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1. What would you do if you disagree with someone?

Well, if I disagreed with someone, I would try to stay calm. I wouldn't want to raise my voice or do anything to escalate the situation¹. I would just calmly explain my point of view and then ask if we could try to reach an agreement². Sometimes, disagreements can turn into full-blown fights, which is when things get difficult to handle. But I think the main thing to remember is to have respect for the other person, even when their opinion is different from yours. ㄟ 菲總過過過過 ㄣ 店舖 ★

2. How can we stop an argument from escalating into a fight?

I suppose that you have to try to keep calm. So you shouldn't raise your voice or say anything mean-spirited³. You need to remain cool and collected. You can't blow your temper⁴, even if the other person is really frustrating you. Sometimes it can be helpful to take some space⁵. If it's turning into a long, drawn-out⁶ disagreement, you should take a break and revisit the topic later when both of you are less worked up. That way, you can avoid getting too upset. ㄟ ㄣ 薙總鐫過丹甸宝店舖

3. Who do you think should teach children to respect their teacher?

I think that parents should teach their children to respect their teachers. Children need to learn how to show respect from the very start, which is where parents come in⁷. As the people who have the most influence over them, and who spend the most time with them, parents have to set a good example⁸. They need to reinforce that other people, especially teachers and other authority figures⁹, need to be respected. Children should learn that directly from their parents.

4. What disagreements do parents and children usually have?

It seems to me that parents and children usually disagree over things like¹⁰ responsibilities and schedules. For example, a parent might tell their child that they have to do a certain number of chores every week. Their child may not like having to do chores, so they'll disagree about their responsibilities. Or a parent might impose a curfew¹¹, which means the child can't stay out past a certain time. Children like to be independent, but parents still have control over where they go and when. ◆ 誰認 過 寸 何 賣店 舖 ぐ

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¹ escalate the situation: 让局势升级

² try to reach an agreement: 试着达成和解

³ say anything mean-spirited: 说任何刻薄的话

⁴ blow your temper: 发脾气

⁵ take some space: 给自己留点空间

⁶ drawn-out: 持久的

⁷ which is where parents come in: 这也是家长需要教导的地方

⁸ set a good example: 树立一个良好的榜样

⁹ authority figures: 权威人物

¹⁰ disagree over things like: 对一些事情上意见不一致, 比如...

¹¹ impose a curfew: 实施宵禁; 禁止孩子晚上外出

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Topic 2 一节喜欢的英语课 (印象深刻的英语课)

1. Why do people learn foreign languages? What are the benefits?

There are many benefits to learning a foreign language, and even more benefits to learning multiple foreign languages. Learning another language improves your brain elasticity¹², and it helps you communicate with other people and cultures. Learning a new language forces your brain to create new pathways¹³, which increases your intelligence as well as your memory skills. Being multilingual is also useful for work and travel because it opens more lines of communication¹⁴.

2. What skills should foreign language teachers have?

Foreign language teachers should be encouraging, patient, and eloquent¹⁵. They need to be able to help when students become discouraged or unmotivated, since learning a language can be a frustrating task. They should also be patient since it takes a very long time to fully master a foreign language. Finally, they should be eloquent and have a strong command of vocabulary in both languages, so that they can explain complex ideas in a comprehensible way.

3. Do you think grammar is important when learning foreign languages?

Yes, I think that grammar is very important when learning a foreign language, because using incorrect grammar can change the entire meaning of your sentence. In English for example, if you forget to conjugate your verbs into the past tense¹⁶, the sentence will read as if it is in present tense and it won't make sense with what you're saying. Although grammatical rules are tedious to learn, they are essential to ensure the proper understanding of a language.

4. Is it interesting to be a foreign language teacher? Why?

Yes, being a foreign language teacher can be a very interesting job. For one, I think the teacher learns as much from their students as the students learn from the teacher. There are no limits to learning a foreign language. When you interact with a student in their first language as well as the foreign language, you can also learn some new words and phrases. Besides, it's exciting to see students come into a class unable to speak a single word, and leave being fluent.

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¹² improves your brain elasticity: 提高大脑弹性;提高大脑可塑性

¹³ forces your brain to create new pathways: 迫使你的大脑建立新的(神经)通路

¹⁴ opens more lines of communication: 打开了更多的沟通渠道

¹⁵ eloquent: 口才流利; 口才好

¹⁶ conjugate your verbs into the past tense: 把动词变作过去时

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Topic 3 信息搜索

1. How can people search for information now?

Nowadays, people can search for information in a variety of ways. The most common way is probably using the internet. People can use either their phones or their laptops to quickly Google something. Of course, there are plenty of other online search engines that they can access. If they need to do more serious research, they can try going to a library. Librarians can direct them to the right resources and answer any follow-up questions they might have. They can also use computers to access special databases¹⁷.

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2. What information can people get from television?

People can get tons of information from television. For example, they can watch documentaries that teach them about different places in the world, or they can watch the history channel to learn about other time periods. There's so much educational programming¹⁸ nowadays. So it's easy to learn about pretty much anything you can imagine¹⁹. Plus, people can learn about other cultures by watching TV shows from other countries. It's amazing how much people can learn just by turning on the TV.

3. With the development of the Internet, is the library still important?

Yes, I think the library is still important. On the one hand, the development of the internet had made information more accessible than ever²⁰. Instead of going to a library to use their computers, you can use the internet from home. On the other hand, there are still resources that are unique to libraries. For example, libraries can give you access to special databases that you can't find on Baidu or other online search engines. Libraries also have special editions of books²¹ that can't be found online.

4. Does the development of the Internet have any impact on some disadvantaged people?

Yes, the development of the internet has had an impact on some disadvantaged people. I suppose that impact is largely positive. It's pretty evident that the internet has made information more accessible than ever. So for people who can't afford to go to school, they might be able to enrol in online education programs at a much cheaper rate. Or if they struggle to find other resources, they can look for them online. For example, they can find job postings²² and even freelance jobs on the internet.

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¹⁷ access special databases: 访问特殊的数据库

¹⁸ educational programming: 教育节目

¹⁹ pretty much anything you can imagine: 差不多你能想到的任何东西

²⁰ more accessible than ever: 以往任何时候都更容易获得

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²¹ special editions of books: 特殊版本的书籍

²² find job postings: 找到招聘信息

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Topic 4 校外学到的重要东西

1. What can children learn from parents?

Children can learn lots of things from their parents. For one, they often develop their morals and beliefs based on what their parents think²³. Whether children like it or not, their worldview is shaped by their parents²⁴. Children also learn life skills from their parents. For example, some parents give their children an allowance and teach them how to save their money. That's the first step in developing financial literacy²⁵. Besides, parents usually teach their children how to be polite and other basic skills like that.

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2. Do you think some children are well-behaved because they are influenced by their parents?

Yes, I absolutely think some children are well-behaved because their parents have raised them well. Parents have a huge influence on their children. They're in charge of teaching their children how to act and how to treat others. Oftentimes, they lead by example²⁶. So if a child is especially kind and polite, I think a great deal of that is due to their upbringing²⁷. A parent's influence should never be underestimated. Granted²⁸, some children are just genuinely well-behaved and it's not all due to their parents.

3. Is it necessary for adults to learn new things?

Yes, it's necessary for adults to learn new things. On the one hand, adults are very settled in life²⁹ and don't often feel the need to learn new things. Sometimes they don't have a lot of time to focus on things beyond their daily routine. However, I think that learning new things is important because it pushes adults to keep improving and expanding their horizons. It can also become a fun social activity for adults to learn new skills. If they never learn new things, they might get stuck in a rut³⁰. That leads to dissatisfaction.

4. How can people learn new things?

People can learn new things in a variety of ways; they can take a class, talk to other people with more expertise³¹, or do research on their own. Most people will try to sign up for a class³² in order to help them learn a new skill, or communicate with someone else in the same field. This way, they can learn from someone who is an expert. If there is no class available, then often you can find tutorials³³ or explanations online to help you learn a skill.

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²³ develop their morals and beliefs based on what their parents think: 基于父母的想法来形成他们自己的道德观和信仰

²⁴ their worldview is shaped by their parents: 他们的世界观是由父母塑造的

²⁵ developing financial literacy: 培养金融素养; 培养财商

²⁶ Oftentimes, they lead by example: 通常, 他们会以身作则

²⁷ a great deal of that is due to their upbringing: 很大程度上是因为他们的教养

²⁸ Granted: 的确; 当然

²⁹ settled in life: 生活很稳定; 生活很安稳

³⁰ get stuck in a rut: 陷入一成不变的生活; 陷入窠臼

³¹ talk to other people with more expertise: 与其他更专业的人交谈

³² sign up for a class: 报名参加一个课程

³³ Tutorials: 教程

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Topic 5 克服困难终成功

1. Should people set goals for themselves?

Yes, I think people should set goals for themselves. It's healthy to have some initiative³⁴. A lot of people complain that they aren't where they want to be in life. But they can usually work on changing that by setting some reasonable goals and working hard to achieve them. Having goals for yourself can give your life structure and purpose³⁵. That goes a long way to³⁶ improving your quality of life. Plus, when you achieve your goals, you can enjoy a great sense of satisfaction. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

2. How do you define success?

I would define success as being content with³⁷ what you have and where you are in life. For some people, that means having an amazing career. Every major choice they make is connected to this one goal. For other people, contentment³⁸ might look like getting married or raising children. It differs from person to person³⁹. But I suppose that being happy in life is the greatest success that anyone could dream of. I really hope that I can be successful in my own life. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

3. How do we judge whether young people are successful?

It seems to me that we can judge whether or not young people are successful based on how their life choices are impacting them. If they're constantly stressed out about school and they're worried about the direction their life is going in⁴⁰, they may not be the most successful. They might just be on the wrong path, which is definitely something they can change. But if they're thriving and they're excited and happy about what they're doing, then I think they're pretty successful. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

4. Are successful people lonely?

I think it depends on how you define success. Most people think of success as being really rich or doing really well at your job. Some people who achieve those things, and are thus successful on a superficial level⁴¹, can be very lonely. When you sacrifice a lot to advance in your career, it might mean not having many meaningful relationships in your life. That definitely makes you lonely. So I suppose that people who are materially successful⁴² might be lonely because they've prioritized that kind of success over personal connections⁴³. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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³⁴ have some initiative: 有一些主动性

³⁵ give your life structure and purpose: 给你的生活带来结构性和目标; 如果对这里 structure 表达的语义不明白, 请微信问 Penny 老师

³⁶ That goes a long way to: 对...很关键; 对达成...有帮助

³⁷ being content with: 为...满足

³⁸ contentment: 满足

³⁹ It differs from person to person: 它因人而异

⁴⁰ the direction their life is going in: 他们自己的生活方向

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⁴¹ on a superficial level: 在表面上

⁴² materially successful: 物质上成功的

⁴³ they've prioritized that kind of success over personal connections: 他们把这种(物质上的)成功放在了人际关系之上。雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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4. Is being patient good for people? Why?

Yes, I definitely think being patient is good for people. In life, you can't always get what you want. There are times where you inevitably have to slow down and wait for things to work out⁴⁹. So if you have to wait anyways, it helps to learn how to deal with it in a healthy way. Patience is also important when it comes to interacting with other people. Sometimes people might disappoint you or frustrate you. Having patience helps you maintain those relationships instead of ruining them by losing your temper⁵⁰.

5. Are people less patient now than people in the past? Why?

Yes, people are a lot less patient than people in the past. Nowadays, we're accustomed to getting everything we want, whenever we want. We've become used to instant gratification⁵¹. So whenever we have to wait, whether it's in line or in traffic, we lose our patience quickly as well. People in the past didn't have technology to hurry things up. So they had to learn how to be patient more than we did. They were definitely more skilled at that.

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⁴⁹ wait for things to work out: 等待事情自行解决; 等待结果自然的出来; 此句有成语“事缓则圆”的意思

⁵⁰ ruining them by losing your temper: 因为发脾气而毁了它们 (人际关系)

⁵¹ instant gratification: 即时满足; 立即得到满足

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Topic 7 塑料垃圾

1. What are some types of common plastic waste?/ What kinds of plastic waste are often seen in your country?

Some types of common plastic waste are cigarette butts, food wrappers, plastic bottle caps, and plastic grocery bags. Plastic waste is unfortunately very common, and very bad for the environment. It has become a bigger problem in recent years with the rise of companies like Taobao and Amazon. As more and more people order things online, there is an increase in the use of plastic packaging⁵². I think people just didn't care enough to use them. It's sad to see so much plastic waste in natural spaces⁵³.

2. Do you think we should use plastic products?

I think that plastic products are okay to use⁵⁴, to a certain degree. Plastic can be very helpful and convenient, especially for reusable items like food packaging. Plastic also makes lots of great products like bike helmets and child safety seats. It's even used in things like paints, glues, and insulation⁵⁵. So we can use plastic products, but we should also be aware of how much plastic pollution there is. We should reuse when we can, and avoid being wasteful.

3. How can we reduce our use of plastic?

We can help reduce our use of plastic by avoiding single-use plastics like drinking straws or plastic cutlery⁵⁶, which you use once and then throw away. We can also avoid using plastic bags, since those get discarded as well. Instead, we should use reusable cutlery made out of sustainable materials⁵⁷. We can also buy canvas grocery bags that can be used multiple times. It's helpful to buy grocery items in bulk⁵⁸ to reduce how much food packaging we buy and then throw out.

4. Why do people like to use plastic products? (可以使用第二题的素材)

It seems to me that people like to use plastic products because they are very convenient and inexpensive. Plastic is one of the cheapest materials out there⁵⁹, so it makes sense that the average consumer uses a lot of plastic. Plastic products are also usually quite durable and easy to clean. Unfortunately, I don't think people consider the environmental impacts of plastic products when they use them. Most people value convenience and affordability over the environment⁶⁰.

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⁵² there is an increase in the use of plastic packaging: 塑料包装的使用也在增加

⁵³ natural spaces: 自然空间

⁵⁴ are okay to use: 是可以使用的

⁵⁵ insulation: 绝缘材料

⁵⁶ plastic cutlery: 塑料餐具

⁵⁷ sustainable materials: 可持续性的材料

⁵⁸ buy grocery items in bulk: 批量购买食品杂货

⁵⁹ one of the cheapest materials out there: 是最便宜的材料之一

⁶⁰ value convenience and affordability over the environment: 比起环境更重视便利性和可负担性
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Topic 8 失约

1. How do people who are busy remember things they need to do?

Most people make lists of tasks in order to remember them. They'll make a to-do list and work their way through each item⁶¹. A lot of people also use a calendar, whether it's a physical calendar⁶² or just the calendar app on their phone. Honestly, the app is very helpful. You can set reminders and your phone will alert you with a notification when the task is due. Some people, especially those in executive positions⁶³, even have their own assistants to keep track of⁶⁴ what they need to do. @雅思过过过淘宝店铺

2. Do you think people should remember family history?

Yes, I think people should remember family history. Learning our family history helps honour those who came before us⁶⁵. It ensures that their memory lives on through each generation. Remembering our family history can also give us a better appreciation for our culture and community, since family history is tied to⁶⁶ both of those things. I also think that remembering our past through the lives of those who came before us will help shape the choices we make in the present⁶⁷. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

3. If someone doesn't really like the person that they are going to meet, they may deliberately forget their appointment; is that true? Why?

Well, it may be true for some people. I mean, it's rude for sure, but everyone deals with uncomfortable feelings differently. If you don't like a person and you kind of want to avoid them, you may purposefully skip out on⁶⁸ an appointment or meeting with them. But I don't think that helps the problem. In other cases, the person might genuinely forget and it's just a coincidence⁶⁹ that they also dislike the person they were supposed to meet with. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

4. Which is more important, a work-related appointment or an appointment with a friend? Why?

It seems to me that work-related appointments are usually more important. With a friend, you can get away with cancelling or missing it because your friend will probably understand. But if you skip a work meeting⁷⁰, it might negatively affect your career. You could be accused of being unprofessional and even get demoted⁷¹. However, in the long run, I think that spending time with friends is better for you. It's so important to have good personal connections. Work can only give you so much⁷² satisfaction. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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⁶¹ work their way through each item: 逐一完成每一项任务

⁶² a physical calendar: 实体日历

⁶³ in executive positions: 处于管理职位的人; 做高管的人

⁶⁴ keep track of: 跟踪记录

⁶⁵ honour those who came before us: 向先辈致敬

⁶⁶ is tied to: 息息相关

⁶⁷ shape the choices we make in the present: 影响我们当下所做的选择

⁶⁸ purposefully skip out on: 故意不参加

⁶⁹ coincidence: 巧合

⁷⁰ skip a work meeting: 不参加工作会议

⁷¹ get demoted: 被降职

⁷² only give you so much: only so much 指的是有限。在这里意思是工作能给予我们的满足感是有限的。雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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Topic 9 收到钱作为礼物

1. Why do people rarely use cash now?

I think people rarely use cash because it's more convenient to pay by card. When you pay with cash, you have to make sure you have enough physical money on you⁷³. But if you use the wallet app⁷⁴ on your phone, you don't even have to carry credit cards. You can just go out and pay for things using your phone, which is especially great for young people who don't tend to like carrying a lot of things around with them. ⑤雅總

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2. When do children begin to comprehend the value of money?

I suppose that children begin to understand the value of money when they start asking their parents for things. For example, they might want the newest toy. But when they ask their parents, a common response is that⁷⁵ it's too expensive. That can lead to a conversation about money and how long it takes to save up⁷⁶. In that way, they can understand that money has value and that it means something when you spend it. I think that's a good lesson for them to learn. ⑤雅總 易過過過實店鋪 ↗

3. Should parents reward children with money?

I don't think parents should reward children with money. On the one hand, getting an allowance⁷⁷ can teach them from a young age to value money. It can also give them some responsibility. However, I don't think children need to be rewarded with money, necessarily. It may make them too focused on accumulating money, which can lead to some greedy habits⁷⁸. I think parents should reward their children with different privileges⁷⁹, or even just some kind words. That just seems healthier to me⁸⁰. ⑤雅總 易過過過實店鋪 ↗

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⁷³ have enough physical money on you: 你身上有足够的现金

⁷⁴ the wallet app: 钱包应用

⁷⁵ a common response is that: 一个普遍的回答是

⁷⁶ save up: 存钱

⁷⁷ getting an allowance: 得到零用钱

⁷⁸ greedy habits: 贪婪的习惯

⁷⁹ different privileges: 不同的特殊待遇

⁸⁰ That just seems healthier to me: 我觉得这样更健康——雅總

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4. Is it good and necessary to teach children to save money?

Yes, it is. Learning how to be financially responsible⁸¹ is a vital skill. Being able to master this skill from a young age helps children develop good saving habits that they'll carry into their adult life⁸². So if parents give children an allowance, they should teach them to save some of it. That way, children can have a pool of money in the future instead of just spending it all at once. ▼雅思过过过淘宝店铺 X

5. Do people often use credit cards? Are there issues with using credit cards?

Yes, people use credit cards very often. I think it's the most common form of payment. Instead of having to pay upfront⁸³, you can put it on a credit card and pay it off later⁸⁴. But there can definitely be issues with using credit cards, the most common being identity theft and fraud⁸⁵. There are even reports of people having their cards scanned through their wallets by criminals who then use their credit card information to make purchases. ω雅思过过过淘宝店铺 X

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⁸¹ financially responsible: 对自己的财务负责

⁸² develop good saving habits that they'll carry into their adult life: 养成良好的储蓄习惯, 并将其带入成年生活

⁸³ pay upfront: 提前付款

⁸⁴ put it on a credit card and pay it off later: 先用信用卡付

账, 以后再付清

⁸⁵ identity theft and fraud: 身份盗窃和欺诈
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Topic 10 糟糕的购物体验

1. What kind of customer service do you think is good?

I think that in order to be good, customer service should be friendly. They should be approachable⁸⁶ so that you feel you can discuss your issue with them comfortably. Customer service should also go above and beyond⁸⁷. If you've had a big problem with a product that takes up a lot of your time, it's nice to offer you a discount on your next purchase or something like that. Of course, not every customer service representative can offer that. But as long as they're nice, I think that's what counts⁸⁸.

2. What are the differences between shopping online and in stores?

Shopping online generally gives you a lot more options. You can see items that are exclusive to the store's website⁸⁹. Sometimes there are even sales that are just online. So you can end up saving money. You also save time since you don't have to go to the store in person. But when you shop in stores, like for clothing, you have the benefit of trying things on and seeing if they look right on you. Shopping in stores gives you a better sense of what the product really looks like.

3. What problems do customers often have while shopping?

Customers often have problems with products being out of stock⁹⁰. They might find the perfect item for them, but the store won't have any left. That's especially a problem when searching for clothes. Sometimes customers might have problems using coupons as well. Some people try to use coupons after they've expired, which leads to a conflict with⁹¹ the store manager. Or others are confused about how a sale works and they expect to save more money than they actually do.

4. What do you think customers should do when there are problems with the products they bought online?

I suppose that customers should apply for a return and refund⁹² on the website or the app where they purchased the products. It just happens every so often that you buy defective products⁹³ online. But basically all online shopping platforms I know, like Taobao and Jingdong, provide a return and refund service to their customers. So online buyers should make good use of⁹⁴ them when they have issues with things that they buy online.

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⁸⁶ be approachable: 平易近人的

⁸⁷ go above and beyond: 超越期待

⁸⁸ that's what counts: 这才是最重要的

⁸⁹ exclusive to the store's website: 商店网站上的独家商品

⁹⁰ being out of stock: 缺货

⁹¹ leads to a conflict with: 导致与...的冲突

⁹² apply for a return and refund: 申请退货和退款

⁹³ defective products: 次品

⁹⁴ make good use of: 好好利用

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Topic 11 不得不与他人分享

1. Do you think kids like to share? Why?

No, I don't think kids like to share. At a young age, kids can be very protective over the things they own. They might not like to share their toy because they're afraid the other kids won't give it back. But on the other hand⁹⁵, kids can be very selfish. They tend to only think about themselves. So if they have to share their toy with someone else, they might be upset because they can't have it all to themselves⁹⁶.

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2. How can parents teach their children to share?

I suppose that parents can teach their children to share by setting an example. For example, if one parent shares a belonging with the other parent and demonstrates that nothing bad came of it⁹⁷, the child can then learn that sharing is a positive experience. Parents can also explain to children that it's good to not be selfish. If you have something that someone else wants to play with for a little while, it's kind to let them play with it instead of keeping it to yourself.

3. What do you think is the benefit of sharing for children?

It seems to me that sharing teaches children to be kind and generous. Instead of only thinking about themselves, they can learn to consider other people's feelings. They can share because they know the other person will really enjoy getting to share that item or that experience. Then they can understand how making other people feel good is a beneficial thing⁹⁸. So in that sense, they learn to be more selfless and understanding. Those morals transfer to their adult life⁹⁹, where they can be considerate and compassionate individuals.

4. Is there anything that parents should persuade children to share with others?

I think that parents should persuade children to share the playground with others. For example, on a playground, lots of kids love going on the swings. A child might want to keep it all to themselves. So they'll refuse to let other kids take a turn. But parents should gently remind their children that it's a public playground, so they need to let the other kids enjoy it. Otherwise, they're being very rude and greedy. It's important to teach your kids good life lessons.

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⁹⁵ But on the other hand: 注意 on the other hand 并不只可以用来做为转折, 也可以用来介绍另外一个方面

⁹⁶ they can't have it all to themselves: 他们不能独享玩具

⁹⁷ nothing bad came of it: 没有什么不好的结果

⁹⁸ how making other people feel good is a beneficial thing: 让别人开心是一件好事情

⁹⁹ Those morals transfer to their adult life: 这些道德准则也会转移到他们的成年生活中

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Topic 12 在重要的事情上迟到

1. Are you a punctual person?/ Do you think it is important to be on time?/ Do you always avoid being late?

It depends on what the event is. For meetings with others, appointments, and school? (注意这里语调升调)
Yes, being on time is essential! In fact, being on time is not enough, I believe that people should be early to leave room for error. It shows that you respect the time of others and that you are organized and professional. After all, why bother setting an appointment time if you are just going to show up whenever you feel like it¹⁰⁰? 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创★

2. What are some common reasons for being late for something? / Why are people often late for things (like meetings or appointments)?

Things like weather, traffic, or problems with public transportation are probably the most common excuses for tardiness. If someone is known for being late, then it likely boils down to¹⁰¹ poor planning and disorganization. It seems to me that it's always the same people who are late over and over. These repeat-offenders often have a million reasons why it's not their fault that they're running behind, but I don't buy it¹⁰². 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创★

3. How important it is for people to be on time in your country? / Are people in your country often late for something?

Being on time is very important in my country. It isn't likely that someone would show up late for something unless it is a casual get together¹⁰³ with close friends or family. I have visited certain countries where this is not the case, and it really threw me a curve ball¹⁰⁴ when I was left waiting, sometimes for hours, for someone to show up. It made me realize that punctuality is a cultural thing and not universal whatsoever. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创★

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¹⁰⁰ if you are just going to show up whenever you feel like it: 如果你想在什么时候出现就什么时候出现

¹⁰¹ it likely boils down to: 可能它的根源是...

¹⁰² but I don't buy it: 但我不信

¹⁰³ it is a casual get together: 这是一次非正式的聚会

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¹⁰⁴ threw me a curve ball: 出人意料地给我带来麻烦。

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Being late could result in serious penalties. For example, if you are a student, it could mean a lower grade, or even failing a class. If you are late for work, it could mean getting fired. Missing flights, missing opportunities, or missing the birth of a child are other examples of consequences that can occur if a person is late. You also run the risk of¹⁰⁵ people being upset with you for being late.

There are many simple steps people can take to improve time-management. Using a planner is the most obvious one. There are so many options available these days, from paper planners to digital planners, that there is no excuse not to use one. It's also important to write down important details. Our brains are meant to generate ideas, but not just to store them. If you don't write something down, chances are it will slip your mind¹⁰⁶. ◆蕓細呂過呂詢賣店舖嚴創★

I don't think anyone is born with time management skills. Some people may be better at focusing and being organized. But those are still things they have to learn, to some degree¹⁰⁷. Nobody is born into responsibilities that they have to balance¹⁰⁸. Those are things that you develop over time, and through experience. So I think that's encouraging for anyone who struggles with time management. It's just a matter of learning discipline and figuring out which strategies work for you. With enough effort, anyone can learn how to manage their time well.

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1. Why do people sometimes go to other cities or other countries to travel?

There are lots of reasons why people might go to other cities from time to time. The first one that comes to mind is visiting friends or family. It's pretty common for family members to live in different cities. So when they want to spend time together, people might go to another city and stay with family for a while. It's the same with friends¹⁰⁹. Another reason is simply out of curiosity or a desire to travel. It's nice to go to another city and check out the scenery there. ㄘ° 雅認過昂昂甸寶店舖儼創ゝ

2. Why are historical cities popular?

I suppose that historical cities are popular because they teach people a lot about the past. It's one thing to¹¹⁰ read about history in a textbook. It's a completely different ballgame to¹¹¹ visit a historical city and see the past come to life in front of your very eyes. For example, when you tour a historical city, you can walk through ancient buildings that served a role in your country's history. It's really cool to experience history like that.

3. Why do places with historical sites develop the tourism industry more actively?

It seems to me that places with historical sites depend on the tourism industry to support their economy. So they do everything they can to draw in visitors. They might have things like walking tours that let people see historical sites up close¹¹². Or they might have other cool attractions and events based around those historical sites. In addition to supporting local businesses, the income from tourists can help preserve those historical sites and keeping them intact for future generations¹¹³.

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¹⁰⁹ It's the same with friends: 朋友也是如此

¹¹⁰ It's one thing to: ...是一回事

¹¹¹ It's a completely different ballgame to: 那是一种完全不同的体验

¹¹² let people see historical sites up close: 让人们近距离观看历史遗迹

¹¹³ keeping them intact for future generations: 为子孙后代让它们保持完整

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Unfortunately, I think it's inevitable for tourists to come across bad things in other cities. No matter where you go, nothing goes according to plan. Sometimes bad things can happen. A common issue for cities with lots of tourists is petty theft¹¹⁴. Unsuspecting tourists can get their wallets or other valuables stolen in the blink of an eye¹¹⁵. There are lots of pickpockets who hang out in crowded areas and target tourists. ◆ 菲姆鐳丹

Topic 14 他人的好消息

1. Is it good to share something on social media?

I suppose that it can be good to share things on social media. People are always excited to share good news, whether it's a promotion at work, an engagement, or another great milestone in life. Not only does it help them keep others up to date about what's going on in their life, but it also gives them the opportunity to celebrate themselves. However, always sharing things on social media may lead to depending on other people for validation¹²⁰. It's easy to get addicted to likes and comments on your posts¹²¹.

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2. Should the media only publish good news?

No, I suppose that the media should publish all news, whether good or bad. People deserve to know what is going on both in their country and around the world, and it's not always good things. I think that by spreading awareness about negative world events, people might be more encouraged to donate to charities or help in other ways. The media can also serve as a government watchdog¹²² by reporting bad things, like government corruption or misconduct of officials¹²³, to the public. It's a part of the social justice system.

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3. How does social media help people access information?

Social media helps people access information in lots of ways. Firstly, there are accounts that are dedicated to providing educational content¹²⁴. People can learn about lots of important subjects, whether it's political news or scientific concepts. Plus, nowadays, there are tons of great infographics¹²⁵ on social media that break down complex topics and make them more accessible. What's more, it's very easy for people to learn about what's going on in the world and in the lives of people they know through posts on different platforms.

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4. What kind of good news do people often share in the community?

People often share information that marks a significant event in their personal lives¹²⁶ with the community. For example, people like to share exciting things like graduations, engagements, weddings, and other personal things. Those are all big life events¹²⁷. They might also share professional achievements like getting a new job, getting a promotion, or receiving some kind of award for their work. It really depends on how much the person is willing to share.

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¹²⁰ lead to depending on other people for validation: 导致依赖他人的认可

¹²¹ get addicted to likes and comments on your posts: 对你的帖子上的点赞和评论上瘾

¹²² serve as a government watchdog: 担任一个监督政府的角色

¹²³ government corruption or misconduct of officials: 政府腐败或官员行为不端

¹²⁴ there are accounts that are dedicated to providing

educational content: 有一些(社媒)账号专门提供教育内容

¹²⁵ infographics: 信息图表

¹²⁶ marks a significant event in their personal lives: 标志着他们个人生活中的重大事件

¹²⁷ big life events: 人生大事

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5. Do most people like to share good news with others?

Yes, I think that most people like to share good news with others. Not only does it let other people know what's going on in their lives, but it gives them the opportunity to celebrate themselves and bask in their excitement¹²⁸. It's always nice when something good happens in your life. Oftentimes¹²⁹, it makes you feel even better when you can share that good news with people who are important to you. They might also want to take you out for dinner or even throw you a party to celebrate your good news. Overall, people want to hear that their loved ones are doing well.

6. Do people like to hear good news from their friends?

Yes, people definitely like to hear good news from their friends. Most of us get really excited if a friend calls us with good news, and it feels like their good news is your good news because you really want them to do well in life and be happy. But there are some people out there¹³⁰ who get very jealous, so whenever they hear about a friend's good news they might respond negatively or even try to one-up them with their own news¹³¹.

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¹²⁸ bask in their excitement: 沉浸在他们的兴奋之中

¹²⁹ Oftentimes: 时常地, 经常地

¹³⁰ there are some people out there: 外面总有一些人

¹³¹ one-up them with their own news: 用自己的消息胜过

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Topic 16 第一天上学

1. What can parents do to help children get ready for their first day at school? / What would parents prepare for their kids when they first go to school?

I suppose that parents can help children get ready for their first day at school by helping prepare them for what it will be like. If their child is anxious about what to expect¹⁴⁰, their parents can talk about what the school routine is like and answer any questions they might have. Parents will also usually pack a lunch so their child doesn't have to worry about what to eat. Plus, having a homemade lunch can often ease their child's nerves¹⁴¹. It's nice to have food made with love. ◆ 雅認過過過寸淘寶店舖原創 ◆

2. How do children benefit from starting school?

Well, children benefit from starting school in many ways. For one, they finally get to begin a formal education. They get to learn so much about the world. And children with well developed academic skills will be able to pursue higher education if they want to. Besides, they get to socialize with other kids their own age and make new friends. I think children with well developed social skills will be able to make friends easily, and control their emotions and behaviours. Overall, the majority of children vastly benefit from¹⁴² starting school. ● 雅認過過過寸淘寶店舖原創 ●

3. Why is starting school difficult for some children?

Starting school can be difficult for some children because they might not be ready to leave home yet. Not all children are ready to leave home at the age of four, and so they really struggle to get used to school, which can result in behavioural incidents. Besides, many children struggle with a change in routine. You know, some of them just resent the rules and schedule at school¹⁴³. Lastly, some children have a hard time making friends, so school can be very intimidating¹⁴⁴ for them. + 雅認過過過寸淘寶店舖原創 +

4. How do children socialise with each other?

Children socialize with each other in lots of different ways. I think the most common way is through playing. They might play pretend¹⁴⁵, which means they use their imagination to create different scenarios. For example, they might play house¹⁴⁶ and act like they're a family living together. Children also like playing sports with each other. Playing soccer or another team sport is a good way for them to bond and get to know each other better. It also helps them build skills like cooperation and good communication. ◆ 雅認過過過寸淘寶店舖原創 ◆

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¹⁴⁰ is anxious about what to expect: 为将要发生什么事而感到焦虑

¹⁴¹ ease their child's nerves: 帮助孩子放松紧张的神经

¹⁴² vastly benefit from: 从...中极大地受益

¹⁴³ resent the rules and schedule at school: 讨厌学校的规则和日程安排

¹⁴⁴ intimidating: 令人生畏的

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¹⁴⁵ play pretend: 玩假装游戏

¹⁴⁶ play house: 过家家

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5. Is socialisation important for children?

Yes, socialization is really important for children. If they keep to themselves¹⁴⁷, they won't learn important social skills. They might be really awkward and antisocial in life, which won't help them make friends or join a community. But when they socialize with other children, they have the opportunity to make friends for life. That's very important for their development. Children who don't spend time with other kids their age tend to be very sad and lonely. It's not good for their mental health. ◆ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创 ◆

6. What are the reasons for job change?

Well, reasons for a job change can vary from person to person, but it comes down to the fact that¹⁴⁸ the employee is not satisfied with their current job. Maybe they feel unhappy at work, or undervalued. I know some people change jobs because they feel stuck with no room for job growth¹⁴⁹. Besides, they might be making a change for personal or family reasons. For example, they may be moving to a new city so they have to quit their present job. ◆ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创 ◆

7. Are big companies better than small companies? Why?

Some big companies are better than small ones, but the reverse is also true¹⁵⁰. It depends on the company, and on the employees' personal preferences. Some people prefer to work at a big company because that usually comes with perks and higher salaries¹⁵¹, while others prefer the intimacy and family feel of a small company¹⁵². Small companies tend to have less opportunities for people to advance their career, but more opportunities to have a say in day to day decisions¹⁵³. ◆ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创 ◆

8. What are the advantages and disadvantages coming along with changing jobs?/ What are the advantages and disadvantages for workers who often change their jobs?

One of the advantages of changing jobs is that usually, you can negotiate a salary increase¹⁵⁴. If you have been with one company for a long time, your salary can become stagnant¹⁵⁵ and unchanging, but if you switch to another company, you can hopefully get a big raise. However, the main disadvantage of changing jobs is that you really don't know until you get there if you are going to like it as much as your previous job. You're going in blind¹⁵⁶. ◆ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创 ◆

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¹⁴⁷ keep to themselves: 独来独往

¹⁴⁸ but it comes down to the fact that: 但归根到底是因为一个事实

¹⁴⁹ feel stuck with no room for job growth: 感觉没有工作成长的空间 (没有上升空间)

¹⁵⁰ but the reverse is also true: 但反之亦然

¹⁵¹ comes with perks and higher salaries: 附带福利和更高的工资

¹⁵² the intimacy and family feel of a small company: 小公司的亲密和家庭的感觉

¹⁵³ have a say in day to day decisions: 在日常决策中有更多发言权

¹⁵⁴ negotiate a salary increase: 协商加薪

¹⁵⁵ stagnant: 停滞不前

¹⁵⁶ You're going in blind: 你是很盲目的进去的; 意指你进新公司前两眼一抹黑, 也不知道到底新环境是不是适合自己

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Yes, I definitely think parents should teach children how to cooperate with others. They can do so by demonstrating it at home. If children see their parents work together to achieve a goal, then they can understand the communication and patience that is required to cooperate. Besides, parents can teach their children that in order to work well with others, you have to respect their opinions and try to reach a compromise if you don't agree right off the bat¹⁶⁵. It's important for kids to know that kind of stuff. ㄟ 雅緻

Yes, definitely. If children only think about themselves and never want to work with or help anyone else, they'll grow up to be very selfish¹⁶⁶. They'll also never learn how to depend on other people, which is very lonely and isolating. So children should learn how to be good communicators who can work well with others. They need to learn how to be patient as well, since cooperation isn't always an easy process. However, it's definitely necessary in all aspects of life. 一菲媽媽呂潘鈞寶店鋪原創 |

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Topic 18 让你骄傲的事

1. Which is more important, personal goals or work goals?

It seems to me that both of these types of goals are important, but you have to know when to prioritize each one. If you try to achieve your personal goals and your work goals at the same time, you might become overwhelmed and burnt out. However, if you organize your timing, you can prioritize personal goals at a time when you have already met your work goals, or vice versa¹⁶⁷. Overall, if you are faced with a choice between the two¹⁶⁸, personal goals are more important for your happiness. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

2. Have your life goals changed since your childhood?

Yes, definitely. I went through many different career choices throughout my childhood, including doctor, writer and veterinarian. I ended up choosing none of these careers, and instead becoming a teacher. I also had a goal to have ten dogs when I grow up, which now seems insane¹⁶⁹ but childhood me¹⁷⁰ really wanted to achieve that goal. I think it is natural for people's goals to change over time 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

3. Does everyone set goals for themselves?

No, not everyone sets goals for themselves, but I suppose that everyone should. Some people don't set goals because maybe they don't know what their goals are, or maybe they are torn between two or three goals¹⁷¹ and they aren't sure which one to pick. Others set goals for themselves on a daily basis with small to-do lists or overall goals¹⁷² for the week, month, or year, like new year's resolutions. I think that everyone should have at least one goal, because that makes people more motivated and optimistic. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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¹⁶⁷ or vice versa: 反之亦然

¹⁶⁸ if you are faced with a choice between the two: 如果你要在两者之间做出选择

¹⁶⁹ seems insane: 看来很疯狂

¹⁷⁰ childhood me: 儿时的我

¹⁷¹ they are torn between two or three goals: 他们在两个或三个

目标之间徘徊纠结

¹⁷² overall goals: 总体目标

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4. What kinds of rewards are important at work?/Do you think material rewards are more important than other rewards at work?

I'd say that monetary rewards¹⁷³ are pretty important at work. People might respond well to words of encouragement, but I find that what they truly value is getting a raise or even a bonus. When their work is rewarded in a tangible, concrete way¹⁷⁴, it helps them know that they're on the right path. It can also make their work more enjoyable and purposeful. Some people think work shouldn't just be about money. But I think it's fine to acknowledge that for most people, money is a driving factor.

5. What makes people feel proud of themselves?

Different people feel proud about different things. It's mainly because everyone has different priorities, and it's the degree to which people can fulfill these priorities that makes people feel pride¹⁷⁵. For example, some people take pride in the little things, like cooking a delicious meal or meeting a personal fitness goal, while others are more excited about financial or family milestones. That being said, most of us feel proud of ourselves during major life events such as graduations, engagements, marriages, or job promotions.

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¹⁷³ monetary rewards: 金钱奖励

¹⁷⁴ is rewarded in a tangible, concrete way: 得到有形、具体的回报; 以有形, 具体的方式得到奖励

¹⁷⁵ it's the degree to which people can fulfill these priorities that makes people feel pride: 人们能够完成这些优先事项的程度会

让人们感到自豪; 意指人们会对不同程度的事情感到自豪
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Topic 19 得到非常需要的东西

1. What kinds of things do young people like to spend money on in your country?

I suppose that in my country, young people mostly like spending money on food and clothes. I don't mean grocery shopping. I mean, it's really common for young people to grab food together¹⁷⁶, whether it's just at the food court in the mall or at a restaurant. Having a meal together is a great way to socialize. Of course, they also like buying clothes. Keeping up with the latest fashion trends is something a lot of young people enjoy and strive to do. せ 雅思過過過淘寶店鋪原創

2. Why do people often buy things they don't really need?

I think people buy things they don't really need for two main reasons. The first reason is that they like the feeling of being able to buy whatever they want, even if it's unnecessary. Being able to treat yourself with¹⁷⁷ various products can make you feel independent and successful. The other reason is that advertising can be very convincing. A good commercial can make you buy something you don't need. ㄘ° 雅思過過過淘寶店鋪原創

3. Is it necessary to advertise in today's economy?

Yes, I definitely think it's necessary to advertise in today's economy. With the internet being as widespread as it is, there are so many things competing for a consumer's attention¹⁷⁸. Without advertising, a product might get lost among the sea of other things up for sale¹⁷⁹. Consequently, the company behind that product would really struggle to stay afloat¹⁸⁰ because they wouldn't be making many sales. You need advertising if you want to make any money. ㄘ 雅思過過過淘寶店鋪原創

4. Why is owning material possession important to people?

For some people, owning material possessions is a source of pride. It shows that they're self-sufficient and can afford to treat themselves. Wealth has always been a status symbol¹⁸¹. If you have lots of material things, it shows that you're wealthy and are therefore higher-class than someone who doesn't own very much. Plus, people attach a lot of importance to material items. They think they need certain products in order to be happy. 一 雅思過過過淘寶店鋪原創

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¹⁷⁶ grab food together: 一起买食物

¹⁷⁷ treat yourself with: 犒劳自己

¹⁷⁸ competing for a consumer's attention: 争夺消费者的注意力

¹⁷⁹ a product might get lost among the sea of other things up for sale: 一种产品可能会迷失在其他待售产品的海洋中

¹⁸⁰ stay afloat: 渡过难关

¹⁸¹ Wealth has always been a status symbol: 财富一直是地位的象征

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5. Should employees have their own goals?

Yes, I definitely think employees should have their own goals. Of course, as part of a larger company, they need to do what their bosses tell them to do. But they should have their own ambitions. For example, they might want to advance through the ranks of their company¹⁸². So they should aim high and not settle for doing the bare minimum¹⁸³. That way, they can be fulfilled in their work. 雅恩過過過寶店舖原創

6. How should bosses reward employees?

I think bosses should reward employees in a variety of ways. For instance, they should give their employees encouraging words when they're doing well. But they should also do more tangible things, like giving them a raise or a promotion. Kind words only go so far in the workplace. Helping their employees rise through the ranks will have a more lasting effect on their lives. So it's important to reward them monetarily¹⁸⁴. 雅恩過過過寶店舖原創

7. What kinds of gifts do young people like to receive as rewards?

It seems to me that young people like receiving luxury items as a reward. For example, if their parents want to reward them for doing really well in school, they'll often give them something expensive like a fancy watch or a pretty necklace. They might also get some new tech, like a laptop or a tablet. Having those expensive items makes young people feel on top of the world¹⁸⁵. They're like status symbols that they can show off to their peers. 雅恩過過過寶店舖原創

8. How should children spend their allowance money?

I think children should spend their allowance money on little things that can make them happy. I don't think they should buy silly things. But you know, if they want an ice cream cone or some beautiful stickers, that's nice for them to have. Another good idea is not actually spending the money, but deciding to save it instead. If they save up their allowance¹⁸⁶ over a long period of time, they'll be able to buy something more valuable for themselves instead of a bunch of little things. 雅恩過過過寶店舖原創

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¹⁸² advance through the ranks of their company: 在公司里步步高升, 获得晋升

¹⁸³ not settle for doing the bare minimum: 而不是满足于做最少的工作

¹⁸⁴ reward them monetarily: 用金钱奖励他们

¹⁸⁵ feel on top of the world: 感觉棒极了, 就像站在世界之巅

¹⁸⁶ save up their allowance: 把零花钱存起来
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Topic 20 居住地发展

1. What transportation do you use the most? / What transportation do people use the most?

Well, personally, I take subway trains and buses equally often. It's a blessing that our city has a really advanced public transportation system that consists of tons of bus routes and subway lines. They make life a breeze¹⁸⁹. And as far as I know, most Chinese people prefer going around by the metro or buses rather than driving. Honestly, it's a nightmare to drive in cities because you could easily get yourself into a traffic jam. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

2. Is public transportation popular in China?

Yes, public transportation is the most popular means to get around in Chinese towns and cities, given the large population¹⁹⁰. I've travelled to dozens of cities in China by now and I've found the public transportation is the backbone of the traffic system¹⁹¹ in every one of them. In spite of the common drawbacks of public transportation, like overcrowding and theft, people do love using the buses and the subway because they are very affordable and accessible. If you know your way around in a city, taking a bus or a subway train is always a good option to get around¹⁹². 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

3. What can be improved in public transport services?

There are many things that can be improved in public transport services, including efficiency, affordability, and scope. Many public transport services are critiqued by¹⁹³ passengers and communities for their lack of efficiency. So making bus and train routes more efficient and more reliable would encourage more people to use them. Public transport can also be made more affordable for people, and the scope can be increased¹⁹⁴ so that public transportation is available in more locations. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

4. What leisure facilities can be used by people of all ages?

The first one that comes to mind is aquatic centres¹⁹⁵. Aquatic centres usually have at least one big pool that people of all ages can swim in. And there's usually a separate pool for children to play in. In the bigger pools, sometimes there are diving boards that more professional swimmers can use to practice. There are also sometimes hot tubs¹⁹⁶ for older people to relax in. There's nothing better than having a long soak after a hard day's work¹⁹⁷. Besides, libraries can cater to multiple age groups. No matter how old you are, you can find books you love in the library. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创★

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¹⁸⁹ They make life a breeze: 它们让生活变得更轻松

¹⁹⁰ given the large population: 鉴于人口众多, 因为人口太多的原因

¹⁹¹ public transportation is the backbone of the traffic system: 公共交通是整个交通系统的支柱

¹⁹² a good option to get around: 出行的好选择

¹⁹³ are critiqued by: 被...欺骗

¹⁹⁴ the scope can be increased: (交通工具可使用的) 范围可

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¹⁹⁵ aquatic centres: 水上活动中心

¹⁹⁶ hot tubs: 水疗浴池

¹⁹⁷ having a long soak after a hard day's work: 辛苦一天后泡个澡

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5. Do you think young people in your country like to go to the cinema?

Yeah, lots of young people in my country like going to the cinema. It's a great way for them to socialize. They can grab dinner, go to the movies, and then talk about whatever movie they just saw together. Going to the cinema is great because of the experience that they get to have in the theatre. When you see a movie on the big screen, complete with a great sound system¹⁹⁸, you can really feel immersed in¹⁹⁹ what you're watching. It's a thrilling experience for young people to share.⁰⁰⁰

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6. How is the subway system developing in your country?

I don't really know a lot about how public transportation is developed in many Chinese cities. But as far as I know, the scale and speed of development of my hometown's metro system is crazy fast. And I assume most big cities in China are the same. Just a decade ago, my hometown didn't have a subway line, but our city has been putting a ton of effort into building the urban metro system. Now we have a web of subway lines²⁰⁰ that covers most parts of the city. 廿雅認過過過寸淘寶店鋪原创

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¹⁹⁸ complete with a great sound system: 配备上很棒的音响系统

¹⁹⁹ feel immersed in: 沉浸在

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²⁰⁰ have a web of subway lines: 有地铁线路网

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Topic 21 投诉并收到满意的结果

1. Do you think it's better to make a complaint in person or in writing? / Which one is better when making a complaint, by talking or by writing?

I'd say that it's always a better idea to make complaints face-to-face. On paper, you can only rely on your text, and there is no guarantee that your complaint will be taken seriously. In person, it's easier to make someone empathize with you. There are many techniques you can use in-person to convince people to see your side²⁰¹. Body language, eye-contact, and tone of voice are all tools you can use to your advantage when aiming for a favorable outcome. ◆ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创 ◆

2. Do young people complain more or less than older people? / Who are more likely to make complaints, older people or younger people?

I think it's human nature to complain regardless of age, but overall, I'd say older people complain more. The older you get, the harder your life becomes as you lose mobility and autonomy²⁰². So it makes sense that elderly people have more to complain about, especially since the world is progressing so quickly in regards to technology. They probably find it hard to keep up. It must be difficult to feel like you're being left in the dust²⁰³, so I can see why old people might complain more. ◆ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创 ◆

3. What do people often make complaints about in your country? / When are people more likely to make complaints?

People love to complain about politics, the weather, bad Wi-Fi connections, bad customer service, and packages not being delivered on time. Now that you mention it, I'm guilty of this very thing²⁰⁴. I've caught myself complaining about these things from time to time, too. I guess things not going our way sometimes is inevitable, and venting about it²⁰⁵ is a way to let off some steam and feel better. ◆ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创 ◆

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²⁰¹ convince people to see your side: 说服人们站在你的一边

²⁰² lose mobility and autonomy: 失去了灵活性和自主性

²⁰³ feel like you're being left in the dust: 感觉自己被遗弃; 感觉自己被丢下了

²⁰⁴ Now that you mention it, I'm guilty of this very thing: 既然

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你提到了, 这件事我也有错

²⁰⁵ venting about it: 发泄一下; 释放出来

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4. Why is it important for companies to respond well to customers' complaints?

It is very important for companies to make their customers feel valued so they can continue to profit from their loyalty. These days, there are a lot of ways for customers to review businesses and their products online for the world to see. So, if there is any foul play from a company²⁰⁶, rest assured²⁰⁷ the disgruntled customer will be publishing a public complaint and taking their business elsewhere.

5. How do people often respond to poor customer service? / How would you react if you received a poor service at a restaurant?

People often get very frustrated in response to poor customer service. Nowadays, we're all used to our problems being solved very quickly. We've been trained to expect immediate gratification²⁰⁸. But not every problem can be solved quickly, and sometimes customer service is just incompetent²⁰⁹. So when people encounter that, they usually get really irritated. I think if I got poor service at a restaurant, for example, I would probably be very annoyed. But I would try not to raise my voice at the waitstaff or throw a temper tantrum²¹⁰.

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²⁰⁶ if there is any foul play from a company: 如果公司有任何不正当行为

²⁰⁷ rest assured: 确信无疑; 放心

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²⁰⁸ expect immediate gratification: 期待即时满足, 期待马上

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被满足

²⁰⁹ incompetent: 不够格的, 不合格的

²¹⁰ throw a temper tantrum: 勃然大怒, 无法控制的大发雷霆

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Topic 22 喜欢看的节目

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

People really like watching reality programs²¹¹ in my country. There are so many different kinds of competitions and documentaries that you can tune into²¹². I think the competition format is probably the most popular. Whether it's singing, dancing, or even dating, it's always fun to watch people compete. The audience gets really invested in the competitors and root for them²¹³ week to week. Besides, documentaries, especially the ones about food culture, are getting popular in China these years. It's cool to learn about different foods from TV programs. ㄟ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 \

2. Do people in your country like to watch foreign TV programs?

Yes, a lot of people in my country like to watch foreign TV programs. It's amazing how much you can learn about other places just by watching their TV shows. I think that a lot of American media is really popular. America definitely has a huge hold on pop culture worldwide, which is a pretty fascinating phenomenon. Otherwise, it's cool to see a lot of diversity in storytelling when you compare different shows from places all over the world. ㄟ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 ㄟ

3. What's the benefit of letting kids watch animal videos rather than visiting zoos?

Some people think it's more ethical to let your kids watch animal videos instead of visiting zoos. Zoos may have good intentions²¹⁴, but it's still unnatural to hold wild animals in captivity²¹⁵. When kids watch animal videos, they can see how the animal acts out in nature instead of in a cage. It's a lot more natural and it's often more educational than any zoo program. Plus, there's no risk of danger to the child, whereas accidents can happen at zoos where children end up injured. ㄟ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 ㄟ

4. Do teachers play videos in class in your country?

Yes, sometimes teachers play videos in class in my country. It's not too common, since it can result in students becoming distracted or getting rowdy²¹⁶. But I suppose that in the right contexts²¹⁷, videos can be a very helpful educational aid. Sometimes videos illustrate things that textbooks just can't capture²¹⁸. For example, getting to see a chemical reaction in a video is much more impactful than reading about the reaction in a science textbook. But you have to make sure the video is actually educational and not just for entertainment. ㄟ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 /

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²¹¹ reality programs: 真人秀节目

²¹² tune into: 收看

²¹³ root for them: 为他们加油

²¹⁴ Zoos may have good intentions: 动物园的意图可能是好的

²¹⁵ it's still unnatural to hold wild animals in captivity: 将野生动物囚禁起来仍然是不符合自然法则的

²¹⁶ becoming distracted or getting rowdy: 导致学生分心或吵闹

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²¹⁷ in the right contexts: 在适当的情况下

²¹⁸ videos illustrate things that textbooks just can't capture: 视频能阐明解释教科书不能解释的那些东西

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Topic 23 漂亮物品

1. Do you think there are more beautiful things now than in the past? Why?

Yes, there are more beautiful things now than in the past. As more and more people create things, I think they're just bound to²¹⁹ create something amazing. Plus, with the invention of all kinds of technology, the possibilities are endless. In the past, people couldn't create beautiful art using software like Photoshop and Illustrator. But now, people can use their tablets to create drawings that look/ incredible. I suppose that people have found brand-new ways²²⁰ to make beautiful things, which is really exciting. せ雅認過過過過過 賣店鋪

2. What beautiful scenery spots are there in your country?

There are so many beautiful scenic locations in my country. Some of them are world-famous, like Zhangjiajie National Park, the Yellow Mountain, and the Snow Mountains in Tibet, to name a few²²¹. I love travelling and have been to so many beautiful places by now. There are always some cool hiking trails in those beautiful destinations. And even in my hometown, there are several breathtaking scenic lookouts²²² on the hills nearby that are worth a day trip. 88雅認過過過過過 賣店鋪

3. Where do you think people usually come into contact with beautiful things?

Well, people can come into contact with beautiful things in lots of places. But I suppose that in general, they encounter beautiful things out in nature²²³. For example, a lot of people love to be by the water. They might go to a lake and enjoy watching the sunset. Or if they can, they might even walk along the ocean and admire how beautiful the waves are. People also love mountains and forests. They usually inspire a sense of awe with how big they are²²⁴. ◆雅認過過過過過 賣店鋪

4. Why do you think people create beautiful things?

It seems to me that people create beautiful things because it makes their lives richer²²⁵. Humans seem designed to appreciate beauty²²⁶. We're naturally drawn to symmetry²²⁷ because it's pleasing to the eye. When we can make beautiful things ourselves, it gives us a sense of satisfaction. It can also help us express ourselves, which is a really valuable thing. It's great to be able to make something beautiful from your imagination or your deepest feelings. I think that creating beautiful things is a very human tradition and I hope it continues with every generation. 88雅認過過過過過 賣店鋪

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²¹⁹ they're just bound to: 他们就会...

²²⁰ brand-new ways: 全新的方法

²²¹ to name a few: 仅举几例; 举几个例子来说

²²² breathtaking scenic lookouts: 令人惊叹的美景观赏地

²²³ encounter beautiful things out in nature: 在大自然中会遇到美丽的事物

²²⁴ inspire a sense of awe with how big they are: 它们(山林)通常会让人对其庞大到敬畏。

²²⁵ makes their lives richer: 让他们的生活更充实

²²⁶ Humans seem designed to appreciate beauty: 人类似乎生来就能欣赏美。

²²⁷ naturally drawn to symmetry: 很自然地被对称性所吸引
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Topic 24 引以为傲的照片

1. Many people edit and Photoshop their photos, what do you think of it? /What do you think of beautified selfies?

It seems to me that editing photos is a good way to make them more visually appealing²²⁸, however you have to be careful not to overdo it. Many people use Photoshop or other technologies to make their photos look nicer, especially for things like wedding photos. But some people use these technologies to edit selfies and even every single photo of themselves. This can perpetuate unrealistic beauty standards²²⁹, so I think people need to avoid editing every photo, and instead to only edit professional photos on special occasions.

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2. Why do some people like to record important things with photos?

People like to record important things with photos because photos are permanent²³⁰, so you can look back on them anytime you want and relive the moment. Many people even hire professional photographers for events such as birthdays, graduations, engagements, and weddings. This way they can focus on enjoying themselves while still knowing that their special day is being photographed. As people get older, it's nice to be able to look back on their lives through photos.

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3. Is taking photos the best way to remember something?

Yes, I think that taking photos or even videos is a great way to remember something. You can save photos forever, so no matter how old you get, you can always look back on them and remember a special time in your life. Photos aren't the only way to remember something, but they are probably the most efficient way. After all, it's very easy for people to take photos, since mobile phones are equipped with high quality cameras.

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²²⁸ visually appealing: 在视觉上更具吸引力

²²⁹ perpetuate unrealistic beauty standards: 使不切实际的审美标准延续下去

²³⁰ permanent: 永久的; 可以长期保存的

4. Which is better, taking photos or keeping a diary?

I suppose that keeping a diary is better. Taking photos might help you remember what a place looked like, or it might show you visuals of a special day²³¹. But when you keep a diary, you can write down all the important details that a photo can't capture. You might not always remember how something looked, but you can remember how it felt if you write it down. I think that diaries are much more intimate²³² and they represent memories better than photos do²³³.

5. What can people learn from historical photographs?

People can learn so much from historical photographs. They can learn about what styles were trending²³⁴ during a certain time period by looking at the outfits that people are wearing. They can also see how much has changed in terms of technology and industry. Besides, historical photographs of people's ancestors can help them feel closer to their lineage²³⁵. Being able to see photographs of people who have passed on centuries ago can make them feel real and alive again.

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²³¹ visuals of a special day: 一个特殊日子的画面

²³² intimate: 私密; 个人

²³³ represent memories better than photos do: 比照片更好的描绘(展示)回忆

²³⁴ what styles were trending: 什么风格是流行的

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²³⁵ lineage: 血统

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Topic 25 户外活动

1. What outdoor activities are popular in China?

Some popular outdoor activities are hiking, cycling, and doing tai-chi. I know a ton of young people who are really into hiking and cycling. They like to stay as active as possible. So they're always looking for new trails. But there are also people who aren't that active. They prefer more low-key activities²³⁶ like tai-chi. Doing tai-chi outside is great because you can enjoy the fresh air while doing a lower-impact exercise²³⁷. Tai-chi is also pretty popular among old people. It's a good activity for people of all ages. ———— 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

2. Are those people who like dangerous activities more likely to be successful?

No, I don't think that people who like dangerous activities are more likely to be successful. On the one hand, I can understand why people would make this assumption²³⁸ because these kinds of people tend to be risk-takers. Taking risks in your career may lead to bigger advancements, which can ultimately translate to success. However, I think that people who like dangerous activities can also be very spontaneous and impulsive²³⁹, which aren't always great qualities when it comes to ensuring success. ———— 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

3. Do you think it's better for people to change jobs when there are new opportunities?

No, I don't think it's necessarily better for people to change jobs when new opportunities arise. Some people might need the switch to stay passionate and excited about their careers. But I don't think it's better to drop your old job and do something new. Some people become very attached to their job and develop a healthy routine and work-life balance around it. So there's no reason they should give up on that just because a new job is available. ———— 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

4. Should young people try as many new activities as possible?

Yes, definitely. As the saying goes, you're only young once²⁴⁰. Young people should take advantage of that and push themselves outside of their comfort zone²⁴¹. By trying new things, they might discover parts of themselves that they didn't know existed. It's exciting to try new activities because you might find a brand-new passion. You can also meet people through new activities, which is great for building a social network.

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²³⁶ More low-key activities: 更有节制的体育活动

²³⁷ lower-impact exercise: 低强度运动

²³⁸ I can understand why people would make this assumption:
我可以理解为什么人们会做出这样的假设

²³⁹ spontaneous and impulsive: 头脑发热和冲动;

spontaneous 有不计划形式, 做事想一出是一出的意思

²⁴⁰ As the saying goes, you're only young once: 俗话说, 你

只年轻一次

²⁴¹ push themselves outside of their comfort zone: 迫使自己走出舒适区

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Topic 26 喜欢并想再看一次的电影

1. Where do people like watching films?

People like watching films in many different places, like a theatre, a home, or a drive-in²⁴². Movie theatres are the go-to places for tons of film audiences, especially for those who are going to a movie with friends. People can get snacks as well, not to mention the gigantic screens and sound systems. But there are more people who prefer watching movies from the comfort of their own homes. And drive-in theatres are nice in the summer since you can sit outside and enjoy the weather while watching. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

2. Are actors or actresses important to movies? Why?

Yes, I suppose that actors and actresses are essential to movies. Without good actors and actresses, a movie has to rely entirely on its plot and cinematography²⁴³ in order to be successful. Even then, people probably won't want to watch the movie if the acting is bad. Good acting makes a world of difference, because it makes the story more believable. Audiences need to be able to suspend their disbelief²⁴⁴ when watching a movie, and good acting can make that happen. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

3. Why are there fewer people going to the cinema to watch movies?

One reason fewer people might be going to the cinema to watch movies is the increase in transmissible diseases like the COVID-19 pandemic²⁴⁵. Some people are too anxious to be around others for fear of catching the disease, so they prefer to stay home to watch movies. Another reason is the price of going to the theatre; prices have risen in recent years and it can be quite expensive to go to the cinema, especially if you want to buy snacks as well. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

4. Do people change their tastes in movies over time? Do people like watching different types of movies over time?

Yes, I think that just like anything else, your taste in movies can change over time. It definitely depends on the person, as some people are very set in their ways²⁴⁶, but most people have changing tastes over the course of their lives²⁴⁷. For example, some people hate horror movies when they are children or adolescents, but love them as adults. There is also the fact that there are certain types of kids' movies that adults wouldn't like, and vice versa²⁴⁸. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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²⁴² drive-in: 这里指 drive-in theater, 也就是 汽车影院

²⁴³ cinematography: (电影) 摄影

²⁴⁴ suspend their disbelief: 放下他们的怀疑

²⁴⁵ the increase in transmissible diseases like the COVID-19 pandemic: COVID-19 大流行等传染性疾病的增加

²⁴⁶ some people are very set in their ways: 有一些人非常不

愿意改变生活习惯; 有一些人非常固执

²⁴⁷ over the course of their lives: 在他们的一生中

²⁴⁸ and vice versa: 反之亦然 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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Topic 27 有趣的小說/故事

1. How does technology help people tell stories?

Technology opens up avenues for all kinds of stories²⁴⁹. In the past, people had to rely on oral storytelling or different types of art like painting, drawing, or sculpture. But with the development of technology, there's a whole new realm of possibility²⁵⁰. People can use illustration software to enhance their art if it's part of their storytelling. People can also create unique storytelling experiences by using VR, or virtual-reality²⁵¹, to immerse the viewer in the story. It's amazing what technology can do. ✕ 雅認過過過過 賣店舖

2. Do you prefer to read e-books or paper books?

I definitely prefer reading paper books. E-books do have their perks²⁵². It's much cheaper and more convenient to carry around fifty books on an e-reader than to get fifty paper books. However, I think the reading experience is much better when you have a physical book in your hands. It's nice to actually turn a page in real life instead of just tapping your screen²⁵³. I suppose that you take in the story better²⁵⁴ when you read it as a physical book. ✕ 雅認過過過過 賣店舖

3. Why are mystery novels so popular nowadays?

I think mystery novels are so popular nowadays because they feel original and exciting. There are so many remakes and revivals in pop culture²⁵⁵. It feels like there's nothing new. But mystery novels are intriguing because they're very unpredictable. Plus, it makes the reader feel very involved in the story²⁵⁶. They're often trying to figure out the mystery before the characters do. So in that sense, reading a mystery novel is a really exciting experience. I think that's why they're so trendy right now. ✕ 雅認過過過過 賣店舖

4. What kinds of novels are suitable for film adaptation?

It seems to me that lots of different novels can be suitable for film adaptation. But the most popular ones are probably the ones that have a lot of action in them. People love to see a thriller or mystery novel turn into an action-packed or suspenseful movie²⁵⁷. Besides, a lot of romance novels can make for good movies. Everybody likes a good love story. When you get famous actors involved, it's basically a recipe for success²⁵⁸. Fantasy and sci-fi novels often get turned into movies as well. ✕ 雅認過過過過 賣店舖

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²⁴⁹ opens up avenues for all kinds of stories: 为(讲述)各种各样的故事开辟了道路; 意指为讲各种故事提供了方法

²⁵⁰ there's a whole new realm of possibility: 有了全新的可能途径的领域

²⁵¹ VR, or virtual-reality: VR 或虚拟现实

²⁵² do have their perks: 确实有它们的好处

²⁵³ tapping your screen: 敲击屏幕

²⁵⁴ take in the story better: 会更好地理解这个故事

²⁵⁵ remakes and revivals in pop culture: 在流行文化中的翻拍和再次流行; 这里是主要表达流行文化没有太多原创

性, 有很多作品都是翻拍以前的作品和以前潮流的再次流行

²⁵⁶ makes the reader feel very involved in the story: 让读者感觉自己融入故事中

²⁵⁷ an action-packed or suspenseful movie: 动作或悬疑电影

²⁵⁸ it's basically a recipe for success: 基本上是成功的秘诀语法或表达方面有疑问欢迎微信联系 Penny 老师解答

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Topic 28 不寻常的一餐

1. What are the traditional foods in your country?

Well, there are tons of traditional Chinese foods you can't miss. For example, dumplings are the most famous traditional Chinese food. They're a festival food for Chinese New Year. The fillings and flavors are varied²⁵⁹ based on people's preferences. People in my hometown like the pork and leek dumplings²⁶⁰ the most. Mooncakes are another famous traditional food in China. They're a kind of dessert people love to eat for the Mid-Autumn Festival. There are also many other Chinese traditional foods, like buns, wontons²⁶¹, and Zongzi, to name a few²⁶².

2. How popular is fast food in your country?

It seems to me that fast food is very popular in China nowadays. I think our fast-paced lifestyle has been a critical contributing factor²⁶³ to fast food's growing popularity. We need food that is easy to take out, affordable and tasty. I find that a lot of people I know, especially young guys who work, don't really have the chance to take their time for breakfast and lunch. And fast food meets the demands of those people. Actually some types of fast food taste so good that you become addicted to them.

3. What types of fast food are there in your country?

Well, western fast food, I mean American fast food, is pretty popular in China. That includes burgers, fries, fried chicken and so on. And all the global chains have their restaurants in China as well, like McDonald's, KFC, Pizza Hut and so on. Besides, there are all kinds of Chinese fast food which are even more popular than the American ones, like Jianbing, Rice noodle rolls²⁶⁴, and Roujiamo, to name a few. But Chinese fast food is most often sold by small diners and family-run restaurants.

4. Do people eat fast food at home? Are the types of food that people eat in their homes changing?

Yeah, I'd say that a lot of people eat fast food at home. After a long day, it's super easy and convenient to pick something up from a fast food place²⁶⁵ and then eat it in the comfort of your own home. I do think that the types of food people eat in their homes are changing. It's more and more common to choose fast food instead of making food at home. I think it's partly due to how busy people are, but it could also be due to laziness.

²⁵⁹ The fillings and flavors are varied: 馅料和口味有非常多种

²⁶⁰ the pork and leek dumplings: 猪肉韭菜馅饺子

²⁶¹ wontons: 馄饨

²⁶² to name a few: 举几个例子来说

²⁶³ has been a critical contributing factor: 是促成...的重要因素

²⁶⁴ Rice noodle rolls: 肠粉

²⁶⁵ pick something up from a fast food place: 从快餐店点一些东西

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5. Why do some people choose to eat out instead of ordering takeout?

It seems to me that people eat out for the experience. Restaurants usually have a nice ambience with²⁶⁶ music, lighting, decor, etc. It is also nice to have wait staff to serve you, make recommendations, and clean up after you. Ordering takeout means you're eating in the same old place you always do, and you have to clean up after yourself²⁶⁷. There is also no point in getting dressed to eat takeout at home²⁶⁸ like you would when you go out, and some people enjoy this. ♪ 雅認總過過過寶店鋪源創 ♪

6. What are the advantages and disadvantages of eating in restaurants?/Why do some people enjoy eating in restaurants?

Well, some advantages are that you can try new foods that you wouldn't make yourself, and you can enjoy the ambience. Plus, it is less work! I mean, you don't have to buy groceries, and there are no dishes to do afterwards. What's more, you can take advantage of professional advice from staff (eg, sommeliers)²⁶⁹. The disadvantages are that it is more expensive, you have less control over the ingredients, and sometimes traveling to the restaurant can be a hassle²⁷⁰. ♪ 雅認總過過過寶店鋪源創 ♪

7. Do people in your country socialize in restaurants? Why?

Yes, most people socialize in restaurants. It is a popular activity to do with friends, family, or even for business. It is even a great way to spend time with people you don't know very well because the food gives you something to talk about besides the obvious small talk, and drinking together is always a great way to break the ice²⁷¹. Actually, I think eating together is always a safe suggestion for a social activity because everyone has to eat. ♪ 雅認總過過過寶店鋪源創 ♪

8. Do people in your country value food culture?

Of course! You know, Chinese food history is as long as Chinese history. And food has always been an important part of daily life for Chinese people in our thousands of years of history. Not only do we enjoy eating delicious foods, but we also think highly of having meals with people we love. You see, Chinese people always celebrate a festival, any kind you can name, by having a feast with²⁷² family and friends. It represents how important food is in our culture. ♪ 雅認總過過過寶店鋪源創 ♪

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²⁶⁶ have a nice ambience with: 有一个很好的氛围, 有...

²⁶⁷ clean up after yourself: 吃完需要自己收拾

²⁶⁸ There is also no point in getting dressed to eat takeout at home: 在家里吃外卖没必要在穿着上讲究

²⁶⁹ take advantage of professional advice from staff (eg, sommeliers):

²⁷⁰ traveling to the restaurant can be a hassle: 有时去餐厅可能会很麻烦

²⁷¹ break the ice: 打破僵局

²⁷² having a feast with: 与...吃顿大餐

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5. Who should be responsible for protecting historic buildings?

I suppose that the government should be responsible for protecting historic buildings. If those buildings are deemed important²⁷⁹ for the country's history, then it stands to reason that²⁸⁰ the country's government should be in charge of preserving them. I think that leaving it up to local government²⁸¹ could also be a good option, depending on how important the buildings are. But it definitely shouldn't be the responsibility of average, everyday people. They might not have the time or resources to adequately protect these buildings. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

6. Who should pay for the preservation of historic buildings?

I'd say that the government should pay for the preservation of historic buildings. As nice as it would be to leave that effort to everyday people, I think that the majority of the responsibility should fall to the government. After all, those buildings are part of the nation's identity. So the country's government should have to pay to preserve them. The government has all the resources as well. So that's only fair, as far as I can tell²⁸². Leaving it up to the citizens would be financially irresponsible. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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²⁷⁹ are deemed important: 被认为是非常重要的

²⁸⁰ it stands to reason that: 显然

²⁸¹ leaving it up to local government: 让地方政府来决定...

²⁸² that's only fair, as far as I can tell: 在我看来, 这样才是公

平的

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Topic 30 喜欢的生活习惯

1. What kinds of routines do people follow at home? / What daily routines do people have at home?

Well, most people probably have a morning routine and a routine for getting ready for bed. They might even do these routines subconsciously²⁸³. After all, things like washing your face and brushing your teeth are things most people do daily without even thinking about it. Routines for keeping the home tidy, and for completing chores such as cooking and laundry are also common. Anyway, it makes sense to follow routines daily in order to be efficient. 000 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

2. Should children have learning routines?

Yes, I think it's super important for children to establish certain learning routines. You know, most children aren't as disciplined as adults. So keeping some learning routines is helpful for them to have a better transition from playing to studying as well as to be more focused during their learning time. For example, teachers and parents should teach children how to make study plans and learning goals. And they should do that before they study. It's a very useful technique for children to have a clear idea of²⁸⁴ what they're going to learn. 000 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

3. Does having routines at home make everyday life easier?

As long as the routine is a healthy one, then yes, having routines means that you are organized, efficient, and making the most of your time²⁸⁵. It also means that you can save brain space for more important matters²⁸⁶ than deciding what to do every minute of the day. If you look at the advice from the world's most successful people, you'll notice that they all stress the importance of routines. 000 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

4. What are the advantages of children having a daily routine at school? / Does having a routine make kids feel more secure at school?

I suppose that when children have a daily routine at school, they're able to have a sense of order in their life²⁸⁷. You know, the world can be a pretty chaotic²⁸⁸ place to live in. So when children know what to expect because of their routine, it helps them be able to manage whatever other stress they might be dealing with. Plus, it teaches them how to organize their time later on. Having a routine demonstrated for them can teach them some time management skills. 000 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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²⁸³ subconsciously: 潜意识地

²⁸⁴ have a clear idea of: 对...有清楚的想法

²⁸⁵ making the most of your time: 充分利用好你的时间

²⁸⁶ save brain space for more important matters: 给大脑省点空间去做其他更重要的事

²⁸⁷ have a sense of order in their life: 在生活中有秩序感, 做

事情井然有序

²⁸⁸ chaotic: 乱糟糟的, 乱成一团

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5. Is it useful for older children to decide their own study routines?

Yes, I think it's useful for older children to decide their own study routines. Of course, it's still good for them to get input from teachers or their parents²⁸⁹. But they should also take initiative²⁹⁰ and figure out what works for them. After all, everyone has different learning needs. Older children should try different techniques and build their own study routine based on that. It teaches them to be independent and think for themselves, which are good traits to have as they get older.

6. How do people's routines differ on weekdays and weekends?

Many people follow a strict routine on weekdays, and let loose a little on the weekends²⁹¹. For example, someone might have a routine they do to prepare for work during the week that isn't necessary on days off²⁹². Other people might follow a strict diet during the week, but indulge a little on the weekends. For most people, it's easier to follow a strict routine when you can see the light at the end of the tunnel²⁹³, and know that you can give yourself a break here and there²⁹⁴.

7. What are the differences between people's daily routines now and in the last 15 years?

It seems to me that over the last fifteen years, people's daily routines were more active and involved others. For example, people might go to work, have lunch with their coworkers, and then do something interesting with friends or family at the end of the day. But nowadays, ever since the COVID-19 pandemic²⁹⁵, it's more common for people to be isolated. They might work from home, which means they don't interact with others in real life. And instead of going out and seeing people, they might just stay home and keep to themselves²⁹⁶.

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²⁸⁹ get input from teachers or their parents: 听取老师或家长的建议

²⁹⁰ take initiative: 积极主动

²⁹¹ let loose a little on the weekends: 周末会放松一些

²⁹² that isn't necessary on days off: 在休息日的时候不需要做这些事

²⁹³ when you can see the light at the end of the tunnel: 当你能看到曙光时 (当你能看到前面有个假期在等着你的时候)

²⁹⁴ give yourself a break here and there: 偶然给自己放个假休息一下

²⁹⁵ ever since the COVID-19 pandemic: 自从新冠疫情以来

²⁹⁶ keep to themselves: 独来独往

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Topic 31 小时候（年轻时候）喜欢做的休闲活动

1. Is it important to have a break during work or study?

Yes, it's super important to have a break during work or study. If you push yourself too hard, you'll burn out²⁹⁷ and get overwhelmed. Then it'll actually be harder for you to keep working. Without a break, you might also lose your motivation because you're too stressed out. So working too hard is an actual problem. Taking breaks is a good way to keep focused and avoid getting too tired. I find it's helpful to take a fifteen-minute break every hour. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

2. What sports do young people like to do now?

I'd say that young people like sports that are really fast-paced. You know, sports like golf can be fun, but they're very drawn out²⁹⁸. They basically take the whole day to play. But sports like hockey and basketball always keep you on your toes²⁹⁹. It's a constant back-and-forth between the different nets³⁰⁰. So I think young people enjoy the adrenaline of those games. They also like one-on-one sports, like badminton. Those really push you to your limits and put you in the spotlight. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

3. Are there more activities for young people now than 20 years ago?

Yes of course. Young people have way more options for both indoor and outdoor activities nowadays than their counterparts 20 years ago. I think it's because the entertainment industry is more developed, and pop culture is changing as well. 20 years ago, bars and night clubs weren't a thing in China³⁰¹. But today, it's quite normal for young people to hang out with their friends at those places. And there are more popular outdoor activities as well, like camping, scuba diving³⁰², sailing and so on. You rarely hear about people doing those activities 20 years ago but now they are trendy things among young people. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

4. Can most people balance work and life in China?

Well, it's hard to say. I suppose that a good number of people can balance work and life in China. There are lots of people who have a lot on their plate at both work and home³⁰³. But they find a way to evenly divide their energy between the two. However, I think that as workplaces become more demanding and fast-paced, it gets harder to keep that work-life balance. People often have to work themselves to the bone just to stay on track³⁰⁴. So it's definitely difficult to keep that balance. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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²⁹⁷ burn out: 精疲力竭

²⁹⁸ drawn out: 冗长的

²⁹⁹ keep you on your toes: 保持警觉

³⁰⁰ a constant back-and-forth between the different nets: 在不同的球网之间来来回回（跑来跑去）

³⁰¹ weren't a thing in China: 在我们国家根本没有

³⁰² scuba diving: 潜水

³⁰³ have a lot on their plate at both work and home: 工作和家庭中要处理的事情很多

³⁰⁴ work themselves to the bone just to stay on track: 人们常常不得不拼命工作以保持正轨（维持现有生活）

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5. What activities do children and adults do nowadays?

Well, children usually do outdoor activities. You know, they love to spend time playing outside, whether it's throwing a ball back and forth³⁰⁵ or playing tag. They also like playing games, whether that's schoolyard games or video games. Meanwhile, adults like activities that stimulate their minds. In their free time, they like doing puzzles or crosswords. I think there's definitely some overlap³⁰⁶; both children and adults like doing laidback things³⁰⁷ like going for walks, going to the beach, or doing other fun activities.

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6. Do adults and children have enough time for leisure activities nowadays?

I'd say that children definitely have enough time for leisure activities. The only demand they really have on their time is school, and maybe sometimes extracurriculars. So if they're able to stay on top of their schoolwork³⁰⁸, they have lots of time to play. But adults don't always have enough time for leisure activities. They have jobs that take up most of their day, then they also have to do household chores and take care of their children if they have them. That definitely keeps them busy.

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³⁰⁵ throwing a ball back and forth: 来回扔球

³⁰⁶ there's definitely some overlap: 老人和小孩有很多可以一起做的活动 (喜好有重叠的地方)

³⁰⁷ laidback things: 悠闲放松的事情

³⁰⁸ stay on top of their schoolwork: 做好他们的功课

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Topic 32 难用的科技产品

1. What technology do people currently use?

When it comes to the kind of technology that people currently use, I would have to say it's mostly phones, laptops, and tablets. You know, those are devices that almost everyone has nowadays. It's especially common to see those devices in university classrooms, since even students use them to take notes. People also like digital personal assistants³⁰⁹, like Amazon's Alexa or Google Home. It's pretty convenient to be able to ask digital assistants any questions. They might use smart technology to power their home as well.

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2. Why do big companies introduce new products frequently?

I think that it's mostly driven by money. You know, if they just kept producing the same old products, not enough people would be motivated to keep buying them. But big tech companies like Apple always introduce new products to keep customers coming back for more. With Apple in particular, they're always developing new versions of their iPhone. They even purposefully allow bugs to be in the older models³¹⁰ so that people will have no choice but to trade in their old phones for new ones.

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3. Why are people so keen on buying iPhones even though they haven't changed much from one to the next?

Well, it's all a big marketing scheme³¹¹. You know, people don't absolutely need to have the newest iPhone. But Apple's advertising is super effective. Those commercials make it seem like the newest iPhone has way better features than the older models. But in reality, there isn't that much of a difference³¹². Another reason is that Apple will purposefully have bugs in the older phones so that customers actually do have to upgrade to a newer model³¹³. It's very smart of them.

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4. Why do technology companies keep upgrading their products?

I think there are two main reasons why technology companies keep upgrading their products. The first reason is that they're genuinely always figuring out new upgrades. Whether they're developing new software or finding workarounds for bugs³¹⁴ in their products, they're dedicated to improving the things they sell. The second reason is that they want to keep making money. So they need to keep updating their products to give their customers a reason to keep purchasing them. It's definitely driven by money.

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³⁰⁹ digital personal assistants: 个人数字助理

³¹⁰ purposefully allow bugs to be in the older models: 故意让旧款手机存在漏洞 (软件问题)

³¹¹ it's all a big marketing scheme: 完全是市场营销计划 (手段)

³¹² there isn't that much of a difference: 没有太大的差别

³¹³ upgrade to a newer model: 升级到新型号

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³¹⁴ finding workarounds for bugs: 为产品中的漏洞寻找变通办法; 找到修补缺陷的办法

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Topic 33 常用的网站

1. What are the most popular and least popular apps in China?

Some of the most popular apps in China are WeChat and Taobao. You know, WeChat is probably the most common messaging app that Chinese people use. You can text and call with people, and you can also share photos and updates about your life. Taobao and other commerce apps, like Alipay or Douyin, are also super convenient to use and let people make purchases on the go³¹⁸. As for the least popular app, well, I'm not sure which one is the least popular. I've found that some shopping apps like Pinduoduo are dreadful because of false advertising and low quality products, but to each their own³¹⁹.

2. What's the difference between the Internet and television?

There are so many differences between the Internet and television. Television is pretty much limited to just one form. As a medium, it involves visuals and audio, but it doesn't have the range of the internet. The internet is like a living archive³²⁰. There are constantly new posts and websites being created. Like television, you can watch videos on the internet, but the way you access them is totally different.

3. Why do people like to read the news on the Internet instead of on TV?

I think it's because the internet offers more detailed information than TV does. On a news show, they only have so much time to talk about each event or topic. So they can't really get into the details³²¹. But on the internet, you don't have that time constraint. You can post a whole write-up³²² that includes infographics and links to other resources. It's a lot more flexible as a medium. It's also more accessible for some people.

4. Is the library still necessary? Why?

Yes, the library is definitely still necessary. It's one of the few places left where you can³²³ be there without having to spend any money. Instead, you can just sit down with a good book or magazine and relax for a while. You can also do research at the library. Not everyone has a home computer. Libraries often give those people the resources they need to surf the internet or do other work on a computer.

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³¹⁸ make purchases on the go: 不断的购物; on the go 在此处指“不断地做某事”

³¹⁹ but to each their own: 但是人人都有自己的想法

³²⁰ a living archive: 活的档案馆

³²¹ get into the details: 深入细节

³²² a whole write-up: 一篇完整的文章

³²³ It's one of the few places left where you can: 这是为数不多的你可以...的地方

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5. What kinds of people would still go to the library to read and study?

I think university students still go to the library to read and study. Of course, plenty of them prefer to do that work at home. But for those who want to read and study without as many distractions, the library offers a perfect place to hit the books³²⁴. Some older people also go to the library to read. They have a lot of downtime³²⁵ once they've retired and they like having a place to go. じ ☆ve 雅偶過過過過句寶店鋪願創✓

6. What are the differences between old people and young people when they use the Internet?

Well, it seems that old people usually use the internet to get information. They might read online newspapers or check out news articles. They like keeping up with world events as well as local news³²⁶. But younger people tend to use the internet for entertainment. They like to chat with their friends on social media or spend time online shopping. They might also read online magazines and share posts with their friends. 雅總

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³²⁴ hit the books: 读书; 用功学习

³²⁵ have a lot of downtime: 有很多空闲时间

³²⁶ keeping up with world events as well as local news: 既喜欢

了解世界大事, 也喜欢了解当地新闻

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Topic 34 未来想学的东西

1. What subjects are popular with young adults today? / What's the most popular thing to learn nowadays?

I would say that foreign languages are the most popular thing to learn. A lot of people of all ages are interested in learning a second language. For one, it helps them keep their minds sharp³²⁷. For another, it can come in handy³²⁸ when travelling to other countries. The idea of being able to talk to the locals and understand the language in a foreign country is appealing to lots of people. It's especially popular for older people who have retired and have more time on their hands to learn something new. 十雅思過過過馬甸寶店舖原創さ

2. At what age should children start making their own decisions? Why?

I think children should start making their own decisions when they begin high school. I mean, I don't think they should be able to decide everything for themselves. There should be some limits. But they can have a say about³²⁹ what kind of food they eat, as well as when they go to bed. As they enter high school, they learn to become more independent and think for themselves. So they should be able to make some decisions on their own. 3雅思過過過馬甸寶店舖原創マ

3. Which makes young people choose a major, income or interest?

Well, most young people actually choose a major based on interest. In the past, it was more common for young people to focus on money. They wanted to be able to earn a stable income after they graduated. Nowadays, young people still want that. But I find that more and more of them are more interested in pursuing their passions. They believe that a high salary is less important than a job that they love. I think it's an interesting shift³³⁰. 3雅思過過過馬甸寶店舖原創マ

4. Do young people take their parents' advice on choosing a major?

Yes, I would say that a lot of young people take their parents' advice on choosing a major. Some young people might make a decision that's different from what their parents advise. I think that's valid. But a majority will at least consider what their parents have to say. After all, their parents have a lot of life experience and they know their children well. So their advice is geared toward their child's best interests³³¹. Actually, it's important to listen to what your parents say, to some degree³³². 3雅思過過過馬甸寶店舖原創マ

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³²⁷ keep their minds sharp: 保持头脑敏锐

³²⁸ come in handy: 派上用场; 用得着

³²⁹ have a say about: 有对...方面的发言权

³³⁰ it's an interesting shift: 一个有趣的转变

³³¹ their advice is geared toward their child's best interests: 他们的建议都是为了孩子的最大利益; 他们的建议都是为了孩子

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³³² to some degree: 某种程度上

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5. Besides parents, who else would people take advice from?

It seems to me that people usually take advice from their close friends. For example, a lot of young people go to their friends when they have a problem and need some outside input³³³. Other than family, their friends are usually the people who know them best. So their advice is usually really helpful. Some others also ask their significant others³³⁴ for advice, like their boyfriends or girlfriends. The opinions of their partners are important to them. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创★

6. Why do some people prefer to study alone?

I think some people prefer to study alone because other people are just too distracting. The idea of studying with your friends is nice in theory³³⁵. But in practice, it ends up being super unproductive. Instead of staying on task, you just end up talking about unrelated things. It's more of a hangout than a study session³³⁶. That's happened to many people so often. Plus, even when you're on task, some people have clashing study techniques³³⁷. It just ends up in conflict. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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³³³ need some outside input: 需要外界的建议

³³⁴ significant others: 另一半; 配偶

³³⁵ nice in theory: 理论上是不错的

³³⁶ It's more of a hangout than a study session: 与其说是学习, 不如说是聚会

³³⁷ have clashing study techniques: 学习方法也会相互冲突

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Topic 35 不喜欢的广告

1. What types of products are often advertised in your country? / What are the most advertised products in your country?

I think makeup is probably one of the most advertised products in my country. It seems like wherever I look, there are ads for the newest concealer or mascara³³⁸. It's crazy how much money is put into advertising to women. You know, it's so normalized for women to have to spend a lot of money on makeup. Tech products are also really heavily advertised³³⁹. Everyone wants to have the latest gadget, and ads are a huge part of why they feel that way³⁴⁰.

2. Is it a good idea to use famous people in advertisement? / What do you think of celebrity endorsements in advertising?

Yes, I'd say that it's a good idea to use famous people in advertisements. In today's society, people get really attached to³⁴¹ their favourite celebrities. They want to know everything about them. In most cases, they also want to be like them. So if a celebrity endorses a product by being in the advertisement for it, people are more likely to buy the product. Plus, having a recognizable face attached to a product can make that product seem more enticing³⁴² because it feels familiar to people.

3. Which one is more effective, print advertising or online advertising?

I suppose that print advertising is more effective. Online advertising has the benefit of appearing everywhere. You know, most people can't go a day without³⁴³ going on the internet or scrolling through social media on their phone. So they're bound to see online ads. But I think that oversaturation³⁴⁴ actually makes advertisements less effective. Print advertisements can be more memorable because they actually appear in the real world and might stand out to people more. Plus, huge billboards are more memorable than pop-up ads³⁴⁵.

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³³⁸ there are ads for the newest concealer or mascara: 总有为最新的遮瑕膏或者睫毛膏做的广告

³³⁹ are also really heavily advertised: 做了大量广告

³⁴⁰ ads are a huge part of why they feel that way: 广告是让他们产生那种感觉的原因 (广告让他们总想要买最新的科技产品)

³⁴¹ get really attached to: 迷恋, 着迷于

³⁴² enticing: 有诱惑力的, 吸引人的

³⁴³ can't go a day without: 一天都不能没有...

³⁴⁴ oversaturation: 过度饱和 (到处都充斥着网络广告)

³⁴⁵ pop-up ads: 弹出式广告

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4. Is it important to educate young people about the dangers of advertising?

Yes, it is. If young people don't learn to be critical of the ads they see³⁴⁶, they might end up wasting money on products that they really don't need. They might also be misled by³⁴⁷ certain ads. For example, an ad might promise a free reward if you sign up for an account on a certain website. But there's often lots of fine print that young people skip over³⁴⁸, which can lead to them getting scammed³⁴⁹.

5. What are the benefits of advertising?

One main benefit of advertising is that it can inform people about new products. Obviously, there are some products that don't really need attention. But for people who are actually on the lookout for a certain item³⁵⁰, whether it's a new tablet or a vacuum cleaner, ads can let them know about a product that might suit their needs. Another benefit of advertising is that it allows people to be creative. Some people might not consider advertising an art, but it truly does require a lot of creativity and artistic instinct³⁵¹.

6. Does advertising encourage us to buy things we don't need?

Yes, advertising definitely encourages us to buy things we don't need. Ads are designed to catch our attention³⁵² and make us feel a desire for a product we might not have even known about before. You know, there's a lot of creativity that goes into ads these days. There are usually whole storylines in commercials. They're all designed to make us feel like we need the product in our lives. It might not be true, but the ad is so appealing that we want it anyways.

7. What role does social media play in advertising?

I think social media plays a huge role in advertising. Nowadays, there are companies with social media accounts who actually have tons of followers³⁵³. Companies will hire social media managers who are responsible for promoting them online. That means that the average person³⁵⁴ might encounter posts from a company that are meant to be funny and eye-catching, but ultimately draw their attention back to the company or product that's being promoted. It's interesting to see how companies have used social media to their advantage³⁵⁵.

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³⁴⁶ be critical of the ads they see: 对所看到的广告持批判的态度

³⁴⁷ be misled by: 被(表面现象)迷惑

³⁴⁸ lots of fine print that young people skip over: 很多细则年轻人都会跳过不看

³⁴⁹ getting scammed: 被骗

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³⁵⁰ are actually on the lookout for a certain item: 正在寻找某样东西

³⁵¹ artistic instinct: 艺术直觉

³⁵² Ads are designed to catch our attention: 广告是为了吸引我们的注意力而设计的

³⁵³ have tons of followers: 拥有大量粉丝

³⁵⁴ the average person: 普通人

³⁵⁵ have used social media to their advantage: 利用社交媒体为自己谋利

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Topic 36 熟人的家

1. What are the differences between houses or buildings in the city and in the countryside?

In the city, houses and buildings are definitely designed for efficiency³⁵⁶. Cities are very crowded, so residential buildings can't take up too much room. They tend to be high-rises instead of bungalows and houses. That way, you can fit more of them in a smaller space. On the other hand, houses in the countryside are a lot bigger and more spread out³⁵⁷. There's more room in rural areas, so they don't have to be as space-efficient³⁵⁸. ⑤ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

2. Do you prefer to live in the city or in the countryside?

I prefer living in the city. Don't get me wrong, the countryside has beautiful views. It's very peaceful there. However, there's not much to do, especially as a young person. There aren't many job opportunities because the major industries don't tend to have offices out in the middle of nowhere³⁵⁹. Cities are very exciting. There's always something to do. The nightlife is usually incredible and has lots of options. There's also a lot of diversity in terms of the people there³⁶⁰. ④ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

3. What safety risks are there in residential buildings in cities?

I think fires are a big safety risk when it comes to residential buildings in cities. In one of those high-rise apartments, a fire can start in one unit and quickly spread to the other ones³⁶¹. Unlike a house, where the danger is very centrally located, apartment units are so interconnected that when one of them is burning, the others are at high risk of catching fire too. Besides fire hazards, elevators can be dangerous as well, especially the ones in high rise residential buildings. I remember that there were news articles about falling elevators that caused injuries and deaths. ⑧ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

4. Is it expensive to decorate a house or an apartment in the place where you live?

Yes, it's pretty expensive to decorate an apartment in the place I live. I live in the downtown area of a major city, so the department stores around me are very pricey. If you want some decent wall art, it can cost you an arm and a leg³⁶². That's not to mention how expensive furniture is. Couches and coffee tables can set you back by quite a lot³⁶³. Plus, you usually have to have those items delivered, which adds an additional cost. ④ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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³⁵⁶ designed for efficiency: 为了提高效益而设计的

³⁵⁷ spread out: 分散; 相距很远的

³⁵⁸ they don't have to be as space-efficient: 它们不需要那么节省空间:

³⁵⁹ the major industries don't tend to have offices out in the middle of nowhere: 主要行业(大公司)往往不会在偏僻的地方设有办公室

³⁶⁰ There's also a lot of diversity in terms of the people there:

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也有各种各样的人生活在那里

³⁶¹ a fire can start in one unit and quickly spread to the other ones: 火灾可以从一个单元开始, 并迅速蔓延到其他单元

³⁶² cost you an arm and a leg: 价格昂贵; 花了很多钱

³⁶³ set you back by quite a lot: 花你很多钱; 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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Topic 37 推荐旅游的地方

1. Is it important to take photos while traveling?

I think it really depends. On the one hand, it's great to take photos while travelling so that you can look back at them later. Photos preserve your memories of a place or an experience. So some people really value them. On the other hand, sometimes taking photos can actually get in the way of truly experiencing something³⁶⁴. If you're too focused on taking photos, you might not be really living in the moment³⁶⁵. So I think taking photos is nice, but not the most important thing.

2. Can you trust other people's travel journals on the Internet?

I suppose that you can trust other people's travel journals to a certain degree³⁶⁶. When they're on the internet, you always run the risk that some of the information might not be accurate. After all, there's rarely any fact-checking on the internet³⁶⁷, especially on personal blogs. So you have to take everything with a grain of salt³⁶⁸. But in general, people write honestly about their experiences. So you can usually learn a lot of valuable lessons about different places to travel to.

3. What factors affect how people feel about travel?

I think that cost is a major factor that affects how people feel about travel. Some tourists might have extra satisfaction with a trip because the actual cost is lower than they expect. However, people might feel down³⁶⁹ or anxious when the trip is over-budget by a lot³⁷⁰. Besides money, the accommodation³⁷¹ also influences people's feeling about their trip. You know, bad hotels leave a terrible impression on tourists very quickly. But people might also love the trip more because of the nice rooms they stay in.

4. Will you go to a foreign country to travel because of the distinct landscape?

Yes, I'd love to travel to a foreign country because of the landscape. I've always wanted to go to Iceland. It has the most amazing waterfalls and beaches. For example, Iceland is well-known for its black-sand beaches, which sound stunning. I would love to go see them in person³⁷² and take lots of pictures. There are also ice caps, volcanic craters, and even lava fields³⁷³, which would be incredible to witness. I'm hoping to go someday and see it all for myself³⁷⁴.

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³⁶⁴ get in the way of truly experiencing something: 妨碍真正的去体验一些东西

³⁶⁵ not be really living in the moment: 并没有真正的活在当下

³⁶⁶ to a certain degree: 在某种程度上

³⁶⁷ there's rarely any fact-checking on the internet: 网上很少有事实核查; 网上的东西可不会核对事实

³⁶⁸ take everything with a grain of salt: 对每件事都要持保留态度

³⁶⁹ feel down: 感到沮丧

³⁷⁰ over-budget by a lot: 超支预算了很多

³⁷¹ accommodation: 住宿

³⁷² go see them in person: 亲自去见他们

³⁷³ ice caps, volcanic craters, and even lava fields: 还有冰盖、火山口, 甚至熔岩田

³⁷⁴ see it all for myself: 亲眼看看

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Topic 38 运动场所

1. Do young people like to do sports?

Yes, most young people like to do sports. I know that some young people, not many, might not like sports if they are uncoordinated³⁷⁵ or if they like being quiet and aren't that active. But most people start doing sports from a young age in school or on neighbourhood teams. Sports are a great way to get exercise, and they can be great for some fun competition between peers. Many young guys also like to watch sports and root for their team³⁷⁶. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

2. What are the benefits of sports for children?

Sports can be very beneficial for children. Firstly, they are a great way for kids to be more active and get their exercise. Secondly, being a part of a sports team is a way to encourage kids to be more social and make new friends. Finally, sports provide a sense of pride and satisfaction, which is very important for young children who might be feeling insecure³⁷⁷. Overall, sports are very important for children's development. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

3. Is it necessary to build public sports spaces?

Yes, I think that having public sports spaces is very important in every community. Sports and exercise should not be things that only middle and upper class people can afford. There are sports clubs and gyms that cost money to be a part of, but not everyone can afford to pay the membership. This is why having free, public spaces for sports is so important. Everyone should be able to enjoy sports without paying money. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

4. What do you think of companies donating sports venues for poor children?

I suppose that companies should donate sports venues to children if they have the means to do so. This is especially important in neighbourhoods where there might not be enough money to build a public space for sports. Companies would be smart to donate to lower income communities, because it also provides good advertising for the company, since they can name the venue after themselves³⁷⁸. So not only is it the right thing to do, it is also free advertising. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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³⁷⁵ uncoordinated: 动作不协调的

³⁷⁶ root for their team: 为自己的球队加油

³⁷⁷ might be feeling insecure: 可能没有安全感的

³⁷⁸ name the venue after themselves: 用他们自己的名字来命名场地

Topic 39 家里放松的地方

1. Why is it difficult for some people to relax?

I think that it is difficult for some people to relax because they have a lot of anxiety and stress in their lives, and they find that difficult to let go of³⁷⁹. I mean, they might want to relax, but they don't know how. Besides, many people work so much that they don't even have time to relax, or they are always taking care of other people like their kids or their parents so they have no time for themselves.

2. What are the benefits of doing exercise?

Exercise can be very beneficial for a number of reasons. Firstly, it lowers the levels of cortisol in your body³⁸⁰, which is the stress hormone. Next, it makes your body healthier, and a healthier body always leads to a healthier mind. Plus, exercising every day can get you into a positive routine, which is always a good thing. If you make it a habit to exercise every morning, afternoon, or evening, then you can get onto a really good schedule.

3. Do people in your country exercise after work?

Yes, a lot of people in my country exercise after work. We have many gyms that are open in the evenings, so people choose to go to gyms after work because it is convenient. Exercising immediately after work is a good way to ensure that you have a lot of energy for the rest of your evening, and it also helps you to work up an appetite for dinner³⁸¹. That being said³⁸², not everyone exercises after work; some people prefer to do it before work, or not at all.

4. What is the place where people spend most of their time in their home?

I suppose that most people spend a lot of time in their living room. Of course, it depends on who they live with. I think most **families** spend time in the living room because it's a common area³⁸³ where they can hang out together while still doing their own thing. Besides, many people I know like hanging out on their couch in the living room. But people who live **alone** probably spend most of their time in their bedroom since they don't need to entertain or talk to anyone else³⁸⁴.

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³⁷⁹ difficult to let go of: 很难释放

³⁸⁰ it lowers the levels of cortisol in your body: 它能降低你体内的皮质醇水平

³⁸¹ work up an appetite for dinner: 提高晚餐的食欲

³⁸² That being said: 也就是说

³⁸³ it's a common area: 这是一个共享的区域

³⁸⁴ they don't need to entertain or talk to anyone else: 他们不需要取悦或与任何人聊天

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5. Do you think there should be classes for training young people and children how to relax?

Well, classes could be an interesting way to help young people and children learn how to relax. I'm not sure if they really need to take those kinds of courses. But I could see it being helpful for some people. These classes could emphasize different activities for relaxation. Young people could learn how to meditate or do physical activities like yoga, which help them destress. Besides, I think the classes could teach young people and children about the importance of relaxation by showing them the scientific benefits.

6. Which is more important, mental relaxation or physical relaxation?

This is really a tricky question, isn't it? It seems to me that they are both crucial to one's health. I'm not an expert in medical science, so I don't have a definite answer³⁸⁵. But if I had to pick one, I would say mental relaxation is probably more important. You can recover from physical fatigue by having some rest or a good sleep. But sometimes it's hard to make mental stress fade away. And your mood tends to affect your physical strength as well. From that perspective, relaxing your mind is more important.

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³⁸⁵ I'm not an expert in medical science, so I don't have a definite answer: 我不是医学专家, 所以我无法给出确定的答案
(Part3 回答的一种方式, 建议积累在考场上灵活使用)

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Topic 40 嘈杂之地

1. Do you think it is good for children to make noise?/ Should children not be allowed to make noise under any circumstances?

Well, it really depends on the circumstances. Children shouldn't be forced to be quiet all the time. That'll stifle their development³⁸⁶. If they have to be silent, they won't be able to express themselves or burn off their energy in a healthy way³⁸⁷. So I think that children should be allowed to play as loudly as they want, as long as they aren't disturbing others too much. They shouldn't always be noisy. But there should definitely be a healthy in-between³⁸⁸. ● 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

2. What kinds of noises are there in our lives?

There are many noises in our lives. One of the loudest sources of noise is traffic. You know, you can hear cars honking at each other all the time. Plus, there are usually lots of sirens³⁸⁹ because of all the emergencies that happen around us. On top of that³⁹⁰, you can often hear the sounds of bulldozers and cranes. Cities are always having old buildings demolished and new buildings put in their place. It's very noisy for the people who live there. 十雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

3. Which is exposed to more noise, the city or the countryside?

I would say that cities definitely have louder noises. People living in cities experience a constant barrage of noises³⁹¹ from cars, trains, music, and events. There's never a quiet moment. Whether it's the sound of traffic or the sound of a large crowd, you can hear all kinds of noises from an apartment in the city. In the countryside, although there are noises from nature like wind, rain, and thunder, there are very few noises created by people like you would have in the city. Many people choose to move to the countryside in order to escape noise. 二雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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³⁸⁶ That'll stifle their development: 这将抑制扼杀他们的发展

³⁸⁷ burn off their energy in a healthy way: 以健康的方式消耗自己的能量

³⁸⁸ there should definitely be a healthy in-between: 但两者之间肯定有一个健康的平衡点。

³⁸⁹ sirens: 警报

³⁹⁰ On top of that: 最重要的是

³⁹¹ a constant barrage of noises: 持续不断的噪音

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4. How would people usually respond to noises in your country?

How people respond to noise depends on their personality; some people complain about noise makers and even call the police to deal with the problem because they get irritated by sounds very easily. Others choose to use noise-cancelling headphones, and still others embrace it³⁹². Actually there are some noises that everyone finds irritating, such as car horns honking or people talking too loudly on the phone in public. But for the most part³⁹³, people in my country have adapted to the noises around them.

5. How can people consider others' feelings when chatting in public?

People can be considerate of others' feelings when chatting in public by limiting their conversations to a quiet tone of voice³⁹⁴ so that they are less likely to be overheard³⁹⁵. People might also choose to speak louder if they are in a loud place, like a bar or a concert. I think that as long as the person speaking is matching the volume of their voice to the environment, then they are being respectful of others' feelings. ♦

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³⁹² and still others embrace it: 还是有一些人可以接受它 (噪音)

³⁹³ But for the most part: 但在大多数情况下

³⁹⁴ limiting their conversations to a quiet tone of voice: 用安静的声音交谈; 把交谈的声音限制在一个比较安静的音调下

³⁹⁵ be overheard: 被偷听到

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4. What can factories and power plants do to reduce pollutants?

Well, air pollution is often associated with the burning of fossil fuels⁴⁰¹. So, it seems to me that factories and power plants can reduce pollutants by turning to greener energy options, such as solar, wind, or hydro. Many power plants also choose to use nuclear energy in lieu of⁴⁰² traditional coal burning because it reduces air pollution. I mean, nuclear energy does come with its own risks. But if done carefully, it can be a good option. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

5. Do you think many companies have been forced to reduce pollutants?

Yes, I suppose that tons of companies have been forced to reduce pollutants by governments over the past several decades. Many countries have come together to make a plan to combat climate change, and reducing pollution is the first step to reversing or stopping the effects of climate change. One good example would be the electric car industry, which has skyrocketed in popularity. Car companies are forced to come up with an electric option if they want to stay relevant⁴⁰³, because it reduces pollution. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

6. Do you think wind has any effect on pollution? How?

Yes, I think that wind affects pollution because it has the power to spread pollutants through the air⁴⁰⁴. So if there is a city with a lot of air pollution, sometimes the wind can carry that pollution to surrounding towns and cities. This means that people who live in the countryside might be exposed to pollutants that they normally wouldn't have to deal with because of the wind. Overall, while I don't think that the wind has a huge effect on pollution, it does have some effect. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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⁴⁰¹ fossil fuels: 化石燃料

⁴⁰² in lieu of: 代替

⁴⁰³ if they want to stay relevant: 如果他们想要保持竞争力

⁴⁰⁴ it has the power to spread pollutants through the air: 它

(风)有能力通过空气传播污染物

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Topic 42 认识的不同文化的人

1. Where and how can we get to know people of different cultures better?

I suppose that one of the best ways to get to know people of different cultures is to establish friendships with them. It's always great to welcome someone from another culture into your friend group. If there's someone from another culture at your work, you could also have lunch with them or just go for coffee after work. Having good conversations and showing a genuine interest in their culture will help you get to know them better. Besides, you can travel the world in order to really get to know other cultures.

2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of cultural diversity?

One great benefit of cultural diversity is that it introduces fresh perspectives⁴⁰⁵. I think it's dangerous to assume there's only one right way of thinking about things. People from different cultures will usually have very interesting ideas about all sorts of things. Cultural diversity helps us appreciate others' differences instead of being afraid of them. On the other hand, sometimes cultural diversity can lead to people not appreciating their own culture enough. They might try to adopt elements of other cultures instead of focusing on theirs⁴⁰⁶.

3. How can traditional culture and other cultures coexist?

Cultures can coexist with increased understanding between people. If someone doesn't understand another culture, then there might be conflicts that are the result of fear and misunderstandings. However, if different cultures take the time to communicate with each other and get to know each other, then they will have a much better chance of not only coexisting, but thriving. I think that sharing cultures can be a beautiful way to appreciate cultural diversity⁴⁰⁷ and to learn more about different perspectives and philosophies. One culture doesn't have to come at the cost of another⁴⁰⁸.

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⁴⁰⁵ it introduces fresh perspectives: 引入了新的视角

⁴⁰⁶ try to adopt elements of other cultures instead of focusing on theirs: 尝试接受其他文化中的元素, 而不是专注于自己的文化

⁴⁰⁷ appreciate cultural diversity: 了解文化多样性

⁴⁰⁸ One culture doesn't have to come at the cost of another.: 一种文化不一定要以另一种文化为代价

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4. Which Chinese traditions are disappearing?

Well, speaking of this, I think kowtowing to the elders⁴⁰⁹ during the spring festival is vanishing. Kowtowing means kneeling and touching the forehead to the ground⁴¹⁰, which is a way that Chinese people show their deepest respect to others. It was a strong tradition that Chinese people, especially children, would kowtow to the elders during the spring festival to show respect and express good wishes. But it's a shame that this traditional custom is fading⁴¹¹. I think it's a good one to keep in our culture. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

5. What is the relationship between cultural diversity and linguistic diversity?

I suppose that language is very much tied to culture⁴¹². Language often contains all the nuances⁴¹³ of a culture. In that sense, a culture is often defined by its language, or in some cases, multiple languages. So without linguistic diversity, you risk losing cultural diversity as well. Even within one culture, there may be several different languages. For example, there are many regional dialects⁴¹⁴ in China. Each dialect belongs to a specific sub-culture⁴¹⁵. So I think that cultural diversity and linguistic diversity go hand in hand⁴¹⁶. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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⁴⁰⁹ kowtowing to the elders: 给长辈磕头

⁴¹⁰ kneeling and touching the forehead to the ground: 跪在地上并额头触地

⁴¹¹ is fading: 正在逐渐消失

⁴¹² language is very much tied to culture: 语言与文化有很大的联系

⁴¹³ nuances: 细微的玄妙之处

⁴¹⁴ regional dialects: 地方方言

⁴¹⁵ sub-culture: 亚文化

⁴¹⁶ go hand in hand: 相辅相成的

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Topic 43 时尚人士

1. Do you think online shopping will replace in-store shopping in the future? Why?

I don't think that online shopping will ever completely replace in-store shopping, despite its growing popularity⁴¹⁷. Even though online shopping can be convenient for some things, sometimes you need to actually go to a store to test out a product or try something on before you buy it. Online shopping is also not accessible to everyone; some people don't have internet access or are not tech savvy⁴¹⁸. So I think that in-store shopping will never fully disappear. 雅認過過過過過 寶店舖

2. Why is fashion very important to some people?

Well, it's mainly because it is a way of expressing your identity; some people really care about how they look and they want to use fashion to show their personality. Some people also use fashion as a symbol of wealth and status. The more expensive clothes you buy, the wealthier you appear to others. Besides, fashion is a way to fit in with your peers⁴¹⁹ by keeping up to date with current fashion trends. 雅認過過過過過 寶店舖

3. Are older people as fashionable as young people? Why?

I suppose that overall, young people are more fashionable than older people. Older people tend to get stuck in their ways and don't change their fashion at all as trends change, whereas young people change with the times. Younger people also care more about their looks than older people do. It seems to me that older people are more focused on comfort than fashion. However, there are always some exceptions to the rule⁴²⁰, and some older people are very fashionable. 雅認過過過過過 寶店舖

4. Are women more fashionable than men? Why?

No, I don't think so. I think this depends entirely on the personality of the individual. Some men are as fashionable as women, or even more so. I know a lot of people believe the stereotype⁴²¹ that women are more fashion-forward than men. But these days, that's not always the case⁴²², as some women never buy new clothes and don't care about following fashion trends, and some men love to be stylish and on trend. So it seems to me that people can be fashionable regardless of gender. 雅認過過過過過 寶店舖

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⁴¹⁷ despite its growing popularity: 尽管它（网上购物）越来越受欢迎

⁴¹⁸ tech savvy: 精通技术; 知道怎么用科技产品

⁴¹⁹ fit in with your peers: 融入同龄人

⁴²⁰ there are always some exceptions to the rule: 对这个常规来说总有一些例外

⁴²¹ stereotype: 刻板印象

⁴²² that's not always the case: 情况并非总是如此

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Topic 44 喜欢种植物的人

1. Are there many people growing their own vegetables now?

Yeah, a lot of people have started to grow their own vegetables. It's a very eco-friendly plan, since it saves people from buying wrapped vegetables⁴²³ at the grocery store. It's also very economical, since you don't have to spend as much on groceries. I think it's a fun hobby that makes people more appreciative of the food they eat. I hope that more and more people decide to hop on this trend⁴²⁴ and enjoy growing their own vegetables. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

2. Do you think it's good to let kids learn how to plant?

Yes, it's great to let kids learn how to plant. For one, it teaches them to have a good relationship with nature. If they learn about how different plants grow, it can give them an appreciation for the beauty of nature⁴²⁵. In turn, they'll start to care more about the environment. For another, it gives them responsibility. If you tell them to plant something, then they have to learn how to care for it by watering it. It's good for them to have that discipline. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

3. What do you think of the occupation of farmer?

I think that being a farmer is a really interesting job. It definitely presents lots of challenges⁴²⁶. For example, you have to deal with unpredictable weather⁴²⁷, which can sometimes negatively affect your crops. You also have a lot of responsibilities, especially if you have a lot of animals on the farm. But I suppose that it's worth it because you get to work on the land and spend a lot of time outdoors. Plus, you can be very independent since you run the farm yourself. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

4. What are the differences between traditional and modern agriculture?

Traditional agriculture seemed a lot simpler. It was more about working the land and finding a balance between human presence and the environment⁴²⁸. Farming was a very humble occupation. You didn't see any huge machinery or any signs of industrialism. But modern agriculture is about efficiency. It's more about harvesting vegetables or fruits to be turned into products for the average consumer. I think that it's a lot more effective, because people tend to use more agricultural machines to get the work done. They are way more productive than traditional ways of farming. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

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⁴²³ wrapped vegetables: 包装好的蔬菜

⁴²⁴ hop on this trend: 顺应这一潮流

⁴²⁵ it can give them an appreciation for the beauty of nature:
就可以让他们欣赏自然之美

⁴²⁶ presents lots of challenges: 带来很多挑战

⁴²⁷ deal with unpredictable weather: 应对不可预测的天气

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⁴²⁸ finding a balance between human presence and the
environment: 在人类的存在和环境之间找到平衡

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5. Why should children learn from role models?

I think it's because children can learn important life skills from their role models. For example, role models can teach them to be kind and considerate to others. They can also teach them how to stay focused and achieve your goals. By watching their role models be successful, children can model themselves after them⁴⁴⁰ and try to be successful in their own lives. They can also learn what kind of person they want to emulate. Those are all important things to pick up from people you admire. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

6. Who can influence children more, teachers or parents?

It seems to me that parents influence their children more. Teachers share lots of valuable lessons with children. And they definitely spend a lot of time with them, which is super important during their formative years⁴⁴¹. But parents have closer relationships with their children. They are the ones who live with and take care of their children. In most cases, parents spend the most time with their children. So their influence is a lot stronger. For those reasons, I suppose that parents have more of a hand in⁴⁴² their children's development. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

7. What kinds of international news inspires people?

I would say that people are usually inspired by stories of resilience⁴⁴³. When something incredible happens in another country, people all over the world will become invested in it because it makes them feel good⁴⁴⁴. Sometimes it can inspire them in their own lives. For example, when Italians sang from their balconies during the pandemic⁴⁴⁵, it became an international headline and inspired people to persevere⁴⁴⁶. I think that was a good example of how international news can be encouraging to people across the world. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

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⁴⁴⁰ model themselves after them: 以他们为榜样

⁴⁴¹ during their formative years: 在他们性格形成时期

⁴⁴² have more of a hand in: 对...有更多的影响

⁴⁴³ stories of resilience: 坚韧不拔的故事

⁴⁴⁴ it makes them feel good: 这里指的是人们看到正能量的故事, 自己也会充满正能量。

⁴⁴⁵ Italians sang from their balconies during the pandemic: 疫情

隔离期间, 有一段时间这条新闻上过热搜, 意大利人在隔离期间, 乐观的站在阳台上唱歌

⁴⁴⁶ it became an international headline and inspired people to persevere: 它成为了国际头条新闻, 并激励着人们(在疫情期间)继续坚持下去

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Topic 46 童年玩伴

1. Do you still keep in touch with your friends from childhood? Why or why not?

Yes, I keep in touch with some of my friends from childhood. I understand why it doesn't happen for everyone. After all, people grow and change, and sometimes they grow apart from their childhood friends⁴⁴⁷. However, I've always gotten along with my childhood friends. We still have a lot in common, so even though we've grown up and moved to different cities, we still keep in touch fairly often. It's really nice to have those close friendships that last for years. ✨ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 ✨

2. What do you think of social media?

It seems to me that social media is both a blessing and a curse⁴⁴⁸. On the one hand, social media allows us to stay connected to a degree that wasn't possible before⁴⁴⁹. We can constantly check in with one another and share important moments from our lives with friends and family. However, it also means that our interactions and posts can become very shallow and based on likes rather than a genuine desire to share and maintain connections. It can also make us very vain and self-involved.⁴⁵⁰ ✨ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 ✨

3. Do you think social media will replace face-to-face communication?

No, I don't think social media will replace face-to-face communication. Social media definitely fills a gap in some people's lives⁴⁵¹, especially when they can't see their friends and family on a daily basis. It helps them stay close over distance. However, I suppose that people will always prefer in-person interactions over chatting via social media. Seeing a loved one face-to-face is way better than texting or instant-messaging⁴⁵² them. So I don't think that social media could ever compare or come close to replacing that.

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4. How important is childhood friendship to children?

I think childhood friendship is super important to children. Those first friendships set a standard for their interpersonal relationships throughout their lives⁴⁵³. The communication skills they learn in early friendships can be strengthened and applied to their adult friendships. Plus, children need companionship. Having close friends helps them enjoy each day and overcome personal challenges. Without friends, children would be lonely and miserable. They need friends to develop social skills, learn about other perspectives, and form their identity as individuals.⁴⁵⁴ ✨ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 ✨

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⁴⁴⁷ grow apart from their childhood friends: 会与童年的朋友渐行渐远

⁴⁴⁸ both a blessing and a curse: 是福也是祸, 指有好处也有弊端

⁴⁴⁹ stay connected to a degree that wasn't possible before: 让我们在一定程度上保持联系, 这在以前是不可能的

⁴⁵⁰ make us very vain and self-involved.: 让我们非常虚荣和自私

⁴⁵¹ fills a gap in some people's lives: 填补了一些人生活中的空白

⁴⁵² instant-messaging: 即时通讯

⁴⁵³ set a standard for their interpersonal relationships

throughout their lives: 为他们一生的人际关系设定了标准

⁴⁵⁴ form their identity as individuals: 形成他们个人的身份认同

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It seems to me that children like special costumes because it adds a lot of fun to their day. When they get dressed up, they might feel more confident. They might even feel more adventurous. Plus, children especially love dressing up as their favourite characters. When they have a superhero outfit on, it makes them feel like they're just as strong and fearless as their favourite hero. It's fun for them to see themselves in a new light⁴⁶¹ by wearing a costume. I think that's the appeal of dressing up.

I'd say that the main difference is reputation. The actors and actresses who make top dollar⁴⁶² do so because they're household names. You know, you'd expect someone like Brad Pitt(布拉德皮特) or Michelle Yeoh(杨紫琼) to make a ton of money because they're two very popular actors in Hollywood. They both have long careers that have made them famous worldwide. But actors without many features to their name⁴⁶³ aren't as recognizable to audiences. So they don't make as much money. They don't get top billing⁴⁶⁴ either.

Well, the differences between theatre acting and film acting are quite complex. To start, theatre acting leaves very little room for improvisation⁴⁶⁵. You need to memorize your lines and perform them within the allotted time on stage⁴⁶⁶. In film acting, you can improvise more because you have more time and many takes⁴⁶⁷ before you get to the final product. However, film acting is more time consuming, because of the multiple takes, the hair and makeup, and the travel involved.

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Topic 48 聚会上遇到的人

1. In what situations would people be willing to get to know new people?

I think people want to get to know new people in situations where they're going to be spending a lot of time with them. For example, if you get a new job, you'll probably want to get to know your coworkers since you'll be around them all the time. It's the same if you're starting a program where you'll be in class with a lot of the same people. It's always good to have friends in those kinds of situations.

2. Where would people get to know new people?

People usually get to know new people at their jobs or schools. When you start a new job, there's usually a whole team of people that you have to introduce yourself to. Getting to know your coworkers is really important. After all, you're going to spend a lot of time with them. You also meet lots of new people at school, whether they're in your classes or just people you meet while on campus. Actually you are always surrounded by like minded peers⁴⁶⁸ as you. University can be very difficult, so it is good to meet new people along the way.

3. How do people start a conversation?

People can start a conversation in a variety of ways. The easiest way to start a conversation is with a greeting, such as: hello, nice to meet you, or how are you? Then, you can continue the conversation by asking a specific question. Some people might start a conversation by talking about something that they know the other person is interested in, in order to ensure that the conversation will continue in a positive manner⁴⁶⁹.

4. Is it difficult for Chinese people to communicate with people from other countries?

I suppose that it depends on the person; some Chinese may be multilingual, meaning that⁴⁷⁰ they can speak multiple languages with confidence. For example, most Chinese people can speak English well because they learn it in school, so they are confident that they can carry a conversation with someone. But others may be more nervous, and unwilling to communicate with strangers. Actually I think that everyone can be a bit nervous when they are communicating with people who don't speak the same language, but if you don't try then you will never learn.

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⁴⁶⁸ like minded peers: 志同道合的同龄人

⁴⁶⁹ continue in a positive manner: 以积极的方式继续下去

⁴⁷⁰ meaning that: 这意味着

5. Why are some people unwilling to have conversations with others?

Some people might be really anxious. You know, people with social anxiety find it intimidating to talk to others⁴⁷¹, especially if they don't know them too well. Other people are just introverted. They might not be anxious talking to people, but it's something that takes a lot of energy and leaves them feeling drained⁴⁷². Others simply might not be interested in having conversations with people if they don't have to.

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6. Is it difficult for adults to talk with children?

I think that some adults find it difficult to talk with children, whereas others find it very easy. Some adults are very good at entertaining kids⁴⁷³ and don't have any trouble striking up a conversation with them. But some others get impatient with children because they aren't at the same level⁴⁷⁴. You know, talking to a child can be very boring since the child has a pretty limited vocabulary and doesn't understand more complex concepts. So some adults find it hard to talk with kids.

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⁴⁷¹ find it intimidating to talk to others: 觉得和别人说话很令人紧张不安

⁴⁷² leaves them feeling drained: 让他们感到精疲力竭

⁴⁷³ are very good at entertaining kids: 很擅长逗孩子开心

⁴⁷⁴ they aren't at the same level: 他们不在同一水平

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Topic 49 有趣的老人

1. Do you think old people and young people can share interests?

Yes, I definitely think that old people and young people can share interests. Obviously, there are a lot of differences between these age groups. But I don't think they're worlds away from each other⁴⁷⁵. It's not too rare for them to enjoy the same kinds of things. For example, I think that both old and young people can be interested in nature. If an old person and a young person went for a walk in a park together, they would probably both have a great time. 二雅認過過丹絢一店舖原創✓

2. What can old people teach young people?

I suppose that old people can teach young people lots of life skills. For example, they can teach them how to manage their time in healthy ways. Old people have had lots of experience having to balance different responsibilities⁴⁷⁶. They can share those techniques with young people. Besides, old people can teach young people more subjective things, like how to trust their gut⁴⁷⁷ and what kinds of things they should value in life. Again, those things come from years of making good choices, or at least figuring things out by making mistakes. 88雅認過過丹絢一店舖原創99

3. Is it easy for young people and old people to make friends with each other?

I don't think it's always easy for young people and old people to make friends with each other. For one, they come from such different backgrounds. They don't always have shared interests. Sometimes, they can be so different that it feels like they're speaking different languages⁴⁷⁸. But I suppose that once they can get over their initial differences⁴⁷⁹, they can find that they actually have a lot in common. I think both groups just have assumptions about each other that they have to let go of first. 十雅認過過丹絢一店舖原創

4. Are there benefits when one person is interested in another person? Why?

Yes, there can be benefits when one person is interested in another person. Curiosity about other people is healthy. It keeps people from being entirely self-involved⁴⁸⁰. Being interested in another person means opening yourself up⁴⁸¹ to learning something new. After all, everyone has unique experiences that they can share once you get to know them. Having another person's perspective can really enrich your life. So following that interest in a person and getting to know them can be very rewarding. ●雅認過過丹絢一店舖原創ノ

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⁴⁷⁵ worlds away from each other: 他们之间是天壤之别

⁴⁷⁶ balance different responsibilities: 平衡不同职责

⁴⁷⁷ how to trust their gut: 如何相信自己的直觉

⁴⁷⁸ it feels like they're speaking different languages: 鸡同鸭讲, 形容没有共同语言

⁴⁷⁹ get over their initial differences: 克服最初的分歧

⁴⁸⁰ keeps people from being entirely self-involved: 它使人们不

会完全只考虑自己; self-involved 也有自恋, 自我中心的意思

⁴⁸¹ opening yourself up: 让你敞开心扉

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Topic 50 喜欢一起学习 / 工作的人

1. Why should children be kind to their classmates?

Children should be kind to their classmates because kindness is an important value. They should treat others the way they want to be treated. If they're mean to their classmates, not only will it cause conflict, but it'll also set a bad precedent for their future relationships⁴⁸⁵. Being unkind will keep them from making friends, which means they'll grow up to be very lonely and even antisocial. Being kind to their classmates definitely helps everyone get along well. 000 雅恩丹過過過~店鋪原創

2. Can children choose their desk mate?

Well, it depends on the teacher's policy⁴⁸⁶. But I think that in general, it can be a good idea for children to choose their desk mate. It's good for them to sit with someone they know and are comfortable with. But on the other hand, sometimes it's nice for the teacher to assign their desk mate. That way, children can make new friends and hang out with kids they might not talk to on their own. Plus, it prevents them from ignoring or neglecting certain kids in the class. 一雅恩過過過過過 寶店鋪原創

3. What matters most about a colleague's personality?

I suppose that when it comes to a colleague, it's most important for them to be kind and respectful. They need to be able to get along with others, even if they don't particularly like them⁴⁸⁷. They have to maintain a certain level of professionalism. Plus, you don't want someone hostile in the workplace. That invites a lot of conflict. So it's important for the people you work with to treat others well. 二雅恩過過過過過 寶店鋪原創

4. Are good colleagues important at work?

Yes, good colleagues can make or break a job⁴⁸⁸. I mean, if you don't like the people you work with, then it makes it really hard to enjoy going to work. Your job can start to feel like a huge chore. It's very hard to be happy that way. But if you have good colleagues, then going to work can be a great part of your day. It also helps the time go by faster when you enjoy talking and working with the people around you. 十雅恩過過過過過 寶店鋪原創

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⁴⁸⁵ not only will it cause conflict, but it'll also set a bad precedent for their future relationships: 不仅会引起矛盾, 也会为他们未来的人际关系树立一个不好的先例。

⁴⁸⁶ it depends on the teacher's policy: 这取决于老师的政策(规矩)

⁴⁸⁷ even if they don't particularly like them: 即使他

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⁴⁸⁸ good colleagues can make or break a job: 好同事可以成就一份工作, 也可以毁掉一份工作

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5. What kind of people are popular at work?

I think people who are really friendly and have a great sense of humour are popular at work. You know, even at really great companies, getting through the work day can be a slog⁴⁸⁹. When you have people around who are super welcoming and can crack a few jokes to keep everyone entertained⁴⁹⁰, it's definitely easier to enjoy your job. It's nice when you can get along with your coworkers. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

6. Are knowledgeable people popular at work?

Well, it depends. Sometimes knowledgeable people are popular at work because they usually have the answers that people need. If anyone has questions, they turn to those people instead of bothering the upper-levels⁴⁹¹. But sometimes, knowledgeable people can be very condescending⁴⁹². So people actually avoid talking to them. It all depends on whether those knowledgeable people are also nice and helpful. Otherwise, talking to them might actually make people feel bad. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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⁴⁹¹ bothering the upper-levels: 去找上级; 去打扰上司

⁴⁹² condescending: 高傲的; 居高临下的

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