

The city you live in (所在城市)

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1. What city do you live in?

① I'm still living in my hometown, Beijing. I was born and raised in Beijing (土生土长北京人) and I've been living here for 20 years.

② (假设你在深圳考试) I'm now living here in Shenzhen which is far from my hometown XXX. I found a job here two years ago and that's why I relocated (搬家更换城市). Being in another city away from home is pretty hard. And so far, I'm doing OK, I think. I have a nice apartment, my job and my circle of friends (社交圈), I should give myself a pat on the back (背上拍一下, 表示自我认可). (原因)

③ I'm now studying here in Guangzhou because that's where my university is located in. It's kind of far away from home. I only see my parents twice per year during winter and summer holidays.

2. Do you like the city and why?

① I think it's a great city in the sense that (从……角度来说) it provides me with financial security. I found a job here and it's a city full of job opportunities. And to be honest, I don't worry too much about it, if one day I lose my job. I'm pretty sure I can find another job instantly. But it is such a fast-paced city. At times you feel that people are so hectic (忙碌) and only minding their own business (自顾自的). You can feel a little bit lonely. Sometimes I really miss my hometown. It's a small place, everybody knows everybody, therefore there's a much stronger sense of community (团体感更强). (分角度讨论)

② To be honest, I don't really know if I like the city or not. I mean, I'm living on campus in the school dormitory and my life is all about going to classes, going to the gym, going to the grocery store. I do everything in and around the school. I don't really leave the school that often. The only few times when I went to the city center was when I needed to buy some new clothes and that was it. I don't really have a strong feeling about (没

有强烈感觉) the city because I don't really care and I know that I will go back to my hometown after graduation. (原因)

3. How long have you lived in this city?

① It's been three years. Gosh... I can't believe it's been so long! How time flies (时间过得好快)! I still remember the first day when I came to this city and everything looked and felt so foreign (陌生) to me and now I'm so used to the city. I'm thriving here (过得非常好).

② This is my third year in university, so yeah, three years. Gosh, I can't believe it has been so long. How time flies! My first day in university seems like yesterday.

4. Are there big changes in the city?

① I would say so. Shenzhen is such a metropolitan city. It's constantly changing and developing every day. I feel like every day there is something new coming up (每一天都有新的东西起来), like a new building, a new store, a new restaurant. If I haven't gone to an area for 6 months, I wouldn't fully recognize the area next time when I go back there. (原因, 细节)

② Yeah, I would say the biggest change in the city is the subway system. Three years ago, when I first came here, there wasn't the subway yet, but soon enough they started developing the underground system. Now after three years, there are three lines already, making it very convenient to get around in the city. (时间分层)

5. Is this city your permanent residence?

Um, it's hard to say. I'm still trying to figure out the answer. And I feel torn (矛盾). On one hand, my job is really taking off (事业起步), and I'm seeing so much potential. On the other hand, I miss my family a lot. My parents are getting older and older every day. Sometimes I feel that 'maybe at some point (某一刻), I need to move back to my hometown and get reunited (团聚) with my family. That sounds like the right thing to

do. Besides, I'm still single, so there're no strings attached (没有感情羁绊).

It would be relatively easy for me to move back. (分头讨论)

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