playing extremely loud music at 2 o'clock in the morning and jumping and dancing and laughing, then I think the person being disturbed has the right to firstly, <u>ask them to lower the volume</u> and secondly, if they don't do what you asked, call the police and report them. I believe that in many cities the rule is <u>no loud music or major disturbances to other people after 11pm</u>. <u>Regardless</u>, I think it's always best to <u>go over and asked the people nicely</u> to be quiet. <u>If they don't respond well, then you can take action</u>. 雅媳過過過絢寶店舖原創

6. What are the differences between holding a party at home and in a public place?

<u>There are many differences. I'd say the first one is</u> the cost. Having a party at home is usually cheaper because you can make the food and drinks yourself, <u>ask friends to bring a plate with them</u> or <u>order in</u>. But renting a public place for a party can be very expensive. You have to pay for the space and also for food and drinks, which can be more costly. Besides, I think holding a party at home <u>is more work</u>. There is the preparation before the party, then <u>you are required to play host</u> and then when everyone finally leaves, you have to clean up. In a public place, you simply pay the money and all of this is done for you. 雅媳過鑷丏絢宀店鋪願創

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Topic 4 给他人的好建议(新题)

1. Do you think parents should give their children advice?

Of course. Parents <u>are responsible for</u> raising their children to become adults who can think, be responsible, make good decisions and be successful humans. Often this means giving them advice. For example, parents may give their child advice about <u>how to manage a situation with</u> a friend if they have had a disagreement and this may help them to resolve the problem with their friend. If they <u>have an open and loving relationship with</u> their children, then parents can continue sharing their knowledge for a long time which can be really helpful.

2. What kinds of advice do parents always give their children?

Parents <u>offer a wide range of advice</u> to their children. For example, if a child is having difficulties with a friend, they might give advice about how to resolve the situation and how to express their feelings, helping the child to <u>build confidence in conflict resolution</u>. Another type of advice parents give their children is career advice. Many children may be <u>uncertain about their academic and professional path</u>, not knowing what to study or which career to pursue in the future. In such cases, if parents can ask the child questions and give them help about this, they might be able to <u>work out the answers together</u>.

3. Should teachers give students advice?

To be honest, I think teachers should give students advice, but it should be related to their studies only. For example, an English teacher is going to give advice to their students about how they can improve their writing skills, and <u>this is expected</u>. However, if a student is experiencing difficulties in their personal relationships, <u>it's not within the teacher's purview</u> to offer advice on such matters. These issues are too personal, and the teacher-student relationship should <u>remain focused on academic and professional interactions</u>.

4. Do you think it is necessary for us to listen to friends' advice?

I think it depends on what kind of help you need. When it comes to everyday matters and minor decisions, <u>it's perfectly fine to</u> consider your friends' opinions because they know you well. For example, if you're trying to figure out what to wear to an important party, <u>your friends' suggestions are likely to be a good fit</u> since they understand your personality and style. But when you have to make significant life choices, like which college to go to or which major to pursue, your friends' advice may not be as valuable. They may often recommend the school they attended, but this recommendation is often <u>influenced by their emotional connection rather than objective evaluation</u>. So, for big decisions, it's often better to talk to experts who know more about those things than your friends do.

5. How do you think we should give young people and old people advice?

When giving advice to both young and old people, it's crucial to respect what they think instead of trying to force them into something. For example, when young people are trying to figure out what college major to choose, it's better to start by having a chat with them about their interests and future plans instead of immediately telling them what major they should go for. This way, young people will <u>feel like they're part of the decision-making process</u> and be more open to taking advice. As for older people, they often <u>have a wealth of experience</u> and <u>may not readily accept advice from others</u>. So, in such situations, it's important to respect their opinions and <u>offer advice as choices, not mandates</u>. For example, some seniors may doubt the effectiveness of dishwashers and prefer handwashing dishes. While we can attempt to demonstrate the benefits of dishwashers, if they still prefer handwashing, it's okay. After all, maintaining good family relationships is more important than the choice of a household appliance.

6. What are the areas in which people are more or less willing to accept advice?

Most people tend to seek advice when they're making important decisions that can significantly affect their lives. For instance, when it comes to choosing a career, many people become anxious about their future job prospects and worry about making the wrong choice. As a result, they often reach out to career counselors or experienced individuals for guidance. Similarly, in the realm of education, whether it's selecting extracurricular activities for children or deciding on a college major, people generally seek advice from experts to ensure they make wise choices. This trend also applies to other aspects of life, like buying a house or managing finances, where people typically turn to others for help and support.

7. What are the jobs that are specifically for providing advice to others?

There are several. The ones I can think of now are health professionals, lawyers, teachers, salespeople, counselors, psychologists, and many more. Whenever someone has a problem in a specific area of their life, they are going to seek out that person they think is an expert, to ask them what they should do. For example, a health professional can help you understand your bodily condition and offer advice on how to manage it. Lawyers provide legal advice to those in need. Teachers offer advice to students regarding the quality of their work and ways to improve it. Salespeople provide guidance on product usage and maintenance. Lastly, counselors and psychologists give advice to individuals seeking assistance with their mental health concerns. So as you can see, many professions revolve around providing advice.

8. What advice would a professional person like a doctor, lawyer or teacher give someone?

Professionals in various fields may offer a wide range of highly valuable advice based on their specialized knowledge. For example, a doctor primarily focuses on health advice, often conducting tests and prescribing medications as necessary. When you see a doctor, they will talk to you about whether tests are necessary and if you need medicine for your condition. However, if a person sees a lawyer, it will be for legal advice. For example, if someone is getting divorced, they might seek guidance on the process of ending their marriage and handling property and assets. Finally, teachers give advice about knowledge and learning, so if someone is looking to improve their skills, a teacher will help them do this and give advice on how.

Topic5 让你觉得很累的活动(新题)

1. Does studying and learning make people tired today?

Of course it does. Compared to the past, the world's population has grown significantly, leading to intense competition. When many people are vying for limited spots in schools, you have to work harder than ever to stand out. As a result, the process of learning has become increasingly draining and extremely stressful. Let's consider the students studying in high school in China as an example. They are under immense pressure, especially to achieve top grades for admission to prestigious universities and securing a promising future. Some schools even close at 10pm and all students have homework every day during the holidays. There is no escaping the pressures of studying and learning and it really is too much in my opinion. As a result, these young people aren't just tired, they are exhausted.

2. When do people usually feel tired?

Everyone has a natural circadian rhythm, so our energy levels fluctuate during the day. I think most people feel pretty energetic in the morning until around 2 or 3 pm, especially after having lunch. This is actually a great time for a nap, and in some European countries, they even have a scheduled "pause" where people go home for lunch and a quick snooze before returning to work or school. Then, as the day progresses and the sun sets, our bodies naturally start feeling tired. This is because our bodies release a hormone called melatonin, which helps us sleep. So, it's common for people to feel a bit tired in the afternoon and more so in the evening.

3. What do you think about striving for learning and striving for sports?

I suppose that striving for learning and striving for sports both have their place, and it depends on the person and what their goal is. For example, if someone wants to be the best swimmer in the world, then it requires them to have laser focus and be super committed to their daily training, to the diet, to their mindset and this has to be an ongoing practise because giving up can see big setbacks. Striving for learning can also involve just as much commitment, time and dedication. For example, students studying for the gaokao need to rehearse and practise daily in order to learn all the content they need for the exam. There is no time to give up, take a break, only until they have completed the exam and have been accepted into university.

4. Do people have fewer holidays now than in the past?

It's hard to say but if I had to guess, I'd say that people do have fewer holidays now. I think the main reason is the tough competition between companies. To succeed, businesses often require employees to work longer hours. So, the work pressure is so high that people choose to work on their days off, on their weekends and never take time to rest. For example, in recent years, many people in China have been working a schedule known as "996", which means working from 9 AM to 9 PM, six days a week. So, compared to the past, taking holidays is considered a luxury these days and not many people do it.

5. How can people solve the problem that old people easily get tired?

If an old person is tired, there're some things they can do. First, they should think about how much they sleep. If they don't sleep enough, then they can try to take some naps or go to bed earlier. However, sometimes tiredness can be because they're not eating well. For example, many older people who can't cook for themselves have to rely on others to prepare their meals, and sometimes the food they get isn't very <u>nutritious</u>. They might <u>end up eating low-quality food</u> or <u>skipping meals altogether</u>. Not getting enough energy from food can make them easily feel exhausted. <u>There is also exercise</u>. Exercise helps the body to be strong and healthy and to have enough energy. People think they can't exercise because they are old, but they can still do simple things like <u>taking a slow walk</u>. This can make them feel more energetic than just sitting at home. So, there are lots of things that can be done to help this problem.

6. What are the differences between feeling tired after studying and after exercising?

(当你觉得问题不好回答，越解释可能越抽象的时候，可以直接讲例子。就像考官在这个题里呈现的一样)

Well, feeling physically exhausted after a workout is different from feeling mentally exhausted. <u>Let's consider someone who has been cramming for a test all day</u>. By the end of a long day of <u>hitting the books</u>, they may find themselves <u>mentally drained to the extent</u> that they don't feel like talking and might simply sit in front of the TV, <u>lost in their thoughts</u>. However, after exercise, most people may actually feel energized because exercise can <u>create a sense of vitality in the body</u>. When a person is physically tired, they can usually still engage in conversations and interact with others effectively. The main difference, I think, lies in the distinction between mental and physical fatigue.

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Topic6 改变你人生的一段时期(好的人生变化) (新题)

1. Do you think people like new things or changes in life?

I think whether someone welcomes new changes or not really depends on the individual. Some people <u>prefer a more stable and predictable life</u>; therefore, when things change, they can become <u>uneasy</u> and are not very keen on trying out new things. For example, consider an older person who <u>is accustomed to </u>living alone and cooking for themselves. They might even stress out about how to prepare a meal when friends suddenly show up. However, there are also those who are curious and fearless when facing challenges. These people tend to enjoy change. For them, <u>every new thing that comes their way</u> is a chance to learn and grow. So, everyone's attitude toward life's changes can be quite different.

2. Why do some people quit and change jobs?

I think <u>the main reason as to why</u> some people quit their jobs and find a new one is because they simply don't like their job anymore and have decided to change career. Maybe <u>they have grown tired of</u> doing the same thing over and over again and want to try something new. This can happen when people get older and <u>reassess what they want</u>. Another reason could be that they originally chose a career because of pressure from their parents and when they got older, they realized that <u>it wasn't for them anymore</u> and decide to follow their passions instead.

3. How do people adapt to changes in life?

I suppose that it depends on what the change is. For example, if someone loses their job, they may <u>struggle at first</u> but then they will go and find another one and their life should continue as normal. However, if someone loses a family member, this is <u>much more devastating</u> and they may have difficulty coping and need support <u>throughout the grieving period</u>, adapting to this lose may be difficult for them. So how well someone adapts really <u>hinges on</u> the specific circumstances they're facing. 雅媪辻寸過辻寸絢(賣店舗願創

4. Who can adapt better to changes, children or adults?

<u>Most people tend to believe that</u> adults can adapt better than children, <u>but I personally think that</u> kids are actually very good at adapting, even better than grown-ups. Adults like to control things, whereas children <u>live much more in the moment</u>. I think this helps children to be more adaptable because they don't care about things as much as adults do. For example, when a family with two adults and a child moves to a new country, parents often worry that the child will have a tough time adjusting. But in many cases, kids <u>quickly settle in</u>, make new friends, and get used to the new place relatively fast. This is because kids are <u>naturally curious and open to new experiences</u>, so they adapt easily. Adults, however, are used to their routines and habits, so it can be harder for them to adjust to a new place. So, I suppose that children are more adaptable than adults. 雅媮過鼰過絢寶店舗矗創TEL~

5. When things like getting married or moving home happen, what kinds of things would people consider?

Let's consider the first example , which is getting married. When people get married, they have to consider so many things. Firstly, they will think about all the personal things that will change like where will they live and how will life work as a married couple. They will also consider the wedding itself and how that will take place. This includes things like where they will get married and when, how many people they will invite, what they will wear and so much more. However, when moving home, people are considering slightly different things. They start thinking about practical stuff like renting a moving truck, packing up their stuff, settling their bills, and making sure their utilities work in the new place. It's a different set of things to think about compared to getting married.

6. What are the disadvantages when people keep making changes?

Usually, people who constantly change their minds tend to be indecisive. When someone is indecisive, the main disadvantage is that there is instability for the person. So, let's say they keep changing jobs, then they will have a resume with many jobs but little time accumulated at these jobs. Future employers will question why, and it might become challenging for them to get a good job. Similarly, if someone is indecisive about their relationship and they are unable to commit to their boyfriend or girlfriend, then that person may not trust them, and their relationship may end because of this. Making changes all the time leads to an unstable life.

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Topic 7 工作/学习中克服困难而骄傲(新题)

1. Why is it important to tackle difficult tasks in studying or working?

Difficult tasks teach us so much about ourselves. It doesn't matter if someone is working or studying, the difficult things people do <u>challenge them to learn something new, to overcome fears,</u> to develop new skills, to find confidence and courage in themselves and so on. Therefore, if someone <u>comes up against something challenging</u>, they can choose to avoid it, or they can choose to try to achieve it. The person who tries to overcome the challenge is <u>the one that will grow the most</u>.雅總辶寸過鐺绚寶店鋪矗創

2. In your opinion, which career brings the most sense of pride?

I think <u>this award goes to any career that involves</u> helping or serving people. <u>This could be</u> someone who works as a healthcare professional, helping people with their physical or emotional stress and concerns. I think it would feel amazing to help someone improve their health in some way. However, someone who creates something <u>would also experience a lot of pride</u>. This could be an inventor, a scientist, an artist, a musician or a builder. Starting a project and then <u>seeing it to fruition</u> would be such a thing to be proud of. Imagine writing a song and <u>going through the process until it ends up on the internet</u> and people are listening to it. That would be a special moment of pride for that person. ﾍ雅總辶寸凸鐺旬ｆ寶店鋪矗創→

3. What challenges do young people face today?

Young people face so many challenges, but I think the biggest one is about their career, their studies. For example, in China, the Gaokao is said to be <u>the most difficult university entrance exam</u> in the world. This exam is so high pressure because the number of people living in China <u>makes the opportunities less for all</u>. So the challenge for young people is to do well on this test and this is what they are studying for. There are of course, other challenges and these may include personal challenges like not feeling good enough or worthy of someone's friendship, for example. Maybe they <u>have financial challenges</u> if their parents don't have enough money and they are unable to purchase the latest technology. There are many many challenges young people face but the most significant is definitely their studies.ﾂ雅鍜過澋凸绚寶店鋪矗創♀×ﾎ

4. Do you think taking on challenging tasks often leads to significant stress?

<u>It absolutely can</u>. <u>Challenging tasks are exactly that: challenging!</u> They aren't meant to be easy although there is always a solution. So, it really depends on the person. If the person allows themselves to feel stressed, then they will feel stress. It really is a choice that a person makes, but many people don't realize this. They think that <u>challenges automatically mean stress</u>. Actually, it does depend on our perspective. Challenges can be very engaging and exciting and full of learning, so it's up to you to decide how you want to see them.

5. What are the things that make people feel proud?

(注意考官在举例时用到的表达方式)People feel proud of the things they accomplish in life. <u>For instance, this could be</u> an achievement in education like <u>getting the top score on their university entrance exam</u> and getting into a top university. This person would feel extremely proud of their hard work and dedication to their dream. <u>Other accomplishments could include</u> getting your dream job, getting a promotion or even retiring because retirement means you've <u>had great success in your career financially</u>, and you can officially stop working which is something to be proud of. <u>Then there are personal accomplishments like</u> family and relationships. People would likely be proud of marriage, having a child, buying a house for the family, having enough money to be able to buy what you want when you want it. These are all accomplishments that people would make people feel proud.

6. Do people often feel proud of themselves when they complete a difficult task?

Certainly, I think that most people feel a sense of pride when they successfully tackle a difficult task. For example, some students might feel happy after working hard to pass a tough exam. People in the workforce might <u>get a real kick out of themselves</u> when they tackle a challenging problem at the office. And others might experience a sense of accomplishment after completing a 1000-piece puzzle <u>through sheer determination</u>. No matter what it is, when people feel like they've <u>pushed through some tough times</u>, it gives them a real sense of accomplishment. They tend to share this accomplishment with friends and family, and I'm pretty sure <u>it boosts their confidence for whatever's coming next</u>, providing them with the courage to face new challenges that may arise.

7. What kinds of rewards do people receive from work?

People receive a few different kinds of rewards from their work. The first reward I can think of is financial. People may receive a bonus for achieving something, or even a promotion if their boss thinks they are ready to move to the next level in their career or company. <u>Rewards also come in the form of time</u>, such as holidays or days off. If a person <u>has worked for 7 days straight</u> to achieve a goal, their boss may tell them to take a day off <u>as a thank you for their hard work</u>. Finally, <u>physical gifts</u> could be another reward that companies give to their staff. This could be <u>an excursion somewhere fun together</u>, a party at the office with food and drink provided, flowers or a gift when it is your birthday.

8. What are the most difficult jobs that people do?

There are many difficult jobs that people do. Some of them pay well and some of them don't pay so well. One example of a difficult job is a construction worker. This can be <u>a physically demanding job</u> that takes place outside, no matter the weather, that requires the person to get up really early and work through the day lifting or building things which can <u>be very hard on a person's body</u>. Another difficult job is a surgeon. A surgeon, particularly a <u>neurosurgeon</u>. This is because they are required to be very focused when operating on someone's body or brain. They cannot be tired or <u>make one wrong move</u> so I think this high pressure would make this job challenging. (学习此处举例的表达方式)<u>The final job I will mention</u> is a teacher. A teacher has long hours, a lot of preparation and many, many students to care for. In addition to this, they also have to mark students work and push them to try harder. So these are three jobs that I think are particularly difficult.

9. How do young people handle difficult or challenging tasks?

Young people <u>do their very best to</u> handle difficult tasks. Some young people are better at this than others. However, some ways that they may handle these tasks include activities like yoga, meditation and breathing exercises which really help to <u>calm the nervous system</u>. Others may like to move their body to <u>shake off the stress</u>, such as running or playing basketball. Those who like music and dancing might take some time to go out to a karaoke bar and <u>sing and dance all the stress away</u>. Finally, some young people may just prefer to talk to others or write their problems down in a journal. There are many ways to handle challenging tasks and each person has to <u>figure out what works best for them</u>.

Topic 8 电脑出现故障(新题)

1. Why do people often have problems when using new products?

Using new stuff can be a headache because you're not used to it. If you've already figured out how to work an old thing, <u>starting over with something new can feel like a pain</u>. Take today's TVs for example. About ten years ago, TVs went all fancy and started needing two remotes to run different devices, almost like dealing with a computer. This made a lot of people think watching TV <u>turned into a chore</u>. Also, user manuals that are unclear or super complicated don't help either. <u>Let's say you buy a new air conditioner</u> and run into a problem. You try to check the manual, but either <u>it doesn't have a fix for your issue</u> or it's got so much stuff that you can't quickly find what you need. That makes people feel like they're just wasting their time with new gadgets.

2. Why do some people avoid using modern technology?

Modern technology <u>can be tricky for some people to use</u>. However, some people just don't want to use it and they <u>prefer to be "offline"</u>, rather than online. If we take old people for example, those people who didn't use the internet <u>for maybe half their lives</u>, these people may find the different devices and apps and platforms challenging to use. But then there are those people who want <u>a digital "detox."</u> They prefer a more natural life without the interference and distractions of digital devices. Often these people will go live in the countryside and live a quiet life.

3. Where do people usually pick up skills for using electronic devices?

I think people learn how to use electronic devices mostly by just figuring it out themselves. <u>Let's say someone buys a new mobile phone</u>, one they haven't used before, then they will need to learn how to use the different functions on the phone. Most people are not afraid of technology, and they can figure it out by just using the phone and <u>working out the features</u> and how to access them. However, if someone is trying to learn something specific, then they could go to video platforms like Bilibili and search for the solution or help they need. Usually someone has created a video that explains everything <u>from beginning to end</u>. For high level skills like coding, people could take a course or even study this at university. So, I guess it depends on <u>the skills you're looking to learn</u> on these devices.

4. Is YouTube a good resource for learning how to use tech gadgets?

Absolutely! So many people make videos on Youtube, <u>particularly when it comes to </u>learning how to use tech gadgets. For example, when someone buys a new device they may not feel completely confident about how to use it. They could <u>fumble around</u>, searching for the answer within the device, however, a better way is to <u>quickly jump onto Youtube</u>, type whatever they are looking for in <u>the search bar</u> and then within a few seconds, there will be many videos addressing the answer. <u>Best of all</u>, people can do this from their phones, wherever they are.

5. Do you think some people find older gadgets easier to use than the new ones?

Maybe some people do find older gadgets more <u>user-friendly</u> than the new ones but I suppose that people adapt pretty quickly. For instance, when someone <u>upgrades their new phone,</u> <u>it likely has</u> some new features that they haven't seen before. But once they <u>click around</u>, they will get used to the new features pretty quickly and they may even prefer them. I think it's rare for people to want to <u>go backwards when it comes to technology</u>. People usually want to <u>try and use the new features and advancements</u>. ▂▂雅認⅃寸鏑鏑甸ſ 寶店鋪矗創ᵀᴱᴸ~

6. What drives some people to always chase after the latest tech?

I think the main thing that drives people to pursue the newest gadgets is all about image. People who want the latest device want to just be able to tell and show other people that they have the best on the market. There is really no reason to chase after this because the old devices still work really well and there usually aren't too many changes when a new phone, for example, comes onto the market. But, some of the most obsessed people will actually line up or even sleep on the doorstep of Apple, for example, just to be the first one with the new device in their hands. It's crazy to me.

7. How is modern technology shaping our personal relationships, and what could this mean for families in the future?

Modern technology is shaping personal relationships in some interesting ways. For example, people often don't meet in the old fashioned way, that is, in person. With dating apps, people can scroll through photos of people looking for love and choose the ones they like. So now, families are being created because of the internet. Another way modern technology is changing the way we interact with our family members is by giving people the ability to communicate, whenever and wherever. For instance, so many people live overseas, away from their family. But with technology, they can still be in close contact with family and friends, celebrating birthdays from far away, sharing stories of adventures and so on. This means that families can still be connected, no matter where they are in the world.

8. Does relying on technology prevent children from learning skills?

I don't see it that way. In fact, I think relying on technology can help students gain the skills they need to thrive in the modern world. Firstly, now that we have tools that do things for us, it can seem pointless to learn the ways of the past. Take mental arithmetic as an example, why bother with it when you can use a calculator, which will save time and is guaranteed to give you the right answer? Plus, some skills are becoming obsolete with technology, and it's not necessarily a bad thing. For instance, most people don't know how to build a fire anymore, but it's not an issue because our homes are heated, and we have ovens. Actually, our society is getting more and more tech-driven, and this means people should learn more about computer stuff, like programming. Technology advancements can make it easier for kids to pick up programming languages and also teach them how to think logically and solve problems, which is super useful for getting ready for the future.

9. What do people use computers for?

People use computers for almost everything these days. No matter what your age or profession, there's a good chance that you rely on computers to help you go about your day. Most people use computers to communicate, whether it be chatting, video calling, emailing, or word-processing, computers are facilitating it. Most people also have a calendar in their computer to help them keep track of meetings and appointments. Of course, the most common use of computers might be searching the web for information.

10. Should students be allowed to use computers at school?

I believe it is very important for students to use computers at school. After all, school is meant to prepare students for work in the real world, and it's rare to find a job that doesn't require knowledge about computer use. So, it's a big deal for schools to teach students how to use computers and basic software like Word and Excel. Besides, you might have heard some people worrying that students will use computers to find answers during class. But the thing is, even if they don't do it in class, they might still do it outside of school. So, the focus should be on encouraging teachers to cultivate students' critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, whether they're using computers or not. That's what really matters in education.

11. What do you think of people who are addicted to playing computer games?

Computer gaming addictions are serious and come with many problems. If someone spends a lot of time gaming, it can affect their relationships, productivity, and health. One big problem is how it affects relationships. Many people have experienced breakups because they became too immersed in gaming, and their partner might say something like, "Go be with your games." So, computer games can make people drift apart from each other. Besides, many games are designed to be addictive, and gamers can become sleep deprived and malnourished because they are focusing on their games and not self-care. This doesn't just mess with how well you do at work or school; it's also really bad for your health.

12. Do you think computers make our life simpler or more complex?

Computers make some things simpler and some things more complicated. For example, computers give us the ability to research any topic instantly. That's certainly simpler than going to the library and finding books on a topic. Plus, work's a breeze with tools like Excel. It allows us to process large sets of data effortlessly, enhancing our productivity. But computers also present us with distractions, like online gaming, social media, and media streaming. These distractions can be hard to manage, and sometimes they reduce our work or study efficiency. Overall, I'd say the rewards of computers outweigh their risks though.

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Topic 9 糟糕的服务(新题)

1. What kinds of service are bad?

Bad service happens when people are not nice, friendly, or respectful, especially when you expect them to be. This happens a lot in restaurants. People <u>don't need to be treated like kings and queens</u> but they should experience someone who is happy to see you. For example, when a person enters a restaurant, they anticipate a friendly greeting, <u>assistance to their table</u>, and a menu. <u>This is part of what they pay for.</u> However, sometimes, the person at the restaurant doesn't smile, say hello, or is <u>rude throughout your meal</u>. This can make you uncomfortable and not want to eat there. Bad service also happens in retail stores. One example is when you go to return an item that has broken and the staff member doesn't want to deal with your problem and as a result, they <u>talk to you in a mean way</u>. You know, <u>people don't deserve this treatment</u> and a person like that should not be employed in a customer service role.

2. How do most people respond to bad service?

I think there are <u>a few common ways</u> that people may respond to customer service. Firstly, they might feel surprised or shocked, especially if they've been polite and friendly. This often happens at places like restaurants when a waiter is rude unexpectedly. People can be unsure how to respond when this happens.

Another common way of responding to bad service is <u>by being rude or angry back to the person</u>. Some people may <u>feel triggered by rude behavior</u> and because they expect better, they respond aggressively or rudely in response. The final way people commonly respond is to be polite to the rude person and not react. They may understand that the person is <u>having a bad day</u> and not want to upset them by reacting, so they simply respond with a smile and say thank you. Often this can make a rude waiter realize they are being rude, and it can change their behavior.

3. Why do some people choose to remain silent when they receive bad service?

People remain silent for two reasons. First, maybe they are <u>conflict avoidant</u> and don't like the stress of confrontation. They are <u>people-pleasers</u> who do not want to make anyone else feel bad, and they are afraid to argue. For example, if they encounter a rude waiter at a restaurant, they might <u>simply shoot the waiter a dirty look</u> rather than engage in a heated argument that would leave them feeling tired and annoyed. The second reason is that they <u>take pity on the person giving them bad service</u> and don't want them to get in trouble. Maybe they can see it is a new employee and they feel bad for them, or it's someone working in poor conditions who they empathize with. <u>Either way,</u> their silence is not about accepting poor service; it is about being respectful to both themselves and the other person.

4. Why are some people often dissatisfied with customer service?

Some people <u>have exceptionally high expectations</u> and may even <u>expect royal treatment</u>. As a result, they are very sensitive and if someone says the wrong thing, they will get angry. For example, if someone is very rich and shopping in a store like Louis Vuitton and the staff doesn't help them quickly enough, or provide an expected service, then they may get angry and complain. However, for most people, I think they are dissatisfied with customer service because the person serving them actually did a bad job. This may happen when someone is rude or unfriendly or is not doing their job the way they are expected to. For instance, if someone <u>is engrossed in a phone conversation</u> with a friend while a customer is waiting to ask a question, this behavior is unprofessional and <u>it's natural for the customer to feel upset</u>.

5. Who should be responsible for bad service?

I think that poor service ultimately rests on the shoulders of company executives. They are the ones in charge of the staff, and it's up to them to make sure everyone is following protocol. When upper-level management fails to treat lower-level staff with respect, the staff tends to lose motivation to perform well. This leads to a lack of enthusiasm and subpar performance. As a result, those in higher positions within the company need to model the behavior that they expect from their staff. When employees feel valued, they're more likely to go the extra mile in their roles, which in turn leads to happier customers.

6. What should a boss do to prevent bad service from happening?

A boss is responsible for their staff members, and they should do several things to ensure that they prevent bad service from happening. It's important for each member to know exactly what is expected from them. So the first thing is training. Once employed, a boss should teach each staff member what to do and how. Then they should practice these skills and get feedback. Another thing they can do is put them on a trial period. It's common in many workplaces for staff members to be on a 3 month trial. At the end of three months, their performance is reviewed and they keep their job or are asked to leave. This also means that the staff member has to make an effort to learn the skills and do their best to impress their boss, so they keep their job.

7. Does providing good employee training always lead to good customer service?

I think it certainly does. Training makes it clear to a boss who is able to do the job well and who is not learning quickly or performing well. For example, if a person is learning how to wait tables for the first time and doesn't have training, they may get confused, drop plates and be rude to customers. However, with training, the manager can see their skills, teach them how to improve them, and also communicate the expectations they have of them such as how to talk to a customer, how quickly to serve them and so on. So I definitely think training is valuable when it comes to customer service.

8. Do you think service is better now than in the past?

I don't think customer service is any better these days; actually, I think it's gotten worse. Advances in technology have really hurt the quality of service we get. More often than not, we end up talking to robots instead of real people, and that can be a big waste of time. For example, when you call a company, you are almost always greeted by an automated phone system and it takes forever to reach an actual person. It's the same thing with chat boxes on company's websites. You try to chat with an employee but end up with a generic, auto-generated response. This sort of service is enough to drive anyone nuts. I really miss the days when you could deal with humans when you had a problem.

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Topic 10 和小孩共度时光

1.Do you think children should have a lot of toys?

I don't think children need that many toys. I mean, they should have enough that they can have different options. They shouldn't have to play with the same toy every day. But honestly, I think <u>children get too spoiled when they have a huge toy collection.</u> They'll start thinking they're entitled to have everything they want. So, <u>I don't think that's a good attitude to instill in children</u>. They should learn to appreciate what they have, even if it's not as much as they might want.

是否孩子们应该拥有很多玩具？

我认为孩子们不需要太多的玩具。我的意思是，他们当然应该有足够的玩具换着玩，不应该每天都玩一样的玩具。但老实说，<u>当他们拥有的玩具过多的时候，就很容易被宠坏。孩子们会认为自己有权拥有想要的一切。我不认为这是应该灌输给孩子的正确的观念</u>。他们应该学会感激自己所拥有的，即使这不如他们想要的那么多。

2.Where do children usually play?

Children usually like to play outdoors. You know, they really enjoy outdoor playgrounds and parks. I see so many children running around in parks these days. They love to <u>play tag with each other</u>. Sometimes they also play games like hide-and-seek or capture the flag. Those games are best played outside. Playgrounds are also fun for them because they can use the swings or the see-saw. <u>That being said,</u> some children also like to play inside. They might enjoy <u>playing pretend</u> at each other's houses.

孩子们通常在哪里玩？

孩子们通常喜欢在户外玩。他们真的很喜欢户外游乐场和公园。我经常能看到很多孩子在公园里跑来跑去。他们喜欢<u>玩追逐（抓人）游戏</u>。有时也玩捉迷藏或抢旗子之类的游戏。那些游戏在室外玩是最好的。游乐场对他们来说也很有趣，因为他们可以在这里玩秋千或者跷跷板。不过，<u>虽然这么说，但</u>也有些孩子喜欢在室内玩耍。他们可能喜欢去小伙伴家里<u>玩过家家的游戏</u>。

3.Do you think there are too many rules for children to follow, whether at school or at home?

4.Do you think children should follow all the rules?

合并答案：I don't think there are too many rules for children. Actually I think it's important for them to follow these rules for their safety and personal growth. For example, washing hands before meals is a rule that <u>promotes their health,</u> while being on time for school teaches them the value of punctuality. Although children may <u>feel overwhelmed</u> by different instructions at times, these rules are ultimately <u>designed for their own benefit</u>. So, it's important for children to follow these rules, and as they grow older, they will come to appreciate the significance

你是否认为孩子们无论是在学校还是在家里，需要遵守的规则太多了？

你认为孩子应该遵守所有规则吗？

合并答案：

我认为给孩子们制定的规则并不多。事实上我觉得他们应该要遵守这些规则，因为这都是为他们的安全和个人成长而考虑的。比如，饭前洗手的规则，是<u>为了保证他们的健康</u>；上学不要迟到的规则，是为了让他们知道守时的重要性。虽然有时候孩子们可能觉得被各种各样的规定<u>压的喘不过气</u>，但这些<u>规则的制定最终都是希望他们受益</u>。所以，孩子们遵守规则很重要，随着他们长大，他们会明白这些规则的重要性。

5.Do you think it ' s necessary for parents to make decisions for their children?

Yes, I think parents should make decisions for their children. Children are too young to know what's best for them. <u>They don't know what they need in order to do well in life</u>. So parents should be in charge of those decisions. For example, parents should decide when their kids go to bed. <u>If it were up to the kids, they'd</u> go to bed late every night. But parents know that kids need a good night's sleep. So they should decide about their routines in that sense.

你认为父母为孩子做决定是必要的吗?

是的,我认为父母应该为孩子做决定。<u>孩子们年纪太小了,还不知道怎么样做是对自己最好</u>。他们不知道想要在生活中做得更好需要做什么。所以父母应该负责为他们做这些决策。比如,应该由父母来决定孩子什么时间该上床睡觉。<u>要是让孩子自己决定,那么他们每晚都会睡得很晚</u>。而父母知道孩子需要有良好的作息,所以他们应该<u>在这方面来帮助孩子做决定</u>。

6.Do you think it is good for parents to help their children choose friends?

I think that <u>if parents don't go too far</u>, helping children choose friends can be beneficial. By guiding their children in selecting suitable friends, parents can educate them to recognize who is a good friend and who is not. This can gradually teach them the important qualities of true friendship. Plus, if a child's friends aren't good for them, parents can take action to protect them. However, <u>over-interference in a child's social life isn't always good</u>, as this may result in the child lacking confidence, struggling with interpersonal relationships, or even having conflicts with their parents. So <u>it's important to strike a balance</u>. 。雅媤淈淈辶_寸甸宀店舖塬創▶

你认为父母帮助孩子选择朋友是好事吗?

我认为,<u>如果父母不过度干预的话</u>,那么帮助孩子选择朋友是有好处的。通过引导孩子选择合适的朋友,父母可以教育他们认识到谁是好朋友,谁不是。这可以逐渐教会孩子认识到真正的友谊需要具备的品质。另外,如果孩子的朋友对他们不好,父母也可以采取行动保护他们。不过,<u>过度干预孩子的社交并不总是好的</u>,因为这可能会导致孩子缺乏自信,不会处理人际关系,甚至会与父母发生冲突。所以,<u>把握好度、保持平衡是很重要的</u>。

Topic 11 童年趣事

1.Why do you think some people have a better memory than others?

I think some people have a better memory than others for a number of different reasons. Firstly, <u>people who possess strong levels of concentration and focus</u> tend to have a better memory since the ability to concentrate on something makes it simpler to <u>take note of the finer details</u>. Besides, memory is related to age. When people are younger they usually can remember more than older people. Older people <u>struggle a lot with memory</u>. As they age and have more diverse experiences, there is unfortunately more opportunity for them to forget specific details.

为什么有些人的记忆力比其他人好？

我认为有些人比其他人的记忆力好的原因有很多。首先，<u>注意力高度集中的人</u>往往记忆力更好，因为他们能够专注于某件事情的能力使得他们更容易<u>注意到细节</u>。此外，记忆力与年龄有关。人们年轻时，通常可以比上了年纪的人能记住更多的东西。老年人的<u>记忆力会差很多</u>。因为随着年龄的增长和经历的增多，老年人就更有可能忘记很多事情具体的细节。

2.What kinds of things do people prefer to remember nowadays?

People have a tendency to remember things that hold significant meaning in their personal lives. <u>Examples of such events include</u> graduating from university, marriage, and important dates related to their loved ones, like their child's first steps or words. Additionally, people may also remember experiences tied to their hobbies or interests, such as the feeling of catching their first fish for those who enjoy fishing. <u>These memories tend to hold a special place in people's hearts as</u> they represent significant milestones in life, indicating new beginnings and personal growth. They also <u>evoke feelings of accomplishment and contentment</u>.

人们通常喜欢记住什么样的事情？

人们喜欢记住那些在个人生活中有重大意义的事情。<u>这样的事情有很多例子，比如</u>：人们通常会记住自己大学毕业的日子、结婚的日子，以及自己所爱的家人的重要日子，像是父母通常都会记住孩子第一次会走路、会说话的日子；另外，人们也会记住和自己兴趣爱好有关的事情，比如喜欢钓鱼的人，一定记得自己第一次成功钓到鱼的经历。<u>人们之所以会在心底给这些记忆留一处特别的位置</u>，是因为通常这些事情都是生活中重要的里程碑，意味着人们新的开始和成长，同时这些事情也会<u>让人有成就感，让人觉得幸福和满足</u>。

3.What can children do to improve their memory?

Children can do a number of things to improve their memory, both at home and at school. At home, children can use their daily routines to remember basic tasks and responsibilities. At school, many teachers strive to improve students' memories by <u>playing memory games,</u> and <u>reinforcing lessons learned throughout the previous day</u>. In my opinion, the best way for children to improve their memories is through repetition; if they repeat the same skill or piece of information over and over again, they are <u>much more likely to retain it</u>.

孩子们可以做什么来提高记忆力？

孩子们可以在家和学校做很多事情来提高他们的记忆力。在家里，孩子们可以利用他们日常要做的事情来记住基本任务和责任。在学校里，许多老师会尽力通过<u>玩记忆类游戏和强化前一天所学的课程</u>来提高学生的记忆力。在我看来，重复性的练习是帮助孩子们提高记忆力的最佳方法；如果他们不断反复地练习同一项技能或信息，他们就<u>更有可能记住它</u>。

4. Is it important for people to remember the past?

Yes, I think it's very important for people to remember the past, and not just their own past, but <u>the collective past</u> as well. If people are able to remember their own past, both successes and failures, then <u>they can see just how far they've come</u>. This, in turn, can help them overcome any present or future challenges they may face. <u>Likewise</u>, remembering the collective historical past can help us to avoid making the same mistakes of the past. Many people said after World War One that they would never repeat it, but World War Two still happened because not enough people remembered the horrors of history.

对人们来说，是否应该记住过去？

是的，我认为记住过去对人们来说非常重要，这不仅仅是记住自己的过去，还包括<u>人类共同的过去</u>。如果人们能够记住自己的过去，包括成功和失败的经历，<u>他们就能够看到自己已经走了多远</u>。这能够帮助他们克服当前或未来可能遇到的挑战。<u>同样地</u>，记住人类共同的历史可以帮助我们避免犯同样的错误。许多人在一战后说不会再重复这样的错误，但是因为记得这段恐怖历史的人不多，二战还是发生了。

5. What do you think we shouldn't forget?

One thing that I think we shouldn't forget is our childhood. <u>It's a time when we experience the beauty and joy of life with little to worry about</u>. Unfortunately, as we grow up, the stress of work and study often causes us to forget the innocence and joy we experienced in our childhood. Actually, I believe that the more adults can remember their childhood, the more caring and imaginative they will be. Our childhood memories also <u>allow us to hold onto our love for life that we had as children</u>. So it's important that adults make the effort to remember it.

你认为我们不应该忘记什么事情？

我认为我们不应该忘记的其中一件事情就是我们的童年。<u>童年是每个人最无忧无虑地体验生活中各种美好和快乐的时期</u>。但是，在我们长大后，工作和学习的压力导致我们忘记了童年的天真和快乐。事实上，我相信成年人越是能够记得自己的童年，他们就越有爱心和想象力。我们的童年回忆也<u>让我们能够保持那份儿时对生活的热爱</u>。因此，我们应该努力记住自己的童年经历。

6. Why do some people remember more of their childhood than others?

Some people remember more of their childhood than others for a variety of reasons. <u>In most cases</u>, people who <u>had an eventful childhood</u> are more likely to remember it in detail. For example, kids who often went on trips or did various outdoor activities tend to remember all the fun things they did. Additionally, some children have excellent observation skills and are <u>more aware of their surroundings</u>, making it easier for them to notice new things and remember details of their experiences and events.

为什么有些人比其他人对童年的印象更深？

有些人对童年记忆深刻可能有很多种不同的原因。<u>大部分时候</u>，如果<u>童年经历丰富</u>，可能会对这些经历记忆更深刻。比如，一个总会出去旅行或者参加各种户外活动的孩子，可能就会记得很多自己做过的有趣的事情。另外，有的孩子可能观察力强，<u>对外界事物更敏感</u>，这样他们更容易关注到一切新鲜事物，因此更容易记住很多经历和事件的细节。

7. What can people do to improve their memory?

I think people can take a few different measures to improve their memory. <u>For starters</u>, they can include more physical exercise in their daily routines. I remember reading in a news report that exercise can <u>help enhance blood circulation in the brain, thereby improving its function and boosting memory</u>. Additionally, learning to play a musical instrument or trying out new hobbies can also be helpful. For example, when you learn to play the piano, you need to fully concentrate and <u>remember the sheet music and key positions</u>, which can strengthen your brain's flexibility and memory.

人们可以做什么来提高记忆力？

我认为人们可以采取很多不同的措施来提高记忆力。<u>首先</u>，他们可以在日常生活中多增加体育锻炼。我记得曾经在某个新闻报道上看到过，运动可以<u>帮助促进大脑血液循环，从而改善大脑的功能，这有助于提高记忆力</u>。此外，学习演奏乐器或尝试新的爱好也会有帮助。比如，学习弹钢琴时，你需要全神贯注地<u>记住乐谱和琴键位置</u>，通过这样的锻炼活动，可以帮助提高大脑的灵活性和记忆力。

8. What is your earliest memory that you can still remember now?

When it comes to my earliest memory, I think it's the time my family went to the beach. I was probably three or four years old. <u>I don't remember every detail</u>, but I remember that it was a long drive to the beach. It was a nice, sunny day, so my dad <u>rolled down the windows</u> and <u>we felt the fresh air on our faces</u>. I also remember getting to the beach. The sand was so hot and the water felt so good on my feet. It was a really nice day.

你现在可以记得的最早的记忆是什么？

我最早的记忆应该是我家人一起去海滩的时候。当时我可能只有三四岁。<u>虽然我不记得每一个细节</u>，但我记得那是一次漫长的驱车前往海滩的旅程。那天天气很好，爸爸把车窗摇下来，<u>我们感受到了清新的空气拂过脸颊</u>。我还记得抵达海滩的情景，沙滩上沙子很热，走到海水里感觉脚下特别舒服。那真是美好的一天。

Topic 12 想尝试的冒险

1.Who likes to read adventure books?

Well, since people have different personalities and preferences when it comes to books, I think anyone can enjoy adventure books. But generally speaking, adventure books <u>aren't necessarily as focused on character development as other genres</u>. They're more about convoluted plots that feature fantastical elements. So, people who are more interested in internal journeys are probably not that into adventure books. Plus, adventure books <u>tend to be lighter reads</u>. They aren't very serious. So they're good for people who just want books as entertainment that won't make them think too hard.

谁喜欢看冒险类的书？

因为人们在读书方面有不同的个性和偏好，所以我认为任何人都可能会喜欢冒险类书籍。但通常来说，冒险类的书<u>并不像其他类型的书那样很关注角色发展</u>。它们更多的是描述带有奇幻元素的复杂情节。所以，对于那些更关注人物内心历程的人来说，他们可能不会那么喜欢冒险类的书。另外，冒险类书籍<u>往往是轻松的读物</u>。它们不会非常严肃，因此很适合那些只想把书当作娱乐，而不需要让他们思考太多的人。

2. Do people prefer adventure novels or adventure movies?

I suppose that most people prefer adventure movies. <u>Adventure novels can be gripping in their own way</u>, but movies <u>move at a quicker pace</u> and are able to convey all the important storylines to viewers within just one or two hours. This makes it simpler for the audience to stay engaged compared to spending days or even weeks finishing a novel. Plus, since you can see incredible visuals and enjoy the sound effects, it's a much more thrilling experience. I think that adventure novels actually make for great adventure movies. I've seen some <u>very good adaptations</u>.

人们更喜欢冒险类小说还是电影？

我认为大多数人都更喜欢看冒险电影。<u>小说有其吸引人的地方</u>，但是电影的<u>节奏更快</u>，能够在短短一两个小时内向观众传达所有重要情节。所以，相比花几天甚至几周时间读完一本小说，电影使得观众更容易保持投入感。另外，由于电影可以呈现令人难以置信的视觉效果并让人充分享受声音效果，所以这是一种更加刺激的体验。我觉得冒险类小说实际上非常适合改编成电影。我看过一些<u>非常好的改编作品</u>。

3. Why do people like to read adventure books rather than go on an adventure?

I would say that people like reading adventure books <u>as opposed to going on an adventure themselves</u> because there's a lot less risk that way. After all, reading about someone going on a deep-sea dive is a lot safer than actually doing it yourself. <u>Not to mention</u>, it's a lot less expensive. Plus, adventure books are typically rich in imaginative and creative storytelling, making it hard to fully recreate their experiences in reality. So, people who enjoy reading such books <u>are often driven by their curiosity to explore the unknown</u>, rather than a desire to undertake an actual adventure themselves.

为什么有的人喜欢读冒险类书，但不去亲自冒险？

我认为人们喜欢读冒险类小说<u>而不是去亲身经历冒险</u>，是因为这样风险要小得多。毕竟，阅读有关某人进行深海潜水要比自己实际进行深海潜水更安全。<u>更不用说</u>，这样做还更便宜。另外，冒险类书籍通常都是充满了想象力和创意的故事，很难在现实中完全再现它们的体验。因此，那些喜欢阅读这些书籍的人，通常是<u>出于探索未知的好奇心</u>而阅读，而不是真的想去冒险。

4. Who doesn't like to going on adventures?

It seems to me that reserved people don't like going on adventures. <u>I'm thinking of people who</u> are very quiet and introverted. They don't like leaving their house, <u>let alone going on wild adventures</u>. They much prefer watching someone else be adventurous on a movie screen. Honestly, that's totally fine. Not everyone needs to be the adventurous type. We also need people who are more practical and less likely to get in danger. After all, who would take care of things <u>if everyone was off on an adventure</u>?

谁不喜欢去冒险？

我认为比较内敛的人一般不喜欢去冒险。<u>我指的是那些</u>非常安静、内向的人。他们连家门都不迈出去，<u>更不用说去冒险了</u>。他们会更喜欢在电影屏幕上看别人的冒险。老实说，这完全没问题。不是每个人都需要成为冒险型的人。我们也需要一些更实际的，不太可能陷入危险的人。毕竟，<u>如果每个人都去冒险</u>，谁来照顾好其他的事情呢？

5. What kind of personality should people have in order to experience a lot of adventure?

I think people who want to experience a lot of adventure should be brave and curious. If you aren't willing to take risks, you probably won't have many adventurous experiences. For example, if you're too nervous to go skydiving or do some other thrilling activity, then you'll only <u>end up holding yourself back</u>. Being curious about the unknown and eager to try new things is also key. It is only when you <u>have a desire to explore new worlds</u> that you will <u>feel compelled to push your limits</u>.

喜欢冒险的人，需要具备哪些品质？

我认为想要体验大量冒险活动的人应该是勇敢并且好奇心强的。如果你不愿意冒险，那么你可能就不会有太多冒险的经历。比如，如果你太紧张以至于不敢尝试跳伞或进行其他刺激的活动，那么你就只会<u>束缚住自己</u>。另外，对未知事物有好奇心并渴望尝试新事物也是关键。你必须要对未知的领域和新鲜事物充满好奇心。只有你<u>拥有想要探索新世界的欲望</u>，才会<u>感觉到有必要去突破自己的极限</u>。

6. Will experiencing adventures broaden people's horizons?

Yes, I definitely think that experiencing adventures will broaden people's horizons. If they only <u>stay in the same little bubble all their lives,</u> then they'll never learn and grow. You need to expose yourself to lots of different things in order to have a more well-rounded view of the world. That involves taking some risks and being willing to try new things. So, if you have the courage to <u>step out of your comfort zone</u> and explore new cultures and environments, you'll gain fresh perspectives on problems, develop innovative ways of thinking and <u>immerse yourself in new lifestyles.</u>

经历各种冒险是否会帮助人拓展视野？

是的，我认为冒险是一定会帮助拓宽人们的视野的。如果人始终待在同一个<u>小小的圈子里</u>，就永远无法得到学习和成长。为了对世界有一个更全面的了解，你需要暴露自己于许多不同的事物之中。这需要一些冒险精神和愿意尝试新事物的勇气。因此，如果你有勇气<u>走出自己的舒适区</u>，去探索新的文化和环境，你就会获得对很多问题的新看法，有创新性思维，并可以<u>深入了解新的生活方式</u>。

Topic 13 演讲的经历

1. What benefits does the internet bring to communication?

The internet has totally revolutionized the way the world communicates. <u>We've come a long way since the days of carrier pigeons</u>. The internet makes it possible for us to connect instantly and for free to anyone with an internet connection and a device that can connect to it. Before internet calling, you would have to <u>pay a small fortune in long distance fees if you placed a call to a different area code</u>. The internet has made communication instant and much more accessible.

互联网给通讯带来了哪些好处？

互联网彻底改变了全球通讯的方式。<u>信鸽传输的时代对我们来说已经是很久远的事情了</u>。互联网使得我们与世界上任何有网络连接和连接设备的人都能够即时地、免费地取得联系。在网络电话出现之前，<u>如果你要打电话到不同区号，你将必须支付高昂的长途费用</u>。互联网的出现让交流变得更加及时、更容易获得了。

2. Which one is better, being a communicator or a listener?

Listening is <u>an integral part of communicating</u>. I would say that you need to be a good listener in order to communicate effectively. In life, everyone just wants to feel seen, heard, and valued. Humans want to feel understood by their peers and by the world. <u>There's nothing worse than a loud mouth who blabbers on and on while no one else can get a word in edgewise</u>. So I'd say that listening is more important when it comes to being an effective communicator.

做一个沟通者和做一个倾听者哪一个更好？

倾听是沟通的<u>重要组成部分</u>。我认为需要先成为一个好的倾听者才能有效地进行沟通。在生活中，每个人都想自己可以被看到、被听到和被重视。人们希望被同龄人和世界所理解。而<u>最糟糕的事情莫过于有一个滔滔不绝的大嘴巴，而其他人都无法插嘴</u>。所以我认为，要成为一个有效的沟通者，倾听更加重要。

3. What qualities does a person need to have to be a communicator?

Well, to become a skilled communicator, I think it's important to <u>explain your ideas in a clear and organized way</u> so that people understand you. In addition, you need to pay attention to the listener's reactions and emotions. <u>If they seem disinterested or unengaged</u>, you have to quickly adjust your communication style or content. Besides, giving positive feedback to the listener is another important aspect of effective communication. <u>It encourages them to continue engaging in the conversation.</u>

成为一个好的沟通者需要哪些素质？

我认为要成为一个良好的沟通者，首先需要善于<u>逻辑清晰的表达自己的看法</u>，这样对方才能够理解你说的话。另外，也要注意听者的反应和情绪。<u>如果他们似乎不感兴趣或不参与</u>，你必须迅速调整你的沟通方式或内容。此外，给听者积极的反馈是有效沟通的另一个重要方面。<u>这会鼓励他们继续参与到对话中去</u>。

4. Why do some people dislike using the internet to communicate?

Some people find communicating online impersonal, especially those from the older generations who were born before the invention of the internet. <u>It's true that</u> we can get a much better idea of what someone is like from a face-to-face interaction than we can through text or email. <u>This isn't surprising considering</u> how much of communication is made up of non-verbal cues. <u>It's also much easier to empathize with</u> a person you meet in real life than a person you've only communicated with online. So, for these reasons, it's easy to understand why some people don't enjoy communicating online.

为什么有些人不喜欢使用互联网进行沟通？

有些人觉得网上交流没有人情味，尤其是那些出生在网络时代之前的老一辈。<u>事实也确实如此</u>，比起短信或电子邮件，我们可以通过面对面的交流更好地了解一个人。考虑到大部分交流是由非语言暗示组成的，<u>这么说并不奇怪</u>。而且，与只在网上交流过的人相比，<u>与在现实生活中见面的人会更容易产生同理心</u>。因此，由于这些原因，不难容易理解为什么有些人不喜欢在线交流。

5. What qualities do people need to speak in public?

I think people need to be confident and composed in order to speak in public. They need to be assured in what they're saying. Audiences can sense it when someone is really nervous, which tends to make them lose focus on what they're saying. So people need to be able to <u>calm their nerves and project an air of confidence</u>. Honestly, I know some people may appear calm on the surface but are actually anxious inside, but you can't sense it from their speeches. <u>These people are well-suited for public speaking.</u> People should also have strong communication skills, and it's best to have a sense of humor to keep the audience interested. For example, there are many stand-up comedians on TV who can <u>keep the audience engaged during their sets</u>, which is impressive.

公众场合演讲的人需要具备什么素质？

我认为人们在公众场合演讲时需要自信冷静。演讲者必须对自己所说的内容有把握。如果你太紧张，观众可以感觉得到，这会导致大家分心，忽略了演讲者所表达的要点。因此，人们需要<u>冷静自若，展现出自信</u>。老实说，我知道有一些人是虽然表面看着风平浪静，实际上心里非常忐忑，但你从他的演讲中一点都察觉不到，<u>这样的人非常适合在公众面前发言</u>。此外，擅长演讲的人还应该具备较强的沟通技巧，最好是有幽默感，以保持观众的兴趣。比如，比如说现在电视上有很多做脱口秀表演的人，<u>他们可以演讲全程一直吸引他人注意</u>，非常厉害。

6. What kinds of people often give speeches?

I think that <u>people in positions of power usually give speeches</u>. The first examples that comes to mind are CEOs and managers. They often have to give speeches at company functions, especially if they're in charge of the whole operation. It's important for them to address <u>the people who work under them</u> and give them key information. Particularly, globally renowned CEOs like Elon Musk from Tesla and Tim Cook from Apple often give speeches that we can frequently see online. Besides, political leaders often give speeches as well, whether it's to gain more voters or to <u>speak about their campaign to the public</u>.

哪些人经常需要演讲？

我认为<u>拥有权力的人通常会进行演讲</u>。我想到的第一个例子是首席执行官和经理们。他们经常需要在公司活动上演讲，尤其是当他们负责公司的整个运营时。对他们来说，<u>给下属们讲话并提供关键信息</u>非常重要。像是特斯拉的马斯克，还有苹果的库克，你经常能在网上看到他们的演讲。另外，政治领袖也经常发表演讲，不论是为了争取更多民众的选票，还是<u>向公众演说他们的竞选计划</u>。

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Topic 14 汽车旅行

1.What benefits does public transport bring to the world?

First and foremost, public transport is good for the environment, and it is a great way to lower your carbon footprint. Besides, it reduces congestion in cities because it means less vehicles on the road and less parking lots. It also has the ability to increase the productivity of its users. If you don't need to focus on driving, you are able to work or read enroute to your destination. Another benefit is that it makes commuting more accessible. After all, not everyone is able to get a driver's license.

公共交通为世界带来了哪些好处？

首先，公共交通对环境有益，是降低碳足迹的好方法。另外，它帮助减少了城市拥堵，因为坐公共交通意味着道路上的车辆减少了，所需要的停车位也减少了。它还有提高用户生产力的能力。如果你不需要专注于驾驶，你就可以在路途中工作或者阅读。另一个好处是它使通勤变得更加方便。毕竟，并不是每个人都能考到驾照。

2 .Is it too late for people to get their driver's license at the age of 18?

I don't think getting a driver's license at 18 is too late. Actually, it's just the right time. There are a few reasons for this. Firstly, before turning 18, individuals are more susceptible to distractions and impulsive behavior, which can have a negative impact on driving safety. Just imagine a middle school student driving and losing focus on the road because they spot a new bubble tea shop. This lack of focus could potentially lead to accidents. Plus, most people stick to school and home before 18, making learning to drive less of a necessity. During this period, young people can easily rely on other ways of getting around or getting a lift from their parents.

18 岁拿到驾照是不是有点太晚？

我认为 18 岁拿到驾照还不算太晚;事实上，18 岁拿驾照正是时候。这主要有几个原因。首先，在 18 岁之前，人们更容易分心，也容易有冲动的行为，这可能对驾驶安全性产生负面影响。想象一下，一个中学生开车时，因为看到一家新开的奶茶店而失去了注意力。这种注意力不集中可能会导致发生车祸。另外，大多数人在 18 岁之前的活动范围都是学校和家，所以学开车并不那么必要。这时候年轻人通常可以依赖其他交通工具或家长帮助接送来满足出行需求。

3.What qualities does a driver need to have?

Most importantly, a driver needs to be skilled at operating the vehicle. They should stay alert and focused while driving. Distracted driving is extremely dangerous due to unpredictable situations on the road. Besides, drivers need to be calm and be patient behind the wheel. Sometimes there are accidents on the road or traffic jams, and a good driver never succumbs to road rage. Last but not least, a driver needs to understand and adhere to the rules of the road. They should be familiar with the road signs and their meanings.

司机需要具备哪些素质？

最重要一点就是，司机需要掌握很好的驾驶技能。开车时，司机应该时刻保持警觉和专注。由于道路上存在很多不可预测的情况，所以分心驾驶是极其危险的事情。另外，司机需要在驾驶过程中保持冷静和耐心。有时候，道路上会发生事故或者交通拥堵，一个好的驾驶员永远不会有路怒症。最后但同样重要的一点是，驾驶员需要理解并遵守道路规则，熟悉道路标志及其含义。

4.Do you think the government should make it a rule for people to use public transport?

I don't think that forcing everyone to use public transport is realistic. For one, some people need to transport large and heavy equipment which wouldn't be possible to put on the bus or train. Plus, many destinations are not served by public transport, and sometimes, people may be unable to use it due to physical limitations. Additionally, public transport facilities may not be designed to accommodate people with disabilities, such as those who are blind or use wheelchairs.

政府是否应该制定规则让人们必须使用公共交通？

我不认为强制每个人都使用公共交通是现实的。首先，有些人需要运输大型和重型设备，这种情况是无法搭乘公交车或火车的。另外，许多目的地并没有提供公共交通服务，而且，有时候，人们可能由于身体原因而无法使用公共交通工具。除此之外，公共交通设施也可能无法满足残障人士的需要，如盲人或使用轮椅的人。

5. Which jobs require people to be good at driving?

I suppose that truck drivers and bus drivers need to have exceptional driving skills. They must handle larger vehicles than private cars and face more challenging road conditions. For example, truck drivers often navigate through winding roads. It's a real test of their driving expertise. Besides, for professional race car drivers and stunt drivers, it's necessary to have incredible fitness and skill behind the wheel due to the fast-paced and dangerous nature of this type of driving. Honestly, no matter what type of vehicle you drive, you should always be honing your craft and take your role seriously.

哪些工作需要人们擅长驾驶？

我认为卡车司机和公交司机需要具备良好的驾驶技能。他们开的车比私家车更大，而且需要面对更严峻的路况。比如，卡车司机经常要在蜿蜒的道路上（盘旋公路）行驶。这对他们驾驶技术有很大的考验。此外，对于职业赛车手和特技车手来说，由于他们的驾驶方式通常都要求速度快，并且危险性高，因此驾驶车辆需要具备极高的体能和技能。老实说，无论驾驶什么类型的车，司机都应该不断提高自己的技能，认真对待自己的角色。

6. Do you see driverless cars as the future of cars?

Honestly, no, I don't think that driverless cars are the future of cars. Even though the idea sounds pretty appealing, I don't think that people will completely give up driving their own cars. For some, driving itself is a pleasure, like for professional race car drivers. Plus, there are evident issues with driverless cars. For one, those cars always rely on networks, so I think they could be easily hacked, leading to numerous problems for drivers, passengers, and pedestrians. Secondly, self-driving cars might suddenly malfunction, as we have seen many cases of Tesla's sudden brake failures. So I believe that when it comes to human life, driverless cars are not really necessary.

你认为无人驾驶是汽车的未来吗？

说实话，我不认为无人驾驶是汽车的未来。虽然这个想法听起来很吸引人，但我认为人们不会完全放弃自己开车这件事。对于一些人来说，开车本身就是一种乐趣，比如职业赛车手。另外，无人驾驶汽车现在还存在明显的问题。首先，这些车辆总是需要依赖网络，所以我认为它们可能很容易遭到黑客攻击，给驾驶员、乘客和行人带来许多问题。而且，自动驾车可能会突然发生故障，比如已经有很多关于特斯拉突然刹车失灵的例子。所以我觉得，在生命面前，无人驾驶真的不是必须的。

Topic 15 传统庆祝活动

1. Is it important for children to learn traditional festivals at school?

Yes, it's important for children to learn about traditional festivals at school. Nowadays, people can become too focused on learning about and adopting other cultures, and they can <u>easily lose sight of what makes their own culture unique</u>. So it's necessary to learn about traditional festivals. Through learning about these festivals, children can gain knowledge about their country's history and social customs. This can help them better understand and respect their cultural traditions. Later on, they can <u>pass down their country's cultural heritage more effectively</u>.

孩子们在学校学习传统节日很重要吗?

是的，我认为让孩子们在学校了解传统节日是很重要的。现在，人们可能过于专注于学习和接受其他文化，<u>很容易忽视自己文化的独特之处</u>。所以了解传统节日是很有必要的。通过学习这些节日，孩子们可以了解到国家的历史和社会习俗，这可以帮助他们更好地理解和尊重自己国家的文化传统。之后，他们也<u>可以更有效地传承国家的文化遗产</u>。 雅思過過過甸广店鋪原創

2. Do children like to learn about traditional festivals?

Yes, I think children like to learn about traditional festivals. Not only are these traditions probably somewhat familiar to them already, which makes it feel special to learn about in school, but they get to celebrate their culture in the classroom. Schools can <u>organize a range of art activities</u> related to different festivals to enhance students' understanding of them. For instance, during the Dragon Boat Festival, students can learn how to make zongzi. These activities are often captivating, so children <u>love soaking up all the knowledge about traditional festivals.</u>

孩子们是否喜欢学习传统节日?

是的，我认为孩子们喜欢学习传统节日。这些传统可能对他们来说已经有些熟悉了，这样他们在学校学的时候就会觉得更加特别；而且他们还可以在课堂上庆祝这些节日文化。学校可以<u>组织一系列与不同节日相关的艺术活动</u>，以增进学生对它们的理解。比如端午节学生可以学习如何包粽子。这些活动通常非常吸引人，所以孩子们<u>喜欢了解有关传统节日的所有知识</u>。

3. Why do people hold events to celebrate?

It seems to me that people hold celebratory events for various reasons, but the main goals are to show joy, create unforgettable memories, and <u>build stronger bonds</u>. For example, personal achievements such as weddings or graduations are often celebrated with family and friends to share the happiness and <u>mark the special occasion</u>. Similarly, people also celebrate annual holidays like National Day by inviting friends to join in the festivities. These events provide perfect chances to <u>catch up with friends and strengthen relationships</u>.

为什么人们要举行庆祝活动呢?

我认为人们举办庆祝活动的原因有很多，但主要目的是表达喜悦、创造宝贵的回忆和<u>增强人际关系</u>。例如，结婚或毕业这样的个人成就，大部分人都会邀请亲朋好友举行庆祝活动，既分享自己的喜悦，也为了<u>纪念人生重要的时刻</u>。同样，人们也会邀请朋友参加国庆节这样的节日庆祝活动。这些活动是<u>和朋友聚会、加深感情</u>的好时机。

4. Are traditional festivals disappearing?

I would say that traditional festivals are not disappearing; instead, <u>people are placing a greater value on them</u>. In the past, due to globalization, people were fascinated by the culture and festivities of foreign countries, like Christmas and Valentine's Day in the West. However, we're now gradually recognizing the significance of preserving traditional culture, and as a result, various media outlets and schools are beginning to promote our own traditional culture. For example, China's Valentine's Day <u>is gaining more attention, indicating that</u> traditional festivals are not disappearing.

传统节日正在消失吗？

我认为传统节日并没有消失;相反，<u>现在人们更看重它们了</u>。过去，受全球化影响，人们经常被外国的文化和节日所吸引，比如西方的圣诞节和情人节。然而，我们现在正在逐渐认识到保护传统文化的重要性，因此，各种媒体和学校开始推广我们自己的传统文化。例如，中国的情人节<u>正在受到越来越多的关注，这表明</u>传统节日并没有消失。

5. Is music important in traditional festivals?

Yes, music is a huge part of traditional festivals as <u>it sets the tone for the celebrations</u> and helps shape the culture. Without music, traditional festivals would feel incomplete. Actually, each festival has its own unique music that reflects its meaning and significance. For example, <u>"Jingle Bells" is synonymous with Christmas</u>, and singing Christmas songs during the Qingming Festival, meant for <u>honoring the deceased</u>, would be inappropriate. So, <u>in this sense</u>, the significance of music in traditional festivals can't be overlooked.

音乐在传统节日中有重要的作用吗？

是的，音乐是传统节日的重要组成部分，<u>它为庆祝活动设定了基调并塑造了文化</u>。没有音乐，传统节日就会感觉不完整。实际上，每个节日都有其独特的音乐，反映了其含义和重要性。比如，<u>"铃儿响叮当"的歌与圣诞节是密不可分的</u>，而要是在用来<u>纪念逝者</u>的清明节唱圣诞歌，就是很不合适的。因此，<u>从这个意义上说</u>，音乐在传统节日中的重要性不容忽视。

6. Do you think good food and drinks are important for celebrations?

Yes, good food and drinks are definitely important for celebrations. <u>Let's take weddings as an example.</u> While witnessing the bride and groom exchanging vows is heartwarming, it would be quite boring if you had to sit at the wedding for at least two hours without any food or drinks. So, I think <u>good food and drinks really set the tone for a celebration</u>. They make it feel special. <u>If the food and drinks are subpar</u>, then it won't really feel like much of a celebration, right? So it's definitely good to <u>bring in top-notch food and drinks</u>. Also, having food and drinks is crucial for introverted individuals because they don't have to keep engaging in conversations with people at the event, which can make them feel uncomfortable.

是否庆祝活动中需要有很好的食品和饮品？

是的，庆祝活动上，美食和饮品是不可缺少的。<u>咱们拿婚礼举例</u>，虽然见证新郎和新娘交换誓言是件让人感动的事，但如果你必须在婚礼上至少坐两个小时却没有任何吃的喝的，那肯定会相当无聊。所以，我觉得好吃好喝确实为庆祝活动定下了基调，会让人们感觉很特别。<u>如果吃吃喝喝的东西体验感很差</u>，那么就不会让人感觉像是一个庆祝活动了，对吧？所以，庆祝活动中<u>准备上顶级的食品和饮品</u>，绝对是明智的选择。而且，对于内向的人来说，拥有这些吃吃喝喝的东西真的太重要了! 因为这样就不用一直和活动上的人聊天了，那样他们会觉得非常不舒服。

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Topic 16 攒钱买昂贵的礼物

1. What do young people like to save money for? / What things will people in your country save money for ?

Generally speaking, young people tend to save money for future investments like buying a car or a house, and also for education expenses at university or college. However, there are also those who enjoy shopping or traveling, so they save up for those pursuits. All in all, people in my country will save money whenever they have a goal that they would like to meet, whether that be in terms of a product or an experience that they want to buy.

年轻人喜欢为什么而存钱？/在你的国家，人们会因为什么而存钱？

一般来说，年轻人倾向于为未来的投资，比如买车或房，以及大学的教育费用存钱。不过，也有人喜欢购物或旅行，因此他们会为这些兴趣爱好而存钱。总的来说，在我们国家，人们会在有想要实现的目标时开始存钱，无论是购买产品还是体验。

2. Is it easy for people to save money to buy something expensive?

I think that saving money depends on the person; some people find it very easy to budget and save a certain amount of money, while others struggle to stick to a budget and end up spending too much. It also depends on how much money a person makes, because this determines how much they are able to save and what they are able to afford. You know, some people need their entire paychecks to pay bills, so it is very hard for them to save anything.

人们是否很容易攒到钱买昂贵的东西？

我认为存钱难不难是取决于个人的。有些人很容易做好预算并存储到一定数量的钱，而其他人则难以坚持做预算，最终会花费过多。当然这也取决于一个人能赚多少钱，因为这决定了他们能够存多少钱以及他们能负担得起的费用。你知道，有些人需要他们的全部薪水来支付各种账单，所以他们很难存下钱。

3. Should children have pocket money? Why?

Yes, I think that children should have pocket money, but I also think that parents should be wary of giving their children too much pocket money. Having some pocket money is a good way for children to learn the value of money, and to practice budgeting. On the flip side, if children are given too much money, or given money whenever they ask, then they will never learn the true value of money and could become very greedy or ungrateful.

孩子应该有零花钱吗?为什么?

是的，我认为孩子应该有零花钱，但我也认为父母应该注意不要给孩子太多的零花钱。给孩子一些零花钱可以让孩子们了解到钱的价值，并学会做预算。但是，如果给孩子太多钱，或者只要他们要钱就给，那么他们永远都不会知道钱的真正价值，这样可能会导致他们变得非常贪婪或忘恩负义。

4.Should children learn how to use money at school or from their parents?

Teaching children about money management is <u>a shared responsibility between parents and educators</u>. At school, teachers can provide valuable lessons on topics such as money management, budgeting, and taxes, which are great ways to learn about money. At home, parents can <u>further reinforce these concepts</u> by discussing financial matters with their children and giving them money to manage. They can also <u>set up a savings plan</u> for their children to encourage responsible spending habits. So, with both parents and educators working together, children will be more likely to understand money and manage it effectively.

孩子们应该从学校还是从父母那里学习如何用钱?

教育孩子管理金钱这事儿应该<u>是父母和老师的共同责任</u>。在学校里,老师可以提供一些有价值的课程,比如金钱管理、预算和税收,这些都是了解金钱的好方法。在家里,父母可以通过与孩子讨论财务问题并给他们钱让他们管理来进一步<u>强化这些概念</u>。他们还可以为孩子<u>制定一个储蓄计划</u>,鼓励他们养成负责任的消费习惯。在父母和学校的共同努力下,孩子们将更有可能理解金钱的意义并有效地管理它。

5. How do people save money?

People save money by making smarter choices with how they spend their money. One way is by <u>making a budget and setting spending limits</u>. For example, some people figure out how much they can afford to spend on shopping and socializing each month based on their income. They stick to these limits to control their spending and <u>avoid going overboard</u>. This helps them save a good amount of money every month. Another good strategy would be to look at your spending and decide on <u>what you can cut out</u>; maybe eating out less can allow you to save money for something special.

人们通常如何省钱?

人们通过在花钱方面做出更明智的选择来省钱。一种方法是<u>做预算并设定支出的限额</u>。比如,有些人会根据自己的收入,计算每月可以用于购物和社交的可承受的金额。他们会按照这些限额来控制自己的开支,避免<u>过度消费</u>。这样每个月就能攒一笔钱出来。另一个不错的方法是关注自己的开支,并决定可以<u>减少哪些开支</u>。也许少在外面吃几次饭就可以让你为一些特别的东西存下钱。

6. Why can't some people save money?

Some people can't save money because <u>they struggle with budgeting and they overspend</u>. If people don't keep track of how much money they spend on a daily, monthly, and yearly basis, they will never be able to start saving their money. Besides, some people struggle to save money because they don't make very much money to begin with; those <u>living below the poverty line</u> barely make enough to live, <u>much less to save</u>, so even if they try their hardest to budget, they still can't save very much.

为什么有些人存不下钱?

有些人存不到钱是因为<u>他们不善于做预算,而且会过度消费</u>。如果人们不了解自己每天、每月和每年花费的金额,就永远无法开始存钱。另外,有些人存钱困难是因为他们本来的收入就不太高;<u>生活在贫困线以下</u>的人仅能维持生计,<u>更别说存钱了</u>,因此即使他们尽力预算,仍然无法存很多钱。

Topic 17 获得错误信息

1.Why some people are good at giving information to others?

I think that some people are good at giving information to others because <u>they have a very clear way of explaining things</u>. In order to deliver information in a clear and useful way, you have to use certain strategies in order to appeal to your listeners. Firstly, you need to be concise, <u>meaning that you only include the essential information that people need</u>. Besides, you should deliver information in an interesting and engaging way, maybe <u>by using jokes or analogies</u>. Some people are better at using these strategies, so they communicate well.

为什么有些人善于向他人传达信息？

有些人善于向他人传达信息是因为他们<u>有非常清晰的解释事物的方式</u>。为了以清晰而有用的方式传达信息，你需要使用某些策略来吸引听众。首先需要做到的是简明扼要，<u>也就是说只去传达人们所需要知道的最基本的信息</u>。另外，还应该以有趣和引人入胜的方式传达信息，<u>比如讲笑话或打比方的方式</u>。有些人特别擅长使用这些策略，因此这类人就能够很好地与他人沟通。

2.Why do people not trust online information?

People don't trust online information because of the rise in fake news over the past decade. It can be hard for people to know if a website is legitimate or not, meaning that they might believe information that is completely inaccurate. Recently, <u>more and more news outlets have cropped up</u> that deliver inaccurate information, so I think people are more likely to <u>second guess any information they come across online</u>. Personally, I like to stick to reliable websites that <u>have been vetted by</u> journalists and other professionals for my news.

为什么人们不信任网络上的信息？

人们不信任网络上的信息是因为在过去这些年里，出现了太多的虚假新闻。普通人很难判断一个网站是否合法，这意味着他们可能会相信完全不准确的信息。<u>而现在出现了越来越多的新闻媒体</u>，它们传递很多不准确的信息，因此我认为人们更有可能会<u>对他们在网上遇到的任何信息都产生怀疑</u>。就我个人而言，我喜欢坚持阅读那些<u>由记者和其他专业人士审核过的</u>可靠网站上的新闻。

3.What kinds of job need to give information to others?

There are many different jobs that need to give information to others, including teaching, news reporting, and sales. Teachers and news reporters need to <u>deliver new information to an audience every day</u>, and they need to do so in an effective and enthusiastic way. Salespeople need to give accurate information about their products, and they need to convince the buyer to make a purchase. <u>There are other jobs that require the delivery of information, but I would say that</u> teaching, news, and sales <u>are the most obvious ones</u>.

什么样的工作需要给别人提供信息？

有许多不同的工作需要给别人提供信息，包括教学、新闻报道和销售。老师和新闻记者<u>每天都需要向受众传递新的信息</u>，而且他们需要以有效和热情的方式这样做。销售人员需要提供关于他们产品的准确信息，他们需要说服买家去购买相关产品。<u>还有其他需要传递信息的工作，但我想说教学、新闻和销售是最明显的（特征最突出的）</u>。 oo0 雅媤鹪讠寸過匋宝店舖傆創十

4.How can people identify if the information is correct or not?

People can identify whether or not information is correct <u>by using a number of different tools</u>. Firstly, they can <u>assess the validity of the source</u>; are they getting the information from a trusted person in their lives, or from a trusted website? Or, are they getting information from a random social media post, or from someone they don't know well? Secondly, people can assess the quality of the information itself; <u>is it backed up by research, or not?</u> Answering these questions is the key to determining reliability.

人们如何判断获取到的信息正确与否？

人们可以通过使用许多不同的方法手段来确定信息是否正确。首先，他们可以<u>评估信息来源的有效性</u>；他们是从生活中信任的人或信任的网站上获取到的信息吗？还是从随意的一个社交媒体帖子或不太熟悉的人那里获得的信息？其次，人们可以评估信息本身的质量；<u>该信息是否有相关研究的支持？</u>回答这些问题是确定可靠性的关键。

5. What's the difference between email and phone in terms of providing information?
**   And which do you think is the better way to provide information?**

Well, <u>emails can be more detailed than calls</u>. For example, if you're inviting someone to an event, you can list details like the address, time, and the nature of the event. <u>You can also include links to RSVP.</u> If you communicate this information over a phone call, the other person might forget or even misremember the details. However, <u>providing information over the phone</u> is much faster. So, when it comes to conveying critical information that requires immediate attention, a phone call is more suitable. For example, if you get lost and need your friend's help, most people would choose to call you directly rather than sending a text message or an email.

在提供信息方面，电子邮件和电话有什么区别？哪种是更好的方式？

<u>电子邮件可以比电话表述的内容更加详细</u>。比如，如果你邀请某人参加一个活动，你可以通过邮件列出地址、时间和活动性质等细节。<u>你还可以发链接以便对方确认是否参加。</u>而如果你是通过电话来传达这些信息，对方可能会忘记或者记错某些细节。不过，<u>通过电话提供信息是更快速的方式</u>。所以，那些非常重要的内容，如果需要第一时间让对方知道，一定是电话比邮件更合适。 比如你迷路了，需要朋友的帮助，大多数人会选择直接给你打电话，而不是发短信或电子邮件。

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Topic 18 迷路的经历

1. How do people react when they get lost?

When people get lost, their reactions can be very different depending on the situation and the individual. Some people may become anxious or panicked, while others may remain calm. In some cases, people may ask for directions or seek help, whereas others may try to rely on their own instincts to find their way back. Personally, when I get lost, the first thing I do is pull up a map on my phone, but if I didn't have my phone, I would definitely ask for help. oo----→雅絕鼬過鼬絢亻寶店鋪傆創ᵹ

人们迷路了一般会是什么反应？

当人们迷路时，他们的反应可能会根据当下情况和个人性格而有所不同。有些人可能会变得焦虑或惊慌，而其他人可能会保持冷静。在某些情况下，人们可能会找人问路或寻求帮助，而有的人或许会试图依靠自己的直觉来找路。就我个人而言，当我迷路时，我会首先在手机上查找地图，但如果当下没有手机，我肯定会找人寻求帮助。

2. Why do some people have a good sense of direction?

I suppose that some people have a good sense of direction due to a combination of factors, including their ability to form mental maps, their familiarity with the environment, and their attention to landmarks. For example, people who engage in activities that require navigation, such as hiking or traveling, may develop a better sense of direction over time. Additionally, some people, especially men, are just naturally gifted, and are able to find their way just about anywhere. Personally, I think this trait has been shaped by the evolutionary history of human beings, where men had to go on long hunting trips, so they evolved a strong sense of direction.

为什么有的人方向感很强？

我认为有些人具备很好的方向感是多种因素共同作用的结果：包括他们构建心理地图的能力、对环境的熟悉程度以及对地标的关注。比如，从事需要导航的活动（如远足或旅行）的人可能会随着时间的推移而培养出更好的方向感。另外，有些人，特别是男性，天生就有这种天赋，能够在任何地方找到方向。我个人认为，这种特质是由人类进化史所塑造的。以前的男人必须进行漫长的狩猎过程，因此他们进化出了很强的方向感。

3. Is a paper map still necessary?

While the rise of digital maps and GPS has made paper maps less necessary in some cases, there are still situations where a paper map can be useful. For example, in remote areas without reliable cell phone or internet service, a paper map can be a reliable backup plan. So, having a backup paper map is always a good idea when traveling in nature, especially remote places. I think that using a paper map can also be a fun and rewarding experience, providing a sense of satisfaction when you successfully navigate a route.

纸质地图还有必要吗？

虽然数字地图和 GPS 的普及在某些情况下减少了纸质地图的必要性，但有时候纸质地图仍然很有用。比如，在没有可靠的手机或互联网服务的偏远地区，纸质地图可以成为一个可靠的备用方案。所以，在大自然中旅行时，特别是在偏远地区，拥有备用的纸质地图总是一个不错的主意。而且我觉得，使用纸质地图也是一种很有趣和有益的体验，当你成功地找到目的地时，这可以给你带来很大的满足感。

4. Is it easy to get lost in the area where you live?

I would say that the area where I live is pretty easy to navigate. There are many different neighborhoods within my city, two rivers, and several landmarks, <u>all of which makes it easier to navigate</u>. You know, it is helpful to <u>have points of reference</u> when you are trying to find your way around somewhere. In my city, you can always explain where you are going based on its distance from the rivers and the landmarks, which is very useful for people who <u>struggle with directions</u>. ___ 雅媤濄丄寸丄寸訇宝店舖偑創乚 ove

在你所居住的区域，是否很容易迷路？

我认为我居住的地方相当容易导航。我们城市里有许多不同的社区，有两条河，还有几个地标，<u>这一切都可以让导航变得更加容易</u>。你知道，当你想找到一个地方时，<u>有参照物</u>是很有帮助的。而在我的城市，你可以根据离河流和地标的距离来说明你要去哪里，这对于那些<u>方向感较差的人</u>非常有用。

5. What can people do when they get lost?/ How can people find their way when they are lost?

There are a few things that people can do to find their way when they get lost. <u>The first one that comes to mind is using their phone's GPS</u>. Nowadays, pretty much every phone has an app for navigation. You just need to input your destination, and the app will guide you in the right direction. So, when traveling, people rarely need to buy physical maps anymore. But some people <u>don't have data to use this app when they're away from home</u>. So <u>another thing you can do is ask the locals which way to go</u>. It's the oldest method, but it has always been the most effective.

人们迷路了应该怎么办？

有几件事情可以帮助人们在迷路时找到方向。<u>首先我想到的是使用手机的 GPS 导航</u>。现如今，几乎每部手机都有导航应用程序。只要你输入要去的地方，手机导航几乎都可以帮助你找到正确的方向。所以现在旅游的人们，很少需要买纸质地图。但也有些人<u>离开家后就没有手机流量可以使用这个应用程序</u>。所以，<u>另一个方法就是向当地人问路</u>。这是最古老的方法，但却一直都是最有效的。

6. Do you think it is important to do some preparation before you travel to new places?

Yes, it's definitely important to do some preparation before traveling to new places. When you visit another city or country, <u>you're probably going to be out of your depth</u>. If you don't prepare, you won't be able to fully enjoy your vacation, and you may end up wasting time and money. So you should look up important information like how to use and navigate the public transit system, <u>what kind of currency you should use and what the exchange rate is</u>, and so on. That way, you'll be able to move around more easily. Sometimes, you can even help yourself out by learning the language if it's different from your own.

旅行前提前做一些准备是否重要？

是的，在前往新的地方旅行前做些准备是很重要的。当你访问另一个城市或国家时，<u>你可能会感到很陌生（手足无措）</u>。如果没有做好准备，就无法充分享受假期，甚至会浪费很多时间和金钱。所以，人们应该查找一些重要信息，比如如何使用和乘坐公共交通系统，<u>应该使用什么样的货币以及汇率是多少</u>等等。这样就能更轻松地到处游玩。有时候，如果你要去的地方使用的语言也不同，甚至可以通过学习该语言来帮助到自己。

7. Do you think it is important to be able to read a map?

Yes, I think it's important to be able to read a map. Although GPS technology in smartphones is advanced now, unexpected situations can still occur. For example, <u>if your phone runs out of battery or has poor network connectivity</u>, getting lost can be quite <u>nerve-wracking</u>. In such situations, if you don't know how to read a physical map, you'll find yourself struggling to move forward. This can also happen in subway stations. When visiting unfamiliar locations, choosing the correct exit at a subway station can be a challenge. In many cases, GPS navigation proves inadequate, and you're left to depend on the station's maps. Therefore, <u>given these scenarios</u>, acquiring map-reading skills is undeniably critical. So, from these perspectives, learning to read a map is highly necessary.

会读地图是否是很重要的事情？

是的，我认为学会读地图非常重要。尽管现在手机导航技术很发达，但我们都知道，总有意外的情况发生。比如，<u>如果手机没有电或者手机网络非常不好，迷路会让人非常紧张</u>。这时候如果你不会读纸质地图，那就真的是寸步难行。而且，这种事情在地铁口也经常发生。当我们到了一个新的地方，在地铁口不知道该从哪个出口走的时候，手机导航很少能帮到忙，大部分时候都需要依赖地铁口提供的地图。因此，<u>在这些情况下</u>，掌握读地图的技能无疑是至关重要的。所以，从这些角度来看，学会读地图是非常必要的。

8. Why do some people get lost more easily than others?

I think some people often lose their way because they find it hard to tell which way is north, south, east, or west. This might be because <u>their brains just don't handle directions like others do, making it tough for them to figure out where they're going.</u> Additionally, other people tend to get lost because they don't notice little details. Like when they're in a new city, they don't look out for landmarks that could help them remember their path, which can confuse them easily. So, if someone often gets lost, they should try to focus more on their surroundings. This can help them <u>have a better sense of their whereabouts</u> and stop them from losing their way.

为什么有些人比其他人更容易迷路？

我觉得有些人容易迷路是因为他们完全无法分辨出东南西北的方向。这可能是因为<u>他们的大脑在处理方向方面的信息时，与其他人不同，导致他们在识别方向上遇到困难</u>。另外，还有一些人容易迷路，是因为不够细心和专注。比如，到了一个新城市，如果逛的时候不关注自己所处位置周围有哪些地标，就很容易晕了。所以对于那些容易迷路的人来说，提高对周边环境的专注度是很重要的，这样他们就能<u>更好地辨别方向（了解自己的所在之处）</u>，避免迷失。

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Topic 19 做过的重要决定

1. Is making decisions difficult? / Should one seek advice from others when making decisions?

Making decisions can be challenging, <u>depending on the complexity and potential consequences of the choice</u>. For example, choosing a university major <u>can be a daunting decision</u> for students, as the wrong choice could have significant consequences for their future career and personal growth. Similarly, deciding whether to buy a house can be challenging due to the substantial financial investment required. In such cases, seeking guidance from trusted sources like family, friends, or professionals can be valuable. They can provide comprehensive information, <u>help weigh pros and cons</u>, and assist in making an informed decision. ⋮雅思過過過淘宝店舖嫄創。

做决定是很困难的一件事吗？是否在做决定的时候应该寻求他人建议？

做决定可能会很难，这<u>取决于其本身的复杂程度和潜在的后果</u>。比如，选择大学要学的专业对学生来说<u>可能是一个困难的决定</u>，因为选择错了可能会对他们未来的职业和个人成长产生重大影响。同样，买房的决定也很难做，因为你需要为此投入大量资金。在这些情况下，寻求来自家人、朋友或专业人士的指导可能会很有帮助。他们可以提供更全面的信息，<u>帮你判断决策利弊</u>，以及辅助你做出明智的决定。

2. Are young people afraid of failure?

Yes, I would say that many young people are afraid of failure. This is largely due to the impact of society, school education, and the family environment. For instance, during the Olympics, social media emphasizes gold medalists, while teachers in schools often <u>overly emphasize academic excellence</u>. At home, parents may also overly focus on their child's academic performance and may criticize or punish them for not doing well. As a result, young people may <u>view success as necessary and failure as shameful</u>, which can contribute to their fear of failing.

年轻人害怕失败吗？

我觉得很多年轻人害怕失败。这其中大部分原因是受到了社会、学校教育以及家庭环境的影响。比如，奥运比赛时，社会媒体会过度宣传金牌获得者；而学校教育中，老师又会<u>特别注重成绩</u>；在家里，父母也会过度重视孩子成绩，如果成绩不好，就可能批评或惩罚孩子。因此，年轻人在这样的环境影响下，<u>会认为成功是必须的，失败就会很丢人</u>，进而导致很多年轻人害怕失败。

3.Do you think children sometimes have to make important decisions?

Yes, I think that children may sometimes need to make important decisions. For example, they may need to choose their friends wisely, manage their allowance responsibly, or even decide which parent to live with following a divorce. These decisions can have a significant impact on their social and financial development, as well as their personality growth. <u>As the saying goes, "Give me a child until he is 7 and I will show you the man."</u> So, when children start making significant decisions, <u>they are already shaping their future direction</u>.

孩子是否有时候需要做出重要的决定？

是的，我认为孩子们有时需要做出重要的决定。比如，他们可能需要明智地选择朋友、决定怎么使用零用钱，甚至决定在父母离婚后选择和谁一起生活。这些决策可能对他们未来的社交能力、财务管理能力，以及个人成长产生重大影响。<u>老话说得好，"三岁看大七岁看老"</u>，当孩子开始做出重要决策时，<u>他们就已经在塑造自己未来的方向了</u>。

4.What important decisions do teenagers need to make after graduation?

After graduation, teenagers may need to make many important decisions about their future education and career path. They may need to decide <u>whether to attend college or enter the trades</u> and what type of job or career to pursue. All of these decisions can <u>be quite difficult in their own way</u>, and teenagers need to really think and <u>weigh their options</u> before making a final decision. Many teenagers go through major life changes as they move into adulthood as a result of their decisions.

青少年在毕业后都需要做哪些重要的决定？

毕业后，青少年可能需要就未来的教育和职业发展道路做出许多重要决定。他们可能需要<u>决定是去上大学还是选择接受职业技术培训</u>，或者是要从事哪种类型的工作或职业。所有这些决定都<u>可能会有一定的难度</u>，青少年需要认真思考并<u>权衡他们的选择</u>，然后才能做出最终决定。很多青少年因为他们的这些决定而在成年后经历了重大的生活变化。

5.Who can children turn to for help when making a decision?

When children are faced with making decisions, they typically turn to trusted people such as their parents or close friends for guidance. <u>Given that</u> parents spend a significant amount of time with their children and possess a deep understanding of their needs, children are <u>naturally inclined to</u> seek their advice when they are feeling uncertain or indecisive. Additionally, friends usually <u>share a lot in common</u> and peers of similar age can express their true thoughts more freely, so children also seek help from friends.

当孩子们做决定时，可以向谁寻求帮助？

当孩子们需要做决定时，通常会寻求值得信赖的人的帮助，比如他们的父母或亲近的朋友。<u>由于父母与孩子在一起的时间较长，而且非常了解孩子们的需求，孩子们在感到不确定或犹豫时，自然就会倾向于寻求父母的建议</u>。另外，朋友之间通常<u>有很多共同之处</u>，而且同龄人可以更自由地表达他们的真实想法，所以孩子们也会向朋友寻求帮助。

6.Do you think advertisements can influence our decisions when shopping?

Yes, I definitely think that advertisements can and do influence our decisions when shopping. Advertisements are very persuasive, and they often appeal to consumer's emotions as well as their self-esteem; someone might not originally intend to buy something, but after seeing a good ad <u>they might decide that their life is lacking without it</u>. Actually, there are entire careers in advertising and marketing, so <u>by the time the finished ad gets to the buyer, it has been put through the ringer and is at its most effective</u>.

你认为广告能够影响我们购物时的决定吗？

是的，我觉得广告确实能够并且已经影响了我们在购物时的决定。广告通常都非常有说服力，它们会针对消费者的情感和自尊心进行诱导（让你觉得买了他们的产品就能提高自尊）；有些人可能本来不打算购买某个东西，但看到好的广告后，<u>他们可能会觉得生活里没有这个东西就不完整了</u>。事实上，整个广告和市场营销行业都是为此服务的，因此<u>当广告最终投放给购买者时，它已经经过了各种检验，被认为是最有效的（吸引消费者的方式）</u>。

7. Do you think the influence of advertising is good?

I think the influence of advertising can be both good and bad. <u>On the positive side</u>, advertising can raise awareness of products and services that can improve our lives. <u>On the negative side</u>, advertising can manipulate our emotions and create unrealistic expectations, leading to unnecessary spending and <u>disappointment when products turn out to be way less impressive than promised</u>. It is important for people to be critical of advertising and make informed decisions based on their own needs and values.

你认为广告的影响是好的吗？

我认为广告的影响既有好的一面，也有坏的一面。<u>从积极的方面来看</u>，广告可以提高人们对产品和服务的认识，从而改善我们的生活。但是<u>从消极的方面来看</u>，广告可能会操纵我们的情感，让我们产生出不切实际的期望，导致不必要的开支和<u>对产品不如预期的失望</u>。因此，人们需要对广告持批判态度，基于自己的需求和价值观做出明智的决策。

8. How do people usually make important decisions?

People usually <u>spend a significant amount of time</u> considering important decisions. They often <u>weigh the pros and cons</u>, carefully thinking through the consequences of each decision to determine the best choice. They also tend to seek advice from close individuals like friends or family, who can provide an unbiased and logical perspective based on their knowledge of the person's circumstances and history. Additionally, some people choose to consult professionals. These professionals can offer more specific and accurate information, which can <u>greatly assist in the decision-making process</u>.

人们通常如何做出重要的决定？

人们通常在<u>花费大量时间</u>做出重要决策。他们通常会<u>权衡决策的利弊</u>，仔细考虑每一种决策会产生的影响和后果，以判断是否是最佳选择。他们还倾向于向亲近的人寻求建议，如朋友或家人。 因为这些人对我们的情况和背景更了解，他们可能能够提供一种更客观和理性的分析；另外，也有人会选择咨询专业人士，专业人士可以提供更全面和准确的信息，这可以<u>为我们的决策提供极大的帮助</u>。

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Topic 20 有用的广告(新题)

1. What do you think of online advertising?

I think it's annoying. It is <u>disruptive</u> when someone is trying to do something online and should be limited. For example, when someone is watching a video online, the video will often pause for an advertisement. <u>There should be no reason for this,</u> and people should be able to do and watch what they want without someone trying to tell them about a product they're selling. However, if those annoying ads didn't exist, people probably <u>wouldn't learn about many different products out there</u> that really improve people's lives. So figuring out where to place those ads appropriately is <u>a real headache</u>. せ雍緦過凸鏑絢宝店舖偀創さ

2. Are there any great online advertisements?

答案 a： Honestly, most of the time, people tend to <u>skip ads if they have the option</u>. So, in my view, a great advertisement is one that <u>immediately grabs your attention</u> with its incredible creativity and makes you think. For example, I came across an ad on Bilibili once that began with a woman's voice calling 911. <u>This kind of scenario instantly piques your interest</u>, making you wonder what kind of emergency is happening. Then, the conversation revolves around ordering a pizza, giving the impression of a wrong number call. But actually, <u>it's a desperate cry for help</u>. By the end, the ad encourages people to stop domestic violence. It turns out it was a public service announcement by the police, and I think it was <u>an exceptionally imaginative and impactful advertisement</u>.

注意：有时并不是所有 part3 都能立刻有很清晰的思路和想法，尤其是那些你没有经历过的事情（比如我如果一个广告都不看，那么这道题就很难回答），所以这道题，**Bianca** 考官给大家示例了另一种回答方式，很短，主要观点就是——我不知道。但是在考场上这样回答依然不会影响分数（当然不可以每个题都这么用哦～）

答案 b： <u>I don't generally like</u> online advertisements so I'm not sure. <u>But if I had to choose one,</u> I'd say advertisements that make people feel happy or laugh are the best kind.

3. What do people usually buy?

People buy all kinds of things, whatever they want or need really. <u>If we think about online shopping, this includes</u> clothing, shoes, household items, things for people's pets or children, furniture and snacks. <u>I don't think there is a limit to what you can buy</u> as everything people want is available to purchase. There are also <u>big-ticket items</u> that people wouldn't buy on the internet like houses and cars, although some people know what they want and are happy to order it without seeing it. ◎雍緦凸過凸絢宝店舖源創↓

4. Why does buying new things make people happy?

I think most people believe that if they have a lot of things, or if they have the things they want, then they will <u>feel fulfilled</u>. And I think <u>this is true for a period of time</u>. For example, when someone buys a new car, they get really excited about it. It may have been something they never imagined was possible, or something they worked really hard for and finally bought, so they are likely proud of themselves for making their dream come true. However, <u>this happiness is temporary</u> and after many years, they may <u>become sick of their car</u> and want a different one… and then this new one will make them happy again! せ雍緦凸鏑凸絢宝店舖靨創✿

5. Do people watch useless advertising in this day and age?

Sadly, I think they do. Sometimes there's no choice. I mean, even if <u>you have no interest in the ad</u> and would never buy the product, you're still <u>forced to watch the entire thing without the option to skip it</u>. Take YouTube/iQIYI for example, it's almost impossible to watch longer videos <u>without ads in between.</u> And most videos also have ads that appear when a person clicks play on the video. Often the person must allow the ad to play completely, although some can be skipped. So, when these videos cannot be skipped, most people likely watch them.

6. Do you think there is too much advertising in our daily lives?

Yes, there is <u>way too much</u> advertising in our daily lives, and I believe a lot of it is unethical. <u>With cameras that track our eye-movements</u>, <u>cookies that track our internet searches</u>, and the study of sales psychology, <u>advertisers have really upped their game</u>. let's take McDonald's as an example. In 2021 alone, they spent billions on advertising. They even <u>place their products in movies</u> to subtly make us crave their food. So sometimes we don't even realize we're being advertised to. It all seems a bit unfair to the audience and significantly affects our enjoyment of watching movies.

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Topic 21 一幅画(新题)

1.What are the differences between painting and drawing?

Well, I'm not an expert in art or anything, but I think one difference between painting and drawing is the materials used. You know, a painting is made with paint, while a drawing is made usually with pencils. So the materials are different as one is wet and one is dry. For example, a painting and a drawing may take the same amount of time to create but once finished, a painting must dry, whereas a drawing is ready. This is probably the most obvious difference. ⠐雅媼過鎬鎚絢寶店鋪矗創★

2. Why do some people keep a painting for a long time?

Paintings are valuable the older they get, especially if the artist becomes famous. People like to have valuable items. I guess it may be because they want to show their wealth and status to other people, or maybe it's a way of accumulating wealth. For example, some people collect art and keep it for a long time so it becomes very valuable. A person's wealth goes up when they own lots of valuable things. Even if they don't have this money in the bank, they may still be very wealthy because they own a lot of old paintings. However, some people might keep the painting because it was done by a family member and it has sentimental value. Some parents keep their child's paintings from primary school. These paintings definitely have no monetary value but the parents keep them because it's a precious memory.

3. How does building style affect people's lives?

I may not be an expert in architecture, but one thing that comes to mind is how different types of houses can change the way people make friends. In some neighborhoods, houses have front and back yards, making it easier for neighbors to connect. You could sit in your front yard, enjoy a cup of tea, and chat with a neighbor. But in apartment buildings, everyone lives in their own separate spaces. Sometimes, you might not see anyone at all. This makes it hard for neighbors to socialize, which can lead to a sense of distance among people. I think this is one big way buildings can affect how we live. Besides, a building's design can also impact your mental well-being. For example, if a building has high ceilings, it might feel as though there is more space, which can make residents feel more comfortable and in a better mood. However, if a building has low ceilings, then some might find the space feels cramped and even somewhat stifling.

4. What are the benefits of children learning to paint?

Learning to paint has many benefits but I think the main ones are that they build creativity and imagination in a child. Many adults have lost their creative abilities because they don't practise them. But, if we teach children how to paint, then they will likely develop these abilities and be able to use them in other areas of their life. However, there are also some physical benefits. Painting takes a lot of skill, particularly the fine motor skills. For example, when painting, you have to know how to use the paintbrush to create certain strokes. This is definitely a skill that most people don't have and it takes a lot of patience and practise to develop but once developed, this person will not only be able to paint but do many other things with their hands like build intricate models or play musical instruments with precision.ₒₒ0 雅認辶寸過辶寸絢寶店鋪塬創十→

5. How do children learn to paint?

It seems to me that most children learn to paint at school. Children are encouraged to paint when they are in kindergarten, preschool and even primary school. When they are quite young, they just play with the paints and don't really paint anything specifically. However, when they get a bit older, say in primary school, most children have an art class. In this class, they will often have a teacher who is an artist themselves and this is where the real learning of skills can begin. Besides, some parents choose to enroll their children in art classes, and kids may begin learning various painting techniques as early as age three or four, whether through online or in-person art classes.

6. Can one learn to paint by looking at other people's paintings?

I think this is probably unlikely for most people. Painting is a difficult skill that requires hours and hours of learning and practise and usually requires a skilled teacher also. That said, if a person is particularly talented, then I guess it is possible for he or she to learn by copying what the person did. But ultimately, if the person wants to become really skillful, I suppose that they will need a teacher to give them proper instruction and to fine tune their abilities.

7. How do young people share art with others?

Young people have a lot of places to share their art with others. Most likely, young artists will be part of a community group or class that will give members a chance to share their art with their peers and will hold exhibitions to allow students to showcase their art. There are also lots of different online platforms and communities that allow people to show off their work and receive comments on it. For instance, people can live-stream themselves drawing manga on platforms like TikTok. Nowadays, there are tons of these live-streaming options that can bring in a big audience, making it a great way to get their art noticed by more people.

8. Do you think the objects we use in our daily lives should be beautifully designed?

Well, I think that practicality is usually what matters most, I mean, let's be real, if something looks great but falls apart in a week, it's not doing anyone any favors. But we have to admit that beautiful stuff tends to catch people's attention and can put them in a better mood. For instance, when you wake up feeling all groggy in the morning, a fancy coffee mug can totally lift your spirits. And when you visit a friend's place, their cool decorations can leave you seriously impressed. So, to boost our overall quality of life, it's pretty important to make everyday things look nice. It just makes life more enjoyable and fulfilling.

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Topic 22 学校/工作中的重要规则(新题)

1. What kinds of rules do people need to follow in public places?

Apart from following our country's official laws, there are many <u>unspoken rules</u> that everyone should follow in public places. <u>This is basic etiquette and includes things like</u> behaving safely, not disturbing others, wearing appropriate clothing, cleaning up after yourself, and being polite and courteous with others. For example, on the subway, it's not cool to <u>blast your music loudly</u> and disturb others who might be trying to chill. And in places like malls or train stations, it's essential to refrain from smoking, as nobody enjoys <u>being exposed to unhealthy secondhand smoke</u>. Overall, conducting yourself with respect and consideration is the expected behavior for anyone in a public setting. These <u>timeless principles of etiquette</u> apply to everyone in any country.

2. What rules should people follow when using public transport?

I think there are several rules people should follow. The first one is to pay for your ticket. This might mean simply <u>scanning your card or a code and paying</u> as you get on a train or a bus, but it is a very important thing anyone should do first. Besides, you might often hear "Please sit and hold on tight" during the ride. So, that's another important rule. Standing <u>is generally not advisable</u> unless you have something to hold onto, as it's easy to lose balance. Finally, I think people should be quiet. <u>After a long day</u>, no one wants to be disturbed by loud conversations or music. I think the best way is for people to <u>put their headphones in</u>, sit down and be quiet.

3. How do you feel about people using their smartphones while on public transport?

I feel like if you're just <u>scrolling through news or reading a novel on your phone,</u> that's totally fine because it doesn't bother anyone else. But a lot of people use their phones to <u>blast noise,</u> and that's a real issue. Actually, <u>I think most people feel this way</u>. In certain countries, people don't care about making noise and some people will watch a video or movie on their phone without headphones. It's <u>incredibly disturbing to the other passengers</u> who might want to sleep or just relax without any noise. I think there should be a rule about this so that people respect others while traveling on public transport.

4. Should kids be taught to follow rules?

Of course they should! <u>Everyone who lives on earth</u> needs to know the basic rules. <u>These include things like</u> being polite to others, not making noise in public, listening if someone talks to you and so on. Then there are rules like road rules and rules for using public places like parks and swimming pools. All places have their rules and I think it is important that children learn to follow them. The main aim is to teach them how to be respectful to others while also keeping kids and all people safe. <u>That said, it's not always easy</u>. For example, at most swimming pools, the rule is to not run because there is a risk that you could slip, fall and hurt yourself. However, children can get very excited and ignore these rules, so it is important for parents and also the people who work at the swimming pool to remind kids of these rules.

5. Is it common for parents in China to insist that their children follow rules?

It is common for parents from China to make sure their children follow the rules. I think <u>this is normal to</u> teach them the basic things they need to learn. Some parents, however, are <u>particularly strict</u> and the child may be punished if they don't follow the rules. For example, if a child doesn't do their homework, a parent may tell them that they cannot use their iPad for a couple of days as punishment. In public, many parents <u>insist that their children behave, be quiet and so on</u>. I think this is important but as they are children, it may be hard for them to understand why.

6. What rules should children follow at home in your country?

Children should follow basic rules of showing respect to others, especially their elders. For example, <u>it's not considered acceptable</u> in Chinese families for children to shout loudly at their parents or grandparents, as it's seen as a sign of disrespect towards older family members. <u>Likewise, it's a widely observed rule</u> not to place chopsticks upright in a bowl of rice, as it's viewed as a form of disrespect to deceased ancestors, and <u>is considered taboo in many households</u>. There are other rules as well, such as completing homework before bedtime and washing hands before meals. Sometimes, these rules can be confusing for children, and they may need to make mistakes and face consequences to fully grasp their significance.

7. On what occasions can children be forgiven if they don't follow some rules?

I think most children can be forgiven for not always following the rules. <u>They're pretty new to how society works</u> and need time to <u>get the hang of all these rules</u>. So if they're a bit loud in public or run when they should walk, or even <u>get into some light trouble like</u> pushing someone in their classroom, they deserve forgiveness. This is because they are young and still learning and most importantly, their brains have not fully developed. So, some children <u>have the capacity to be aware of what they are doing</u> but others don't. All we need to do is give them time and patiently teach them.

8. What are the reasons that cause people to break rules?

There are lots of reasons why someone might break the rules. Some people don't like the feeling of being controlled, so they rebel. Some people may be in a desperate situation, for example, someone could steal food to avoid starving. Other people may be under pressure from their peer group and <u>break the rules in order to fit in</u>. <u>There are also some people out there</u> who are just plain selfish. They break the rules because <u>they believe they are above others</u> and that the rules don't apply to them.

9. When people break rules, how would they be punished in your country(China)?

It depends on the severity of the rules people break. If someone murders someone for example, they will likely <u>face a life sentence in prison</u>. If it's something less serious like going through a red traffic light, you might <u>get a ticket or lose some points from your driver's license</u>. But when it comes to smaller things like dropping litter or cutting in line, most of the time, <u>people don't get in trouble</u> unless there are people watching, like at some tourist spots. In those cases, you might <u>get slapped with a fine</u> if you're caught littering. To be honest, I think our punishment system is <u>a bit too easy on people</u>, and that's why some people don't take the rules seriously. To make our cities better, we probably need tougher punishments. Take Singapore as an example, they can <u>charge you a big fine if you spit in public</u>, and that's one reason why it's so clean there.

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Topic 23 和他人做过的刺激的活动(新题)

1. What kinds of exciting activities do young people like to do in your country?

One exciting activity that young people like to do in China <u>is go to an escape room with their friends</u>. This is a room that you are in where you have to work together to solve clues and escape before time runs out, <u>creating a sense of thrill</u>. Another exciting activity is bowling. This is exciting for young people because you <u>get to throw a ball down a channel and hit a bunch of pins</u>. It's noisy and unusual and a little bit challenging but it's exciting to try to hit all the pins and win the game. Finally, I think karaoke is another exciting activity that young people like to do. Karaoke is exciting because it involves singing songs in front of other people, which takes a lot of courage.

2. Why do people choose to do exciting activities, such as extreme sports?

People choose to do things like extreme sports because they want to <u>feel excitement in their lives</u>. Many of them often <u>lead very boring lives </u>so when they want to feel alive, they choose to do something that reminds them of this fact. Skydiving and bungy jumping are two of the most famous extreme sports. People love to do them because although they cause a lot of fear, some people find them highly challenging and quite distinct from their usual sports. They are usually <u>more mentally challenging than physically</u>, and this is why they are exciting.

3. How do people benefit from trying new things?

Trying new things is really good for people. It helps them learn new stuff and understand themselves better. Firstly, when people try something new, like surfing for the first time, they will learn new skills. They will figure out how to stand on the surfboard, what to do if they fall off, and how to <u>catch the right wave and ride it to the beach</u>. So, trying new things teaches them new skills. Secondly, people also benefit by learning about themselves. Doing something for the first time is not always mentally easy for someone as this can <u>challenge their sense of self</u>. For example, if they're great at other sports but try something like ice skating for the first time and struggle, it can be frustrating. However, this challenge can <u>serve as a lesson in emotional management</u>, <u>enabling them to navigate their feelings of anger and frustration</u>. It can help them accept that they can't be perfect all the time.

4. Why are some people reluctant to try new things?（参考 Topic6"改变你人生的一段时期"第一题答案）

5. Why do older people avoid trying risky and challenging activities?/Are people less willing to try new things as they get older?

Older people avoid trying risky and challenging activities usually because they are afraid. Most older people think they can hurt themselves and so rather than try something they want to do, they <u>let their fears get in the way</u>. I think the media and doctors <u>have people believe that they have to be careful</u> when they get old but if they are healthy and active, they really should <u>have no cause for concern</u> and should continue to do activity, even risky and challenging activities. For example, if an older person wants to try to kayak and they are a good swimmer, <u>their age alone shouldn't hold them back</u>, but unfortunately, some do.

6. Should people engage in dangerous stimulating activities?

If people are willing to take part in some risky and exciting activities, <u>it's not necessarily a bad thing</u> because it can bring them joy and a sense of accomplishment, as well as spark their courage and adventurous spirit. <u>But here's the thing</u>: life is precious, and everyone has the right to do the stuff they actually enjoy. So, even if an activity like bungee jumping <u>meets all safety standards,</u> no one should be pressured into participating, especially if they fear accidents or death. Pushing someone into an experience they're uncomfortable with can intensify existing fears, such as a fear of heights. So, when it comes to these crazy activities, <u>it's all about</u> respecting people's right to choose what they're comfortable with.

Topic 24 感兴趣的科学领域(新题)

1. Why do some children not like learning science at school?

Science is not everyone's favourite subject. To begin with, people have different tastes, and it's probably got something to do with their natural inclinations. For example, some children enjoy music more than science because they naturally have a thing for rhythms and melodies. In addition to this, science can be kind of tricky to learn. There are some really challenging concepts like learning about how cells work in biology or learning about chemical reactions and the periodic table of elements in chemistry. For some students, these ideas are tough to get because they aren't things you see every day, unlike music, which is all around us. Abstract stuff can be a real head-scratcher, and that's a big reason why a lot of students aren't too keen on the whole science scene.

2. Is it important to study Science at school?

Yes, studying science at school is crucial because it's closely connected to our modern world. A straightforward example of this is how much we use smart devices in our daily routines. To use these things well and fit into today's world, having a strong foundation in subjects like computer science is essential. Besides, some people might say that excelling in other fields can also lead to success in society. But things are changing. With the rapid advancement of AI technologies like ChatGPT, it's becoming evident that they are gradually taking over many jobs in various industries. AI can even assist with tasks such as writing articles, composing music, and creating artwork. So, if you don't know about science, you might have trouble finding a job in the future. That's why learning about science is super important.

3. Which science subject is the most important for children to learn?

I don't think one science subject is more important than another, they are all significant in their own ways. That said, I think that biology is the one we can most relate to as humans. This is because biology is the study of life. We can learn all about the human body, plants and animals and so much more through the study of biology. For example, children learn about how plants grow in biology and how humans reproduce. I would argue that this is far more important than learning the names of the elements in the periodic table.

4. Should people continue to study Science after graduating from school?

No, not if they don't want to. I mean, everyone has their own interests and career aspirations to pursue. While science is significant in our lives, it's not mandatory for all career paths. So, if they are going to study something unrelated to science like business, law, education or art then it is not a requirement. It's also unlikely that these students are interested in science so they shouldn't feel pressured to continue studying it.

5. If middle and high school students don't enjoy studying the science subject, should they still continue learning it? Please provide reasons and examples.

I think in middle school and high school, students should still have to take science courses even if they aren't interested in them. The whole point of lower-level education is to provide everyone with a basic knowledge of all the subjects. Besides, you can't always trust adolescents to choose what is best for themselves. A lot of them go through a phase of rebellion and may have a negative attitude. Some might not like math and science and don't see the point in learning them, but as they grow older, they often come to appreciate the value of these subjects.

6. Do art students need to study science?

I think <u>it depends on the level of education</u>. For example, someone who is majoring in art at a university level should not have to study science, it makes more sense for them to focus only on art. Scientific studies <u>might not provide significant benefits to their artistic pursuits</u>. However, at the primary school and high school levels though, <u>it makes more sense that</u> everyone should have to study science. After all, everyone should have a basic understanding of all of the subjects, and it's important for kids to try a lot of different things in order to discover their passions.

7. How do people(you) get to know about scientific news?

I think this depends on who you are. If you are a scientist, researcher, student studying science or just <u>have a deep interest in science</u>, then these people probably read a scientific journal and learn about the news through these publications. However, if you are <u>a regular person with no such affiliation or interest in science</u>, then you may not find out this news at all, or if you do, it may be via the news on tv or in the newspaper.

8. Should scientists explain the research process to the public?

Yes. I think if a scientist is proving something, they should explain this to the public. Scientists assume that <u>regular people</u> don't want to know the process. They may even <u>make the assumption that</u> regular people won't understand the process. However, if a scientist is giving us information about something, like <u>how infectious a virus is</u>, then showing the public the evidence of this is vital. If scientists don't explain the research process, then how does the public know that they really did that research and are being honest about the findings?

9. What qualities do you think scientists should possess?

Scientists need to <u>possess a curiosity about life and the world</u>. This is probably the most important thing. Without a curiosity, then we wouldn't have answers to some big questions and we definitely wouldn't have inventions or the advancements in technology that we have today. For example, if Marie Curie was not curious about chemistry, we <u>maybe wouldn't know about</u> the elements she created and we definitely wouldn't have mobile X-ray machines. Scientists also need to be creative. They need to <u>think outside the box</u> and <u>be incredibly open minded</u>. If a scientist isn't creative and openminded, then they may only look for one answer to their question, rather than looking at all the possibilities. <u>What this means is that</u> we will then have scientific studies that are <u>biased and one-sided</u>.

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Topic 25 感兴趣的历史时期(新题)

1. Where is a good place to learn about history?

I believe that the best place to learn history is in a city or country steeped in historical significance. Some people might say that school is a good place to learn history but I think that firsthand experience in a historical location is more enriching. For example, a city like Egypt has the most incredible, ancient history with their pyramids, mummies and other old buildings. In fact, many people go to Egypt and study history there, so they can see the sites themselves and learn directly from them. When students study history in Egypt, they can discover how early humans lived and built structures with the technology available at the time. They can also learn about the practice of mummification and its purpose in preserving bodies. In my opinion, Egypt or any historically significant city or country serves as an exceptional place to learn about history.

2. Do you think museums are important for learning about history?

Yes, museums play a crucial role in learning about history. They provide tangible connections to the past through artifacts, exhibits, and interactive displays. For example, in historical museums, we can explore numerous documents, weapons, clothing, and other relics from past wartime periods. These exhibits typically come with detailed descriptions, making it easier for us to gain a deeper understanding of history and feel a closer connection to it. So, I think museums offer a dynamic and immersive learning experience that can captivate people of all ages. They help us understand historical events, cultures, and innovations in a way that textbooks or online resources alone can't. In my opinion, people learn way more by spending an hour in a museum than they would by spending ten hours in a history class.

3. Should kids learn history?

Learning about history is highly significant for kids. First off, it helps them develop critical thinking skills. For example, as kids learn about different historical figures, they come to understand that even exceptional leaders possess both strengths and weaknesses. This awareness not only helps them appreciate the complexities of human nature but also nurtures their ability to think independently. Plus, when they dive into the past and discover things like the two World Wars, it helps them get a sense of how tough life was for people back then. This, in turn, encourages the development of empathy and compassion, which can greatly benefit their interpersonal relationships. So, it's essential for every child to have a foundational understanding of history.

4. In what ways can children learn history?

Children can learn history in a number of ways. The first way is at school, from their teachers. Teachers can share with them all of the famous stories. They can read them books, show them films and tell them what they believed to have happened, then they might also assign projects or presentations to showcase what the children have learned about a specific period in history. Besides, children can acquire historical insights from their parents. History has been passed down from generation to generation via stories that family members share, so I think it's important that this practice continues. Finally, museums offer another fascinating way for children to discover history. Museums have so much history inside of them, usually in an interaction, non-boring way, so most kids love to go to museums because they get to see history in a different way.

5. Should everyone know history?

I think that everyone should know some history basics. I mean, you don't need to be a global history buff or know every detail about other countries, especially if those events don't seem to impact your life directly. But you should at least be familiar with the key events that have shaped your own country's history. For instance, if you're Chinese, it's important to know about the transition from the Qing Dynasty to modern China, as well as the eight-year war with Japan. Understanding these events and the influential people involved helps us better grasp our own culture and society, which in turn strengthens our sense of national identity and pride in our heritage.

6. Is it only older people who are interested in history?

I don't think so. I think <u>it depends on how someone is taught as to whether they like history or not</u>. Some teachers can <u>make history seem dull</u> by simply reading from a book or delivering lectures. When people learn about history, they want to <u>see it come to life</u>. They want to see the picture in their mind, imagine it, feel it, experience it. So if a student is lucky enough to get a teacher who can show them history this way, then I'm sure they will enjoy it, <u>regardless of their age</u>.

7. What are the differences between learning history from books and from videos?

I think that history books and videos <u>each have their own advantages.</u> Books often provide more <u>in-depth information</u> and can be better for research and studying. They encourage critical thinking and offer a deeper exploration of historical events. So if you want <u>a thorough understanding of</u> a particular event, reading a variety of history books can be very helpful. Videos, on the other hand, can make history more engaging and accessible by using visuals, <u>reenactments</u>, and expert commentary. Generally, videos can quickly highlight the main points of a historical event for you. Overall, I believe that an effective history course should offer a balanced approach, incorporating both book learning and video-based instruction to cater to different learning styles.

8. Do people like historical architecture? （请参考 Topic36"美丽的城市"第 2 题答案）

9. Is it difficult to protect and preserve historic buildings?

（Part3 考试中遇到的题，并不是都能有相关知识储备，本题考官给出的"我不知道"的答案角度，大家可以多学习一下）

<u>I'm not sure because I don't know the details of</u> how to preserve a building. I think, however, that governments have experts who know how to do this. While it may be <u>incredibly expensive</u> to preserve and protect an historic building, I don't think it would be too difficult, otherwise they wouldn't do it. I think the most difficult thing would be the time it would take and <u>the constant maintenance</u> that some older buildings might need.

10. Why is it important for people to remember personal events from the past?

（在问到这类题时：为什么人们喜欢.../为什么人们认为...，坦白讲你不一定同意题目提到的观点，可考官还让你解释为什么人们这么想。这时候可以参考 Bianca 考官下面这个开头方式—画波浪线的句子）

<u>I don't necessarily think it is important</u> for people to retain personal memories from the past. <u>However, most people do and I guess</u> it can be nice for people to remember certain special moments because then they can celebrate them. For example, if someone has been married for 50 years and they can remember the day they got married, this will be not important, but definitely special. Having memories reminds us of our life experience, and <u>people love to reminisce about the past,</u> particularly the cherished moments filled with joy and happiness.

11. Why do some people think it's wrong to let the past influence their decisions?

I suppose that our past experiences and decisions can provide valuable lessons and insights for making decisions now. But I also understand that some people think we shouldn't let our past control what we do today. <u>Many people who hold this view</u> likely see the past as a historical record that can offer guidance based on experience, <u>rather than an unchangeable force</u>. For example, if someone tried to start a business before and it didn't work out, they might still want to try again with a new business idea. Similarly, others might <u>have gone through painful breakups</u>, but they don't let these past experiences <u>hinder them from seeking new relationships</u>. These people see their past mistakes as chances to learn and <u>don't let them hold them back</u>. I think this is a positive way of looking at things.

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Topic 26 感兴趣的工作

1. What are the most popular jobs for young people in your country?

It seems to me that the most popular jobs in China are those within the government sector. The civil service exam in China is currently in high demand, with millions of young people competing for the opportunity to become civil servants. The reason for their popularity is primarily due to the fact that these jobs offer the highest level of job security in China, as there is no risk of being laid off. In addition, they often come with attractive benefits such as medical insurance and housing subsidies provided by the government.

在中国，最受年轻人欢迎的工作是什么？

我认为中国最受欢迎的工作是政府招聘的工作。现在中国的公务员考试非常热门。去年有数百万年轻人参加考试，争取获得成为公务员的机会。这类工作受欢迎的主要原因是它们是中国最安全的工作，你完全不用担心被裁员。而且，这些工作的福利待遇一般都很好，政府会提供医疗保险、住房补贴等等。

2.What is the difference between high-income and low-income jobs in your country?

When it comes to high-paying jobs in my country, they usually require a higher level of education, expertise, and responsibility. Professions such as lawyers, doctors, pilots, and financial analysts are commonly associated with high salaries and are often considered "white-collar" jobs. However, it's worth noting that commission-based jobs in sales can also pay very well, although they may not offer a base salary. On the other hand, low-paying jobs in my country typically require less skill and training, including positions like cashiers, warehouse workers, and dishwashers, which are often classified as low-income jobs.

你们国家高收入和低收入工作的区别是什么？

说到我国的高薪工作，通常是需要具备更高的教育水平、专业知识和责任感。律师、医生、飞行员和金融分析师等职业通常与高薪水相联系，也常被视为"白领"工作。然而，值得注意的是，赚佣金的销售员也可以获得很高的报酬，尽管可能没有基本工资。相反，我们国家的低薪工作，通常需要较少的技能和培训，包括像收银员、仓库工人和洗碗工等职位，通常被归类为低收入工作。

3.Is it common for people to do the same job all their lives?

Doing the same job for your whole life is becoming a lot less common. Previous generations lived their lives like this. They preferred playing it safe when it came to making money, but it's not the vibe anymore. Millennials and Gen Z have really changed the game. They are more adventurous and innovative, and will likely work many different jobs over the span of their lives. I think this is mainly because economic progress has changed people's values. In the past, survival was the main concern, but with better economic conditions, young people are prioritizing personal fulfillment through challenging and meaningful work. So they seek out various job opportunities to gain experience and achieve personal growth.

一个人一生做同样的工作是常见的吗？

一辈子从事同一份工作的情况正在变得越来越不常见。以前的人们都是这样过来的，他们在赚钱方面更喜欢保守稳定一些，但现在不再是这样了。千禧一代和 Z 世代（受网络影响很大的一代人）改变了游戏规则。他们更喜欢冒险和创新，很有可能在一生中从事许多不同的工作。我认为这主要是因为经济进步改变了人们的价值观。在过去，人们更关注生存本身（活下去），但是随着经济条件的改善，年轻人更优先考虑通过具有挑战性和有意义的工作实现个人的满足感。所以，他们会寻找各种工作机会以获取不同的经验并实现个人成长。

4.Which jobs have the highest salaries?

Professional athletes and movie stars make the most money, but they usually work with contracts and not salaries. When it comes to salary paid jobs, it's surgeons, lawyers and investment bankers who rank at the top of the list. C. E. O.s of corporations are also some of the most highly paid people on the planet. As a general rule of thumb, the jobs that pay the most require the highest level of skill and education. They also tend to come with greater work pressure than average.

哪些工作薪水最高？

职业运动员和电影明星赚钱最多，但他们通常是根据合同而非薪水计算报酬。如果说谁领薪水最高的话，外科医生、律师和投资银行家是收入最高的职业。企业的首席执行官也是全球收入最高的人之一。根据一般的经验来说，薪水最高的工作需要高水平的技能和教育程度。他们还往往面临比普通人更大的工作压力。

5. Which jobs pay low wages but require a high level of skills?

A good example of low wages for a high skill level is early childhood educators. Despite being one of the most important jobs and requiring extensive education, early childhood educators consistently rank near the bottom of the list when it comes to annual salaries. In fact, many of them have ditched their dreams of pursuing a career in education because of low pay. Another example is fishermen. They earn little despite being skilled and risking their lives at sea. Actually, what's really unfair is that fish sellers often make more money than the fishermen who did all the hard work!

哪些工作薪水低但需要高水平的技能？

要求高但薪水低，有一个很好的例子就是幼儿教师。尽管这是一份非常重要的工作，并需要丰富的教育背景，但幼教的年薪通常都是各行业排行里最低的。事实上，许多人已经放弃了从事教育事业的梦想，因为薪资太低了。另一个例子是渔民。尽管这个工作需要很强的技术，并需要冒着生命危险在海上工作，但渔民的收入却很低。事实上，很不公平的是，卖鱼的人反而比真正辛苦工作的渔民赚的更多！

6. Do you think it is important for secondary schools to offer careers advice to students?

Well, secondary school teachers can play a vital role in helping students discover their interests while also exposing them to various career fields. However, I don't think that providing career planning and preparation guidance is essential at this stage. You know, most people will change a lot during their time in post-secondary and over the course of their 20s, so nothing should be set in stone. Additionally, if students get career planning advice too early, they may feel pressured to choose a specific career path. This could limit their future options and prevent them from exploring other paths that may be a better fit.

你认为中学是否有必要提供给学生职业建议？

中学教师可以在帮助学生发现兴趣和介绍不同职业领域方面发挥重要作用。但是，我认为在这个阶段提供职业规划的指导并非必要。你知道，大多数人在上大学期间以及 20 多岁这个阶段会有很大的变化，所以不应该早早的板上钉钉。另外，如果学生很早就获得职业规划建议，他们可能会感到要被迫选择特定的职业道路。这可能会限制他们未来的选择，并且可能会阻碍他们探索其他或许更适合他们的职业。

7. When is the right time for young people to start making serious plans for their future careers?

I think that when students are in college, it's important for them to start thinking about and planning their future jobs. Universities give students all they need to make these plans. Firstly, <u>colleges offer a much more diverse range of classes than high schools</u>. These different classes can help students find what they're interested in, which can help them decide what job they want. Also, colleges often <u>let students get real-world experience</u> through things like internships and volunteering. This also helps students gain a better understanding of the occupations they may pursue in the future. So, being in college can really help students plan their future jobs <u>in a smart and grown-up way</u>.

对年轻人来说，什么时候可以开始对未来的职业做规划？

我认为，当学生进入大学时，就需要开始对未来的职业方向做思考和规划了。大学为学生提供了所有需要做这些规划的资源。首先，<u>大学提供的课程比高中更多样化</u>。这些不同的课程可以帮助学生找到他们感兴趣的方向，从而帮助他们决定未来想从事的职业。另外，大学通常允许学生通过实习和志愿活动等方式<u>获得实际工作经验</u>。这也可以帮助学生更好地了解他们可能在未来追求的职业。因此，进入大学真的可以帮助学生<u>以一种明智和成熟的方式</u>规划他们未来的职业。

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Topic 27 喜欢穿的衣服

1. Do you like buying clothes?

Yes, I would say that I like buying clothes, even though I try not to buy clothes too often as a shopping habit can get expensive. Anyway, I like to buy new clothes that suit my own personal style, and I also like buying clothes for other people as gifts. Buying clothes is a great way to bond with others as well, like friends or family. It's fun to go clothes shopping and get other people's opinions on what you buy. ◎雅認冎邁冎绹宝店鋪塬創♦

你喜欢买衣服吗？

是的，我确实很喜欢买衣服，尽管我努力地劝自己不要太经常买，因为当购物变成一种习惯以后，开销就变大了。不过，我喜欢买适合我个人风格的新衣服，也喜欢把衣服买来送给别人做礼物。买衣服本身也可以让你和他人，比如朋友或者家人，关系变得更近。当你去买衣服时候，获得他人对你试穿衣服的各种意见时候，是很有意思的一件事。

2. Under what circumstances will people in your country wear formal clothes?

People in my country will wear formal clothes mainly for special occasions. These occasions can be related to work or personal life. For example, at work, many people wear formal clothes if they have an interview or an important meeting. Similarly, significant life events such as weddings, birthdays, funerals, or graduations usually call for formal attire. Besides, given that many people in my country have a fondness for formal clothes, they might also choose to wear them simply to go out to a nice dinner, or to meet up with friends.

在什么情况下，你们国家的人会穿正装？

在我国，人们通常会在特殊场合穿正装，这些场合大部分是与工作或个人生活有关。比如，在工作场合，如果要参加面试或重要会议，许多人会穿正装。同样，在重要的人生大事上，比如婚礼、生日、葬礼或毕业典礼中，通常需要穿着正装。此外，由于我们国家很多人本身很喜欢正装，所以他们可能也会选择穿着很正式的服装去享用一顿美好的晚餐或者是去与朋友见面。

3. What is the difference between the dress of the elderly and the young in China?

I think that everyone has very different styles, so sometimes it is hard to tell a person's age just by the way they look. But generally speaking, young people tend to dress in a more trendy, fun way, while older people favour classic, comfortable styles. For example, young people tend to prefer wearing ripped jeans and oversized hoodies, but older people just think it's weird. Younger people also wear lots of different colours, whereas elderly people stick with neutrals like grays, beiges and blues. ♂雅緦邁冎鼺绹宝店鋪偛創ʓ

在中国，年轻人和老年人的穿衣风格有什么不同？

我认为每个人的穿衣风格都非常不同，因此有时很难仅凭穿着去判断一个人的年龄。但总体来说，年轻人倾向于穿时尚有趣的服装，而老年人则更喜欢经典舒适的风格。比如，年轻人更喜欢穿破洞牛仔裤或者超大号的连帽衫，但老年人会觉得这样穿很奇怪。年轻人还会穿很多不同颜色的衣服，而老年人则喜欢穿灰色、米色和蓝色等中性的颜色。

4. When do people in your country wear traditional clothes?

It's not easy to answer this question since Chinese traditional clothing isn't commonly worn. However, there are a few occasions where it's appropriate to wear it. For example, during a wedding ceremony, the bride, groom, and their parents usually wear traditional Chinese wedding attire, while other guests typically don't. Similarly, during the Spring Festival, numerous people like to wear Tang suits or Hanfu, particularly when taking family photos. These clothes give a dignified and impressive appearance, which is great for capturing special holiday moments with loved ones in pictures that will last forever.

你们国家的人们什么时候穿传统服饰？

这个问题并不是很容易回答，因为中国人并不常穿传统服装。不过，也会有一些场合人们穿传统服装。比如，在婚礼仪式上，新郎、新娘和他们的父母通常会穿传统的中式婚礼服装，而其他宾客通常是不会穿的。同样，在春节期间，许多人会喜欢穿唐装或汉服，特别是拍全家福的时候。这些服装会让人看起来显得庄重，并且给人留下深刻印象。所以非常适合在重要的假期里，和家人拍照时候穿。

5. What kind of clothes do most people wear in your country?

I think this depends on the context. In our country, most people dress more formally in work settings. For instance, men often wear suits, while women wear formal dresses or skirts. Regardless of gender, a shirt is almost always a must in the workplace. However, after work or in non-work settings, people tend to dress more casually and informally. The most common attire is probably a T-shirt and jeans, which is favored by both men and women. Some people also enjoy wearing sportswear or hoodies, as they are comfortable and convenient, making them suitable for casual social occasions.

在你们国家人们通常穿什么衣服？

我认为这需要分场合来看待。在我们国家，工作场合大部分人会穿的比较正式。比如男士经常穿西装，女士常穿正式的裙装。当然，不管男女，衬衫几乎都是工作场合必备。而在下班后，或是非工作场合，人们的穿着就更休闲和随意了。最常见的可能是 T 恤和牛仔裤，不分男女，都喜欢这样穿着。还有人喜欢穿运动装或者套头衫，这些服装穿起来既舒服又方便，非常适合非正式场合休闲社交时穿。

6. Does the climate affect what people wear?

Yes, the climate definitely affects what people wear. After all, wearing too much or too little can cause discomfort. So, during the warmer months, people usually opt for T-shirts, shorts, skirts, or dresses. Most people prefer clothes with lighter colors, since black draws in a lot of heat and that makes the summer more difficult to weather. But during fall and winter, people switch over to sweaters and turtlenecks, as well as long pants or jeans. When it's really cold, you have to wear lots of layers to avoid frostbite or even hypothermia.

气候是否影响人们的穿着？

是的，气候肯定会影响人们的穿着。毕竟，穿的过多或者过少，都可能引起身体不适。所以，在温暖的月份，人们通常选择穿 T 恤、短裤、短裙或连衣裙。大多数人这时候喜欢浅色的衣服，因为黑色会吸收很多热量，这会让夏天更难熬。但在秋季和冬季，人们会换成穿毛衣和高领衫，以及长裤或牛仔裤。当天气非常冷的时候，为了避免冻伤或者甚至体温异常低，人们就必须穿上很多层衣服。

Topic 28 水上运动

1. What kinds of water sports are popular nowadays?

Some of the popular water activities that come to mind are surfing, paddleboarding and kayaking. Surfing is all about riding ocean waves with a surfboard. It takes skill but it looks really cool. Paddleboarding is one of the newest water sports, but I think it's one of the best since it's so easy to learn. You just need to focus on keeping your balance on the board. Another activity is kayaking, which can be seen as a challenging boating sport. Overall, these sports all offer a combination of physical activity, excitement, and of course, the opportunity to be in nature.

现在流行哪些水上运动？

我能立刻想到的一些流行的水上活动是冲浪、划桨板和皮划艇。冲浪就是用冲浪板在海浪上滑行。这需要一些技巧，但看起来真的很酷。划桨板是最新的水上运动之一，但我认为它是最棒的一个运动，因为它很容易学。你只需要专注于保持在板上的平衡就行了。另一项运动是皮划艇，这可以算做是一个有点难度的划船运动。总的来说，这些运动都能让身体得到锻炼，还能让你觉得特别刺激，当然，也可以让你有亲近大自然的机会。

2. Why do people enjoy scuba diving?

I think that people enjoy scuba diving for many reasons. First, scuba diving offers a unique opportunity to explore the underwater world and witness marine life up close, including fish, sharks, coral reefs, and even dolphins and whales. This is an experience you won't have anywhere else. Next, scuba diving can also be a form of relaxation and stress relief, as it requires a lot of focus and concentration, helping to clear the mind. Personally, I would be a bit too scared of sharks to enjoy scuba diving, but I can see why people love it.

为什么有些人喜欢潜水？

我认为人们喜欢潜水有很多原因。首先，潜水提供了独特可以探索水下世界，近距离观察海洋生物的机会，包括看到鱼类、鲨鱼、珊瑚礁，甚至还能看到海豚和鲸鱼。这是一个你在其他地方无法获得的体验。另外，潜水也可以是一种放松和减压的方式，因为它需要保持高度的专注和集中力，有助于帮你清空思绪。就个人而言，我会因为害怕鲨鱼而不太敢潜水，但我能理解为什么人们喜欢它。

3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of water transportation?

Water transportation has several advantages, including the ability to transport large quantities of goods efficiently and cost-effectively. Compared to trucks or planes, ships can handle a lot more stuff. That's why when it comes to transporting bulky items like furniture or heavy machinery, water transportation is the way to go. Plus, since ships can carry a ton of cargo at once, it helps keep transportation costs down and saves energy. However, we all know that ships are slower, so if you need your goods to arrive in a hurry, water transportation isn't the best choice. Additionally, ships emit exhaust fumes and wastewater, which can harm the water and the creatures living in it.

水上交通的利弊？

水运有几个优点，包括能够高效和经济地运输大量货物。相比于卡车或飞机，船有更大的承载能力。所以一般大型家具、机械设备等，水上交通都是首选的运输方式。而且，因为水运一次性可以携带大量货物，所以这有助于降低运输成本并节约能源。但是不可否认，船的运输速度慢，所以如果货物需要快速到达，不适合水运。同时，船会排放废气废水，也可能对水域和水中生物造成危害。

4. Do you think it is good to teach swimming in schools?

Yes, I think it's good to teach swimming in schools. When schools provide swimming education, it gives every student the chance to learn this vital life skill. It's not just about being able to enjoy water activities or travel; knowing how to swim has broader benefits. It helps kids become more aware of water safety and boosts their confidence. In situations where there's a potential water-related danger, being able to swim can be a lifesaver. So, offering swimming lessons in schools ensures that all students acquire this crucial survival skill, giving them solid support for their future safety and self-protection abilities.

你认为在学校教游泳好吗?

是的，我认为在学校教游泳是有好处的。当学校提供游泳课时，每个学生都有机会学习到这项重要的生活技能。这不仅仅是为了水上活动和旅行的需要；学会游泳还有更多的好处。它可以帮助孩子们有更强的水上安全意识，并增强他们的自信心。在面临潜在的水上危险时，会游泳可能会拯救生命。因此，在学校提供游泳课可以确保所有学生掌握这项关键的生存技能，为他们未来的安全和自我保护能力提供有力支持。

5. Is it important to travel by water now compared to in the past?

I would say that traveling by water was much more important in the past compared to now, especially before the invention of airplanes and cars. In the past, since there weren't advanced transportation options like airplanes, waterways were crucial for transporting goods and people over long distances. They allowed for the growth of trade and commerce, connecting cities and countries together. Today, while water transportation is still used for shipping goods and passengers, it's not as essential as it once was. After all, water transportation is too slow compared to the faster and more convenient options available nowadays.

相比于过去，现在乘船出行的方式是否重要?

我认为与现在相比，过去乘船出行反而要重要得多，特别是在发明出飞机和汽车之前。在过去，由于没有像飞机这样先进的交通工具，水路对于长距离运输货物和人来说至关重要。它们促进了贸易和商业的发展，连接起了城市和国家。如今，虽然水上交通仍然用于货物和乘客的运输，但它并不像过去那样重要。毕竟，与现在更快捷、便利的交通运输方式相比，水上交通速度实在是太慢了。

6. What goods are transported by water?

Many different goods can be transported by water, including bulk commodities such as oil, coal, and grains. More high-end products like electronics, clothing, and furniture are also shipped by sea. Additionally, cars are transported on cargo ships, as well as other goods like minerals, chemicals, and machinery. You can basically transport anything by sea, as long as there is no big rush. Shipping things by sea is much slower than transporting products by air, so it is not ideal for time-sensitive shipments.

什么样的货物是水路运输的? (本题可以与第三题联系起来复习)

许多不同的货物可以通过水路运输，包括大宗商品，比如石油、煤炭和谷物。更多的高端产品，如电子产品、服装和家具也通过海运。此外，汽车和其他货物，如矿物、化学品和机械设备，都是用货船运输的。只要要的不太急，基本上任何东西都可以海运。我们都知道海运比空运要慢得多，所以对于时间要求比较高的货物来说，海运并不理想。

7. Why do people like to live near water?

Living near water has been desirable since ancient times, back when people had to live near water in order to grow crops and hunt. Today, <u>living near water is not as much of a necessity as it was back then</u>, but it is still very appealing. People often find that <u>water has a calming effect</u>. It also gives you the chance to do more activities like fishing, boating, and swimming. So, that's why people prefer living near water. It makes it easier to relax and enjoy the natural surroundings while also providing more opportunities for fun and entertainment.

为什么有些人喜欢住在水边？

自古以来，生活在水边一直是人们所向往的，过去人们必须住在靠近水源的地方，才能种植作物和狩猎。而现在，<u>生活在水边并不像过去那样是必须的</u>，但它仍然非常吸引人。人们常常觉得<u>水具有可以让人平静的作用</u>。水边还可以有更多的活动机会，比如钓鱼、划船和游泳。这就是为什么人们更喜欢住在水边的原因。它可以让你身心更容易得到放松，更容易享受到大自然，同时也提供了更多的娱乐休闲的机会。

8. What do you think of the people who waste water?

I think that people who waste water should pay more attention to the effect that they are having on the environment. Our sources of freshwater are not unlimited, and eventually <u>they will dry up if people are not more careful about their water usage</u>. Also, there are people in poorer parts of the world that <u>have to walk for miles to get to a well to have water for their families</u>, so we should be grateful for the water that we have and we definitely shouldn't waste it.

你如何看待那些浪费水资源的人？

我认为那些浪费水资源的人应该更加注意他们对环境的影响。我们的淡水资源不是无限的，<u>如果人们不能更多一些注意到节约用水，那么水资源最终会枯竭</u>。另外，在世界上一些较贫穷的地区，有些人<u>必须走很远的地方才能找到一口井来为家人取水</u>，所以我们应该感激自己所拥有的水资源，绝不应该浪费它。

Topic 29 童年游戏

1.What games do kids like to play now?

Kids nowadays have a wide range of games they enjoy playing. Besides the traditional board games like chess, their top choice is undoubtedly video games. There's a wide variety of electronic games available now, with adventure, action, and role-playing games being the most popular genres. Besides, thanks to crazy cool technology, there are even virtual reality games for kids to dive into. They can slap on those fancy headsets and use controllers to step right into mind-blowingly realistic virtual worlds. Honestly, while some kids enjoy outdoor sports like soccer and basketball, most children are captivated by the online gaming world.

现在的孩子喜欢玩什么游戏？

现在的孩子们有各种各样的游戏可以玩。除了传统的象棋等棋盘游戏，他们最喜欢的选择无疑是电子游戏。现在的电子游戏类型很丰富，最流行的可能是冒险、动作和角色扮演等游戏。另外，科技发展的太快，现在还出现了逼真的虚拟现实游戏供孩子们体验。他们可以戴上那些时髦的头戴设备，拿着手柄进入令人惊叹的逼真虚拟世界。说实话，虽然有孩子喜欢户外运动，比如足球和篮球，但大多数孩子都沉迷于网游了。

2.Is it good for a kid to be ambitious?

I think that ambition can be a great thing for kids, but kids should also be wary of becoming overly ambitious. Ambition helps motivate children to set goals in academics, extracurriculars, and their personal lives. Having goals encourages children to exert more effort, and it also strengthens their self-management skills, which can lead to greater achievements in the future. That being said, it's important for parents and teachers to also show kids the value of being realistic, and not setting their sights too high. If kids are too ambitious, and then are somehow unable to meet their goals, they may become discouraged and develop low self-esteem.

孩子们有野心好吗？

我认为，对于孩子来说，有野心可以是一件非常好的事情，但孩子们也应当注意不要过于野心勃勃。有野心可以激励孩子在学业、课外活动和个人生活中设定目标。拥有目标就会激励孩子付出更多的努力，并加强他们的自我管理能力，这有助于他们将来取得更大的成就。而话虽如此，家长和老师也有责任向孩子们传达现实的价值观，以及告诉他们不要将野心设得过高。如果孩子们野心过于大，然后无法实现，可能会气馁并导致降低自信心。

3.Are outdoor sports important for kids?

Outdoor activities are super beneficial for kids. Nowadays, a lot of kids are totally hooked on online gaming, leading to a sedentary lifestyle that negatively impacts their physical and mental health. So, it's important to encourage them to get out there and do some awesome outdoor activities. Like, playing soccer outside can totally pump up their muscles and help their bones grow strong. And going for a run or bike ride can boost their endurance. Plus, spending time outdoors in nature can help children relax, recharge, and take a break from the stress of school and daily life.

户外活动对孩子们来说重要吗？

户外活动对孩子们益处很大。现在许多孩子完全沉迷于网络游戏，导致老是坐着不动，这对他们的身体和心理健康会产生很大的负面影响。因此，鼓励他们参与一些户外活动非常重要。比如，户外踢足球可以增强肌肉和帮助骨骼发育。而跑步或骑自行车可以提高他们的耐力。另外，花时间到户外的大自然中，可以帮助孩子放松，充电，从学校和日常生活的压力中得到休息。

4. Why do people play different games now than before？

I think that people play different games for a number of reasons, but <u>it all comes down to</u> technological advances and changing cultural trends. The rise of video games and virtual reality has led to a shift away from traditional board games and physical activities. Although there are some people who are more <u>old school</u> and prefer board games, the majority of kids and teens turn to video games. Twenty years ago, most households had only one shared computer and <u>zero gaming consoles</u>, but that has changed in recent years.

为什么现在的人们和以前玩的游戏不一样？

我认为人们玩不同的游戏有很多原因，<u>但归根结底是由于</u>技术进步和文化趋势的改变。视频游戏和虚拟现实的兴起导致了人们对传统桌面游戏和体育活动兴趣的转变。尽管有<u>一些人更传统</u>，更喜欢桌面游戏，但大多数孩子和青少年都转向了视频游戏。20 年前，大多数家庭只有一台共享电脑，<u>没有游戏机</u>，但近年来这种情况发生了很大的变化。

5.Is winning important in games?

Winning is important if the game is meant to be competitive, like if it's for a competition or a tournament. After all, the main goal of <u>investing time and effort into training</u> is to succeed. However, if you are just playing a game for fun with family or friends, I don't think that winning is very important. It's more important to have fun and spend time with people you care about. For children especially, it is crucial that adults <u>don't put too much emphasis on winning</u>, or the child might become overly competitive and <u>a sore loser</u> when they grow up.

游戏里面，获胜很重要吗？

如果游戏的目的是竞争性的，比如参加比赛或锦标赛，那么获胜是很重要的。毕竟，<u>投入时间和努力进行训练的目的</u>就是为了取得成功。然而，如果你只是和家人或朋友一起玩游戏，我认为获胜并不是非常重要。更重要的是享受游戏过程，并与关心的人一起度过美好时光。特别是对于孩子们来说，成年人<u>不应过分强调获胜</u>，否则孩子长大后可能会变得过于好胜，成为<u>一个输不起的人</u>。

6.Which is better, individual games or team-based games?

I would say that both individual and team-based games have their benefits. Individual games like chess or tennis help people <u>develop skills like self-reliance and focus</u>, while team-based games like football or basketball can improve people's cooperation and communication skills. However, the choice between individual and team competitions depends on personal interests and goals. Some individuals prioritize achieving personal objectives, while others <u>enjoy the sense of accomplishment that comes from collaborating with others</u>. So, the most important thing is to choose the type of competition that suits you and lets you get the most enjoyment and personal growth from it.

个人赛和团队赛，哪个更好？

我认为个人赛和团队赛各有其优势。个人赛如国际象棋或网球这样的比赛，有助于<u>培养自立和专注等技能</u>，而团队赛如足球或篮球则可以提高合作和沟通能力。然而，选择个人赛还是团队赛取决于个人的兴趣和目标。有些人更看重实现个人目标，而有些人则<u>享受与他人合作获得的成就感</u>。因此，最重要的是选择适合自己的类型，并从中获得乐趣和个人成长。

7. Do boys and girls play different games ?

Yes, many boys and girls may have different preferences when it comes to games due to socialization and <u>gender stereotypes</u>. To use a very general example, boys tend to be more interested in physical activities like football or wrestling, and girls often prefer activities like dancing or gymnastics. Boys also usually like video games more than girls. <u>That being said,</u> everyone is different, and the types of games and sports that people prefer really has to do with their individual personality. Parents should let their children freely choose games based on their own preferences, <u>without limiting them based on gender</u>.

是否男孩女孩玩的游戏不同？

是的，由于社会化和<u>性别刻板印象</u>的影响，许多男孩和女孩在选择游戏时可能有不同的偏好。举个很普遍的例子，男孩通常更喜欢像足球或摔跤这样的体育活动，而女孩则更喜欢跳舞或体操等活动。男孩通常也比女孩更喜欢视频游戏。<u>尽管如此，</u>每个人都是独特的，人们喜欢的游戏和运动类型实际上与他们个人的个性有关。作为家长，应该让孩子根据自己的兴趣自由选择游戏，<u>不要受性别限制</u>。

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Topic 30 运动节目

1. Which sport do you think most people like to do? And why?

Although people's favorite sports <u>may vary depending on factors such as age, gender, and cultural background</u>, some sports are generally popular among most people, such as soccer, basketball, tennis, and swimming. Personally, I think that soccer is the most popular sport. <u>Soccer appeals to people of all ages and genders</u>, and it is fairly easy to learn the rules of the game. Many cities have soccer teams that school-aged children can join, as well as teams for adults. There is also the soccer world cup, which many people watch on TV.

你认为大多数人喜欢什么运动？为什么？

虽然人们喜欢的运动<u>可能因年龄、性别和文化背景等因素而异</u>，但有些运动通常更容易受到大多数人的欢迎，比如足球、篮球、网球和游泳。个人认为足球是最受欢迎的运动。<u>足球适合各个年龄段和性别的人</u>，并且它的游戏规则也比较容易学习。许多城市都有足球队供学龄儿童和成年人加入。此外，还有足球世界杯比赛，很多人都会在电视上收看这样的比赛。

2. Do children need exercise?

Yes, children need exercise for their physical and mental health. Regular exercise can help children maintain a healthy weight, develop strong bones and muscles, and <u>reduce the risk of chronic diseases later in life</u>. In addition to its clear impacts on physical health, exercise can be amazing for mental health as well; <u>many studies have proven that exercise is a mood booster</u>, and people with chronic stress often exercise in order to manage their anxiety. So, children should develop good exercise habits early in life.

孩子们需要锻炼身体吗？

是的，孩子们需要运动来保持身心健康。定期运动可以帮助孩子们保持健康的体重，发育强壮的骨骼和肌肉，并<u>降低日后患慢性病的风险</u>。除了对身体健康有明显影响外，运动对心理健康也有很好的作用。<u>许多研究已经证明运动是情绪助推器</u>。长期承受压力的人可以经常通过运动来管理他们的焦虑。因此，孩子应该从小就养成良好的运动习惯。

3. What are the benefits of exercise?

The benefits of exercise include <u>improved physical fitness</u>, improved mood and mental health, and better sleep. Exercise is one of the best things people can do to improve their overall health, and they don't even need to do <u>super difficult exercise regimes</u>. Simply walking for thirty minutes every day is a huge improvement over no exercise. So everyone should <u>strive to incorporate daily exercise into their routine</u>. Besides, exercise can be in the form of a team sport, so it can be a social activity as well.

锻炼的好处是什么？

锻炼的好处包括可以<u>增强体质</u>，改善情绪和心理健康，以及提高睡眠。锻炼是可以帮助人们改善健康的最好的方式之一，你甚至都不需要做什么<u>特别难的健身计划</u>。每天步行 30 分钟就比不运动要好得多。所以<u>每个人都应该把每天的锻炼纳入到日常生活中</u>。另外，锻炼可以是团队运动的形式，所以它也可以是一种很好的社交活动。

4. Why do some people dislike watching sports programs?

I think that people dislike watching sports programs for a number of reasons, but <u>first and foremost it comes down to lack of interest</u>. Different people like all different genres of television, including sports, news, drama, and comedy. <u>Sports just aren't for everyone</u>, so some people may not like to watch them at all. Additionally, some people may prefer to participate in sports rather than watch them; they might love playing sports but find watching them to be quite boring.

为什么有些人不喜欢看体育节目？

人们不喜欢看体育节目的原因可能有很多，<u>但首要原因是缺乏兴趣</u>。不同的人喜欢各种不同类型的电视节目，包括体育、新闻、戏剧和喜剧等。<u>体育并不适合所有人</u>，所以有些人可能根本就不喜欢看。此外，有些人可能更喜欢参与体育运动而不是坐着观看；他们可能喜欢做体育运动，但发现看体育节目比较无聊。

5. What can be done to get children into sports?

I believe that to make children love sports, the most crucial method is to <u>expose them to various sports at a young age</u>. For example, if parents take their children to experience different sports such as swimming, skiing, or rock climbing from a young age, <u>children are more likely to discover their own strengths and develop a love for sports</u>. Additionally, it's important for parents to teach their children that sports are about having fun and staying healthy, not just winning or being the best. Some parents expect their kids to be the best at everything, including sports, which puts a lot of pressure on them and <u>takes away the enjoyment</u>. So, parents should be supportive and positive, and not push their kids too hard in sports.

做什么可以让孩子们爱上运动？

我认为让孩子们热爱运动，最关键的方法是<u>在他们很小的时候就让他们接触各种不同的运动</u>。比如，如果父母在孩子很小的时候带他们尝试不同的运动，像是游泳、滑雪或攀岩，<u>孩子更有可能发现自己的优势并培养对运动的热爱</u>。另外，父母应该告诉孩子，运动的目的是为了身体健康、放松心情，而不是一定要去追求获胜或者成为赢家。有些父母期望自己的孩子在各方面都是最优秀的，包括运动，这给孩子们施加了很大的压力，<u>剥夺了运动的乐趣</u>。所以，父母应该给予支持和积极的鼓励，不要过度逼迫孩子。

6. What sports programs do people like to watch in your country?

Honestly, in our country, many people enjoy watching sports events where China is likely to win championships in world-class competitions, like table tennis, diving, shooting, and more. <u>It's natural for people to want to see their supported teams win</u>. So, we tend to choose sports events where China has a higher chance of winning because it creates excitement and anticipation. Whenever our country wins, we feel a great sense of pride. However, it doesn't mean that nobody in our country pays attention to sports like football and basketball, <u>where our rankings are lower in the world</u>. In fact, football and basketball still have a significant number of fans and viewers, despite our weaker performance. Watching these games is not only about seeking victory but also <u>appreciating the players' skills and the thrill of intense competition</u>.

你们国家的人们喜欢看什么运动节目？

说实话，在我们国家，许多人喜欢观看中国有可能在世界级比赛中获得冠军的体育赛事，比如乒乓球、跳水、射击等等。<u>人们当然都希望看到自己支持的团队取得胜利</u>。所以，我们通常会选择中国胜算大的比赛观看，这样会充满期待值和兴奋感。而且每次看到自己国家赢的时候，都无比的骄傲。然而，这并不意味着在我们国家没有人关注足球和篮球等<u>我们在世界上排名较低的体育项目</u>。实际上，足球和篮球仍然有大量的球迷和观众，尽管我们在这些项目上实力较弱。观看这些比赛不仅仅是追求胜利，也是为了<u>欣赏球员们精彩的球技和激烈的比赛带来的乐趣</u>。

7. What ' s the difference between watching sports on TV and watching it live?

I believe <u>there are some obvious differences between these two</u>. Firstly, when you watch sports on TV, <u>you can get certain angles that you wouldn't be able to if you were in the stands</u>. The cameras capture every movement, and what's most helpful is that <u>they can play back the action</u>. If you missed the moment while it was happening, you can see it replayed and up-close. However, compared to watching on TV, watching sports live is even more thrilling. You get to witness the action firsthand, which is exciting for die-hard sports fans. Plus, the event is also shared with thousands of <u>like-minded spectators</u>, creating a collective emotional wave of cheers and sighs. It's definitely an interesting and cool experience.

在电视上和在现场看体育比赛，有什么不同？

我认为<u>这两者之间存在一些明显的区别</u>。首先，当你在电视上观看体育比赛时，<u>你可以看到在现场看台上无法看得到的某些角度</u>。摄像机可以给我们捕捉到每一个动作，而且电视<u>还可以回放这些动作</u>。如果比赛进行时你错过了某个瞬间，就可以通过重播来近距离观看到。然而，相比于在电视上观看，现场观看体育比赛会更加激动人心。你可以第一时间目睹到比赛实况，这对于狂热的体育迷来说是最兴奋的。而且现场成千上万的<u>志同道合的观赛者</u>和你一起参与其中，大家一起兴奋的大叫，或是失望的叹气。这绝对是一个有趣和又很酷的体验。

Topic 31 有用的发明

1.Are there inventions that have changed the world? How? / Are there any other inventions that make the world better?

Yes, there are many inventions that have changed the world <u>over the course of history</u>. I think the most significant examples would be the wheel, the lightbulb, and the telephone. The wheel revolutionized transportation, the lightbulb revolutionized daily life, and the telephone revolutionized communication. These inventions, <u>though seemingly small, paved the way for every single invention that came after,</u> including cars, planes, cell phones, and the internet. It is hard to imagine a world before lightbulbs and telephones, which just goes to show how significant these inventions were.

有没有哪些发明改变了世界？

是的，<u>历史上</u>有许多发明改变了世界。我认为最重要的例子就是轮子、灯泡和电话。轮子改变了我们的交通运输方式，灯泡改变了我们的日常生活，而电话改变了通讯方式。这些发明<u>看似微小，但都为之后的每一个发明铺平了道路</u>，包括汽车、飞机、手机和互联网。很难想象没有电灯和电话之前的世界是什么样，而这正说明了这些发明的重要性。

2. What are the qualities of a scientist?

There are many different qualities that a scientist might possess. Firstly, scientists have to be very intelligent. They need to be able to <u>follow complex scientific formulas,</u> and read and understand a lot of research. Secondly, scientists should be able to <u>think outside the box</u>; they have to <u>be open minded</u> in order to come up with new ideas for experiments and inventions. Finally, scientists have to be determined, because even if they encounter failure, they have to be willing to try again.

科学家需要具备哪些品质？

科学家可能需要具备许多不同的品质。首先，科学家必须非常聪明。他们需要能够<u>理解复杂的科学公式</u>，阅读和理解大量的科学研究。其次，科学家要能够<u>打破固有思维</u>，他们必须具备<u>开放的心态</u>，以便为实验和发明想出各种新的创意。最后，科学家还必须有决心，因为即使他们遭遇失败，也必须要愿意再次尝试。

3. What qualities do inventors have?

I think inventors are incredibly creative and innovative. They always <u>think outside the box</u>. This is important for an inventor because they have to come up with ideas no one has thought of before. For example, we have <u>a famous internet celebrity in our country, known as the "TikTok Edison."</u> He uses various materials from daily life to create unique and strange things. People really enjoy watching his inventions because his ideas are always very different. Also, inventors need to be patient and hardworking. Making a new product takes a lot of time and there are usually many failures before a success. So <u>inventors need to persist even when things get tough.</u>

发明家需要具备什么素质？

我认为发明家们非常富有创造力和创新精神。他们总是能跳出固定模式进行思考。这是作为发明者必须具备的一个素质，因为他们必须提出之前没有人想到过的点子。比如，我们国家<u>有一个著名的网红，被称为"抖音爱迪生"</u>。他利用日常生活中各种材料创造出独特又奇怪的东西。大家非常喜欢看他的各种发明，就是因为他的想法总是非常的与众不同。另外，发明家还需要有耐心和很勤奋。创造一个新产品需要很多时间，通常在成功之前都会有非常多失败的次数。因此，发明家需要坚持不懈，<u>即使遇到困难也要继续努力</u>。

4. Do all inventions bring benefits to our world?

No, I think that some inventions bring more damage than benefits to the world. Although there are many inventions that improve life, some inventions are very dangerous. <u>One key example would be</u> the atomic bombs that were invented and used during the second world war. The devastation that these bombs caused to the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was unimaginable, and <u>their existence formed the basis of the Cold War that lasted decades</u>. Thus, it is evident that not all inventions benefit the world.

是否所有的发明都会给我们的世界带来好处？

不，我认为有的发明是弊大于利的。尽管有很多发明可以改善生活，但有些发明是非常危险的。<u>一个很重要的例子就是</u>第二次世界大战期间发明和使用的原子弹。这些原子弹的发明和使用导致了广岛和长崎市的毁灭性破坏，<u>进而在世界上引发了持续数十年的冷战</u>。因此，显而易见，并非所有的发明都能造福世界。

5. Do you think people who have not been educated in school can invent things? / Do you think only scientists can invent new things?

Yes, I think that everyone should be able to invent things, and in fact, sometimes people who <u>have no normal schooling</u> are the best inventors. These people <u>have very open minds</u> and are usually very creative, so they can come up with better ideas than people with usual schooling. I think that anyone can be an inventor, you just have to have a good idea and stick to it. Being in school does not guarantee you success in life, but <u>coming up with a famous invention just might</u>. 雅媳媳過過過旬亻 賓店鋪原創

你认为那些没有在学校接受过教育的人也能发明东西吗？

是的，我认为每个人都应该有机会发明东西。而且实际上，有时候那<u>些没有受过正规教育的人</u>是最好的发明家。这些人<u>思维开放</u>、富有创造力，因此他们可能比那些受过正规教育的人有更好的想法。我认为任何人都可以成为发明家，只要有一个好点子并坚持不懈地追求它。在学校学习并不能保证你在生活中就可以获得成功，但是<u>拥有一个著名的发明却可能会（让你成功）</u>。

6. Who should support and sponsor inventors, governments or private companies?

I suppose that inventors <u>should be sponsored by a combination of</u> governments and private companies. Governments can safeguard their rights via regulations, especially <u>intellectual property rights</u>. This would boost motivation for continued innovation. Besides, private companies can offer funding, facilities, and other resources to <u>speed up and enhance inventors' work</u>. Overall, I think that this <u>joint support</u> leads to commercial benefits and societal progress.

谁应该支持和赞助那些搞创造发明的人，政府还是私人公司？

我认为做创造发明的人，应该<u>得到政府和私营企业共同的</u>资助。政府可以通过制定规章制度，特别是<u>知识产权保护</u>，来维护他们的权利。这将可以激励创作和发明者拥有继续创新的动力。此外，私营企业可以通过提供资金、设施和其他资源，来帮助他们<u>加速工作进程，提升工作效果</u>。总体而言，我认为这种<u>联合支持</u>可以带来商业利益，并促进社会进步。

7. What inventions do you think should be improved?

I suppose that some inventions that can be improved include some public transit systems, and some cell phones. There are many cities in the world with amazing and efficient public transit systems, but some cities could really use an upgrade. For example, in certain extremely cold regions, high-speed trains are still unable to operate due to the low temperatures, which <u>impede their proper functioning</u>. So <u>upgrading and renovating high-speed trains is essential</u>. Also, modern cell phones could be improved because many of them <u>have a terrible battery life</u>, which is very frustrating for users.

你认为哪些发明应该得到改进？

我认为一些公共交通系统和手机是需要改进的。世界上有许多城市拥有令人惊叹和高效的公共交通系统，但有些城市是真的需要改进升级。比如，在某些极寒地区，高铁仍然无法运行，因为低温会<u>阻碍它们的正常运行</u>。因此，<u>对于高铁的升级改造是必不可少的</u>。此外，手机也需要改进，因为许多手机的<u>电池续航能力很差</u>，这对用户来说非常郁闷。

Topic 32 理想的房子

1. What are the most common architectural styles in Chinese cities?

In China, the majority of architectural styles consist of high-rise buildings, typically with at least six floors and even soaring to twenty or thirty floors in recent years. This is mainly because China has a large population, especially in rapidly growing urban areas. To accommodate the ever-increasing number of people, both residential and office buildings tend to be skyscrapers. However, alongside these modern structures, China also cherishes its traditional architectural styles. For example, the courtyard houses known as "siheyuan" are quite common in the northern regions. These houses consist of four interconnected buildings surrounding a central courtyard, creating a harmonious living space. Besides, in the southern regions, there're houses built along waterways. These buildings typically have wooden structures and feature exquisite decorations such as intricate wood carvings. They reflect the rich heritage of traditional Chinese architecture.

中国城市中常见的建筑风格是什么样的？

中国的大部分建筑风格是高楼，通常都是至少6层高的楼，尤其是最近几年，很多十几层甚至二十多层高的楼。这主要是因为中国人口众多，城市人口尤其增长速度快，所以为了容纳大量人口，我们国家无论是住宅还是办公，普遍都是高楼建筑。除此之外，中国也有很多传统的建筑，比如在北方四合院是非常常见的建筑风格。尤其是在北京你可以看到很多这样的建筑。它们是由四个房子分别建在东西南北四个方向，形成一个庭院，营造出一种和谐的生活空间。另外南方还有很多房子是靠水而建的，这些建筑通常都是木质结构，并且房子上可以看到很多木雕等特别精美的装饰，这也是中国传统的建筑风格之一

2. What's the difference between an apartment and a house?

The main difference between an apartment and a house is that apartments are typically smaller and are located in multi-unit buildings. On the other hand, houses are larger and located on their own plot of land. Besides, apartments may have shared amenities like parking spaces or a pool, while houses typically have their own private amenities like a backyard or garage. Of course, there's a big price difference too. Generally, apartment buildings are much more affordable compared to houses. Additionally, in our country, due to a large population and limited land, there are more apartment buildings than houses.

公寓楼和独立屋的区别是什么？

公寓和独立屋的主要区别在于，公寓通常更小，并且位于多单元建筑中。而独立屋更大，通常独占一块地。另外，公寓可能有共享设施，比如停车位或游泳池，而独立屋通常有自己的私人设施，比如后院或车库。当然，价格上也存在很大差异。一般来说，公寓楼比独立屋更便宜一些。还有一点就是，在我们国家，由于人口众多、土地有限，公寓楼的数量要比独立屋多。

3. What's the difference between living in the countryside and living in the city?

There are many differences between living in the country and living in the city. In the countryside, people tend to have more space, more privacy, and unlimited access to nature and the outdoors. In contrast, living in the city offers access to cultural events, job opportunities, and more cultural experiences. There are cons to both the countryside and the city as well; the countryside can be lonely because there aren't as many people around, and there aren't as many fun things to do. On the other hand, living in the city can be overly busy and full of pollution from all the cars and factories. ʃ ☆ve 雅媤過過鵸甸寳居舗願創ɤ

住在乡村和住在城市的区别？（考了无数年的题）

生活在乡村和城市之间存在许多区别。在乡下，人们往往拥有更多的空间、更多的隐私，并且可以随时接触大自然和户外活动。相比之下，生活在城市给人们提供了参与文化活动的机会、工作机会和更多的

文化体验。然而<u>乡村和城市也有各自的缺点</u>；在乡下可能会感到孤独，因为周围人不多，而且没有太多有趣的事情可做。而生活在城市，可能会过于忙碌，而且汽车和工厂带来的污染也比较严重。

4. What are the advantages of apartment facilities compared to house facilities?

Although houses can have their own awesome features, such as a backyard or garage, <u>the shared amenities</u> provided by apartment buildings are typically more extensive. For instance, there are swimming pools, fitness centers, and <u>a wider range of equipment and facilities</u> compared to what you'd find in a house. Also, in an apartment there is usually maintenance staff to <u>handle upgrades or repairs</u>, whereas in a house the homeowner has to take care of all that. So, compared to owning a house, living in an apartment building can really save you time, energy, and even some cash.

和独立屋的设施相比，公寓楼的设施有什么优势？

独立屋当然有自己独特的特点，比如有独立的后院或车库，但是公寓楼提供的<u>共享设施</u>通常更加丰富。比如会有游泳池、健身中心，还有其他<u>更丰富的设备和设施</u>，相比之下独立屋很难达到这种水平。另外，在公寓里通常有维修人员<u>负责更新和修理设备</u>，而在独立屋中，所有这些都需要由房主自己来处理。所以，与住在独立屋相比，住在公寓楼里可以节省很多时间、精力，甚至也会省很多钱。

5. What difficulties do people have living in the city?

Despite the benefits of living in a city, people also face several difficulties, including high cost of living, traffic congestion, and noise pollution. <u>The cost of living in cities has skyrocketed in recent years</u>, making it hard to afford basic necessities. Traffic congestion and noise pollution can lead to increased stress, plus it is super annoying. Overall, some people find that living in the city has too many disadvantages, and <u>choose to move to the country instead for a calmer life</u>.

住在城市对人们来说有什么困难？

尽管生活在城市里有很多好处，但人们也在面临着一些困难，包括高昂的生活成本、交通拥堵和噪音污染。<u>最近几年，住在城市里的生活成本飞涨</u>，人们很难负担得起基本生活必需品。而交通拥堵和噪音污染也会导致压力增大，而且非常烦人。总的来说，一些人发现生活在城市中有太多的不利因素，所以他们<u>选择搬到乡村，过更宁静的</u>生活。

6. What can be done to reduce the stress of city life?

To reduce the stress of city life, there are several strategies people can use. One is to <u>prioritize self-care</u>, which can include exercise, eating well, and taking time for relaxation and hobbies. Many people who live in big cities <u>turn to yoga, meditation, or other mindfulness strategies to combat stress</u>. Another strategy is to seek out community events and social activities to meet new people. You know, living in the same city, it's common to experience similar stresses. Having friends who get it and can chat with you can really help <u>ease the burden</u>. Overall, even though cities can cause anxiety, there are ways to beat the stress.

做什么可以降低在城市生活的压力？

人们可以有多种方法来减轻在城市生活的压力。其中一种是<u>优先考虑自我（关爱自我）</u>，比如多锻炼身体、吃得好一些，以及花时间放松和做一些自己喜欢的事情。很多生活在大城市的人会选择<u>做瑜伽、冥想或其他正念策略来对抗压力</u>。另一个方法是积极参与社区活动和社交活动，来结识新朋友。你知道，生活在同一个城市，大家面对的压力很多都是一样的，如果有一些能够理解你并和你聊天的朋友，真的能够帮助你<u>减轻负担</u>。总的来说，尽管城市可能会引起焦虑，但是我们还是有办法去克服的。

Topic 33 多次阅读的书

1.What kinds of books do children like to read? Why?

Children have short attention spans and are very visual learners, so they typically prefer story books with lots of pictures. Especially for younger children, bright and bold colors tend to catch their attention, even if they can't understand the text itself. Nursery rhymes are also popular with young kids because they are entertaining and easy to memorize. Comparatively, comic books with more serious plots are more popular with older kids. However, kids of all ages love silly stories with a lot of whimsy and imagination.

孩子一般都喜欢看什么类型的书？

儿童的注意力很短暂，而且他们通常是视觉学习者，因此他们更喜欢有许多图片的故事书（绘本）。尤其是对于较年幼的孩子，鲜艳而大胆的颜色往往能吸引他们的注意力，即使他们不能理解文本本身。另外，童谣也很受小孩欢迎，因为它们有趣而且很容易记忆。相比之下，情节相对严肃的漫画书更受大一点的孩子的欢迎。不过，所有年龄段的孩子都喜欢充满奇思妙想和想象力的傻傻的故事。

2.What can kids learn from books?

Besides the obvious vocabulary and language features, kids can develop learning strategies such as concentrating, looking at pictures for clues, and searching for information from books. Also, children's books often have an important moral lesson, help develop empathy, and teach kids about how to manage their feelings. They can even teach children about difficult topics such as death. Additionally, non-fiction books can teach kids interesting facts about the world, and fairy tails will help spark their imaginations. All in all, reading all sorts of books is super good for kids.

孩子们可以从书中学到什么？

除了显而易见的掌握词汇和语言，孩子们还可以通过阅读培养自己的学习方法，比如锻炼提高注意力、从图片中寻找线索和查找信息的能力。此外，儿童读物通常具有重要的道德教育意义，有助于培养孩子的同理心，教孩子如何管理情绪，甚至可以教孩子如何面对一些困难的话题，比如死亡。另外，非小说类书籍通常可以教会孩子们关于这个世界的有趣事实，而童话故事则可以激发他们的想象力。总而言之，阅读各种各样的书对孩子们非常有好处。

3.Do people prefer to read e - books or print books in your country?

E-books are becoming more popular because of convenience. E-book providers give you unlimited reading options at your fingertips, they don't take up any space in your home or in your bag, and you can get them delivered instantly with the click of a button. They also have features like dictionaries, bookmarks, highlighters, and annotations. Even libraries offer free e-book rentals too. So, while print books have their own benefits, such as being less of a strain on the eyes compared to electronic screens, convenience is still the top priority for most individuals.

你们国家的人们喜欢看电子书还是纸质书？（这个题几乎每季度都在考）

电子书因其便利性正在变得越来越受欢迎。电子书提供商让你可以随时随地享有无限的阅读选择，它们不占据你家里或包里的任何空间，你只需点击一个按钮就能立即获取到它们。电子书还具有词典、书签、高亮和注释等功能。甚至图书馆现在也提供免费的电子书借阅。因此，尽管纸质书有其自身的好处，比如与电子屏幕相比对眼睛的压力较小，但便利性仍然是大多数人的首要考虑因素。

4.Do people love reading more now than in the past?

I think people don't seem to enjoy reading as much as they did in the past. Before the invention of the TV, people <u>relied on books more for entertainment</u>. Now they have other options, like video games or TV series. So, reading has become less popular during leisure time. Besides, due to the impact of social media and short videos, <u>people have developed shorter attention spans and are less inclined to engage in reading</u>. It's common to see individuals watching short videos on platforms like TikTok, but very few <u>have the patience to delve into a novel</u>.

和过去相比，现在人们是否更喜欢阅读？

我觉得现在人们没有以前那么喜欢阅读了。以前，在电视出现之前，人们<u>更依赖于书籍获得消遣娱乐。</u>但是现在大家有更多其他的选择，比如电子游戏、电视剧等，所以在闲暇时间看书的人越来越少了。而且，受社交媒体和短视频的影响，<u>人们的注意力越来越短，不愿意沉下心来阅读。</u>你会看到很多人刷抖音等短视频看，却很少有人能<u>耐住性子看一本小说。</u>

5. Do you think people need to develop the habit of reading? Why?

Well, having a reading habit is absolutely crucial for everyone. Not only does reading <u>provide us with a wealth of knowledge</u>, but it also enhances our thinking abilities. Diving into various literary works, research papers, and more helps sharpen our logical and creative thinking skills. Without regular reading, <u>our minds can become narrow, leaving us ill-equipped to think independently when faced with life's challenges.</u> Additionally, reading is a wonderful way to unwind and relax. Getting lost in a captivating book allows us to <u>escape reality temporarily</u> and forget about the stresses of everyday life. So, whether you're young or old, cultivating a reading habit brings numerous benefits.

人们是否需要培养阅读的习惯？为什么？

人们绝对需要有阅读的习惯。除了可以通过阅读<u>获取大量知识外，</u>阅读也可以提升我们的思维能力。通过阅读各种不同的文学作品、论文等，可以锻炼我们的逻辑思维能力、创造性思维的能力。否则<u>我们的思维可能就会变得狭窄，最终面对生活中任何问题缺乏独立的思考。</u>另外，阅读也是很好的放松身心的方式。读到一本好书，可以帮助人们沉浸其中，<u>暂时逃离现实</u>，忘记生活中的压力。所以无论大人还是小孩，培养阅读的习惯都能为大家带来诸多好处。

6. Do you think reading books can make people happier?

To be honest, it really depends on the individual since everyone has their own unique interests and preferences. For most people, whether it's sci-fi novels or <u>timeless classics</u>, there's always a book genre that <u>tickles their fancy</u>. Getting their hands on a beloved book or immersing themselves in an intriguing article is like <u>devouring their favorite dish—it's pure bliss</u>. However, for those who are super active and prefer outdoor adventures or engaging in other activities, reading may not be their cup of tea. Trying to force a restless person to sit down and read <u>can be as painful as pulling teeth for them</u>.

阅读是否能让人们更快乐？

老实说这是因人而异的，毕竟每个人的兴趣爱好都不同。对于大部分人来说，无论是科幻小说，还是<u>永恒的文学经典，总有自己喜欢的书籍类型（总有一种类型的书能满足他们的胃口）。</u>而得到一本喜欢的书，看到一篇有趣的文章，沉浸其中津津有味的读，<u>就像是吃到自己喜欢的食物，是一种纯粹的享受。</u>但是，对于那些特别活跃，不喜欢坐下阅读，更喜欢户外运动或者做其他事情的人来说，阅读未必是件开心的事。如果硬要强迫一个耐不住性子看书的人去阅读，对他来说反而<u>会像拔牙一样非常痛苦。</u>

7. Do you think e - books will make people read more? Why?

I think e-books have really opened up more opportunities for people to dive into reading. <u>The convenience they bring is a total game-changer!</u> With just an electronic device in hand, you can read anywhere and anytime. That's why we often see people flipping through e-novels on their phones while riding the subway or train, and some even <u>sneak in a quick read during bathroom breaks</u>. Compared to traditional books, e-books make it a breeze to utilize those bits of spare time for reading. Besides, e-books are <u>wallet-friendly</u>, making it easier for people to buy and access their favorite books. So, this accessibility can encourage people to read a wider range of materials.

你认为电子书的到来是否可以让人们读更多的书？为什么？

我觉得电子书确实让人们有了更多的机会主动阅读。<u>电子书带来的便利性完全改变了游戏规则</u>。只要有电子设备，不管身在何处，都可以阅读。所以，我们经常可以看到在地铁上，火车上，人们拿着手机翻看电子小说，甚至有人<u>上厕所都会拿着手机看会儿小说</u>。所以比起实体书，人们可以更方便的利用碎片化时间读书。另外，电子书<u>对钱包很友好（很便宜）</u>，人们可以更容易地购买和获取到自己喜欢的书，这也可以促使他们阅读更多东西。

Topic 34 让你失望的电影

1.What are the different types of films in your country?

2. Are historical films popular in your country? Why?

合并答案：There's a wide variety of movies in our country, such as historical dramas, science fiction films, romantic comedies, and comedies, just to name a few. Recently, historical dramas and sci-fi movies have been all the rage. People love historical dramas because they often tell the stories of our remarkable leaders and heroes, giving a deeper understanding of our history and culture. Parents take their kids to watch these movies to teach positive values and reflect on the past. Besides, with impressive special effects advancements, sci-fi movies are becoming increasingly popular. "The Wandering Earth" stands out as one of China's highest-grossing sci-fi films.

你们国家有哪些不同类型的电影？

在你们国家，历史题材的电影是否很流行？

合并答案：在我们国家有很多不同类型的电影，比如我列举一些：历史题材、科幻电影还有爱情剧、喜剧等。这其中近几年最火的是历史题材和科幻电影。历史题材的电影之所以很受大家欢迎，是因为它们通常讲述了一些我国伟大的领导人或英雄人物的故事。可以让人们更深入地了解我国的历史文化。这类电影通常会有很多家长带着孩子去看，以教育他们有积极的价值观，以及忆苦思甜。另外，由于我们国家特效技术的发展，科幻电影也越来越火，尤其是在流浪地球这部电影，是中国票房最高的科幻电影之一。

3.What factors do you think contribute to the success of a movie?

I think there are lots of factors that contribute to the success of a movie. One is probably who's in the movie. You know, a lot of people care more about whether their favorite actors are in a movie. If they really like a certain actor, they'll probably fork over the money to go see their movie. Besides, the plot is crucial. If a movie has a captivating storyline, it often grabs the audience's interest. Another factor is the trailer. If the trailer is really well-edited and makes people want to see the movie, then the movie will probably do really well.

一部电影成功的因素有哪些？

我认为一部电影的成功是由很多因素决定的。其中一个因素可能是电影中的演员阵容。你知道，很多人更关注电影中的演员而不是剧情本身。如果他们特别喜欢某位演员，他们可能会愿意花钱去看他们的电影。另外，剧情也很重要，如果一部电影有其引人入胜的剧情，也就是说导演善于讲好一个故事，那么往往能引起观众的兴趣。还一个因素是预告片。如果预告片剪辑得非常出色，会让人们很渴望看这部电影，那么这部电影就很可能会取得很大的成功。

4.Do you believe that celebrities are paid too much?

I do think that celebrities are paid too much. They definitely work hard. I'm not denying that. For example, actors have to spend long days on set. It sounds like a very grueling schedule. But earning millions of dollars just for being on a reality TV show doesn't seem fair. I mean, celebrities mainly work in the entertainment industry, and when you compare their contributions to fields like science, medicine, and education, their impact is relatively limited. Plus, it's unfair that those making greater sacrifices, like military personnel, don't receive the same level of compensation. Honestly, I think this inequality shouldn't exist in today's world.

是否明星们赚的太多了？

我认同名人薪酬过高的观点。明星们当然付出了很多努力，这一点我不否认。比如，演员在片场需要长时间工作，这种工作安排无疑是非常辛苦的。但是，我不认为他们仅仅因为参与一场真人秀节目就能获得数百万的酬劳是合理的。我的意思是说，明星们的职业往往以娱乐为主导，当你把他们的贡献和科学、医疗、教育等领域的贡献相比，你就会看到他们的实际价值很小。而且，像军人那样会做出更大牺牲的人，也没有收到和他们同样的报酬，这是不公平的。坦白说，我觉得这种不平等分配在现代社会中是不应该存在的。

5.Do you believe movie reviews?

I don't always believe movie reviews. I mean, opinions about a movie can be so subjective. Some people might give a high rating just because they're fans of a particular character, while others might give a low rating due to their dislike for the actors. So personal preferences greatly influence how people assess a movie. Besides, some people tend to rely on opinions from famous movie critics. But nowadays, there are reviewers who are paid to promote specific films. So, just relying on movie reviews to judge a film isn't always reliable. We need to think for ourselves and make our own judgments. ♫雅認繼繼過淘宝店舖原創♡

你相信电影评论吗？

我并不总是相信电影评论。我的意思是，对于一部电影的评论是很主观的。有人可能会因为自己是某个角色的粉丝，而给一部电影高分；也有人会因为自己不喜欢某一个演员而给这部电影低分。所以个人的偏好会影响他们对电影的评价。另外，有些人可能会倾向于参考一些专门做电影评论的知名人士的观点。然而，现如今有很多评论者实际上收钱来为特定电影进行广告宣传。因此，单纯依靠电影评论来判断一部电影的好坏，并不完全可靠。我们需要保持自己的独立思考和判断能力。

6.Do you think films with famous actors or actresses would be more popular?

Yeah, I definitely think that films with famous actors or actresses tend to be more popular. Some people are really attached to certain actors. So if they see their favourite actor in a movie, they'll probably go see the movie even if they're not that interested in the movie itself. Plus, some people will pay to see a movie even if their favourite actor is only in the movie for a little bit. So, I think it's a very smart move to include famous actors in movies in order to draw more people in. ⌐雅繼辶_寸過冎淘寶店舖屬創☆

你认为有名气的演员会让电影更火吗？

是的，我确实认为有名气的演员出演的电影会更受欢迎。有些人对某些演员非常有情感依附。所以，如果他们看到自己喜欢的演员出演了一部电影，即使他们对这部电影本身并不那么感兴趣，可能也会去看。即时有的演员在电影里出演的戏份很少，有些人也会为了看到自己喜欢的演员而购票。在电影中邀请知名演员出演是吸引更多观众的一个非常聪明的策略。

7. Why are Japanese animated films so popular?

Honestly, my friends and I often talk about this topic. In my opinion, the reason why Japanese animated movies have gained such global fame is mainly because Japanese animators are incredibly innovative. They always bring a fresh perspective to their storytelling and animation techniques, making their works stand out. Take the renowned animator Hayao Miyazaki for example. His films are always filled with unique and fantastical storylines that capture our imagination. Actually, Japan's well-established animation industry has played a vital role in fostering innovation. I've heard that Japan has numerous specialized animation schools that focus on nurturing young people's creativity and honing their animation skills. This has greatly contributed to the growth and success of Japanese animated movies.

为什么日本的动画电影总是很火？

老实说我和朋友经常讨论这个问题。我觉得日本的动画电影之所以在全球那么出名，最主要是日本的动画创作者很具有创新性，他们在故事内容、动画技术方面总是会展现出独特的创新力。比如，你经常会在日本著名的动画创作者--宫崎骏作品里看到与众不同的、奇幻的故事情节。当然，日本成熟的动画产业，对于推动创新起到了非常大的作用。据我了解，日本有非常多专门的动画学校，致力于培养年轻人的创意能力和提高动画技术。这一点极大的推动了日本动画电影的发展。

8. Should the director pay a lot of money to famous actors?

<u>I don't think there's a clear-cut answer to this question</u>. I mean, sometimes it makes sense for directors to <u>offer hefty paychecks</u> to well-known actors. These actors have a huge following and their involvement in a movie can really boost its appeal, leading to higher box office numbers. So, in a way, it's like making an investment by paying them well. However, we've also seen cases where directors <u>blow all their money on big-name actors, with little left for crucial aspects like set design and special effects</u>. As a result, the film suffers in terms of quality, and the audience just isn't impressed. So, I think that whether or not to pay actors high salaries is a complex issue that requires weighing various factors and finding the right balance.

导演是否应该给名演员支付很高的报酬？

<u>我不觉得这个问题可以有一个非常绝对的肯定或者否定的答案</u>。我的意思是，有时候导演<u>支付高报酬给著名的演员</u>是合理的。因为家喻户晓的演员往往具有广泛的知名度，他们的参演能为电影带来极高的吸引力，也就是说会有更高的票房。所以，从这个角度来说，给名演员高报酬是一种投资，是应该做的。但是，我们也看到过很多实际的例子，<u>导演把钱都给了有名的演员，导致预算出现问题，电影制作中布景、特效等因为缺钱做的不好</u>，结果电影质量差，观众不买账。所以从这个角度讲，是否要给演员高薪酬，是一个需要综合考虑的问题。

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Topic 35 有趣/吸引你的地方(新题)

1. How can people access travel information?

I think the best way to access travel information is <u>via the internet</u>. In the past, you could <u>go to a travel agent</u> and while they still do exist, it takes much longer to get this information. So, if someone wants to learn about where to go or what flights are available and the costs of hotels and tours and so on, then the internet is the quickest and best way to access this information. For example, in China, many people use a platform called Xiaohongshu to find travel tips. They share advice on finding cheap flights and fun places to visit. <u>It's a real time-saver</u>.

2. Do people have different personalities in different regions of your country?

Yes, people from the North and South of our country have different personalities. In general, <u>Southerners</u> are more open and willing to try new things, while Northerners prefer to stick to traditional ways. For example, many Southerners like to start their own businesses, while Northerners often choose stable jobs like working for the government. This is mainly because the South's economy has grown faster, so they <u>embraced new ideas and cultures earlier</u>. Besides, people from Southern China tend to be more careful than those from the North. For instance, when buying groceries, Southerners may purchase only one or two potatoes, whereas Northerners typically buy <u>an entire bag of potatoes</u>. What a unique difference!

3. What causes the differences between different regions of your country?

Regional differences <u>can be attributed to a variety of factors, but two major influences are</u> the economy and geographical location. For example, people in Southern China tend to be more open-minded and willing to explore new experiences. This is largely because the southern regions have experienced faster economic growth, exposing their residents to more international influences. So it's evident that financial resources <u>play a significant role in shaping the behavior of people in different places</u>. Besides, geographical variations <u>have an impact on</u> architectural styles. In areas like the South, where there's more rainfall and humidity, many windows are needed to <u>improve ventilation and reduce moisture</u>. However, in Northern China, it's drier and colder, so they focus on keeping the warmth in, and that's why they have fewer and smaller windows. While there are other contributing factors, <u>it's clear that</u> wealth and location are the most influential factors.

4. Do youngsters like to try new things, or do people of your parents' age also like to try new things?

I think both young and older people like to try new things. Humans are curious creatures and while they do like to <u>form routines and have daily habits</u>, these often get boring for them and they want to try new things. For example, they might like to try a new restaurant with different food they haven't had before. Or for younger people, they may like to try a sport they haven't tried before. I think it can depend on the person but usually people who like to try new things are <u>a bit more adventurous</u> and <u>it doesn't matter what the age is</u>.

5. Is a great tourist destination also a good place to live?

<u>It can be, but it can also not be</u>. Most tourist spots, especially those known for natural beauty, can be great places to live. Think of places like Hainan or coastal cities like Qingdao in our country. They offer clean air and beautiful seaside views that create a relaxed atmosphere, <u>making them suitable for long-term living</u>. However, when it comes to <u>attractions centered around traditional buildings</u>, they may not be ideal for permanent living. For example, Paris has the Eiffel Tower and galleries like the Louvre. But if someone chooses to live there, it is unlikely they will want to visit the Eiffel Tower or the Louvre more than once because the lines of people are so long, and eventually, <u>they might lose their charm</u>. So, not all trendy travel destinations are suitable for long-term living. Besides, factors like schools, healthcare, and job opportunities should be considered when settling down. Many charming tourist spots are in small or remote areas, which might not be the best for personal growth. So, tourist attractions <u>may not always be the best choice</u> for a permanent home.

6. Why do people go to live in small towns and think that they are more interesting than the big cities?

Small towns <u>have a lot of character and charm</u>. Also, because they are small, the people often know one another, and <u>it has a very family feel to it</u>. <u>That said,</u> I'm not really sure why people find them more interesting than big cities because there is often much less to do. Maybe because they get to know people well and they can see the beauty in the place, it can really feel cozy and like home. （Part3 加分句）<u>That would be my best guess</u> because I generally find big cities more interesting than small towns.

Topic 36 美丽的城市(新题)

1. What are the differences between modern towns and modern cities?

Hmmm… this is an interesting question. I guess they are similar because they are both modern and have some development. But in terms of their differences, I'd say that it is mainly the physical size, the population and the things you can do. Let's take Shanghai as an example. It's a huge, bustling modern city with around 29 million people. There's a lot to do there, like shopping in large department stores, living in beautiful modern apartment buildings, and seeing lots of skyscrapers that make the city unique. You can also find many stunning parks and all sorts of other places to visit. All of this is similar in a modern town, but basically, it's less in terms of quantity and smaller in size. So rather than having many beautiful modern apartment buildings, it has some and they're likely not as tall. Similarly, the parks might be less impressive, and there might be only one or two smaller department stores. As for skyscrapers, towns usually don't have them. ∞·····→雅認邁丐邁甸寶启鋪塬創 ⤵

2. Why do some people like to visit historical sites?

It's true, historical sites are so popular, for both tourists and locals. I think people like to visit them because they are fascinated by them, especially the historical sites in China because they date back to such ancient times that people can't believe they're still here and standing! When people go to visit them, they wonder how it is possible that they still exist, especially because they're not made of the same materials and with the same technology we have today. I think people may also be able to imagine how life was when people lived in these times and this too, is intriguing for them. Take the Great Wall as an example. It is mind-blowing to see such a thing. To know that something was built as early as the 14th century and still exists today is phenomenal. This is why people like to visit historical sites!

3. How can people preserve historical buildings?

Well, I think the responsibility of preserving historical buildings mainly lies with the government, not individuals. But the one thing that people can do is leave the site untouched. For example, some people, when they go somewhere historic and famous, they like to break off a piece of the building or landmark and take it home with them. This is very harmful and goes against our efforts to protect these buildings. So, one effective way to preserve them is to avoid doing such things and keep these structures as they are.☺雅偲丹邁邁甸亻寶启鋪源創♂

4. How can governments preserve historical buildings?

The government has several options for preserving historical buildings. Firstly, they can put up signs asking people not to damage the buildings and provide trash bins with clear instructions on the signs. I think it's important to communicate the importance of simply respecting the site so that people know to take care… because unfortunately, some people need this reminder. The other thing the government can do is to restore the buildings year by year, as necessary, to make sure they are strong and will continue to last. They will need to plan this carefully so that this restoration happens when people are not there or take time during the year to close the site so it can be restored and thereby, preserved.

5. How may towns and cities change in the future?

(对未来的预测，如果没有 idea，像考官这样用电影做例子是不错的切入点)

<u>This is a great question and no one really knows</u>. It all depends on how much technology develops. If we refer to movies, which definitely have predicted some changes that are happening in the world like AI and robots, then we could also <u>use this reference as a determining factor in</u> how towns and cities might look in the future. Take the movie "Back to the Future" as an example. In this movie, they go to the future of 2015. In the future, there are flying cars, hoverboards like flying skateboards, holograms, and amazing inventions. Although we have passed 2015, I think it's possible that we <u>get to a future like this</u>, where we do have flying cars and holograms and other really cool inventions. <u>At least I hope we do</u>!

6. What are the reasons why so many modern towns and cities have tall buildings?

The main reason is to <u>house all of the people</u>! Modern towns and cities are typically small in terms of land size, so they need to <u>provide enough accommodation</u> for everyone. Rather than having single houses which take up more space, they build tall apartment buildings to accommodate everyone. It's really quite smart because it still allows people to <u>have spacious apartments with multiple bedrooms</u>. It's also a way to keep everyone close to the downtown area. That way, people don't have to travel far to <u>get to their favourite amenities</u>.

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Topic 37 公园/花园(新题)

1. Do young people like to go to parks?

Yes, I think most young people like to go to parks. There is a lot of space in a park and people can usually sit down, walk around or play on some equipment in the park. Some parks also have art installations in them which make them very interesting to visit. Other parks have spectacular landscaping with water features, bamboo forests, special floral arrangements when certain flowers are in season, ponds with koi fish and other marine life. Take Yu Garden in Shanghai for example. Many young people love to go there because it is so peaceful, beautiful but also represents Chinese history. There are a lot of beautiful ancient Chinese buildings inside, bridges that go over ponds full of koi fish and turtles and exquisite garden landscaping. It's a perfect place to visit, be entertained and take multiple selfies with your friends!

2. What do old people like to do in parks?

Old people like to do activities in parks. For example, many people of the older generations like to do Tai chi, dance to music or exercise. And many parks in China have facilities and space for these people to do such activities. It doesn't matter what city you're in, you can always find a group of old people gathered in the park to do something they love to do. I think one of the most popular activities among them is square dancing. They get a group of about a dozen to even over a hundred people, and they all agree on a time to meet up in the square. Someone leads the dance, and they all dance together. They believe this is the best way to stay physically active.

3. What benefits can parks bring to a city?

There are several benefits parks bring to a city. The first one is nature. Cities are concrete jungles, and it is not natural for people to live like this. People need nature and parks provide this for them. Also, wherever there is a tree and some water, there are also birds and other water animals. The second benefit is that parks provide a space for people to do things they love, like exercise, socialising, having a BBQ or seeing something famous or beautiful. One such park exists in Shanghai. If you look down at the park from above, you can see they have created a giant piano. This space is very large and there are many performances and dancing that takes place here, so parks also bring people together. Finally, I think parks also improve the environment. Trees are known to create more oxygen, and this helps with pollution levels. So the more trees in a city, the better people will breathe and feel.

4. What are the benefits of going to the park for young people and old people?

I think the benefits are fairly similar but young people and old people usually go to parks for different reasons. I'd say that older people spend more time in parks, socialising, dancing, exercising and so on. The benefits for them, therefore, would be that they get to be with their friends and not feel lonely. They get to get out of the house rather and do something entertaining. And if they're exercising, then they get health benefits too. As far as young people go, they usually go to parks to go for a walk in nature, maybe take some time for themselves, sit and have their lunch or a picnic, or maybe even go on a date! Whatever they're choosing to do, I'd say it's more with the intention of relaxing and slowing down. So, the benefits for younger people include less stress and more calm.

5. Why do some people like planting flowers?

Flowers are pretty. They are colourful and often bring lovely insects like bees and butterflies into the garden. They brighten up a space and make it feel more happy. For example, if a garden only has trees in it, although it is still beautiful, flowers give it more colour, more variety and make it more interesting. I guess that's why many people love gardening. Besides, some individuals find gardening to be a fantastic way to spend their time. For instance, those who aren't interested in sports or outdoor activities might take up gardening as a hobby and discover a true sense of accomplishment in watching flowers of various colors bloom.

6. Would you say people should help maintain public parks and gardens? / Should people who lives cities help keep parks tidy?

I don't think it is the job of the people to clean the parks. People have busy lives and they should not have to be responsible for also taking care of the public parks. After all, these are established by the government, so they should be responsible for keeping them in good condition. However, given that people use parks, I do believe that people have a responsibility to not litter. There are bins provided in most parks and if someone is drinking a coffee, for example, they know that they should put the coffee in the bin when they've finished drinking it. Also, if someone walks their dog in the park, that person should pick up after their dog. So although I don't believe people should be maintaining the condition of the park, I do think they should take care if they visit the park.

Topic 38 新开的店

1. What kinds of shops are popular in your city?

In my city, people love coffee shops, clothing stores, electronics stores, and stores with personal care items such as makeup. Of course, everyone has to eat, so there are a lot of grocery stores too. Besides, if hanging out with friends while shopping, or spending a long time shopping and visiting different stores <u>tickles your fancy</u>, a shopping mall <u>would be your best bet</u> because it has a bit of everything. Even though people do most of their shopping online these days, the shopping centers <u>are still always packed with people</u>. oo0 雅瑟辶寸週辶寸絢寳店鋪塬創十→

在你的城市，有哪些店铺很受欢迎？

在我的城市里，咖啡店、服装店、电子产品店和化妆品店都很受欢迎。当然，每个人都需要食物，所以也有很多超市。另外，如果你喜欢和朋友一起逛街，或者喜欢（引起你的兴趣）花费很长时间逛不同的店铺，那么购物中心会是你<u>最好的选择</u>，因为它包含了各种类型的商店。尽管现在大部分人都在网上购物，但购物中心<u>仍然总是人满为患</u>。

2. Why do young people enjoy going to some boutiques?

I think boutiques are favored by young people for two primary reasons. Firstly, boutiques offer trendy clothes and accessories that match the latest styles, which <u>many young people aspire to keep up with</u>. So, shopping or browsing in these stores can be an enjoyable leisure activity for them. Besides, boutiques typically provide high-quality and distinctive products. Some people enjoy visiting these shops because they like to <u>flex their wealth</u> by wearing expensive brands or <u>getting their hands on exclusive or limited-edition items</u>.

为什么年轻人喜欢逛精品店呢？

我认为精品店受到年轻人青睐的主要原因有两个。首先，精品店提供时尚的衣服和配饰，紧跟最新的潮流。<u>许多年轻人渴望跟上潮流</u>，因此，逛这些店或在这些店购物可以成为他们愉快的休闲活动。此外，精品店通常提供高质量和独特的产品。一些人喜欢光顾这些店铺是因为他们喜欢通过穿着昂贵的品牌或<u>获得独家或限量版物品来炫耀自己的财富</u>。

3. Do you think location is the key factor that attracts customers?

Yes, location is probably the most important factor for shops when it comes to attracting customers. <u>If a shop is in a bustling location, it will get a lot of foot traffic</u>, and people might stop in just to kill time. If a shop is <u>in the middle of nowhere</u>, it's not likely that people will go out of their way to visit it. Especially these days, when you can order virtually anything online with the click of a button.

位置是吸引顾客的关键因素吗？

是的，说到吸引顾客，商店的位置可能是最重要的因素了。<u>如果一家店铺位于繁华的地段，它会吸引很多行人</u>，人们可能会因为无聊而进去逛一逛。而如果一家店铺<u>在偏僻的地方</u>，人们不太可能特意前往。尤其是在当今这个可以通过点击按钮在线购买几乎任何东西的时代。

4. What can shops do to attract customers?

In the digital age, there are numerous ways to attract customers. For example, stores can <u>advertise on social media websites</u> to <u>increase brand awareness and draw more consumers into the store</u>. Additionally, it's important to establish a social media account for the store and regularly post articles related to the store's products. If the posts are interesting or useful, they'll gain more attention from customers. Besides, store decoration plays a vital role. <u>Personalized decorations</u> can attract many young people.

商店可以做什么来吸引顾客？

网络时代，能吸引顾客的方式应该有很多。比如，商店可以<u>在社交媒体等网站投放广告，提高品牌知名度，吸引更多的消费者进店</u>。另外，开设商店的社交媒体账号、经常发布和店铺商品有关的文章很重要。只要帖子有趣或者实用，都会受到越来越多顾客的关注。另外，商店的装修也很重要。<u>个性化的装修总能吸引很多年轻人。</u>

5. What is the difference between a small shop and a large shop?

Well, small shops and large stores have many differences. Firstly, it's all about location. Big stores tend to <u>be situated in prime spots within bustling commercial hubs of major cities</u>, whereas small shops can be found in quieter corners of neighborhoods. For instance, if you compare two shops selling bags, the LV store will undoubtedly be situated in a highly crowded location compared to a regular bag shop. Additionally, large stores often belong to well-known retail chains and operate <u>under standardized procedures</u>. This can sometimes make things a bit more complicated when it comes to customer service and returns. On the other hand, small shops are typically independently owned and managed by individuals. This means they have more flexibility and can <u>provide quicker solutions when it comes to returns or exchanges</u>.

大商店和小商店有什么区别？

小商铺和大商店有很多不同的地方。首先地点不同。大商店通常位于<u>主要城市的商业中心黄金地段</u>，而小商店一般会在一些不那么热闹的街区。越是繁华的地方，大店和知名的店越多，反之亦然。比如，同样是卖包的店，lv 的店坐落的位置一定比普通包具店人流密集。另外，大店往往是大型连锁店，<u>通常都有统一的运营模式</u>，所以有时候售后比较麻烦，如果要退换货，程序会比较复杂；相比之下，小商店一般都是某个人独立开的，管理起来相对简单，<u>如果有退换货的问题，也处理的很快</u>。

6. How important are price and quality in influencing consumer behavior?

I would say that price and quality are the two key factors that determine whether someone will buy something. They go hand in hand and are equally important. If the price is sky-high, consumers may feel it's out of their budget or not worth the investment, putting a damper on sales. On the flip side, if the price is dirt cheap, consumers may question the quality and think twice before making a purchase. As the saying goes, "You get what you pay for." Besides, having a high-quality product is the secret ingredient for a brand's lasting success. Great quality ensures a top-notch user experience, generates positive word-of-mouth, and attracts more customers. So, I think both price and quality have very significant impacts on consumer behavior.

价格和质量对消费者行为的影响有多大？

我认为价格和质量是决定一个人是否购买某件东西的最重要的两个因素，二者缺一不可，同等重要。价格过高，消费者可能无法承受（超出预算，买不起）或觉得不值得购买，最终会限制了商品的销售。同样（另一方面），价格过低，消费者也可能会觉得产品质量不够好，同样不值得购买。毕竟，大部分人都认可"一分价钱一分货"的想法。另外，拥有好的质量的商品，是一个品牌能走的更久远的关键。质量好才能带来良好的使用体验，才可以让商品有更好的口碑，带来更多的用户。因此，综合来说，价格和质量对消费者的行为都具有非常重要的影响。

7. Why is cheap fashion so popular？

Well, many shoppers, particularly young people, are drawn to the allure of cheap fashion. The main reason is that it allows them to snag trendy clothes and accessories at dirt-cheap prices. You know, for those who crave fashion-forward looks but are strapped for cash, cheap fashion becomes a magnet. It enables them to stay on-trend without breaking the bank. Plus, with the immense influence of social media on the fashion scene, fashion brands collaborate with models and fashion influencers to promote their products. This gradually boosts the visibility of cheap fashion, capturing the attention of countless young consumers.

为什么快时尚现在很流行？

现在很多消费者，尤其是年轻人很喜欢快时尚（受到廉价时尚的诱惑）。主要原因是，廉价时尚通常是以很低的价格来买到很时髦的服装和配饰等。所以，对于那些特别想追逐时尚潮流，但又没有什么钱的人来说，快时尚很具有吸引力。他们可以不用花很多钱就能保证自己一直站在时尚前沿。另外，由于社交媒体对时尚领域的影响力很大，很多时尚品牌会让一些模特、时尚博主等为他们的品牌宣传，这样逐渐的，廉价时尚的曝光度大大增加，吸引了大量年轻消费者的关注。

Topic 39 想去的遥远的地方

1.What are the most popular vacation spots in your country？/Where do people usually travel on holidays?

The most popular vacation spots in my country are all along the coast. Some of the well-known cities include Shanghai, Xiamen, and Zhuhai. Tourists flock to those places every year so they can stroll along the beach and enjoy the nice weather. Those coastal areas always have a lot of great attractions. In addition to the natural beauty of the ocean, they tend to have great food spots and a vibrant nightlife. People come from all over the place to enjoy the food and entertainment in these places.

你们国家最受欢迎的度假胜地是什么？/人们通常去哪里度假？

我们国家最受欢迎的度假胜地都在沿海，有一些比较著名的城市是上海、厦门还有珠海。每年都会有很多游客涌向这些地方，漫步海滩，享受美好的天气。这些沿海地区也总是有很多出色的景点。除了可以欣赏到海洋的自然美景外，它们通常还有很棒的美食场所和充满活力的夜生活。人们会从世界各地来这些地方享受当地的美食和娱乐。

2.Why it can be enjoyable to spend holidays at home？/Why do some people think it is enjoyable to stay at home on holidays?

I think that some people get overtired from work. So, when it comes to the holidays, they don't necessarily want to spend a lot of time and energy travelling somewhere else. It's nice to stay at home when you've been overwhelmed with work or school. Plus, when you spend the holidays at home, you can enjoy time with the people close to you. Most people enjoy seeing their friends and family who live nearby. If you travel somewhere far, you can't see the people you love.

为什么在家度过假期会令人愉快？

我认为有些人因为工作太累而过度疲劳，所以当假期来临时，他们并不一定想花费大量的时间和精力去其他地方旅行。当你被工作或学习压得喘不过气来时，待在家里会感觉很好。另外，放假在家里也可以享受到与亲近的人在一起的时间。大多数人喜欢见到住在家附近的朋友和家人。那如果你去外面旅行，就无法见到你所爱的人了。

3.Would most people in your country like to have longer holidays？

Yeah, I definitely think that most people in my country would like to have longer holidays. Nowadays, with overwhelming work or school responsibilities, it can be challenging to find time for personal relaxation. Even when people finally get a holiday, it goes by really fast. They never have enough time to relax and destress before going back to their regular routines. So I think that people would love to have longer holidays. Extra rest time can help people get true physical and mental relaxation, which in turn can boost their productivity in both work and daily activities.

你们国家的大多数人都想要更长的假期吗？

是的，我确实认为我们国家的大多数人想要更长的假期。现在，由于繁重的工作或学业任务，大家很难找到时间来放松自己。即使人们终于有了假期，时间也会过得很快。还没有得到好好的放松，就需要回归到正常的工作学习状态中了。所以我觉得人们希望有更长的假期。额外的休息时间可以帮助人们得到真正的身心放松，这反过来又可以提高他们在工作和日常活动中的效率。

4.Is it important for young people to be well prepared before traveling？

Yes, to have a more enjoyable trip, it's important for young people to prepare adequately before departure. First of all, they should budget wisely and have a clear understanding of how much money they need to bring, so as not to run into difficulties due to lack of funds while traveling. Besides, it's important for them to be ready for any unexpected emergencies. They should make sure to pack everything they might need and to know what to do if their plans suddenly change.

年轻人在旅行前做好充分准备很重要吗？

是的，为了有一个更愉快的旅行，年轻人在出发前做好充分的准备是很重要的。首先，他们应该做好预算，并清楚地了解此次旅行需要带多少钱，这样可以避免在旅行时因缺乏资金而遇到困难。另外，为任何有可能发生的意外情况做好准备都是很重要的。他们应该确保打包好所有可能需要的东西，以及想好如果计划突然改变该怎么办。

5. How do students who have taken a gap year differ from other students?

Even though taking a gap year may mean graduating from college a year later, I think it's totally worth it. You know, instead of rushing into university, taking a year off to travel or volunteer opens up a whole new world of opportunities and knowledge. You'll gain valuable life skills and expand your social circle, which can have a huge impact on personal growth. Besides, the exciting adventures and eye-opening experiences during your gap year can help you discover your true passion. When you eventually start college, you'll be fired up with a clear sense of purpose, unlike those who skipped the gap year. So, all things considered, choosing a gap year might just be the key to a more fulfilling journey than going straight to college.

休学一年的学生，与其他学生有什么不一样？

尽管休学一年的学生可能比其他人晚毕业一年，但是，我认为这是非常值得做的一件事。你知道，与其匆匆忙忙进入大学，不如利用一年时间去旅行或者参加志愿者等活动，这可以为你打开一个充满机会和知识的全新的世界。你可以获得宝贵的生活技能，扩大个人社交圈，这对个人成长都有巨大的影响。另外，休学一年令人兴奋的冒险体验和大开眼界的经历，可能会帮助你发现真正热爱的东西。这样当你最终开始上大学时，比起直接上大学的人，你会有更明确的目标。所以，综合考虑所有的因素，选择休学一年的学生可能比直接上大学的学生有更充实的人生旅程。

6. Do teenagers usually travel with friends or alone?

Well, I think most teenagers would rather go on trips with their friends than venture out alone. You know how it is at that age, they're all about making friends and forming close connections with peers. Going on a journey together opens up more opportunities to bond over shared interests and really get to know one another. Besides, going solo can be pretty risky, especially for young people who may not have the knack for tackling problems independently. That's why having friends as travel companions adds an extra layer of safety. I mean, imagine if they get lost. Having their buddies by their side means they can put their heads together, brainstorm solutions, and keep the fear factor in check.

青少年更喜欢和朋友们一起旅游，还是喜欢独自旅游？

比起独自旅游，我认为青少年大部分喜欢和朋友们一起旅游。因为这个年龄段的人正渴望交到朋友。他们喜欢与同龄人关系更近。如果能一起旅游，可以有更多机会分享共同的兴趣，更好的了解彼此。另外，一个人旅游可能会存在很多危险，而未成年人往往缺乏独立解决问题的能力，所以能与朋友们结伴旅游，遇到问题共同应对会更安全一些。比如，如果迷路，有结伴同行的朋友一起想办法，集思广益，就会变得不那么害怕（帮助缓解恐惧、保持冷静）。

7. What do you think is the most desirable place for people to visit during the holiday?

I think people love to go on vacation to places with a climate <u>that's worlds apart from their everyday surroundings</u>. It's like stepping into a whole new world. Take someone living in an icy region, for example. When it's time for a break, they often dream of soaking up the sun in a tropical paradise. <u>On the flip side</u>, those accustomed to the warmth of the southern regions are often intrigued by the idea of experiencing the chilly weather up north. That's why you see Canadians <u>heading to Thailand for vacation</u>, and people from Guangzhou flocking to Harbin for a trip. It's all about seeking that contrast and experiencing something new.

人们最喜欢去什么地方度假？

我觉得人们最喜欢去<u>与平时居住气候反差比较大</u>的地方去度假，因为这样可以体验到不一样的生活方式。比如，如果一个人生活在非常寒冷的地方，那么他们可能会在假期希望去炎热的地方去享受阳光。<u>相反</u>，如果一个人总生活在温暖的南方，他们可能会好奇想要体验北方的气候。这就是为什么加拿大人很喜欢<u>去（前往）泰国旅游</u>；广州人很喜欢<u>一窝蜂（蜂拥而至）去哈尔滨旅游</u>。大家这么做都是为了寻求反差对比和感受新的体验。

8. What does tourism have to do with cultural exchange?

I would say that traveling really <u>opens up the floodgates of cultural exchange</u>, giving people a profound glimpse into the essence of other places. When you step foot in a new destination, you can explore local landmarks, museums, and <u>savor the mouthwatering local cuisine</u>. These experiences help tourists to personally immerse themselves in the unique aspects of the destination. You might think you can learn all about it from books or TV, but <u>nothing beats being there in person</u>— it leaves an indelible imprint on your memory. Plus, travel helps <u>shatter stereotypes and misconceptions about certain places</u>, fostering better cultural understanding. Take Egypt, for instance. Many folks envision it as a land brimming with ancient pyramids, but in reality, it's a vibrant and modern country that will surprise you.

旅游与文化交流有什么关系？

旅游绝对的<u>促进了文化交流（打开了文化交流的闸门）</u>，让人们对于其他地方的文化有了更深刻的了解。当人们去到一个新的地方时，可以参观当地的历史遗迹、博物馆，<u>品尝当地让人垂涎三尺的美食</u>，所有这些事情都可以帮助游客亲身体验到所在地的独特之处。或许你会觉得这些可以在书上或者电视上了解到，<u>但没有什么会比亲临现场有更好的体验</u>——它会在你的记忆中留下不可磨灭的印记。另外，旅游也<u>可以消除人们对某个地方的刻板印象和误解</u>，这同样促进了文化之间的理解。比如很多人觉得埃及可能是个古老的，到处都是金字塔的地方，但事实上，可能会让你惊讶的是，那里同样是现代化的充满活力的国家。

Topic 40 人很多的地方

1.Do people like to go to crowded places? Why?

2.Where do young people like to go?

合并答案：Yes, most people really enjoy going to packed places, especially young people. Those spots are usually lively and full of energy, which <u>gets everyone pumped up and satisfied</u>. Like going to concerts or watching football games, they always generate a lot of excitement. Besides, trendy restaurants and tourist attractions are often overcrowded, but <u>people still flock to them</u> because they offer unique experiences. For example, Zibo, a city in our country, has made a name for itself recently with its barbecue culture. Despite the long queues at every barbecue restaurant, <u>it hasn't dampened people's curiosity and eagerness to explore</u>.

人们喜欢去拥挤的地方吗？为什么？

年轻人都喜欢去什么地方？

合并答案：是的，大多数人喜欢去拥挤的地方，尤其是年轻人。这些地方通常都非常繁忙，充满了活力，<u>让每个人都会感到兴奋和满足</u>。就像去听音乐会或看足球比赛一样，它们总是能让人感到很激动。另外，网红餐馆和旅游景点往往人满为患，但<u>人们仍然蜂拥而至</u>，因为这些地方会提供独特的体验。例如，我们国家的一个城市--淄博，最近因其烧烤文化而出名。尽管每家烧烤店都排着长队，<u>但这并不能阻挡大家的好奇心和探索欲望</u>。 ＠雅總⌐寸過⌐寸绚亻 寶店舖源創▇

3. How can the problems of traffic congestion be solved?

I think that to deal with traffic congestion, there are a couple of things we can do. Firstly, we need better infrastructure, and we should also <u>encourage people to ditch their private cars and hop on buses and subways instead</u>. If we make sure that public transport is reliable, comfortable, and runs frequently, more people will be willing to choose public transportation. Besides, if companies can cut down on unnecessary office work and give employees the chance to <u>work from home</u>, we'll see a major reduction in rush hour chaos. After all, <u>fewer people hitting the roads every day means less traffic jam madness</u>.

交通拥堵的问题应该如何解决？

我认为要解决交通拥堵的问题，可以采取几个措施。首先是我们需要有更好的公共交通基础设施，并且<u>应该鼓励人们放弃私家车使用，转而搭乘公交和地铁</u>。如果我们可以确保公共交通可靠、舒适且运行次数多，肯定会有更多人愿意选择公共交通。另外，如果企业可以减少不必要的办公室工作，并给员工提供<u>在家工作</u>的机会，那么相信高峰时间混乱的状况应该会明显减少。毕竟，<u>每天上路的人越少，交通拥堵的问题就会越少</u>。

4. Why do people still like to live in big cities even though there are severe traffic jams?

Despite the heavy traffic congestion in big cities, it's undeniable that they <u>offer a wealth of facilities and activities</u>. You've got cultural hotspots, movie theaters, science museums, and more, <u>all right at your door</u>. People can easily satisfy their entertainment and cultural needs at any time. However, it's challenging for small cities to provide <u>such a diverse and vibrant experience</u>. Besides, big cities also have <u>top-notch</u> education and healthcare resources. You'll find high-quality education and easy access to advanced medical care. So whether you're thinking about your kids' schooling or planning for retirement, <u>living in a big city holds more advantages</u>.

为什么即便拥堵，人们依然喜欢居住在大城市？

尽管大城市堵的厉害，但不可否认，大城市<u>有更丰富的设施和活动</u>，比如文化艺术场所、电影院、科技馆等，这样的设施都在大城市<u>触手可及</u>，人们可以随时满足自己的娱乐和文化需求。相比之下，小城市是很难让你有<u>如此丰富多彩的体验</u>的。另外，大城市有<u>顶尖的</u>教育和医疗资源。你更容易获得高质量的教学资源，也可以很方便和及时的获得专业和先进的诊疗技术。所以，无论是为孩子还是为将来养老考虑，<u>居住在大城市都更有利</u>。

5. What public facilities does your city have?

The city I live in has tons of public facilities. For example, in recent years, they've constructed a subway system with numerous routes that can take you anywhere you want. Besides, we have public libraries and museums that are <u>bustling with kids every weekend</u>. <u>On top of that</u>, there are several parks where you'll find the most people during the early mornings and after dinner. People gather there to exercise or simply hang out with friends. All in all, <u>our city has nailed it when it comes to</u> providing convenient public facilities that cater to everyone's needs.

你的城市有哪些公共服务设施？

我所居住的城市有很多公共设施。比如最近几年，这里建了地铁，有很多通往四面八方的地铁线路。另外我们还有公共图书馆和博物馆，<u>每到周末这些地方孩子们都非常多</u>。<u>除此之外</u>，城市里还有很多公园，通常清晨和晚饭后，公园里聚集的人最多，大家会在公园里锻炼身体或者和好友闲聊。总之，城市里为居民们提供了很多便利的、适应大家不同需求的公共设施，<u>在这一点上，我们城市做的非常好</u>。

6. Are people happy living in crowded apartments?

Despite the crowded space, apartment buildings have their own charm that brings happiness and satisfaction. Firstly, <u>housing prices are skyrocketing these days</u>, making it difficult for many to buy a house. So, having a small apartment brings a sense of contentment. Secondly, <u>packed apartment buildings</u> are usually in the city center, making it easy for people to join social gatherings, attend cultural performances and more. It adds excitement and flavor to their lives. So, when you think about the cost and convenience, living in an apartment building can still <u>bring a good deal of happiness</u>. Ⓒ雅思四过过旬亻寶店鋪源創♂

人们喜欢住在拥挤的公寓楼里吗？

尽管公寓楼很拥挤，但它们仍然有其魅力所在，会让人有幸福感和满足感。首先，<u>现在房价飞涨</u>，许多人无法轻易买到房。因此，能拥有一个小型公寓已经带来了很大的满足感。其次，<u>拥挤的公寓楼</u>通常位于市中心，这意味着居民可以更容易参与社交聚会、文化演出等活动，为他们的生活增添了更大的乐趣。所以，从房屋成本和城市便利性来考虑，住在公寓楼仍然可以<u>给人带来相当多的幸福感</u>。

7. Which scenic spots will have queues of people?

In our country, especially during peak tourist seasons, it's rare to find popular scenic spots without queues. Historical landmarks like the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City have a steady flow of visitors. Popular natural landscapes also draw in crowds. Places like Jiuzhaigou Valley and Zhangjiajie in China attract a large number of tourists because of their breathtaking beauty. Zhangjiajie even served as inspiration for the famous movie "Avatar." So, these places have their unique charm that makes it worthwhile for tourists to queue up and appreciate them.

哪些景点会排长队？

在我们国家，尤其是旅游旺季的时候，很少有景点不排队的。名胜古迹比如长城和故宫，每年都吸引着大量的游客。而一些有名的自然景观也是热门景点，比如九寨沟、张家界因其令人惊叹的美景吸引了大量的游客。张家界甚至成为著名电影《阿凡达》的灵感来源地。所以，这些地方拥有其独特的魅力，值得游客排队欣赏。

8. What are the advantages of living on a high floor?

9. What are the disadvantages of living on a lower floor?

合并答案：Living in a high-rise apartment definitely has many advantages. Firstly, you get a wide and breathtaking view. Imagine waking up, opening the curtains, and taking in the entire cityscape. It's a stunning view that you wouldn't see from a lower floor. Secondly, being higher up means less noise from street traffic and other disturbances. On the flip side, lower floors are more susceptible to noise, which can disrupt your sleep. What's more, higher floors usually receive better natural light, allowing for a brighter living space, while lower floors may require more artificial lighting. All in all, living in a high-rise apartment tends to be more comfortable.

居住在高层的优点是什么？

居住在低楼层的缺点是什么？

合并答案：住在高层优点很多。首先，你会看到很广阔而令人惊叹的景色。想象一下，一觉醒来，拉开窗帘，整个城市的景色尽收眼底。这样的美景是你在低楼层看不到。另外，住得高意味着街道交通和其他干扰的噪音更小。相反，低楼层就更容易受到噪音的影响，会很容易影响睡眠质量。还有一点就是，高楼层采光更好，能获得更充足的阳光照射，而低楼层就需要更多的照明设备，所以整体来说，住在高层会更舒适。

10. What do you think of the phenomenon of people queuing in restaurants for more than an hour?

Honestly, I think it's quite normal. Nowadays, people prioritize experiences and are willing to try popular recommendations. If they're willing to wait for over an hour in line just to eat at a specific restaurant, it means that the restaurant has a unique charm and appeal that makes customers endure the wait. It could be because of the restaurant's distinctive flavors or a one-of-a-kind dining experience. Either way, it shows that the restaurant is striving for innovation, which is crucial in the competitive food industry.

你如何看待人们在餐馆排队超过一个小时的现象？

老实说我觉得这是很正常的现象。现在的人们更关注体验感，他们愿意去尝试任何大众推荐值得体验的东西。如果人们宁愿花费一个多小时排队，也坚持要在这家餐馆就餐，这说明这家餐馆具备着独特的魅力和吸引力，让顾客愿意忍受等待的时间。可能是因为这家餐馆提供的食物口味独特，或者他们提供与众不同的用餐体验。无论是哪种情况，都表明这家餐馆在努力进行创新，这在竞争激烈的餐饮行业中至关重要。

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Topic 41 汉语很好的外国人(新题)

1. What foreign languages do Chinese children learn?

English is the main foreign language that Chinese children learn. There may be some schools that teach other languages like Japanese, Korean, Spanish and German but <u>English is by far, the most desirable</u>. I'd say this is because it is the most widely spoken language in the world and most Chinese people believe that speaking English will give them more opportunities in life if they can speak it well. For example, students who want to study abroad <u>require a good level of English in order to be accepted into a good university</u>. Studying abroad and speaking English will definitely <u>open up these students to job opportunities</u> in International companies giving them a much better life.

2. Why do Chinese children learn English?

Chinese children learn English <u>for a couple of reasons</u>. The first and most important reason is because Chinese children <u>are expected to get a high level of education</u> so they create many great opportunities for themselves, <u>particularly job opportunities.</u> This means they must learn English really well. Lots of young children today have English tutors and as a result, they can already speak the language quite fluently and will definitely see the benefits in their futures. Another reason Chinese kids learn a second language is because it improves brain function. There is a lot of research that says learning a language <u>stimulates both left and right hemispheres of the brain</u> and the brain literally gets bigger and stronger which will also help the child to live a long life with a healthy brain.

3.Why are so many people learning English?（回答该题也可以利用第二题素材）

English is <u>the most widely spoken language</u> in the world. It's possibly even the most important language. It's definitely the language spoken between people from different countries. For instance, if two people meet and one is from China and the other, Italy, <u>the most likely common language that they both speak</u> is English. So if they don't know English, then they are unable to communicate and in the world we live in today, so many people are traveling, living abroad, and doing business internationally that <u>English is essential</u>.

4.Is it easier for children to learn languages than adults?

Yes, <u>it has been proven that</u> language learning is easier for children. A child's brain, especially before the age of 10, can acquire language more rapidly than an adult's brain. As individuals age, their brains become less flexible, making it more challenging for them to learn new things. <u>A child's brain is still in the process of development</u> and can readily adapt to change. For instance, children can easily perceive and produce new sounds that are not present in their native language, whereas adults <u>are constrained by</u> the sounds they already know how to recognize and pronounce.

5. How can someone help a child to learn English?

To learn English requires a teacher or tutor. I think this is the best way to help a child learn this language. Most children learn English at school in their English classes, however, if parents think this is not enough or the children <u>are slow to catch on,</u> they can pay for a tutor and their child can attend classes after school. These classes <u>should be conducted in English</u> and at the beginning, pictures can <u>come in handy</u> for learning basic words. Children learn quickly but repetition is important so classes should be regular, like a few times a week. Of course they should practice all the main skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

6. How can tech make language learning more fun for children?

Technology has made learning languages more enjoyable for kids nowadays. First of all, there are a lot of language learning games that kids can play on the computer. This can be more engaging than traditional textbooks for children. For example, there are online games that focus on the 26 English letters, and some of them have exciting stories that <u>make learning feel like an adventure</u>. Plus, <u>thanks to all the high-tech stuff</u>, teachers can get pretty creative in the classroom. For instance, in English class, teachers can show interesting English movies or cartoons that kids really like. While they watch, they also <u>learn new words effortlessly</u>. It's easily one of the coolest ways for kids to learn a language.

7. Do you think the way people learn English today is the same as in the past?

No, I think the main difference between the way people learn English today and how they learnt it in the past <u>is to do with technology</u>. Technology has developed so much over the years and with each new development, there is a new way of learning a skill like speaking or writing in English. For example, today people do most things online. So, if someone wants to be tutored in English, then they can do this in person or find someone online who lives in an English speaking country. If someone wants to improve their listening skills, then they can download an audio and at the same time the digital book and <u>follow along</u>, stopping and starting the audio as they need. However <u>back before the internet</u>, people would listen to audios <u>on a cassette tape</u> and read real paper books. And before cassette tapes, I guess they would just have to learn by speaking to people. So the way we learn has definitely changed a lot and it's all to do with technology.

8. What are the benefits of the Internet for people's learning?

There are so many benefits that <u>the internet provides for people's learning</u>. The internet is a place where we can find information about whatever we want to know. So, if someone wants to learn about the history of China for example, they can simply google this and they will find so many resources from videos, to articles, to university papers, and <u>blog posts</u>. Another benefit of learning online is that people can study online. <u>Covid is one example of this</u>. During this time, people were unable to leave their homes but they still wanted to learn. Universities ran classes online so students could still continue their studies. People who weren't at university had many options too. They could buy a course and study a topic they were interested in. <u>Alternatively</u>, they could pay to study with someone one on one or <u>in a group setting</u>.

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Topic 42 喜欢烹饪的人(新题)

1. What do we need to prepare when we need to cook?

I guess it depends on what we are cooking! But generally speaking, when someone cooks, they need to prepare all the ingredients and all the <u>utensils</u> too, otherwise they won't have anything to cook in! For example, if you want to make a simple dish like <u>scrambled eggs with tomatoes</u>, you'll need basic ingredients like tomatoes and eggs, and also <u>seasonings</u> like salt and soy sauce if you like. And, of course, you'll need a knife for chopping, a pan for cooking, and a <u>spatula</u> for flipping. That's pretty much all the stuff I can think of that you'll need to use.

2.Do you agree that food is an important part of Chinese festivals and ceremonies?

I definitely do. Food represents culture, and most of the time when you're celebrating a holiday, <u>the first thing that comes to mind is</u> what special thing to eat. Actually, for every Chinese festival, there is <u>a well-known food that accompanies it</u>. For example, during spring festival which is the Chinese New Year, you will always see dumplings, noodles and fish on the table. During the mid-autumn festival, moon cakes are very popular and you can buy them everywhere. During dragon boat festival, zongzi are very popular. This is <u>a sticky rice dumpling</u>. These foods are usually said to be lucky, to keep people healthy, wealthy and to even protect people! They <u>have been eaten throughout history</u>, so they are very important part of these festivals and ceremonies.

3. Which dishes are a must at (Chinese)festivals?

There are many well-known dishes that you can find at Chinese festivals. Each of these dishes <u>have a significant meaning</u> <u>which is why</u> you will always find them eaten at this time. For example, zongzi are the most traditional food eaten at the famous dragon boat festival in June. They are a sticky rice dumpling <u>wrapped in bamboo leaves</u>. They usually contain some meat inside like pork belly. However, at Chinese New Year, dumplings and fish are very popular dishes and <u>will always be found on the table</u> and <u>these signify wealth and prosperity</u>. Finally, mooncakes are always found on the table at mid-autumn festival. These symbolize good luck and reunion.

4. Should students learn to cook at school?

I think cooking is <u>a highly valuable life skill</u>. Learning how to cook can help you save a lot of money on dining out. But it's hard to say whether students should learn it at school. In western countries, they teach cooking at school and I think this is beneficial because it's possible that parents do not teach their children how to cook and this is <u>a vital thing to learn</u>. However, in Chinese schools, <u>the focus is not on life skills but on</u> learning subjects that will help a student get into a good university, subjects like maths and science and English. For many students, if they <u>have a genuine interest in cooking</u>, they can acquire this skill through <u>parental guidance</u> or online video tutorials. So, I don't think cooking is necessarily a skill that must be <u>formally taught in school</u>. It's possible to become proficient in cooking through self-learning as well.

5. Do you think cooking should be a compulsory or an elective course? Why?

If schools were to offer cooking as a class, I think it should be an optional course. Like most subjects, students should get to choose if they do it or not. If they really don't have an interest in the subject like cooking, then why should they be forced to do it? However, it would be good to make cooking a compulsory subject when students are a bit younger, like when they are 13 or 14. Then they can decide if they like it or not and want to continue it.

6. Are there any differences between cooking today and in the past?

Absolutely. Food preparation and ingredients have changed a lot. There are so many more additives and preservatives and oils that aren't good for our health used to cook and make food today. For example, in the past people used to fry their food in animal fats like lard. But today, they use very unstable oils like canola, soybean and other vegetable oils. These oils are often rancid when they are in the supermarket and they really shouldn't be used for cooking. Also, you can find a variety of convenience foods, such as pre-cooked fish or chicken wings in today's supermarkets. All you need to do is pop them in the microwave for a few minutes, and they're good to go. However, there's no guarantee that the ingredients are healthy. So overall, lower quality ingredients are used and foods are now prepared quickly to go so we don't get the same nutrition from our food as we once did.

7. How does technology help with cooking?

Technology today has made cooking easier than ever before. It helps with cooking by providing us with appliances and tools like ovens, stoves, microwaves, and food processors. There are even all-in-one gadgets like the Instapot which can perform many different cooking tasks such as rice cooking, pressure cooking, slow cooking, steaming and warming. We can also use technology to find recipes, watch cooking shows, or research ingredients online. Honestly, this technological progress has been a real lifesaver for people who aren't skilled in cooking. These days you don't have to worry about not being able to make a good meal by yourself.

Topic 43 想见的有趣的人(新题)

1. Are there any differences in relationships between friends and other people?

Friends are a staple in everyone's lives. Other than family, they are some of the most important people that exist. Therefore, the relationships are quite different between friends and other people. For example, if someone works in a big company, they likely have lots of colleagues. Some of these colleagues may become friends and some may not. For those who become friends, they will likely go out to do something social together and share personal details about their lives. When they have problems, they talk to them about what is going on, to get some support and help. However, the other people in the company are not going to have the same privileges. People are not going to share their personal experiences or details with these people because they are not close.

2. Do people feel lonely in crowded cities?

Oh yes, I definitely think this can happen. People can feel lonely anywhere they are because loneliness is a state of mind. So, you can live in a city like Shanghai which has around 29 million people and feel like you have no one. Maybe it's because that person hasn't made friends with anyone as they may be new to the city, or maybe it's because they are unhappy with life, such as disliking their job, feeling overwhelmed by family expectations to earn more or work harder, and so on. So yes, it's very possible that people feel lonely in crowded cities. In fact, I think it's quite common. 雅認辶寸丹過旬寶店鋪嬡創★

3. Where and how can people get to know new people?

People can get to know new people anywhere! For example, on the bus or subway, at a new job, at university or high school, at the place where they exercise, at a local shop or cafe. There are so many places, all people have to be willing to do is to introduce themselves and talk to that person. Then, with time, they may become new friends. One other way I almost forgot to mention, especially for the people of today, is online. People meet online quite often today, and I actually think it is a preferred method of communication as people are quite shy and would prefer to send a message to someone new rather than talk to them in person. 雅繱過辶寸丹绹宝店鋪嬡創▣

4. Can clothing tell and reveal a person's personality?

Sometimes it can. For example, if someone is going to work at a corporate job and they have to wear a business suit (male or female), they will look very professional. However, let's say this person is really sporty, when this person goes home, the first thing they may do is take off their suit and put on their workout gear and go for a run. This professional suit which may suggest someone is very smart and proper, may not be a true depiction of the person. They may actually be fairly relaxed and fun. However, it's not the case for everyone and most people DO dress to show their personality. For instance, someone who is gentle and kind may wear clothes that represent this, like a floral dress. So sometimes clothing tells us a lot and sometimes it tells us nothing.

5. Why do individuals from the same family have different personalities?

I think it's completely normal for this to happen. Actually most of the people in a family are all quite different because the mom and dad who start the family usually have distinct personalities themselves. In fact, most parents are drawn to each other because they have different but complementary personality traits, which is why they decide to get married and have a family. So, children may inherit diverse personality traits from their parents due to genetic factors. For example, if one parent is very outgoing and the other parent is quiet, their kids might end up being different from each other. Additionally, the environment around children can affect their personalities. As kids grow up, they meet different teachers and friends, and as their life experiences and social circles change, it can also change how they behave and their personalities.

6. How does society influence a person's personality?

Well, society influences how people think and feel, and it happens in various aspects of our lives, like in school, at work, on TV, and through social media. For example, people go to school which teaches them to work hard, not make mistakes, learn everything quickly and this pressure can really influence a person. Some people may become quiet and not express themselves because they are so focused on achieving a top score. Without this pressure, they likely would have become someone very different. Social media also conditions people and there are many insecure people because they believe everything they see on social media and compare their lives to other people's. This can lead to people being overly concerned about how they look and feeling ugly without makeup or a particular image. So the pressures of society can really have a big impact on people and their personalities today.

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Topic 44 成功的商人(新题)

1. Are there many family businesses in your country? Can you provide examples?

Yes, family businesses are common in China, and you can <u>pretty much find anything you want in these smaller shops</u>, often for a cheaper price. These businesses cover a wide range of areas. You can find small grocery stores, fruit shops, bakeries, cafes, and convenience stores. Additionally, you'll come across small-scale <u>garages and tech shops that specialize in mobile phone repairs and accessories</u>. There are even little clothes and shoe stores. Basically whatever you need, you can usually find it in one of these family-owned shops.

2. Who is more successful, family businesses or large corporations?

I think it's probably large corporations. Large corporations <u>dominate the market,</u> and they have branches all around the world. Take Apple as an example, they make so much money and have so many shops worldwide that a family business cannot compare. Family businesses, on the other hand, employ a small number of people, <u>may have one shop only (although some do have more)</u>, but generally speaking, they really don't and can't compare to the business made by large corporations. Family businesses can still be successful and make a lot of money, but I don't think <u>they will ever beat large corporations</u>.

3. What do you think of family businesses?
4. What are the possibilities for the development of family businesses?
合并答案：

<u>I have a positive view of </u>family businesses. In my opinion, family-owned enterprises have the potential for longer-term and more stable operations. This is because, firstly, family businesses often aim to pass on the company to the next generation. As a result, they tend to <u>prioritize long-term development over short-term profits</u>. This emphasis on long-term success often leads them to maintain higher standards in areas such as product quality and customer service, which, in turn, <u>makes it easier to gain the trust of consumers in the market</u>. Plus, the employees in family businesses are usually more loyal. They treat the business like it's part of their own family and <u>are more willing to go the extra mile</u>. So, family businesses <u>have a better shot at being successful</u>.

5. What qualities should be considered when recruiting employees?

I think the most important qualities are experience, knowledge, reliability, commitment and good communication skills. Firstly, when recruiting someone for a job, a company wants to make sure that their future staff has experience and knowledge about the job. While extensive experience may not always be required, <u>a certain level of competence and familiarity with the job's demands</u> is crucial. Secondly, being reliable and committed to the job <u>are key when recruiting</u>. The manager <u>should be looking for</u> staff who are going to come to work every day, on time and do their job well. Nobody likes someone who's always late or calling in sick at the last minute. Finally, <u>good communication skills are a must</u>. People need to work together, so being able to communicate effectively is crucial. This could be the way the person writes an email or talks with other staff members in meetings, but they want to be direct, clear and able to listen to other people, <u>not dominating and opinionated</u> or unable to explain what they are talking about.

6. When is it a good time to start a family business?

Starting a family business is a big decision and <u>the timing really depends on your individual circumstances</u>. Ideally, it's good to wait until you have some work experience. This ensures that you can <u>make informed decisions</u> and hopefully build a successful business. It's also important to consider your personal life goals, financial stability, and whether or not your family members want to help out. <u>There's no one-size-fits-all answer, but a good rule of thumb is</u> to wait until you're financially stable and have the necessary skills and knowledge to run the business successfully. For example, if someone has worked for years for a company but is tired of this job and they have a passion for something, as well as <u>the money in the bank</u>, then nothing should stop them.

7. In family businesses, is the emphasis more on selling or manufacturing?

<u>It's a bit tricky to pinpoint</u>, and I think it varies based on the type of business. If a family operates a <u>physical store</u> where they directly sell products like food and beverages, the primary focus is undoubtedly on sales. <u>Let's take a convenience store as an example</u>. The family doesn't produce the items they sell; they just have to buy them and then sell them onto others. So, the emphasis is on selling. However, if a family business involves selling self-made and printed t-shirts, then the manufacturing process <u>becomes a significant focus</u>. While the ultimate goal is to sell these items, the family must first create them, and they strive to do this effectively to ensure customer satisfaction. So in this case, I'd say the emphasis is more on manufacturing.

8. Do people tend to choose family businesses or large companies?

A lot of people today typically choose large companies for both work and shopping. People are focused on money and so they will find work where the money is… which is in large companies. For example, Apple has a lot of money. They can <u>offer their employees competitive compensation packages</u> thanks to their global presence and <u>the ongoing demand for their high-end products</u>. So, those aiming to work for a large corporation often find enticing job prospects. When it comes to shopping, people often choose the <u>big-name brands</u> because they're well-known and trusted. These companies <u>have built a solid reputation</u>, which is why they sell so much and why people prefer them over smaller family businesses.

9. Is it easy for a business to be successful without affecting the environment?

I think it is absolutely possible… but it also depends on what the business is. If it is a company that uses a lot of power or electricity or gas, then maybe it's not the best thing for the environment. For instance, companies that provide heating often use a lot of natural gas, <u>which can lead to more carbon dioxide being released into the air</u>. This, inevitably, causes pollution in our environment. However, there are many entrepreneurs <u>running very successful online businesses making millions</u> and they mainly just use the internet for everything they do. So yes, I do think it's possible.

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Topic 45 想法有趣的人(新题)

1.When do you think children start to have their own opinions?

<u>Interesting question</u>. Children may have opinions before they can speak but I think we only really understand what they are thinking and feeling when they <u>start vocalising their desires, thoughts and feelings</u>. For example, when a young child starts eating solid foods, they have opinions about these foods "I like this" or "I don't like this." This is an opinion. <u>As we grow and age</u>, our ability to communicate improves and we are able to communicate our opinions more clearly, having arguments or <u>putting forward our ideas</u>, <u>kind of like students who take this test</u>. So I suppose that kids can have their own ideas when they're very young. It's just that <u>as time goes by</u>, they get better at telling us what they're thinking.

2. Are childrens' opinions influenced by their parents?

<u>Yes, I would say so</u>, especially when children are young. Young children depend on their parents to teach them about the ways of the world, so they <u>soak up their parents' opinions like sponges</u>. As children grow up though, <u>their world expands beyond their parents</u>, so they usually start to question their parents' opinions, becoming influenced by the perspectives of peers, teachers, and the media. Honestly, as children get older, it's natural for them to have their own ideas, and they usually value their parents' opinions less.

3. Who are smart children likely to be influenced by?

Smart children are likely influenced by <u>the people they look up to</u>. This includes parents, teachers, neighbours, family friends and even their peers. <u>To demonstrate this</u>, if a child is really interested in geography and they have an aunt who has traveled to many places around the world, then they may enjoy talking with their aunt to learn more about these places and as a result, the child may even <u>develop a love for and a desire to travel</u>. So, I suppose that it depends on their interests and who has those interests around them.

4. How do inventors or philosophers come up with new ideas?

I think <u>new ideas just come to people</u>. Often they don't plan them. They may be focused on a subject or trying to solve a problem and are spending a lot of time thinking about it and then one day, <u>the idea just appears to them</u>. For example, Edison <u>didn't just invent the light bulb from nothing</u>. Firstly, he noticed that other people had similar ideas, but they couldn't quite get it to work. Then, he probably spent a long time thinking about how to make it work. Finally, he succeeded, the idea came to him, and he created a light bulb. Sometimes these scientists have to see the need for a new thing to be created. Usually this happens when someone want to improve a product and make a better one. <u>An example of this is</u> the dimmer switch on a light. The ability to control the level of light is such a great idea so when this person wished that this function could exist, then it allowed him to create it.

5. Are there only old ideas from books or previous writers?

It's true that when you read many books, the information in the book is from the past and unless the information gets updated, then it will be an old, outdated idea. For example, many years ago people used to use encyclopaedias for their information. They contained information about different countries, their populations, things about their people and so on. But as we know, the world changes quickly. So every year, they would <u>update the encyclopaedias</u> so they contained the most relevant information. But people would keep the same encyclopaedias for years which means they were reading information about places and things that may have been incorrect. However, <u>this is not relevant for all non-fiction and historical books</u> and definitely not for fiction stories <u>which don't age at all</u> because it is simply a story. The Harry Potter series for example, will never be outdated and it will likely always be an interesting and popular story <u>for many</u>.

6. What kind of people have lots of great ideas in your country?

There are many people with <u>plenty of brilliant ideas</u> in my country. I would say that most of the time these people are unknown and only become known when they create something with this great idea. However, they have to be <u>dreamers and action-takers</u>. For example, Jack Ma, the creator of Alibaba, enabled online selling and more through the e-commerce platform. <u>He was not an overnight success</u>; he had numerous ideas and attempted various ventures before creating Alibaba. So basically, it doesn't matter who you are, you can have a great idea and I think this is always happening in my country which is very exciting because we never know where the next great idea is coming from.

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Topic 46 成功的同学(新题)

1. Is money a measure of whether a person is successful?

I guess it depends on the definition of success. If success means having lots of things, then having a lot of money might make someone seem successful. For example, someone like Mark Zuckerberg became a billionaire but he definitely didn't start there. He created something and shared it, and it eventually gained immense popularity. This popularity resulted in countless people using his platform, Facebook, which, in turn, led to the perception that Mark Zuckerberg is successful. However, you can be successful and be a nobody and not have a lot of money. Mother Teresa was a nun who left the convent and spent a lot of time in countries like India helping the poor. Even though Mother Teresa herself was largely poor her whole life, she's now considered a Saint, and I would consider that to be quite an achievement. ◎雅缌辶寸過辶寸絢亻 寶店鋪源創▋

2. What factors lead to success?

There are many factors that lead to success. Firstly, I think it's all about one's mindset, their attitude and determination to be successful. They have to believe that they CAN be successful and visualise themselves achieving their dream. I'm sure that most people who want to create success in their life go to bed at night dreaming of what it will be like when they are a famous actor or the best in whatever they do. Another important factor is taking action. You can't just dream about something and expect that it will come true, you actually have to do something to get there. For example, if someone wants to be a Hollywood actor, they have to learn the skills involved and then go to many auditions until they get a part and slowly become seen by people. Bit by bit, their success will grow with these continued actions. 〞雅媤過過過絢亻 寶店鋪源創.·˙

3. How can one become a successful person?

Everyone's definition of success is different, but I'd say that success is when you reach your goals and achieve happiness. Most of the time, reaching your goals involves some key ingredients like continuous learning, resilience in the face of setbacks, and learning from your experiences. For example, let's talk about sports. If someone wants to be a top-notch athlete, they've got to put in the hours, even when they stumble and face tough challenges. Sometimes, they won't do as well as they want to, but instead of giving up, they should treat each setback as a lesson, tweak their training, and keep pushing forward. This determination is what it takes to succeed in sports, and I think it works for success in anything you do. ╪雅缌過辶寸過絢寶店鋪塬創╪

4. What do people need to sacrifice for success?

I think people who want success often have to sacrifice doing the things that ordinary people do every day. Because the person is so focused and driven towards their success, all of their time and energy is channeled into this goal. For example, if someone wants to be a successful entrepreneur, they are likely not going home everyday and watching television or scrolling on social media but rather, they are probably taking a course or watching something motivational that can teach them something or encourage them to stay focused on their dream. So mainly they are sacrificing their time.

5. Is there a contradiction between success and happiness?

Whether success and happiness conflict with each other depends on how we define them. If we see success as making lots of money, <u>climbing the career ladder</u>, and gaining power, we might end up sacrificing time with loved ones and dealing with stress. From this view, success and happiness <u>seem at odds, like juggling incompatible goals</u>. But if we equate success with happiness, finding joy in our achievements, whether it's gaining power or wealth, then we can see them as compatible. <u>It all comes down to</u> our personal values and how we measure success and happiness.

6. How should one go about being successful in school?

To be successful in school, students <u>typically aim to excel in their exams</u>, striving for top grades. This involves a dedicated commitment to learning, persistent effort, and a determination to reach their ultimate goal, which is usually getting into their dream university. There are other things students can do to be successful in school. This includes being involved in many different activities and clubs, from sports clubs to debate teams. <u>Building a strong social network</u> and being popular is also sometimes considered a form of success in school. Students who win all the awards each year, or those <u>selected for important roles like class president,</u> are also said to be successful. But I think that a person can also be considered special if they go from being a student who gets low grades to a student who works hard and <u>ends up with grades that are better than when they started</u>. I guess it depends on how you measure success.

7. Is it easy for people to succeed in the national test in your country?

Many people believe that it is not. The gaokao, which is the university entrance exam in China, is said to be one of the hardest tests in our country. As a result, there is incredible pressure on students to study and perform and <u>secure a place at university</u> in order to <u>create a bright future for themselves and their families</u>. I suppose that the reason it is so hard to succeed is because there are so many people and limited places in universities. For example,<u> to gain entry into one of the top tier universities</u>, you have to get a very high score and I believe around 5% of students can achieve this. There are also <u>tier two and tier three universities,</u> but you still need a high score for these, and many do not qualify and choose to <u>go to a college that specialises in a trade</u> or give up on their dreams and look for a job. So yes, I guess you could say it is hard for people to succeed, but not impossible.

8. Is learning more challenging in school now compared to the past?

Yes, learning these days can be harder than it used to be, mainly because <u>there's more competition out there</u>. First off, there are way more people around compared to twenty years ago, but <u>the number of top-notch universities hasn't really kept up</u>. So, you've got more people fighting for limited spots in these schools, which means <u>they're raising the bar on admission requirements and ramping up the competition</u>. That's why learning might feel tougher than before. Also, economic factors are a big deal. Economic instability and the recent impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have left a lot of people unemployed or struggling to find jobs. So they decide to keep learning and get extra qualifications. This has led to more people taking all kinds of exams, and <u>with so many high-achievers in the mix</u>, exams are getting trickier. So, when you look at it all together, it's pretty clear that learning these days is <u>no walk in the park</u> compared to the past.

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Topic 47 敬佩的运动员(新题)

1. Should students have physical education and do sports at school?

For sure. Young people have so much energy, and sports is <u>one of the best ways to move this energy</u>. It's so common for students to go out into the yard and play sports in their breaks and it's because it helps them to move this energy but also <u>takes their minds of their studies and the stresses of everyday life</u>. They can just focus on what they have to do in the game. However, there are students who really don't like to do PE. Most teachers at school <u>won't allow the students to not participate</u>. In order to pass the class, they must join in. Therefore, these students don't have a choice and must be involved, even if they really don't want to but I think if they try to have fun, rather than see it as a competition, they could really enjoy themselves.

2. What qualities make an athlete?

Athletes must be hardworking, focused, committed and determined. <u>In terms of being hardworking</u>, this is about <u>pushing themselves every single day</u>, not missing one day of practise, for example, even if they are really tired and don't want to go. <u>This is where the focus and commitment comes in</u>. People who want to be an athlete have to have a goal and focus on that goal. Maybe the goal is competing in the Olympics and so every day when they go to train, they have to have this goal in their mind and stay focused on it and committed to it. Finally, <u>determination is key too</u>. This is definitely a quality of a strong mind, a person who refuses to give up, even if they had a bad day such as a runner who is trying to <u>reach a personal best</u> but can't seem to do it. If they are determined to improve and they don't give up, they will absolutely make it.

3. Is talent important in sports?

Talent <u>is important, but it's not everything</u>. I mean, some sports players <u>don't fit the profile</u> but they still become exceptional at their sport. For example, in our country, there's a really good <u>sprinter</u> named Su Bingtian. Many people believe that Asians aren't naturally good at running, but Su <u>has bagged championship titles multiple times</u> in high-level sprinting events worldwide. It's not so much about his exceptional talent; it's more about his dedication and extraordinary effort that <u>make him stand out</u>. So I suppose that being naturally good at something is only part of what makes an athlete successful. To truly succeed, you also need to love the sport and work hard at it. Even with natural talent, one may not succeed without these key ingredients.

4. Is it easy to identify children's talents?

Generally speaking, I think it is. You can tell who is good at something and who is not. For example, even among four-year-old children, some can already make pictures better than <u>grown-ups</u>, while others may <u>struggle to draw a basic circle</u>. So, you can easily identify who has a natural talent for drawing. However, sometimes people <u>develop the skills over time</u> so maybe at the beginning, when they first start playing a sport, for instance, they aren't so skilled and <u>they don't stand out</u>. But after years of hard work and dedication, they manage to become the best in the game. I'm sure this is the case for many famous sport stars today.

5. What is the most popular sport in your country?

It seems to me that basketball is the most popular sport. Chinese people love the NBA and most boys really love playing and watching basketball. I think <u>when Yao Ming got drafted to the NBA way back in 2002</u>, it was a very special day for Chinese people because they could see that it was actually possible to play in that competition. It also encouraged more and more Chinese people to <u>follow the sport</u> and <u>it rose to popularity</u> and remains incredibly popular in China today with basketball courts found everywhere in parks and schools <u>across cities</u>.

6. Why are there few top athletes?

I think there are only a few top athletes because <u>to reach the highest level of a sport requires a lot of different factors.</u> First of all, it takes hours of practice and discipline starting from a young age. Honestly, not many people can stick with something for decades like that. Second, it normally requires a lot of money. Athletes need to hire coaches, pay for competitions, pay for equipment, invest in their recovery, and <u>invest in injury prevention through physiotherapy</u>, etc. Then, they will need to dedicate their entire life to their sport. Afterall, you don't become a top athlete overnight. However, the reality is that many people might find it <u>more feasible to pursue stable careers in other fields</u> instead of risking their entire lives in the pursuit of sports excellence. So, this is why top athletes are relatively rare.

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Topic 48 新搬家的人

1. Why do some young people keep moving?

There are lots of reasons why a young person might move often. Some young people need to move for a change in their job or a new school. Other people might just <u>enjoy a change of scenery and a fresh start</u>. Plus, most young people don't own property yet, so they are probably renting their accommodation. <u>Considering the possibility of rent increases or landlords needing to take back their properties</u>, young adults may have to relocate to new rental locations.

为什么有些年轻人总是搬来搬去？

年轻人频繁搬家的原因有很多。一些年轻人可能会因为工作变动或要去新的学校而需要搬家。还有的人可能只是<u>喜欢换个环境，重新开始</u>。此外，大多数年轻人还没有自己的房产，他们可能还在租房住。<u>考虑到房租可能上涨，或者房东需要收回房子的情况</u>，也会导致年轻人需要搬到新的地方租住。

2. Is it positive for young people to live by themselves?

Well, introverts usually don't mind spending a lot of time alone, but extroverts would probably get depressed living by themselves. <u>In any case</u>, living alone means all of the household responsibilities <u>land on your shoulders</u>, so it's a great way to learn independence. You'll learn to pay the rent on your own, as well as take care of all the cooking, household chores, and repairs. Besides, living by yourself means that you <u>won't get stuck with a bad roommate who is noisy, messy, or annoying to have around</u>.

年轻人独自生活对他们来说有积极的影响吗？

内向的人一般是不介意独自居住的，但外向的人可能会因为独自生活而感到很沮丧。<u>无论何种情况</u>，独自生活都意味着<u>所有家庭责任都要由自己承担</u>，因此这是学会独立的好方式。你会学会自己支付房租，并顾及到烹饪、家务和维修等各种事情。另外，独自居住也意味着<u>你不会因为要与一个吵吵闹闹的、脏乱不堪或惹人厌的室友同住而困扰</u>。

3. What's the difference between living alone and living with roommates?

Well, living with roommates is more affordable than living alone, since <u>the rent is split between everyone</u>. Additionally, you don't have to worry about feeling lonely, and you can divide household chores amongst yourselves. Of course, you do also have to be mindful of the others living in your household and <u>hope that your roommates extend you the same courtesy</u>. On the other hand, living alone comes with a lot more freedom, and it gives you the ability to make noise at any time of the day or night and <u>decorate according to your taste</u>.

独居和与室友同住有什么区别？

和室友一起住比独自生活来得更经济实惠，因为<u>租金可以平摊</u>。而且你也不必担心会感到孤独，并且你可以将家务分配给室友做。当然，你也必须尊重和你同住的人，<u>并希望你的室友也能给予你同样的尊重</u>。相比之下，独自生活则会带来更多的自由，让你可以无所顾忌的在任何时候发出噪音，也可以<u>根据自己的口味来装饰家居</u>。

4. Besides cooking, are there any other skills that people need to learn?

Besides cooking, learning how to budget your finances is one of the most important skills to learn. This is something that will serve you for your whole life and insure that you are living within your means. Additionally, mastering some repair skills is also necessary. As you begin living on your own, you'll inevitably face minor problems such as a burnt-out light bulb or a clogged drain. If you possess some basic repair skills, it can make your life more comfortable and also help you save on maintenance expenses.

除了烹饪，还有哪些技能是人们需要学习的？

除了烹饪外，学习如何控制自己的财务预算也是最重要的技能之一。这是一项将在你的一生中服务于你的技能，可以确保你在自己被允许的经济能力范围内生活。此外，掌握一些修理技能也是应该的。当你开始独立生活后，生活中难免遇到一些小问题，比如灯泡坏了，或者下水道堵了。这时候如果能掌握一些简单的修理技能，就可以让你的生活更舒适，也可以帮助自己节省维修费用。

5. What kinds of people tend to live by themselves?

The first type of person that comes to mind is someone with strong independent living skills. You know, living alone requires taking charge of many responsibilities like cooking, cleaning, and managing bills. If someone heavily relies on others, they may feel a bit out of their comfort zone when it comes to living alone. Instead, they might seek out roommates or prefer staying with their parents for that added sense of security. So, it's really the independent souls who thrive living on their own. Besides, there are introverts who prefer their own company, cherishing their personal space where they can pursue their interests without any disruptions. That's why these people also tend to prefer living alone.

什么样的人更倾向于独自生活？

我首先想到的是独立生活能力非常强的人。因为独自生活意味着很多事情需要自己处理，比如做饭、打扫卫生、交水电费（各种账单）等等。如果一个人依赖性强，他们会觉得独自生活不够有安全感。相比之下，他们会想要找舍友一起居住，甚至住在父母家。所以只有独立性强的人会喜欢自己住。另外，还有一些内向的人可能会喜欢一个人住，因为他们比较不喜欢被他人打扰，更喜欢有自己独立的空间可以做喜欢的事情，所以这类人也会更喜欢独居。

6. How can parents and teachers help young people to live independently?

Parents and schools can do a lot to help young people become more independent. Firstly, parents should give their children some room to spread their wings and make decisions for themselves instead of always calling the shots. For instance, parents can let their kids manage their own allowance, allowing them to learn financial skills and take responsibility for their actions. This empowers them to take the driver's seat and develop a sense of accountability, paving the way for greater independence. Secondly, from a school perspective, teachers can change their teaching methods and incorporate more classroom discussions on various topics. This encourages students to think outside the box, sharpen their critical thinking skills, and avoid simply following the herd. This ability to think independently is crucial in nurturing young minds to become self-reliant individuals.

父母和老师应该如何帮助年轻人变得更独立？

父母和学校可以做很多事情让年轻人更独立。首先，家长要给孩子一些空间去自由发挥，允许孩子有做决策的机会，而不是全部都由父母来决定（指手画脚）。比如父母可以让孩子自己管理零花钱，锻炼他们的理财能力，并学会承担后果，这样让他们感受到自己有主导权和责任感，从而能够变得更独立。另外从学校角度来说，老师可以改变教学方法，多进行一些话题的课堂讨论等，让学生从不同角度思考问题，培养他们的思辨能力，这样可以让学生有独立思考的能力，而不会在任何问题上都人云亦云，这一点对于培养年轻人的独立性非常重要。

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Topic 49 受欢迎的人

1. What kinds of people are more popular at school? / Why are some kids popular at school?

In general, people who are outgoing, friendly, and have a good sense of humor tend to be more popular at school. These people are often good at making connections with others and <u>are skilled at initiating and maintaining friendships</u>. Additionally, people who excel at sports, academics, or other extracurricular activities may also be popular due to their achievements and abilities. They can always get a lot of respect from others. <u>Loads of people turn to them</u> when they need help or advice. And if these <u>high achievers</u> are helpful and always ready to lend a hand, it's no wonder they're so popular among their classmates and in the whole school.

学校里通常什么样的人更受欢迎？

一般来说，外向、友善且具有幽默感的人在学校更受欢迎。这些人通常擅长与他人建立联系，并<u>善于结交朋友和维持友谊</u>。此外，在体育、学术或其他课外活动方面表现出色的人也会因其成就和能力而备受欢迎。他们通常能够获得他人的尊重，并且<u>许多人在需要帮助或建议时会求助于他们</u>。如果这些<u>成就突出的人</u>正好还乐于助人，随时愿意伸出援手，那么他们在同学和整个学校中的受欢迎程度自然很高。

2. Why are some people less famous?

Some people may be less famous because they are introverted, shy, or <u>struggle with social skills</u>. They usually enjoy their own company and don't participate much in social stuff, which can make others see them as distant or unsociable, and that's why they're not super popular. But honestly, everyone's got their own unique personality, and we should totally <u>respect and embrace those differences</u>. Anyway, there are still some others who are less popular because they're not very friendly. Like, if someone tries to help them out, they might not even say thanks and instead ignore the kindness. Those kinds of people usually don't show much respect for others, so <u>it's reasonable that they aren't well-liked</u>. ㇆☆ve 雍媪過辶寸過絢寶店舗創 ﹏

为什么有些人不那么受欢迎？

有些人可能会因为性格内向、害羞或<u>不太懂社交技巧</u>而不太受欢迎。这些人通常更喜欢独处，不太会参与社交活动，这就让其他人觉得他们冷漠或不爱社交，所以他们会不太受欢迎。但说实话，每个人都有独特的个性，我们应该完全<u>尊重和接纳这些差异</u>。不过话说回来，还有一些人是因为不够友善而不那么受欢迎。比如，如果有人可能帮助他们，他们却连声谢谢都不说，反而不在意这份善意。这类人通常对他人不太尊重，所以<u>他们不太受欢迎也是可以理解的</u>。

3. Why are some celebrities famous for a much longer time than others?

I think that some celebrities are famous for a longer time than others because they consistently strive for excellence and continue to produce high-quality work. <u>One example would be Taylor Swift</u>, an American singer who has been producing music and touring internationally for nearly twenty years. Taylor <u>reinvents herself constantly</u> in order to keep people interesting in her music, and in doing so, she also gains new fans along the way. Besides, some celebrities remain famous for a long time due to their diverse talents. For instance, Jay Chou, a renowned singer in China, has achieved success in music, filmmaking, and even magic tricks. <u>His versatility and multiple talents have earned him enduring fame</u>.

为什么有些名人能比其他人保持更长时间的知名度？

我认为有些名人比其他人火的时间更久，是因为他们始终追求卓越并不断创作出高质量的作品。<u>有一个例子就是泰勒·斯威夫特</u>，一位美国歌手，她已经在音乐界活跃并进行国际巡演近 20 年了。泰勒<u>不断重塑自我</u>，以保持人们对她音乐的兴趣，同时也吸引了新的粉丝。此外，还有一些名人因为拥有多种才能而能够长时间的保持知名度。比如，我们国家的著名歌手周杰伦在音乐、电影制作甚至魔术技巧方面都取得了成功。<u>他的多才多艺为他赢得了持久的名声</u>。

4. Do popular people usually live a happy life?

It is difficult to say whether popular people live a happy life, as everyone's experience is different. But generally speaking, popular people usually feel happier than others. You see, they have a bigger social circle and can rely on more support when they encounter tough times. Having more friends and support can really boost their happiness levels. However, being popular also comes with its own set of challenges, such as pressure to maintain a certain image or meet expectations from others. Besides, popularity can be fleeting, and individuals who base their self-worth on their popularity can suffer if their popularity fades. Ultimately, happiness depends on a variety of factors, not just popularity.

受欢迎的人是否生活更幸福？

很难说受欢迎的人是否一定过的幸福，因为每个人的经历都不同。但一般来说，受欢迎的人会比其他人更幸福一些。你知道的，他们拥有更广泛的社交圈子，在遇到困难时可以有更多人去依靠和支持。而拥有更多的朋友和支持是可以极大地提升他们的幸福感的。然而，受欢迎也会带来一系列的问题，比如需要保持形象的压力或满足他人的期望。另外，受欢迎是短暂的，如果一个人把自己的价值建立在受欢迎程度上，那么当他们不再受欢迎时可能会感到痛苦。总之，幸福感取决于多种因素，不仅仅是受欢迎程度。

5. Do you think media is putting too much attention on famous people?

Yes, absolutely. I think it's mainly because people are overly fascinated with celebrities. The media loves to share news that grabs attention and gets lots of views. Since most ordinary people enjoy talking about the personal lives and gossip surrounding famous individuals, the media caters to that by reporting on such stories. However, this excessive focus on celebrities isn't a good thing. It often takes away attention from important social issues and political events. For example, sometimes we see more excitement over a celebrity's breakup than the news of a scientist who made significant contributions to society passing away. This can influence people, especially young people, and shape their values in the wrong way.

你认为媒体是不是把过多的注意力放在了名人身上？

是的，绝对的。我觉得这主要是因为大众过度关注名人。媒体喜欢做能够吸引流量的新闻。因为大部分普通人都很喜欢讨论名人的生活和八卦，所以媒体会投其所好，选择报道此类新闻。但过度关注名人并不是件好事，很多重要的社会问题、政治事件的传播会因此受到影响，比如我们有时候会看到明星分手的新闻热度甚至超过了为国家做出重大贡献的科学家去世的新闻。这会影响人们，尤其是年轻人的正确价值观的形成（以错误的方式塑造他们的价值观）。

6. Do you think famous people are necessarily good in their fields?

Well, <u>most celebrities earn their fame by excelling in a specific field</u>. Take Yao Ming for example, who's widely known for his outstanding basketball skills, or Taylor Swift, who's gained global recognition for her incredible singing talent. However, it's important to note that <u>not all celebrities fit this pattern</u>. Some individuals become famous for their outrageous or controversial behavior that sparks public debates. For instance, there's a young woman in China who's undergone countless plastic surgeries and has been married four times. She doesn't possess any remarkable skills but has managed to achieve fame solely through her extreme actions. To be honest, such cases are on the rise. These individuals <u>seek attention by engaging in peculiar behaviors</u>, but <u>their values are often twisted</u>, which has a detrimental impact on impressionable young minds.

名人在他们的领域里一定很优秀吗？

<u>大部分名人之所以成名，是因为他们在某一领域表现突出</u>，比如姚明众人皆知，是因为篮球打得好；霉霉全球出名是因为歌唱的好。但不得不说，<u>并不是所有名人都是这样</u>。比如有些人成名可能是他们在某一方面做的非常离谱，引起了社会讨论。比如在中国有一个不到 30 岁的女孩整容无数次，结婚 4 次，她没有什么擅长的东西，但就是凭自己的极端的行为成名了。老实说这类人越来越多，他们<u>希望通过一些特殊的行为走红</u>，实际上<u>价值观很扭曲</u>，对青少年影响很不好。

7. What are the differences between famous people today and those in the past?

Firstly, the variety of celebrities we see nowadays is <u>off the charts</u>. Back in the day, we mainly knew famous people from movies, TV shows, sports, or politics. But <u>thanks to the booming world of social media</u>, fame can be found in any field you can think of. We've got internet-famous doctors in hospitals, <u>gaming whizzes who've hit the big time</u>, and even travel bloggers and fashion influencers stealing the spotlight. Additionally, protecting the privacy of celebrities has become more challenging compared to the past. With smartphones and social media everywhere, anyone can capture photos and videos of anything they see and instantly share them. As a result, today's celebrities hardly have any privacy left to themselves, unlike their <u>counterparts</u> from a couple of decades ago.

现在的名人和过去的名人有什么不同？

首先，现在的名人类型比过去要<u>多样化（各种各样，种类繁多）</u>。在过去，我们可能了解到最多的名人是来自电影电视剧、运动比赛或者政治界。但现在，<u>由于社交媒体的发达</u>，任何领域都有可能出现名人，比如医院可能有网红医生，<u>游戏圈擅长打游戏的人也可以很出名</u>，或者还有旅游博主、时尚博主等名人。另外，现在名人的隐私比以前的名人更难保护。随着智能手机和社交媒体的普及，任何人都可以随时随地把自己看到的东西拍照、录像和分享。所以比起二十几年前的<u>同行们</u>，现在的名人几乎无法拥有什么隐私。

8. What kinds of famous people are there in your country?

Our country is packed with celebrities <u>from all walks of life</u>. Most people are well-acquainted with famous figures in movies, TV, sports, and music. Lately, there has been a surge of media coverage on remarkable individuals in fields like literature, science, and business, so <u>the average person</u> has some knowledge of celebrities in these domains too. Take, for example, Chinese writer Mo Yan, who bagged the Nobel Prize in Literature, or the renowned Doctor Zhong Nanshan, who <u>made significant strides in controlling the COVID-19 outbreak</u>. These individuals <u>hold considerable sway</u> and are widely recognized in our nation.

你们国家有哪些名人？

我们国家<u>在各个领域</u>都有很多名人。大部分人对电影电视、体育、音乐领域的名人了解的最多。同时，最近这些年新闻媒体也很关注文学、科学、商业领域有突出成就的人，因此<u>普通大众</u>对这些领域的名人也有所了解。比如，获得诺贝尔文学奖的中国作家莫言，<u>对于控制新冠疫情做出重大贡献的</u>医生钟南山，都是在我们国家<u>有相当大影响力的</u>名人。

9. Why do some people become famous but not successful?

The main reason why some celebrities don't succeed is that their fame isn't built on their expertise or remarkable achievements in a specific field. In reality, <u>their rise to fame often relies on hype or outrageous acts</u>. As a result, even if they enjoy a momentary spotlight, their lack of genuine talent makes it hard to sustain their success and achieve significant milestones. Moreover, some individuals may struggle to succeed because they lack the ability to innovate. For example, there are singers who become <u>overnight sensations with a hit song</u> but fail to replicate that success with subsequent releases. As a result, listeners gradually lose interest, <u>preventing them from achieving greater feats</u>.

为什么有些人成了名却不成功？

名人之所以不成功，主要原因是他们的成名并不是基于在某个领域的专业能力或突出成就。实际上，<u>他们的成名往往是通过炒作或某些极端行为获得的</u>。因此，即使他们取得了一时的名气，由于缺乏实际的才华，这种名声很难持久，从而无法实现大的成就。另外，还有一些人不能成功是因为他们可能缺乏创新的能力。比如有的歌手，<u>因为一首歌爆红</u>，但是后续创作无法复制这种成功，逐渐会让听者失去兴趣，<u>也就不会有更大的成就</u>。

Topic 50 在你所居住区域的乐于助人的人

1.Will you take a gap year to volunteer?

I would love to take a gap year to volunteer. Ideally, I would do some paid work too so that I can pay for my expenses, but a gap year is definitely in my plans. I think that taking a year off from school to do some volunteering work could be really beneficial for me. It would give me a chance to explore the world and gain a more comprehensive understanding of the society we live in. Plus, I would also get the chance to broaden my work experience and learn some valuable life skills that I wouldn't otherwise get from being stuck in class all the time.

你会选择休学一年来做志愿者吗？

我很乐意休学一年去做志愿者。理想的情况下，我也会做一些有薪水的工作，这样可以支付我的开销，但休学一年肯定在我的计划中。我认为休学一年做一些志愿工作对我有很多好处。这将给我一个探索世界的机会，让我所生活的社会能有一个更全面的了解。此外，我也能有机会获得更丰富的工作经验，学习一些有价值的生活技能。如果一直在校园里，是学不到这些东西的。

2.How can students help others? / Do students in your country do volunteer work?

There are lots of ways that students can help others. Peer tutoring is one good example. It's a way for strong students to reinforce their own learning while assisting weaker students. Besides, students can get involved with volunteering at community events like charity runs or food drives. Animal shelters, homeless shelters and community centers are all examples of places that would recruit student volunteers. These opportunities enable students to help those in need, whether it be people or animals, and develop a greater sense of empathy and responsibility.

学生如何帮助他人？/ 在您的国家，学生是否参与志愿工作？

学生可以通过很多方式帮助别人。同伴之间的辅导就是一个很好的例子。这是一种能让学霸在帮助学渣的同时，提升自己的方式。此外，学生可以参与社区活动的志愿服务，比如慈善跑步活动或者食品捐赠活动。动物收容所、流浪者收容所和社区中心都是会招收学生志愿者的地方。这样的机会能让学生帮助到那些有需要的人或动物，以此让自己变得更有同情心和责任感。

3.How can children help their parents at home?

There are lots of ways that children can help their parents. Depending on their age, children can do different chores around the house. Some examples could be cooking, grocery shopping, cleaning the house, and taking care of pets or younger siblings. Outdoor chores such as looking after the yard, doing some gardening, and shoveling snow are all examples of outdoor chores kids can take off their parents' plates. Besides, when parents encounter problems or difficulties, children listening and offering encouragement can greatly support parents and be a significant help to them.

孩子们如何在家帮助父母？

孩子们可以通过许多方式来帮助他们的父母。根据孩子们的年龄不同，他们可以在家做不同的家务，有一些例子比如：烹饪、购物、打扫房子，以及照顾宠物或年幼的兄弟姐妹。户外的一些琐事，比如照看院子、做一些园艺工作或者铲雪，也都是孩子们可以为父母分担的家务。还有些时候，当父母遇到烦恼或困难时，孩子的倾听和鼓励可以极大地支持父母，这对父母来说也是很重要的帮助。

4.Should children be taught to help others?

Yes, absolutely, it's important for children to learn how to help others. <u>For one thing</u>, it can develop their empathy. By supporting people who are in need, children can gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and issues others face in their everyday lives. This, <u>in turn</u>, can encourage them to be more thoughtful of others' emotions and improve their social skills. Additionally, helping others can give children a sense of accomplishment, which can <u>boost their confidence and benefit their overall well-being</u>. oo0 雅偲過辶寸辶寸寸甸賓店舗源創さ

孩子们应该学会帮助他人吗?

是的,孩子学会帮助他人是非常重要的。<u>首先</u>,这样做可以提高他们的同理心。通过帮助那些处于弱势地位的人,孩子们可以更好地了解他人在生活中面临的困难和问题,从而促进他们更多地考虑他人的感受,提高他们的社交能力。此外,帮助他人也能让孩子们获得成就感,这有助于<u>提高他们的自信心,对身心健康大有裨益</u>。

5. Should students do community service? Why?

Yes, I believe students should be required to do community service. Not only does it teach students to <u>be civic-minded and look out for others</u>, it also has been proven to improve mental and physical health. Volunteering can also be a great way for young people to <u>test out different careers before committing to them.</u> Believe it or not, volunteering can also be a lot of fun for kids, and <u>take them out of the daily grind of studying and school work.</u>

学生应该参加社区服务吗?为什么?

是的,我认为学生应该被要求参加社区服务。这不仅可以教育学生<u>具有更强的公民意识和关心他人的意识</u>,而且参加社区服务也已经被证明是可以改善身心健康的。另外,志愿服务也可以是<u>年轻人在确定自己的职业方向之前,尝试了解不同职业的好机会</u>。还有一点,不管你信不信,志愿者活动也可以给孩子们带来很多乐趣,<u>把他们从日常的学习和作业中解放出来</u>。

6. What makes children help each other at school?

Children are usually taught by their teachers and parents from a young age the importance of helping each other. It's also natural for children to want to feel important. Everyone likes feeling like a valued member of their community, so <u>it's in human nature</u> to help each other. In addition, teachers may offer praise or rewards to students who are helpful in order to <u>reinforce good behavior</u> and give the other students a model for target behavior, so some students may <u>be motivated by extrinsic factors.</u>

什么因素会促使孩子在学校互相帮助??

通常情况下,从小开始,孩子们就会被老师和父母教导互相帮助的重要性。此外,孩子们天生想要被认为自己是重要的。每个人都喜欢成为自己社区中受重视的成员,所以互相帮助是<u>人类天性的一部分</u>。还有一点,老师可能会对那些乐于助人的学生进行表扬或奖励,以<u>强化这种良好行为</u>,并为其他学生树立榜样,因此一些学生可能会因为<u>受到外在因素的驱动</u>而愿意帮助他人。

7. Why do some people do volunteer work all over the world?

It seems to me that volunteers who are willing to work globally usually have a strong sense of social responsibility. They hope to <u>make a positive impact on society</u> by helping those who are in difficult situations. Some people also volunteer in different countries to <u>make friends and see the world</u>. Usually, volunteering is a selfless act, but sometimes, people want to use their volunteer work for status or personal gain. For example, a politician might <u>do volunteer work for PR purposes.</u>

为什么有些人会在全球各地做志愿工作?

在我看来,愿意在全球做志愿者的人,一般都是有着强烈社会责任感的人。他们希望通过帮助那些处在困境中的人,以此<u>为社会做出积极贡献</u>。也有一些人愿意在各个国家做志愿活动,是为了<u>结交朋友和见识世界</u>。通常情况下,志愿工作是无私的行为,但有时候人们会想利用志愿工作来获得地位或个人利益。例如,政治人物可能会<u>为宣传目的(PR-public relations)而进行志愿工作</u>。

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