Part1

1. Work/Study

考官会问:Do you work or study? 我们【根据自己情况】二选一。

如果选 Study,考官可能会在以下一些问题中选择 3 个左右继续问你:

1) Where do you study?

I study at Tsinghua university(大家带入自己的大学就行). It's in Beijing, very big, and every student needs a bike to survive there—it's just too far from the dormitory to the classroom.

(大家的大学不一定都很大,但这样说也无所谓,考官不会追究)

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- survive: 生存下来(这里是夸张的说法)

2) Is it a good place to study?

Yes, it's the best for me. <mark>And not only for study, but also a good place to enjoy our life. The food there is definitely good--I think it's palatable. I wouldn't miss it for the world.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- palatable:玉盘珍馐一般的(delicious 的升级版)
- I wouldn't miss it for the world:不论如何也不会错过(固定的口语说法)

3) Would you like the place where you study to make any changes?

Actually, I don't have much to complain about. But I do think there can be more shuttle buses inside the school, I mean, it's just easier for the students to commute.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- shuttle bus:班车

● commute: 通勤

如果选 Work,考官可能会在以下一些问题中选择 3 个左右继续问你:

1) Where do you work?

I work at ByteDance(大家带入自己的公司就行). It's in Beijing, a prestigious Internet company, and is developing very fast in recent years, even at a rapid speed.

(大家的公司不一定是这家,但这样说也无所谓,考官不会追究)

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- prestigious:有名的(famous的升级版)
- rapid: 急速的(fast 的升级版)

2) Is it a good place to work?

Yes, it's the best for me. And not only for work, but also a good place to enjoy our life. The food there is definitely good--I think it's palatable. I wouldn't miss it for the world.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- palatable:玉盘珍馐一般的(delicious 的升级版)
- I wouldn't miss it for the world:不论如何也不会错过(固定的口语说法)

3) Would you like the place where you work to make any changes?

Actually, I don't have much to complain about. <mark>But I do think there can be more shuttle buses,</mark> I mean, it's just easier for the students to commute.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- shuttle bus:班车(接送员工上下班的)
- commute: 通勤

2. Where do you live

1) How long have you lived in…/your area?

Actually, I have been living in the same area like forever. It just documents every detail of my childhood, all my joy and sorrow. It's like an epic for me.

- 黄色部分:【评价】
- like forever: 就好像一直都是这样(是夸张的说法; like 这里表示: 好像)
- document:记录(作为动词)
- epic: 史诗

2) Do people of all ages live in…/your area?

Yes, it's pretty much the situation. <mark>And some people, including my grandparents, actually live</mark> in this area all the time, I mean, from their childhood to their sixties.

- 黄色部分:【距离】
- it's the situation:就是这样
- pretty much:加强语气的口语化用词

3) Is the area where you live a friendly place?

Yes, I do think it's very friendly. Otherwise, people would have moved, right? People here know each other, care about each other, and sympathize with each other.

- 黄色部分:【排比】
- Otherwise: 否则
- people would have moved:人们就已经搬家了(和 otherwise 搭配在一起构成虚拟语 气)
- sympathize with sb: 和某人能共鸣

3. Staying up late

1) Do you sometimes go to bed very late?

I am afraid I have to say so. <mark>Actually, I have been trying to maintain a healthy lifestyle, going</mark> <mark>to bed early and getting up on time, but I kept failing,</mark> I guess it's human nature to be lazy.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- maintain a healthy lifestyle:保持一个健康的生活方式
- human nature: 人性

2) Did you stay up late when you were a child?

No, I always went to bed at around 9:00. Actually, I wanted to stay up late but my mother would force me to get my rest. Unfortunately, in the fights between us, I never got to win.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- get one's rest:休息
- got to do sth: 能够做某事(=could do sth)

3) What do you like to do when you stay up late?

I would like to do some reading, or watch some movies. <mark>But recently I stayed up late mainly</mark> for my IELTS studying; it was not fun, but I hope it would be rewarding.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- rewarding: 有回报的

4) After a late night, how do you feel the next morning?

Wow, it's like a nightmare. It's like having the worst hangover. <mark>I know it's not good, but I just keep doing that, especially when the nights come, I will be very excited and ready to stay up late.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- nightmare: 噩梦

- It's like doing sth: 就好像 XX
- hangover: 宿醉

4. Small businesses

1) Are there many small businesses where you live?

I guess there might be some, but I am not an expert so I am not sure. <mark>I think big companies</mark> really dominate our life so we don't pay much attention to small businesses.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- I am not an expert: 英语中常用的自谦语, 表示自己不太了解
- dominate: 统治、占主流

2) Do you prefer to buy things from a small business or a large company?

Definitely a large company. There are a variety of benefits to doing so, and off the top of my head, I think people choose large companies because they provide more options.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- a variety of: 多种多样的
- benefits to doing sth: 做 XX 所具备的优势(注意是 doing, 不是 do)
- off the top of my head:太常用的英语口语了,表示:我首先想到的是……

3) Have you ever worked for a small business?

No, I haven't. But some of my friends have, and they say it has some benefits as well. For example, the working hours can be flexible, and the leader can be easygoing.

- 黄色部分:【他人经历】
- benefit: 好处
- flexible:灵活

4) Would you like to start your own small business one day?

Wow, it sounds cool to be your own boss. <mark>However, to want it is one thing, but to be able to do that is totally another: you should have comprehensive abilities, which I highly doubt I have.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- to do A is one thing, but to do B is another: 做 A 是一回事, 要做 B 就是另一回事了 (意思是 AB 两件事的难度不可同日而语)
- comprehensive: 全面的
- 5. Jewelry

1) How often do you wear jewelry?

(为了适应各个年龄段和性别的同学,我写了这个最中庸的答案,大家可以有选择性的参考。 如果是决定用我的答案的同学,也请考试当天不要佩戴任何首饰,以免打脸,哈哈哈)

I hardly ever wear any jewelry. I think good jewelry needs to fit the quality of the person. But till now, I am still kind of confused about my qualities, extroverted? introverted? for example, I am not sure.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- fit:适合
- extroverted: 外向的
- introverted: 内向的

2) What type of jewelry do you like to buy?

I do buy some jewelry as gifts for my friends. But I'd not buy expensive jewelry since I don't have that much money; second, I will try to match the jewelry with the quality of my friend. Shiny diamond jewelry for fashionable female friends, for example.

- 黄色部分:【举例】
- shiny: 闪光的

● diamond: 钻石

3) Have you ever bought jewelry for someone else?

Yes, as I said, I do buy jewelry for my friends. <mark>But not everyone is happy to receive such a gift;</mark> some of my best friends even say that they would rather have the cash, not the jewelry.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- cash:现金

4) Why do you think some people keep a piece of jewelry for a long time?

To begin with, I guess it's because it's expensive, people don't want to throw it away. And, I guess it has something to do with the advertisement, I mean, the ads promote jewelry all the time, as something that has everlasting value, and people can be therefore brainwashed.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- have something to do with sth: 和 XX 有关
- promote: 宣传
- everlasting: 永恒的
- brainwash:洗脑
- 6. The space and the stars

1) Have you ever learnt anything about space and the stars when you were at school?

Not at school, but this kind of topic has always been appealing to me. I watched tons of Discovery videos about outer space and stars; they were all very intriguing.

- 黄色部分:【评价】
- appealing: 有趣的
- tons of: 大量的

- Discovery videos:《探索》(频道的)视频
- intriguing: 有趣的

2) Would you like to find out more about space and the stars?

Yes, definitely. <mark>Actually, I bought a telescope myself and use it a lot. It's not that advanced,</mark> but to gaze into the universe is always healing and relaxing.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- telescope: 望远镜
- advanced: 先进的
- gaze into: 凝望
- healing: 治愈的

3) Do you enjoy watching science-fiction films/movies set in space?

Yes, they have always been my love. <mark>Actually, I have watched the film Passengers million times.</mark> It's about outer space and stars, and it also discusses a lot of profound moral questions about love.

- 黄色部分:【举例】
- million times:数以万次;很多次
- Passengers: 电影《太空旅客》(大家可以百度一下, 还挺好看的。。。哈哈哈)
- profound moral questions: 深奥的道德问题

4) Do you want to go into outer space in the future?

Yes, that's my fantasy. I guess that's everyone's fantasy. Go into outer space, explore the unknown, and confront the infinite—it's awesome. I would give up the world for that.

- 黄色部分:【排比】
- fantasy: 美妙的幻想

- confront the infinite: 直面无穷之大
- awesome: 极好的
- give the world for that:为它付出任何代价

7. Chocolate

1) How often do you eat chocolate?

Not very often. Actually, I am not a big fan of candies, but I do eat chocolate sometimes, but just dark chocolate. People say it's beneficial for our health.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- a big fan of sth: 很喜欢 XX
- beneficial for sth: 对 XX 有利

2) Did you like chocolate when you were a child?

Yes, but I just liked dark-chocolate flavour: not creamy, not sweet, but gave me a feeling of pure chocolate. And I didn't need to worry about obesity, because it has no fat in it.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- creamy: 奶味重的
- obesity: 肥胖症(阅读和听力中也很常出现, 需要重点积累)
- fat: 脂肪

3) Do you think it is good to use chocolate as gifts?

Yes, definitely. <mark>Actually, I think it's the safest gift, you can't make any mistake when you choose chocolate as gifts. It's tasty, good for health, and it can be very classy as well.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- classy: 上档次的

4) Why do you think chocolate is so popular in many parts of the world?

As I said, people may think it's the safest gift. <mark>And, I guess it has something to do with the advertisement, I mean, the ads promote chocolate all the time, and people can be therefore brainwashed.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- have something to do with sth: 和 XX 有关
- promote: 宣传
- brainwash:洗脑
- 8. Music

1) What kind of music do you enjoy?

I like quiet music, especially some piano pieces or violin pieces. <mark>They really provide a respite</mark> for me, I mean, from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

- 黄色部分:【对比】
- piece: 音乐作品
- respite: (暂时的) 缓解
- hustle and bustle: 喧嚣繁忙

2) Is there any kind of music that you don't enjoy very much?

Yes, actually the type I like is quite fixed. I like quiet music, so loud and noisy music never attracts my attention. Some people say loud music can be good for letting off our steam, but I am just not on board.

- 黄色部分:【他人看法】
- fixed: 固定的
- let off steam: 释放压力

● be on board: 同意

3) Are there any musicians you would like to see in a live concert?

Interestingly, no. To begin with, I do like quiet music, but I don't know any specific composers, or musicians. Secondly, a live concert can be very noisy, it will drive me crazy.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- composer: 作曲家

4) Have you always listened to the same kind of music as your friends?

No, our interests are quite diverse: <mark>some of them like to listen to pop music, and others are big fans of heavy metal music, and some of my friends are really into religion music, which I admire.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【排比】(整个排比部分用词比较丰富,但可能难度稍大,大家可以根据自己 情况删掉一个点)
- diverse: 多样的
- be big fans of sth: 很喜欢 XX
- heavy metal music: 重金属音乐
- be into sth: 喜欢
- religion music: 宗教音乐

9. Weekends

1) Is the weekend your favourite part of the week?

Yes, and I guess nobody is repelled by weekends, right? Oh, but only one thing, I like the weekends when I don't need to study or work, when I can really relax.

● 黄色部分: 【他人观点】

- be repelled by sth: 讨厌 XX
- only one thing:只一点(用来补充说明一个细节)

2) What did you do last weekends?

Last weekends, I was totally occupied with my IELTS studying. Those two days were really a nightmare, I really freaked out: there were so many things to do and I was running out of time.

- 黄色部分:【经历】
- be occupied with:忙于
- nightmare: 噩梦
- freak out: 慌了神, 吓坏了

3) Do you prefer to plan how to spend your weekends?

Yes, sure, I like to make a lot of plans, and all of them are about how to entertain myself. But most plans failed to come about, I was always distracted by all the emergencies.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- fail to do sth: 没能 XX
- come about: 实现
- be distracted by: 被 XX 分心

4) Do you ever work or study at the weekends?

Yes, as I said, despite all the plans I made for the entertainment during the weekends, most of them failed to come about. And in the last year, I had to work most weekends.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- despite: 尽管(注意: 后面是名词, 不是句子)

10. T-shirts

1) How often do you wear T-shirts?

Very often, <mark>because I found them really cozy and how they feel against my skin is amazing, really soft. Plus, there are various appearances for me to choose from, they are wonderful options.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- cozy: 舒适的
- how they feel against my skin: 它们贴合我皮肤的感觉(肌肤触感)
- Plus: =in addition
- various: 各种各样的

2) Do you like T-shirts which have pictures on them?

Yes, I prefer T-shirts with pictures. They are cute and easy to understand. <mark>In contrast, some T-shirts have all the words on them, the words can be really ridiculous, and sometimes even make no sense, and it makes me look stupid.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【contrast】
- ridiculous: 可笑的
- make no sense:没道理;说不通
- stupid: 愚蠢的

3) How fashionable are T-shirts for older people in your country?

It's probably fashionable, but I am sure. I don't really think T-shirts represent fashion. <mark>I mean,</mark> elderly people can make use of a lot of accessories to make themselves look good, T-shirts are not the only option.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- represent: 代表
- elderly people:上了年纪的人(很高级的表示"老人"的说法)

● accessories: 装饰物

4) Have you ever bought a T-shirt as a souvenir from a holiday/vacation?

Yes, and I am regretful. <mark>I went to Harvard three years ago, and out of impulse, I bought a T-shirt there with a big "Harvard University" on it. And every time I wear it, people ask me whether I graduated there, it's super embarrassing.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- regretful: 后悔的
- out of impulse:出于冲动
- 11. Keys

1) Do you usually carry a lot of keys with you?

No, I try not to do that, <mark>because a load of keys can be very heavy, and I don't want to put</mark> them in the bags of my pants or coats—it just slows down my move.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- a load of: 很多
- slow down my move: 让我们的行动迟缓

Do you often forget to take keys with you when you go out?

Yes, I do it all the time. <mark>I forget to put them in my bag, and I used to put them on the table next to the door, but I just kept ignoring them. I don't know why, and I really hate myself for that.</mark>

● 黄色部分:【个人经历】

3) Have you ever lost your keys?

Yes, <mark>I used to lose my keys a lot, and my mother scolded me for that and gave me a lot of lectures,</mark> That's also why I don't want to take the keys with me. It's so inconvenient.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- scold: 斥责
- give sb a lot of lectures:给某人上课(也就是教训某人)

4) Do you think it's a good idea to leave a key to your home with a neighbor?

I think it depends, I mean, depends on how well you know each other. <mark>But even if you know</mark> each other well, I don't think it's a good idea to ask your neighbor for the keys all the time, it's really troublesome.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- troublesome: 给人带来麻烦的

12. Being Happy

1) What things made you happy when you were a child?

Food made me happy when I was little. <mark>I was such a foodie and always craved all kinds of</mark> snacks, candies, and so on. Food was like the panacea to all my problems and sorrows.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- foodie: 吃货
- crave sth: 垂涎 XX
- panacea: 万灵药; 解决办法

2) Do you feel happy when you buy something new?

Yes, but the happiness won't last long, it's fleeting. And later on, I will feel sad about all the money I have spent—I do squander my money sometimes, it's not good.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- fleeting: 转瞬即逝的
- squander: 挥霍

3) What makes you feel happiest at work/in your studies now?

Wow, I guess I will be extremely happy if all my efforts in my IELTS studying pay off. <mark>I mean, I</mark> don't need an extremely high score, but I do hope it can be decent.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- efforts pay off:努力得到汇报
- decent: 得体的

4) What do you think will bring you happiness in the future?

Actually, I am not sure. <mark>I mean, all these years my threshold for happiness has been higher</mark> and higher. All the previously good things failed to make me happy, so I guess only a big <mark>surprise or success can make me happy.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- threshold: 临界点; 阈值
- previously: 之前地

13. Library

1) How often do you visit a library?

Very often, <mark>otherwise, I will find it hard to concentrate on my work. I mean, outside the library there are so many appealing distractions, so I need to ground myself in the library if I want to study.</mark>

● 黄色部分:【理由】

- otherwise: 否则
- appealing distractions:具有吸引力的让人分心的事物
- ground: 禁足某人

2) Would you ever like to work in a library?

Yes, actually it used to be the dream job. <mark>I mean, you will be in the ocean of knowledge, it feels terrific. And every time a new book comes in, you will be the first one to read it, it's awesome.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- terrific: 很棒(很口语化的说法)
- awesome: 很棒(很口语化的说法)

3) Did you use a library more when you were younger?

Yes, <mark>my father used to take me to the local library. He would do some of his reading and l</mark> would do mine. It felt good to immerse yourself in the world of words.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- immerse oneself in sth:把某人沉浸在 XX 里

4) How common is it for children to visit libraries in your country?

Actually, you got me. I can only speak for my times: when I was a child, kids barely went to a library, and I was an exception. But I don't know the current situation, perhaps kids began to like the libraries? I am not sure.

- 黄色部分:【缓宾之计的用词】
- I can only speak for era: 我只能为我的时代代言(即: 我只知道我那个年代的事情)
- exception: 例外
- current situation:现在的情况

14.Art

1) Do you prefer modern or traditional art?

I prefer traditional art, especially the realistic one. Actually, sometimes I find modern art very difficult to understand, it's even, how to say, elusive.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- elusive: 让人费解的(difficult 的升级版)

2) Did you do much art when you were a child?

Yes, <mark>my mother used to take me to all kinds of art training classes: painting, Chinese calligraphy, to name to few. The training was boring and intense, but I am glad I did all of these.</mark>

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- calligraphy: 书法
- to name a few: 举几个例子
- intense: 强度大的

3) Do you think you would like to be an artist?

No, I don't think so. Despite all the training I received, I never would like to be an artist. People say artists need to be alone so that they can have the inspiration, but I hate to be isolated.

- 黄色部分:【他人评价】
- isolated: 孤立

4) Would you go to an art gallery if you had some free time?

In the past, maybe; but nowadays, perhaps not. <mark>I would rather go to see a movie. It's just simpler, without having to grasp the profound meaning of all the masterpieces.</mark>

● 黄色部分:【contrast】

- grasp: 理解
- profound: 深奥的
- masterpiece: 大师的杰作

15.Sports

How much sport did you do when you were at school?

At least twice a week I think, and every time at least forty minutes. Besides that, I used to swim at weekends, and the time added up to two hours, approximately.

- 黄色部分:【个人经历】
- add up to: 加起来达到 XX
- approximately: 大概

2) What was your favourite sport while you were at school?

Definitely swimming. To begin with, I just loved the feeling of water against my skin; also, swimming is a perfect exercise because you need to command all the parts of your body so you get comprehensive development.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- command: 调动(全身的部分)
- comprehensive: 全面的

3) Do you think it's important for children to do sports at school?

Yes, it's very important, it's paramount. Enough exercise is good for students' physical development, and doing sports can also help to let off the steam, which is good for further study.

- 黄色部分:【理由】
- paramount: 至关重要的
- physical:身体上的
- let off the steam: 释放压力

4) Were any of your school friends very good at sports?

Actually, no. All my school friends preferred studying to doing sports. They would rather immerse themselves in the ocean of knowledge, so basically, I did all the sports myself.

- 黄色部分:【contrast】
- immerse oneself in: 把某人沉浸在 XX 里