2023 年 9-12 月雅思口语 Part3 参考资料
Topic 1-25 参考资料
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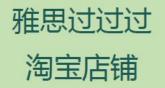**3.** 文中含下划线的内容是高分地道表达。

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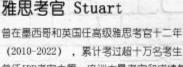Candice曾在中、韩、沙特等亚洲国家任ESL英语老师
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Topic1 汉语很好的外国人

1. What foreign languages do Chinese children learn?

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

2. Why do Chinese children learn English?

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

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

English is the most widely spoken language in the world. It's possibly even the most important language. It's definitely the language spoken between people from different countries. For instance, if two people meet and one is from China and the other, Italy, the most likely common language that they both speak is English. So if they don't know English, then they are unable to communicate and in the world we live in today, so many people are traveling, living abroad, and doing business internationally that English is essential. ▬▬ 雅媤辶寸過鏎絢亻寶居鋪源創ㄟ

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

To learn English requires a teacher or tutor. I think this is the best way to help a child learn this language. Most children learn English at school in their English classes, however, if parents think this is not enough or the children are slow to catch on, they can pay for a tutor and their child can attend classes after school. These classes should be conducted in English and at the beginning, pictures can come in handy for learning basic words. Children learn quickly but repetition is important so classes should be regular, like a few times a week. Of course they should practice all the main skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. ₀₀₀雅媤過辶寸辶寸旬寶居鋪源創さ

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

No, I think the main difference between the way people learn English today and how they learnt it in the past is to do with technology. Technology has developed so much over the years and with each new development, there is a new way of learning a skill like speaking or writing in English. For example, today people do most things online. So, if someone wants to be tutored in English, then they can do this in person or find someone online who lives in an English speaking country. If someone wants to improve their listening skills, then they can download an audio and at the same time the digital book and follow along, stopping and starting the audio as they need. However back before the internet, people would listen to audios on a cassette tape and read real paper books. And before cassette tapes, I guess they would just have to learn by speaking to people. So the way we learn has definitely changed a lot and it's all to do with technology. ₀₀-·····➝雅媤冎鏎過絢寶居鋪媤創Y

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

There are so many benefits that <u>the internet provides for people's learning</u>. The internet is a place where we can find information about whatever we want to know. So, if someone wants to learn about the history of China for example, they can simply google this and they will find so many resources from videos, to articles, to university papers, and <u>blog posts</u>. Another benefit of learning online is that people can study online. <u>Covid is one example of this</u>. During this time, people were unable to leave their homes but they still wanted to learn. Universities ran classes online so students could still continue their studies. People who weren't at university had many options too. They could buy a course and study a topic they were interested in. <u>Alternatively</u>, they could pay to study with someone one on one or <u>in a group setting</u>. ぁ雅認過辶寸過绚寶店鋪屬創十→

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

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

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

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

Topic2 电脑故障

1. Why do some people avoid using modern technology?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. What do people use computers for?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Topic3 一幅画

1.What are the differences between painting and drawing?

Well, I'm not an expert in art or anything, but I think one difference between painting and drawing is the materials used. You know, a painting is made with paint, while a drawing is made usually with pencils. So the materials are different as one is wet and one is dry. For example, a painting and a drawing may take the same amount of time to create but once finished, a painting must dry, whereas a drawing is ready. This is probably the most obvious difference. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创★

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

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

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

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

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

Learning to paint has many benefits but I think the main ones are that they build creativity and imagination in a child. Many adults have lost their creative abilities because they don't practise them. But, if we teach children how to paint, then they will likely develop these abilities and be able to use them in other areas of their life. However, there are also some physical benefits. Painting takes a lot of skill, particularly the fine motor skills. For example, when painting, you have to know how to use the paintbrush to create certain strokes. This is definitely a skill that most people don't have and it takes a lot of patience and practise to develop but once developed, this person will not only be able to paint but do many other things with their hands like build intricate models or play musical instruments with precision. ooo 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创十→

5. How do children learn to paint?

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

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

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

7. How do young people share art with others?

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

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

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

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Topic4 敬佩的运动员

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

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

2. What qualities make an athlete?

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

3. Is talent important in sports?

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

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

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

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

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

6. Why are there few top athletes?

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

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Topic 5 让你开心的照片

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

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

2. Do you think equipment is important for photography?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Topic 6 学校/工作中的规则

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

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

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

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

3. Should kids be taught to follow rules?

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

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

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

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

Children should follow the basic rules of respecting other people, especially their elders. Public rules, such as not yelling in the library or running near a swimming pool, should also be followed. Besides, students at school have additional rules to follow, like not using their mobile phones in class and putting their rubbish in the bin. Actually, there are many rules, and these are all different depending on the environment we are in. Sometimes this can be confusing for children and sometimes they have to make the mistake and get in trouble for them to understand what the rules exactly are.

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

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

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Topic 7 喜欢的聚会

1. Why do people like parties?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Topic 8 感兴趣的科学领域

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

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

2. Is it important to study Science at school?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. What qualities do you think scientists should possess?

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

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Topic 9 喜欢烹饪的人

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

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

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

I definitely do. Food represents culture, and most of the time when you're celebrating a holiday, <u>the first thing that comes to mind is</u> what special thing to eat. Actually, for every Chinese festival, there is <u>a well-known food that accompanies it</u>. For example, during spring festival which is the Chinese New Year, you will always see dumplings, noodles and fish on the table. During the mid-autumn festival, moon cakes are very popular and you can buy them everywhere. During dragon boat festival, zongzi are very popular. This is <u>a sticky rice dumpling</u>. These foods are usually said to be lucky, to keep people healthy, wealthy and to even protect people! They <u>have been eaten throughout history</u>, so they are very important part of these festivals and ceremonies. ◆雅緦濄濄絢亻 寶店舖嫄創┼—一

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

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

4. Should students learn to cook at school?

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

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

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

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

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

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Topic 10 有趣的地方

1. How can people access travel information?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Topic 11 有用的广告

1. What do you think of online advertising?

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

2. Are there any great online advertisements?

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

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

3. What do people usually buy?

People buy all kinds of things, whatever they want or need really. <u>If we think about online shopping, this includes</u> clothing, shoes, household items, things for people's pets or children, furniture and snacks. <u>I don't think there is a limit to what you can buy</u> as everything people want is available to purchase. There are also <u>big-ticket items</u> that people wouldn't buy on the internet like houses and cars, although some people know what they want and are happy to order it without seeing it. ⓒ雅緦丹過丹絢宝店鋪傸創↵

4. Why do buying new things make people happy?

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

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

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

Topic 12 公园/花园

1. Do young people like to go to parks?

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

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

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

3. What benefits can parks bring to a city?

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

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

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

5. Why do some people like planting flowers?

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

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

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

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Topic 13 想见的有趣的人

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

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

2. Do people feel lonely in crowded cities?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Topic 14 等待美好发生

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

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

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

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

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

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

Topic15 成功的商人

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

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

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

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

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

5. What qualities should be considered when recruiting employees?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Topic16 想法有趣的人

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Topic17 改变你人生的一段时期(好的人生变化)

1. Why do some people quit and change jobs?

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

2. How do people adapt to changes in life?

I suppose that it depends on what the change is. For example, if someone loses their job, they may struggle at first but then they will go and find another one and their life should continue as normal. However, if someone loses a family member, this is much more devastating and they may have difficulty coping and need support throughout the grieving period, adapting to this lose may be difficult for them. So how well someone adapts really hinges on the specific circumstances they're facing. 雅媤辶寸過辶寸绚亻實店舖顧創

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Topic18 让你觉得很累的活动

1. Does studying and learning make people tired today?

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

2. When do people usually feel tired?

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

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

I suppose that striving for learning and striving for sports both have their place, and it depends on the person and what their goal is. For example, if someone wants to be the best swimmer in the world, then it requires them to have laser focus and be super committed to their daily training, to the diet, to their mindset and this has to be an ongoing practise because giving up can see big setbacks. Striving for learning can also involve just as much commitment, time and dedication. For example, students studying for the gaokao need to rehearse and practise daily in order to learn all the content they need for the exam. There is no time to give up, take a break, only until they have completed the exam and have been accepted into university. ₒₒ0 雅媤鑭過凸絢寶店鋪嫲創 ⸨

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

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

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

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

Topic 19 工作/学习中克服困难而骄傲

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. What challenges do young people face today?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Topic 20 和他人做过的刺激的活动

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

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

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

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

3. How do people benefit from trying new things?

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

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

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

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Topic 21 糟糕的服务

1. What kinds of service are bad?

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

2. How do most people respond to bad service?

I think there are <u>a few common ways </u>that people may respond to customer service. Firstly, they might feel surprised or shocked, especially if they've been polite and friendly. This often happens at places like restaurants when a waiter is rude unexpectedly. People can be unsure how to respond when this happens.
Another common way of responding to bad service is <u>by being rude or angry back to the person</u>. Some people may <u>feel triggered by rude behavior</u> and because they expect better, they respond aggressively or rudely in response. The final way people commonly respond is to be polite to the rude person and not react. They may understand that the person is <u>having a bad day</u> and not want to upset them by reacting, so they simply respond with a smile and say thank you. Often this can make a rude waiter realize they are being rude, and it can change their behavior.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Topic 22 给他人的好建议

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

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

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

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

3. Should teachers give students advice?

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

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

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

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

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

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Topic 23 美丽的城市

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

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

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

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

3. How can people preserve historical buildings?

Well, I think the responsibility of preserving historical buildings mainly lies with the government, not individuals. But the one thing that people can do is leave the site untouched. For example, some people, when they go somewhere historic and famous, they like to break off a piece of the building or landmark and take it home with them. This is very harmful and goes against our efforts to protect these buildings. So, one effective way to preserve them is to avoid doing such things and keep these structures as they are.Ⓢ雅偲丬過過匋ʃ寶店鋪源創 ঠ

4. How can governments preserve historical buildings?

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

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

(对未来的预测，如果没有 idea，像考官这样用电影做例子是不错的切入点)

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

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

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

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Topic 24 感兴趣的历史时期

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

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

2. In what ways can children learn history?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Topic 25 成功的同学

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

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

2. What factors lead to success?

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

3. What do people need to sacrifice for success?

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

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

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

5. How can one become a successful person?

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

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

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

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

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