

2022 年 9-12 月雅思口语 Part2 参考资料 (第二套故事<共五套>)



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Describe something that helps you concentrate on work/study.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What it is/What you do;

When and where you do this;

Whether you always do the same thing;

And explain how much this helps you concentrate on work/study.



1. 帮助提高专注力的东西

I'd like to talk about a smartphone app called **Offtime**. I use it whenever I need to **focus** on study/work.

Honestly, I'm very **easily** distracted by my **cellphone** when I need to study/work. Especially when I'm **reading something challenging**¹, I always **have an urge to**² **scroll through social media**³, read news or even play cellphone **games**. It's so **hard** for me to concentrate when I **have a cellphone around**.

One time I saw a **post** on Weibo that **highly recommended** people who are bothered by cellphone distraction to use an **app** called Offtime. It says it helps people be more **productive** with study/work. I **downloaded** it and used it right away. It turned out that **it works like a charm**⁴. Once you turn it **on**, it **locks** your cellphone so **there's no way to use other apps**. If you want to **deactivate the app in advance**⁵, you have to **press the button for 15 minutes straight**⁶. So it literally **turns my cellphone into a brick**⁷ for 3 hours. There were a few times I wanted to **unlock** it, but I couldn't **keep** pressing the button **that long**. I ended up sitting in front of my desk and doing a **lot** of work.

Anyway, **thanks** to this app, I **don't** get distracted by my cellphone anymore. I've become more **disciplined** when I study/work. I've also recommended it to my **friends** and they think it's an **awesome** app as well. I'm glad I could find such a **great** tool to help me focus.

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¹ reading something challenging: 阅读一些更难的东西

² have an urge to: 有一种冲动去...

³ scroll through social media: 刷社交媒体

⁴ It works like a charm: 它非常有效

⁵ deactivate the app in advance: 提前关闭这个 app

⁶ press the button for 15 minutes straight: 一直按键 15 分钟; 如不懂此处 straight 用法, 请微信留言问 Penny 老师

⁷ turns my cellphone into a brick: 把我的手机变成一块砖头; 形容手机完全无法使用

Describe a change you made in your daily life that saved you a lot of time.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What the change was;

When you made this change;

How easy it was to make this change;

And explain how making this change in your daily life saved you a lot of time.



2. 节约时间的方法

I'd like to talk about a smartphone app called **Offtime**, which I **downloaded** several months ago. It helps you **reduce the time you waste on cellphone entertainment**. So I think it's **done a great job of⁸ saving** me time.

Before I used this app, I was very **easily** distracted by my **cellphone**. Every time I wanted to do something **important**, I always **had the urge to scroll through social media**, read news or even play cellphone **games**. Tons of time that I was supposed to use on study/work was **wasted** when I **had a cellphone around**.

One time I saw a **post** on Weibo that **highly recommended** people who are **bad** at time management to use an **app** called Offtime. I **downloaded** it and used it right away. It turned out that **it works like a charm**. Once you turn it **on**, it **locks** your cellphone so **there's no way to use other apps**. If you want to **deactivate the app in advance**, you have to **press the button for 15 minutes straight**. So when you want to focus on something and are worried about **wasting** time on your cellphone, you can just **turn on** this app.

Thanks to this app, I **don't** get distracted by my cellphone anymore and have **stopped** wasting time. I've become **way more** productive than before, which makes me feel that I have a lot of **more** time to do things that I like. I'm glad I could find such a **great** tool to help me **save** time.

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⁸ done a great job of: 干的很好; 做的很棒

Describe an important event in your life that you celebrated.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

- What this event was;
- Who celebrated the event with you;
- How you celebrated the event;
- And explain why the event was important to you.



3. 庆祝过的活动

I'd like to talk about the time I made a **fragrance sachet**⁹ at school to celebrate the **dragon boat festival**, which is an **important** public holiday in our country. Traditionally, this festival is for **expelling evil spirits**¹⁰ as well as a **memorial day for**¹¹ a great poet, **Qu Yuan**, from our history.

In the past, **all** Chinese families made fragrance sachets to **eliminate bad luck and bring good fortune**¹². So our school organized a **sachet-making** event to **ease our stress**¹³ during the **pandemic**¹⁴. The teachers brought **needles, threads** and various shapes of **cloth** to the class. They even prepared **herbs for traditional Chinese medicine** because people always believe the **scent** of the medicine can **help keep away illness**.

Anyway, with our teachers' **demonstration**, we all made our **own** fragrance sachets. Since it was my **first** time **doing needle work**, I found it **hard** to **stitch the cloths together**¹⁵. The **first** one I made looked pretty **ugly**. But after I **got the hang of it**¹⁶, I made **four** more.

Later we **distributed** all these little bags to other teachers and students as Dragon Boat Festival **gifts**. That was the **first** time I celebrated this festival in such a **meaningful** way. Honestly, **traditions** of the dragon boat festival have been going on in **our** country for more than **2,000** years. But nowadays there're **very few** people that would spend so much time on **sewing**¹⁷ a fragrance sachet by **hand**. So, I think it's **necessary** to organize these kinds of activities to let people know more about our **culture**.

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⁹ fragrance sachet: 香囊

¹⁰ expelling evil spirits: 祛邪

¹¹ a memorial day for: 纪念...的日子

¹² eliminate bad luck and bring good fortune: 消灾祈福

¹³ ease our stress: 缓解我们的压力

¹⁴ pandemic: 疫情

¹⁵ stitch the cloths together: 把布缝在一起

¹⁶ got the hang of it: 掌握了窍门

¹⁷ sewing: 缝

Describe a traditional product made in your country which you like.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What this product is;

When you first tried this product;

How this product is made;

And explain why you like this traditional product.



4. 传统产品

The **traditional** product I'd like to talk about is **an embroidery craft**¹⁸, **fragrance sachet**, which came from China's **Qin Dynasty**¹⁹.

These little bags were a kind of **perfume-like accessory**²⁰ thousands of years ago. They're also a **signature folk art craft**²¹ that Chinese people love to **buy** or even **make** for the **Dragon Boat Festival**, which is an **important** public holiday in our country. Traditionally, the festival is for **expelling evil spirits** as well as **a memorial day** for a great poet, **Qu Yuan**, from our history.

In the past, **all** Chinese families made those bags to **eliminate bad luck and bring good fortune**. Of course, now most people just **buy** them from a shop to save **time**. Anyway, sachets usually contain **herbs for traditional Chinese medicine** because people always believe the **scent** of the medicine can **help keep away illness**.

Actually during the **last** Dragon boat festival, our **school** organized a **sachet-making** event to **ease our stress** during the **pandemic**. Since it was my **first time** **doing needle work**, it looked pretty **ugly**. But the experience **gave me more insights into**²² the handicraft. In fact, **traditions** of the dragon boat festival have been going on in our country for more than **2,000** years. But nowadays there're **very few** people that would spend so much time on **sewing** a fragrance sachet by **hand**. So, I think it's **necessary** to organize these activities like sachet-making to let people know more about **fragrance sachets**, because it's part of our **culture** and should be **preserved**.

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¹⁸ an embroidery craft: 一个刺绣工艺品

¹⁹ Qin Dynasty: 秦朝

²⁰ perfume-like accessory: 像香水一样效果的随身配饰

²¹ signature folk art craft: 标志性的民间工艺品

²² gave me more insights into: 让我对...有了更多深入的了解

Describe a time when you helped a child

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who the child was;

When and where you helped the child;

How you helped the child;

And explain how you felt about helping this child.



5. 帮助小孩

I helped my neighbor's **daughter** **a short while ago**²³. The little girl is a grade **four** student in **elementary** school. Once she had a homework **assignment** to make a **fragrance sachet** by hand. This was really **tricky**²⁴ for her. Since her parents were **busy** at work, she asked **me** for help.

Fragrance sachets are a **signature folk art craft** that Chinese people love to **make** for the **Dragon Boat Festival**, which is an **important** public holiday in our country. In the past, **all** Chinese families made those bags to **eliminate bad luck and bring good fortune**. Of course, now most people just **buy** them from a shop to save **time**. So even **I** didn't know how to make it. The little girl was **stressed out** because **the deadline of the submission**²⁵ was the **next** day. So I had to search for a **tutorial**²⁶ with my phone so we could **teach ourselves**. Luckily I found a **simple** one and started teaching her how to stitch the little bag **step by step** while watching the video.

Since it was her **first time** **doing needle work**, it was **hard** for her to **stitch the cloths together**. So I spent a **lot** of time explaining this part. Eventually, it took us a **whole** day to finish the assignment. Honestly, I **don't** think it's **easy** to tutor kids these days. I **don't** know much about what they learn. **Without** the help of my phone that day, I'm afraid the little girl **would have looked down on me**²⁷, which **would've been very embarrassing**²⁸.

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²³ a short while ago: 不久以前

²⁴ tricky: 有些难; 棘手的

²⁵ the deadline of the submission: 交作业的截止时间

²⁶ tutorial: 教程

²⁷ would have looked down on me: 会鄙视我; 会瞧不起我

²⁸ would've been very embarrassing: 那可能就尴尬了

Describe a time when you used a phone to do something important.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

When and where you used the phone;

What you used the phone for;

Why it was important to do this;

And explain what happened as a result of using the phone.



6. 用手机做重要的事

I'd like to talk about the time I used my mobile phone to search for **help** when I **ran into a problem**²⁹ a short while ago. My neighbor's **daughter** had a homework **assignment** to make a **fragrance sachet** by hand. This was really **tricky** for her. Since her parents were **busy** at work, she asked **me** for help.

Fragrance sachets are a **signature folk art craft** that Chinese people love to **make** for the **Dragon Boat Festival**, which is an **important** public holiday in our country. But now most people just **buy** them from a shop to save **time**. So even **I** didn't know how to make it. The little girl was **stressed out** because **the deadline of the submission** was the **next** day. Then a **brilliant** idea popped up in my **mind**. I could search for a **tutorial** with my **phone** and we could **teach ourselves**. Luckily I found a **simple** one and started teaching her how to stitch the little bag **step by step** while watching the video.

Eventually, it took us a **whole** day to finish the assignment. Honestly, **without** the help of my **phone** that day, I'm afraid the little girl **would have missed the due date of her homework**, which may have caused her to **look down on me**. That **would've been very embarrassing**. So my cellphone really **did me a big favor**³⁰. Actually, nowadays whenever I encounter something **difficult**, the **first** thing I do is use my cellphone to **google** it. I think this is the most **important** function of smartphones.

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²⁹ ran into a problem: 遇到一个问题

³⁰ did me a big favor: 帮了我一个大忙

Describe a time when you had to find some information

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

- What information you had to find;
- Where you looked for the information;
- How much you enjoyed looking for the information;
- And explain why you needed the information.



7. 信息搜索

I'd like to talk about the time I had to search the **Internet** for some information. **A short while ago**, my neighbor's **daughter** had a homework **assignment** to make a **fragrance sachet** by hand. This was really **tricky** for her. Since her parents were **busy** at work, she asked **me** for help.

Fragrance sachets are a **signature folk art craft** that Chinese people love to **make** for the **Dragon Boat Festival**, which is an **important** public holiday in our country. But now most people just **buy** them from a shop to save **time**. So even **I** didn't know how to make it. The little girl was **stressed out** because **the craft was due the next day**³¹. To help her **solve** the problem, I thought of searching a solution on the **Internet**. I simply typed **how** to make a sachet into **the search bar**³², then text and video tutorials **came up in the results**³³. I picked a **simple** one and started teaching her how to stitch the little bag **step by step** while watching the video.

Eventually, it took us a **whole** day to finish the assignment. Honestly, **without** the help of an **internet search engine**³⁴ that day, I'm afraid the little girl **would have missed** the **deadline** for her homework. So the Internet really **did me a big favor**. Actually, nowadays whenever I encounter something **difficult**, the **first** thing I do is **search** on the internet. I think this is the **greatest** benefit that the Internet brings us.

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³¹ the craft was due the next day: 第二天就要交手工作品了

³² the search bar: 搜索栏

³³ came up in the results: (搜索)结果中就出现了

³⁴ internet search engine: 网络搜索引擎

Describe a change you made in your life recently that was positive.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What the change was;

Why you decided to make this change;

Whether anyone helped you to make this change;

And explain why it was a positive change to make.



8. 积极改变

I used to be a **night owl**³⁵ and **didn't** work out very often. But now I have **changed** my daily routine and have been getting up **early** to go jogging.

It was my **mother** who **talked me into**³⁶ making this change. About **half** a year ago, a **gigantic**³⁷ park had just opened to the public near my home. My **mom** likes jogging. So, in order to **check out the new place**, I **worked out** with her at the new park. But **my legs were killing me**³⁸ the next day. My mom **made fun of me** for being so **weak** physically. She said I often work **late** at night and sleep in **too** late which **isn't** a healthy habit, so she insisted that I get up **early** every day to **exercise** with her.

Honestly, it's **easier** to stick to working out when you **have company**³⁹. **Thanks** to my mom, I've **gotten rid of my bad habits**⁴⁰ and built a **healthier** lifestyle. Every morning at **7**, I go for a **run** at the park with her. And I found jogging can **easily calm me down**⁴¹. I just **forget** the **hustle and bustle**⁴² of study/work, and **enjoy** the peace and quiet of the **morning** surrounded by nature. It even makes me more **productive** with study/work for the **rest** of the day.

Now, **a morning workout**⁴³ has become **part** of my daily routine. I've become more **active** and **energetic** because of it. I'm also **grateful** to my mom for helping me make such a **great** change in my life.

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³⁵ night owl: 夜猫子

³⁶ talked me into: 说服我去

³⁷ gigantic: 巨大的

³⁸ my legs were killing me: 我的腿疼死了

³⁹ have company: 有人陪伴

⁴⁰ gotten rid of my bad habits: 改掉我的坏习惯

⁴¹ calm me down: 让我放松下来

⁴² hustle and bustle: 此处意为“忙碌”

⁴³ a morning workout: 晨练

Describe a time when you forgot an appointment (e.g. a doctor's appointment or meeting a friend)

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

When and where the appointment was;

Why you forgot the appointment;

What happened after you forgot the appointment;

And explain how you felt about forgetting the appointment.

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9. 失约

I once missed a **workout** with my **friend**. About **half** a year ago, a **gigantic** park had just opened to the public near my home. My **friend** likes jogging. So, in order to **check out the new place**, she asked me to **work out** with her there at 7 am the next day. Actually I used to be a **night owl** and **didn't** work out very often. So I thought it was too **hard** for me to get up **that** early. But she said I often work **late** at night and **sleep in** too late which **isn't** a healthy habit, so she insisted that I get up **early** to **exercise** with her.

Eventually I **gave in**⁴⁴. I **set my alarm for 6:30** that night, but the **next** day, I was so **sleepy** that I turned it **off** and fell asleep **again**. And **here is the embarrassing part**⁴⁵. At 7 o'clock, my friend **phoned** me asking where I was. She had **arrived** at the park, but I was still in **bed**. I **sincerely apologized**⁴⁶ to her. She forgave me but also **made fun of** me for days.

Anyway, I'm still **thankful** to my friend. With her **motivation**, I've **gotten rid of my bad habits** and built a **healthier** lifestyle. Now, every morning at **7**, I go for a **run** at the park with her. **A morning workout** has become **part** of my daily routine. I've become more **active** and **energetic** because of it. Of course, I **never** missed a workout with her **again**.

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⁴⁴ gave in: 让步了; 妥协了

⁴⁵ here is the embarrassing part: 尴尬的部分来了

⁴⁶ sincerely apologized: 真诚地道歉

Describe something you do that you think is important for keeping fit and healthy.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you do;

How often you do it;

Who you do it with;

And explain why you think this activity is important for keeping fit and healthy.



10. 保持健康的方法

I think **having morning runs** is a **great** way to help me stay **healthy**. I've been **keeping up this habit⁴⁷** for **half** a year.

Actually I used to be a **night owl** and **didn't** work out very often. But my **mom** **talked me into** working out with her. About **half** a year ago, a **gigantic** park had just opened to the public near my home. My mom likes **jogging**. So, in order to **check out the new place**, I **worked out** with her at the new park. But **my legs were killing me** the next day. My mom **made fun of me** for being so **weak** physically. She insisted that I get up **early** every day to **exercise** with her.

Honestly, it's **easier** to stick to working out when you **have company**. **Thanks** to my mom, I've **gotten rid of my bad habits** and built a **healthier** lifestyle. Every morning at **7**, I go for a **run** at the park with her. And I found jogging can **easily calm me down**. I just **forget** the **hustle and bustle** of study/work, and **enjoy** the peace and quiet of the **morning** surrounded by nature. It even makes me more **productive** with study/work for the **rest** of the day.

Now, **a morning workout** has become **part** of my daily routine. I've become more **active** and **energetic** because of it. I think I'll **stick to this exercise** all my life, and I believe it's the **right** activity to help me stay **young**.

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⁴⁷ keeping up this habit: 保持这个习惯

Describe a place you have visited (not your hometown) that you would recommend as a good place to live.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Where this place is;

How well you know this place;

What people can do in this place;

And explain why you would recommend this place as a good place to live.

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11. 推荐他人居住的地方

In **my** opinion, there are **many** important factors to consider **when it comes to** finding a **livable** place.

I'm actually **thinking** about where I'll **move** to in the future. After doing a **lot** of research, I found the **perfect** place is **Kunming**, the capital of **Yunnan** Province. I really like the **climate** there. I think a **sunny** day with **a mild temperature** around **twenty** Celsius is always the best. As far as I know, Kunming has good weather like this **all year round**. So if you **love** spring, **this** is the place to live.

What's more, Kunming is a **beautiful** city **with lots of fun places to check out**⁴⁸. For example, my parents and I went to the famous **Green Lake** there. Even though it was **January**, we saw **tons** of **mallards**⁴⁹ and **seagulls**⁵⁰ passing by on the water. Sometimes they just swam around **at a leisurely pace** for a while then **flew away** together. You know, it's **impossible** to see such a fantastic view in the **north**. Plus, there is a **rowing race**⁵¹ there **every year**. Once it began, **dozens** of boats moved on the water **with drum beats and loud encouragement**⁵². And every boat was moving fast like a **fish** in water. It was so **exciting**.

Anyway, **besides all that**⁵³, I've also heard that people in Kunming have **a relatively high income** but the **housing** price there is very **affordable**. So **all in all**, I think it's basically a **perfect** place to live for a **long** time.

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⁴⁸ with lots of fun places to check out: 有很多可以去看看的好玩的地方

⁴⁹ mallards: 绿头鸭

⁵⁰ seagulls: 海鸥

⁵¹ rowing race: 划船比赛

⁵² with drum beats and loud encouragement: 伴随着鼓声和很大的加油声

⁵³ besides all that: 除了所有那些

Describe a part of your country that you would recommend to visitors.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Which part of your country you would recommend;

How you know about this part of your country;

Whether many visitors go there;

And explain why you would recommend this part of your country to visitors.



12. 推荐旅游的地方

I think there are **a variety of** places to visit in almost **every** city in our country. One of them that I would **highly** recommend is **Kunming**, the capital of **Yunnan** Province. The first reason I recommend it is that I really like the **climate** there. I think a **sunny** day with **a mild temperature** around **twenty** Celsius is always the best. As far as I know, Kunming has good weather like this **all year round**. So if you **love** spring, **this** is the place to go.

What's more, Kunming is a **beautiful** city **with lots of fun places to check out**. For example, my parents and I went to the famous **Green Lake** there. Even though it was **January**, we saw **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. Sometimes they just swam around **at a leisurely pace** for a while then **flew away** together. It was **breathtaking** seeing **so many** birds taking off from the water. You know, it's **impossible** to see such a fantastic view in the **north**. Plus, there is a **rowing race** there **every year**. Once it began, **dozens** of boats moved on the water **with drum beats and loud encouragement**. And every boat was moving fast like a **fish** in water. It was so **exciting**.

Anyway, **besides all that**, Kunming is also a city where many **ethnic minorities**⁵⁴ live, so the cultural **diversity** there is amazing. You can eat **so many** different ethnic cuisines there. So it's definitely a place people **won't** regret visiting.

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⁵⁴ ethnic minorities: 少数民族

Describe a quiet place where you like to spend time.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Where this quiet place is;

How you found this quiet place;

How often you spend time in this quiet place;

And explain why you like spending time in this quiet place.



13. 安静的地方

Well, **when it comes to** a **quiet** place I like, the first one that I can think of is a **park** in my hometown. It's about **a 15-minute walk from** my home. My first visit to the park was about **two** years ago when the **gigantic** park had just opened to the public. My **mom** likes walking. So, in order to **check out the new place**, I **worked out** with her at the new park. And it's been my **favorite hangout** since my first visit.

It's a **huge** park that includes **a giant artificial lake**, as well as a pretty long **pavilion⁵⁵** above the lake. You can **sit** in the pavilion while enjoying **tons of mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. Other than **the occasional bird call⁵⁶**, you **can't** hear any other noise.

Plus, there are so many **people** hanging out in the park **on a daily basis**, but it's **rare** to hear any **shouting** or other **loud** sounds, like music from **square dancing**. Most people there just have fun by practicing **calligraphy⁵⁷** or doing some **tai-chi**. **Everyone** is focused on their **own** thing. I **really** like this kind of atmosphere because it easily **calms me down**. You just **forget** about the **hustle and bustle** of study/work, and **enjoy** the peace and quiet of nature. It really **set my mind at ease⁵⁸**.

So I think it's the **quietest** place I know, and it's also where I often go for a **morning** workout and a **night** walk. I **really** like being there.

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⁵⁵ pavilion: 亭子

⁵⁶ the occasional bird call: 偶尔的鸟鸣声

⁵⁷ calligraphy: 书法

⁵⁸ set my mind at ease: 让我头脑很放松

Describe a place you went to do an outdoor activity.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Where you went and when;

What outdoor activity you did at this place;

Why you did this outdoor activity;

And explain how you felt about doing the outdoor activity at this place.



14. 户外活动

Well, I'd like to talk about a **park** in my hometown. It's about a **15-minute walk from** my home. My **first** visit to the park was about **two** years ago when the **gigantic** park had just opened to the public. My **mom** likes **jogging**. So, in order to **check out the new place**, I **worked out** with her at the new park. And it's been my **favorite hangout** since my first visit.

It's a great place for **running**. There's a **giant artificial lake** in the park. And they have a **track**⁵⁹ around the lake where a **lot** of people run. If you need a **break**, you can sit in a **pavilion** nearby while enjoying **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. Other than **the occasional bird call**, you **can't** hear any other noise.

I **really** like this kind of atmosphere. So I ran there for **half** an hour. Honestly, I used to be a **night owl** and **didn't** work out very often. So **my legs were killing me** the next day. But I still **enjoyed** running there. The run **easily calmed me down**. I just **forgot** about the **hustle and bustle** of study/work, and **enjoyed** the peace and quiet of the **morning** surrounded by nature. It even made me more **productive** with study/work for the **rest** of the day.

So, since then, a **morning workout** has become **part** of my daily routine. Now, the park has become a place where I often go to **exercise**. I **really** like being there.

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⁵⁹ track: 跑道

Describe a popular place for playing sport (e.g. a stadium, a sports center) that you know about.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Where this place for playing sport is;

How you know about this place;

Whether you have visited this place;

And explain why you think this place for playing sport is popular.



15. 运动场所

Well, I'd like to talk about a **park** in my hometown. It's about a **15-minute walk from** my home. My first visit to the park was about **two** years ago when the **gigantic** park had just opened to the public. My **mom** likes **jogging**. So, in order to **check out the new place**, I **worked out** with her at the new park. And it's been my **favorite hangout** since my first visit.

It's a **great** place for doing exercises. There are so many **people** who work out in the park **on a daily basis**, but it's **rare** to hear any **shouting** or other **loud** sounds. There are **plenty of facilities for various sports**⁶⁰ in the park. Most people there play **badminton** and **tennis**, and they even have a **square** for **Tai-chi** practice. **Everyone** is focused on their **own** thing. I **really** like this kind of atmosphere.

Besides, there is a **giant artificial lake** in the park. And they have a **track** around the lake where a **lot** of people **run**. If you need a **break**, you can sit in a **pavilion** nearby while enjoying **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. Other than **the occasional bird call**, you **can't** hear any other noise.

So it's a **peaceful** and **delightful** place with **tons** of **sports facilities and venues**⁶¹, which is why it's so **popular** in my hometown. I'm glad there's such a **great** place near my home. It's become a **place** where I often go for a **workout**. I **really** like being there.

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⁶⁰ plenty of facilities for various sports: 有很多各种各样运动的设施

⁶¹ sports facilities and venues: 体育设施和场馆

Describe a special day out which didn't cost very much.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Where and when you went;

What you did;

What things you spent money on;

And explain why you enjoyed this special day out.



16. 外出花费甚少的一天

Speaking of a day I **didn't** spend much money, the **first** one I can think of is the day when I visited a **village**. It's a **popular tourist attraction** near my hometown.

Since it's a **village**, there aren't many **recreational facilities**⁶². But the village has a **lake** as big as four or five **football** fields, which is **a total gem to find in nature**⁶³. **Lots** of people, including me, go to the village to **chill out** and have **fun** at the lake. Even though it was **January**, I saw **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. It was **breathtaking** seeing **so many** birds taking off from the water. There were **plenty** of tourists **watching** the birds around the lake, but there weren't any **stalls**⁶⁴ selling snacks or drinks, which is pretty **unusual** for an attraction.

Besides, I got to see a **rowing race** there. That was the **first** time I saw this kind of match. And I didn't need to pay **anything** for it either. Once it began, **dozens** of boats moved on the water **with drum beats and loud encouragement**. And **every** boat was moving fast like a **fish** in water. It was so **exciting**.

So I experienced a **lot** of **new** things that day **at basically no cost**⁶⁵. The **only** cost was **lunch**, which was less than **100** yuan. It was literally the **first** time ever that I spent so little at a tourist attraction. I think it's **mainly** because it's a **traditional village**, so **it hasn't been commercialized yet**⁶⁶. Honestly, I really **like** the way it is.

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⁶² recreational facilities: 娱乐休闲设施

⁶³ a total gem to find in nature: 自然界中值得发现的一块瑰宝; 一块宝地

⁶⁴ stalls: 小摊; 摊点

⁶⁵ at basically no cost: 基本没花什么钱

⁶⁶ it hasn't been commercialized yet: 它还没有那么商业化

Describe an important river, lake or area of water in your country

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Where in your country it is;

How big it is;

What it looks like;

And explain why this river, lake or area of water is important for your country.



17. 重要河流/湖泊

I'd like to talk about an important **lake** in downtown **Kunming** called **Green Lake**. It's **not** the **largest** lake in the province. But it's still **vital** to my hometown.

There are **tons** of **migrant birds**⁶⁷ that stay at the lake during the **winter**. Even in **January**, you can see **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. Sometimes they just swim around **at a leisurely pace** for a while, then they **fly away** together. It's **breathtaking** seeing **so many** birds taking off from the water. You know, it's **impossible** to see such a fantastic view in the **north**. So there are a **lot** of tourists who would love to **check it out** during their **stay** in my hometown.

Besides, Green Lake **enriches** the locals' lives⁶⁸ because we have **many** **recreational activities**⁶⁹ held on or nearby it. For example, there is an **annual rowing race** that takes place on the lake. And there's a big **park** around the lake where **many** people love to hang out. Some like practicing **calligraphy** and others like doing some **tai-chi**. **Everyone** is focused on their **own** thing. Once you are **there**, you just **forget** the **hustle and bustle** of study/work, and **enjoy** the peace and quiet of nature. It really **sets your mind at ease**.

Honestly, if we **didn't** have the lake, we would lose an important **recreational** place for the public in the **downtown** area. It'd also be a **disaster** for the migrant birds. So Green Lake is really one of nature's **best gifts** to us.

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⁶⁷ migrant birds: 候鸟

⁶⁸ enriches the locals' lives: 丰富了当地人的生活

⁶⁹ recreational activities: 娱乐活动

Describe a time when you saw a lot of plastic waste in a natural environment.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

When and where you saw this plastic waste;

How you think this plastic waste got there;

Why you noticed it;

And explain how you felt about seeing plastic waste in this natural environment.



18. 塑料垃圾

I'd like to talk about my experience of seeing **plastic waste** at the **lake**. It's an important lake in downtown **Kunming** called **Green Lake**. It's not the **largest** lake in the province. But it's still **vital** to my hometown.

In **January** of this year, my family and I went to the lake to watch **birds**. Unfortunately, we saw **a ton of garbage by the lake**⁷⁰. **This had never been the case before**⁷¹. Actually, there are **tons of migrant birds** that stay at the lake during the **winter**. Even in **January**, you can see **tons of mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. You know, it's **impossible** to see such a fantastic view in the **north**. So there are more and more tourists who would love to **check it out** during their **stay** in my hometown.

Perhaps because of **this**, it's **inevitable** for garbage to be left there. I saw a lot of **plastic bags** of bird food left by **bird feeders**⁷², and also water **bottles** left by tourists. Some of them **were even dumped into the lake**⁷³, which was **such an eyesore**⁷⁴.

Although there are **janitors**⁷⁵ there who try their best to **clean up the garbage**⁷⁶, I really hope that **everyone** will **consciously**⁷⁷ realize that littering is **wrong**. If the lake became **too** polluted, we would lose a beautiful **recreational** place for the public in the **downtown** area. It'd also be a **disaster** for the migrant birds. Green Lake is one of nature's **best gifts** to us, so we **definitely** need to protect it.

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⁷⁰ a ton of garbage by the lake: 在湖边有一大堆垃圾

⁷¹ This had never been the case before: 以前从来不是这样的

⁷² bird feeders: 喂鸟的人

⁷³ were even dumped into the lake: 甚至被扔进了湖里

⁷⁴ such an eyesore: 太难看了

⁷⁵ janitors: 保洁员

⁷⁶ clean up the garbage: 清理垃圾

⁷⁷ consciously: 自觉的

Describe a well-known person in your country who is very popular.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who this person is;

What you know about this person;

Why this person is so popular;

And explain how you feel about this person being so popular.



19. (国家/家乡) 有名的人

I'd like to talk about **Xie Di**, who is an excellent **rapper** and **songwriter** in China. He **grew up in Chengdu the same as I did**, so I paid some **attention** to him.

The **first** time I knew him was when I was watching an **online** video on Weibo. It happened during the last **national** day holiday. There was a **traffic jam** on the highway. To **pass** the time, one driver **put on music**⁷⁸ in his car. It was a **rap** song called '**Daddy Ain't Going to Work Tomorrow**'. I found out **later** that it was Xie's **signature song**⁷⁹. He sings it in **Sichuan** dialect, which is **hilarious**. While the beat was **playing**, several guys in a car nearby **rapped** together. Just like the **title** of the song, you can sense that these people are **going to be off work tomorrow**⁸⁰ and **are on cloud nine**⁸¹ because of it.

Since I'm from **Sichuan**, I was **hooked on**⁸² the song right away. And I searched and listened to **more** songs of his on the internet. He was the first **hip-hop singer**⁸³ from my **hometown** who became **a national household name**⁸⁴. So I **respect** him for that very much. It is said that **before** Xie Di became famous, he was also **working-class**⁸⁵ just like the **majority** of us. But he **never gave up on his passion for rapping**⁸⁶. I think it is his **talent** and **grit**⁸⁷ that make him successful. I'm very **proud** of a young celebrity from **my hometown** who has **come a long way in music**⁸⁸.

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⁷⁸ put on music: 放音乐

⁷⁹ signature song: 成名曲

⁸⁰ going to be off work tomorrow: 明天不上班

⁸¹ are on cloud nine: 非常高兴; 开心极了; 注意这个表达可以和 over the moon 同义替换

⁸² was hooked on: 被...吸引住了; 被...迷住了

⁸³ hip-hop singer: 嘻哈歌手

⁸⁴ a national household name: 一个在全国家喻户晓的人

⁸⁵ working-class: 工作族

⁸⁶ never gave up on his passion for rapping: 从未放弃对说唱的热爱

⁸⁷ grit: 决心; 毅力

⁸⁸ come a long way in music: 在音乐方面取得了不小的成就; 注意 come a long way 亦有“取得很大进展”的语义

Describe a program that you enjoyed very much (e.g. on TV or the internet)

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

- What the programme was about;
- Where you watched this programme;
- Who you watched it with;
- And explain why you enjoyed this programme so much.



20. 喜欢看的节目

I'd like to talk about a **music talent show** called the **Voice of China**(中国好声音). There were tons of **excellent** singers and songwriters who took part in this show.

The **first** time I heard of this TV program was when I was watching an **online** video on Weibo. It happened during the **national** day holiday **two or three** years ago. At the time, my parents and I were **driving** to visit my **grandma** who lives in another city. To **pass** the time, I was **scrolling on my cellphone** and found this program. The **episode**⁸⁹ I watched was a young man singing a **rap** song called '**Daddy Ain't Going to Work Tomorrow**'. He sings it in **Sichuan** dialect, which is **hilarious**. While the beat was **playing**, **the audience went crazy**. Just like the **title** of the song, you can sense that these people are **going to be off work tomorrow** and **are on cloud nine** because of it.

I was **hooked on** the song right away. And I became a **loyal** fan of this show from then on. Actually **lots** of singers there are **working-class** just like the **majority** of us. But they **never gave up on their passion for singing**. I think it is their **talent** and **grit** that make them successful. So, not only it is an **entertaining** TV program, but it also contains a lot of **inspiring** life stories of the singers, which is why **I'm so addicted to**⁹⁰ this TV program.

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⁸⁹ episode: 片段

⁹⁰ I'm so addicted to: 我非常的喜欢...

Describe a situation when you had to spend a long time in a traffic jam.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

When and where the traffic jam happened;

What you did while you were in the traffic jam;

How you felt about having to spend time in the traffic jam;

And explain what problems the delay caused you.

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21. 堵车的经历

I'd like to talk about the time when I **got stuck in a traffic jam**⁹¹ on the **highway**.

It happened during the last **national** day holiday. At the time, my parents and I were **driving** to visit my **grandma** who lives in another city **about a 2-hour drive away**⁹². There's a **highway** on the route to her place. We have to **pay the toll**⁹³ every time we pass there. It was a **holiday** that day, so **tons** of people were also going out of town. There were **huge** lines of cars waiting to pass the toll station. The traffic **moved at a snail's pace**⁹⁴ when we were still **kilos** from the **toll booth**⁹⁵.

We had to waste a **whole** hour waiting to pay the toll. There was **nothing** else to do but **scroll on my phone** to pass the time, and I even had to **put up with**⁹⁶ other cars **cutting** in line and **honking**⁹⁷, which was really **annoying**. But one thing **cheered me up**⁹⁸ a little. Among the cars **jamming** there, one driver **put on music** in his car. It's sung in **Sichuan** dialect, which is **hilarious**. While the beat was **playing**, several guys in other cars nearby **rapped** together. They **stuck their heads out their window**⁹⁹ and started **singing**.

So those happy people made the waiting **not that hard** to put up with. That's **why** I remember this traffic jam so well. Still, I hope highway tolls can be **cancelled** one day to **improve** the traffic.

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⁹¹ got stuck in a traffic jam: 遇到交通堵塞

⁹² about a 2-hour drive away: 两个小时车程之外

⁹³ pay the toll: 付过路费

⁹⁴ moved at a snail's pace: 动的像蜗牛一样慢

⁹⁵ toll booth: 收费亭

⁹⁶ put up with: 忍受...

⁹⁷ honking: 按喇叭

⁹⁸ cheered me up: 让我高兴

⁹⁹ stuck their heads out their window: 把头伸出窗外

Describe a time when you had to share something with another person or other people.

You should say (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you had to share;

Who you had to share with;

Why you had to share;

And explain how you felt about sharing something with another person or other people.



22. 不得不与他人分享

I'd like to talk about the time I had to share some **gas** with others.

It happened during the last **national** day holiday. At the time, my parents and I were **driving** to visit my **grandma** who lives in another city **about a 2-hour drive away**. There's a **highway** on the route to her place. We have to **pay the toll** every time we pass there. It was a **holiday** that day, so tons of people were also going out of town. There were **huge** lines of cars waiting to **pass the toll station**¹⁰⁰.

We had to waste a **whole** hour waiting to pay the toll. There was **nothing** else to do but **scroll on my phone** to pass the time. But just when I was **bored out of my mind**¹⁰¹, someone in the car **next to** us asked us for a **favor**. He said he had forgotten to **top up the tank before setting out**¹⁰², and now he was **running out of gas**¹⁰³. He asked if we could **share** some gas with him. This was literally the **first** time I've ever encountered someone borrowing **gas** on the way. The man seemed **desperate**¹⁰⁴, so we **agreed** to lend him some.

Finally, he **drew about half can of gas**¹⁰⁵, **4 or 5** liters maybe. Then he poured it into the **oil tank**¹⁰⁶ of his car. He thanked us **many times** for **saving the day for him**¹⁰⁷. We were **happy** that we could help.

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¹⁰⁰ pass the toll station: 通过收费站

¹⁰¹ bored out of my mind: 我无聊得快要发疯; 我无聊死了

¹⁰² top up the tank before setting out: 出发前给油箱加满油

¹⁰³ running out of gas: 汽油快用完了

¹⁰⁴ desperate: 绝望的

¹⁰⁵ drew about half can of gas: 抽了大约半桶汽油

¹⁰⁶ oil tank: 油箱

¹⁰⁷ saving the day for him: 拯救了他

Describe a competition(e.g. music, cooking, sport) you would like to take part in.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What the competition is;

Where and when it happens;

What you have to do to win the competition;

And explain why you would like to take part in this competition.

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23. 想参加的比赛

The competition I want to take part in is an **annual photo contest** that my **hometown** holds. Actually, I've become **obsessed** with **DSLR** cameras for years. And I'm working **hard** to grasp this skill. I hope to **join** the **municipal photo contest**¹⁰⁸ this year to **test** my photography skills.

Shooting a good picture **is not a walk in the park**¹⁰⁹. You have to know a **ton** of **basic theories** of photography like **composition, lighting and timing**¹¹⁰. Luckily, our school offers an **elective course** of photography, and I took it **last year**. The instructor gave us a ton of **hands-on experience**¹¹¹. For example, he taught us **step by step**¹¹² how to **adjust the camera's mode and exposure level**¹¹³ to suit **different** environments and **brightness levels**¹¹⁴.

I really listened to each class **carefully** and **tried** to operate the camera like the instructor taught us. I shoot **way** better pictures than before, and I learned a **lot** about composition. So I'd **love** to sign up for **this year's** photo contest. I've learned that the **contest theme**¹¹⁵ this year is the **landscape** of my hometown. I've already come up with some **plans**. Of course, **it'd be the cherry on top if**¹¹⁶ I could win a **prize** by any chance. I might be able to make a **great work portfolio**¹¹⁷, then I think it'll **be a breeze for me to**¹¹⁸ make a **living** from photography. But even if I **don't** win anything, it'll still be a **great** learning experience for me by seeing more **great** artworks.

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¹⁰⁸ municipal photo contest: 市级的摄影比赛

¹⁰⁹ is not a walk in the park: 不是一件容易的事

¹¹⁰ composition, lighting and timing: 构图、灯光和时机

¹¹¹ hands-on experience: 实践经验

¹¹² step by step: 一步一步的

¹¹³ adjust the camera's mode and exposure level: 调整相机的模式和曝光水平

¹¹⁴ brightness levels: 亮度

¹¹⁵ contest theme: 比赛主题

¹¹⁶ it'd be the cherry on top if: 如果...那可就是锦上添花了

¹¹⁷ work portfolio: 作品集

¹¹⁸ be a breeze for me to: 对我来说去做...是很轻松的事

Describe a time when you made a decision to wait for something.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you decided to wait for;

What you did while you were waiting;

How you felt while you were waiting;

And explain why deciding to wait was a good decision.



24. 决意等待

I'd like to talk about a time that I had to wait a **long** time to **capture** a beautiful view with my **DSLR** camera.

I've become **obsessed** with **DSLR** cameras for years. Last year, I took an **elective course** of photography. The instructor gave us a ton of **hands-on experience**. He told us that shooting a good picture **is not a walk in the park**. You have to know a **ton** of **basic theories** of photography. Plus, you need **extra patience** because sometimes you have to wait a **long** time to **get the perfect shot**¹¹⁹.

Once he gave us an **assignment** of photographing **natural landscapes**. I chose to take photos of the **birds** by the **lake**. There is a lake in our city where you can see **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. It's **breathhtaking** seeing **so many** birds taking off from the water. So I went to the lake on a **Sunday morning**. I **tried** to operate the camera like the instructor taught us. And I waited a **long** time at the shore. I took a **couple** of good photos, but I thought if I waited **longer**, I might get an even **better** one.

Finally, I got a really **great** shot of **dozens** of birds taking off from the lake. After I **turned it in** during class, **it was given high praise by my teacher**. So, even though I waited a **long** time, **all my efforts paid off**¹²⁰ by capturing such a **breathhtaking** moment.

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¹¹⁹ get the perfect shot: 拍到完美的照片

¹²⁰ all my efforts paid off: 所有的努力都得到了回报

Describe a photo you took that you are proud of.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who or what was in your photo;

When you took the photo;

Why you took it;

And explain why you are proud of this photo you took.



25. 引以为傲的照片

Well, I once took a **breathhtaking** photo of a lot of **birds** on a lake with my **DSLR camera**. That's a photo that I'm **very** proud of.

Actually, I've become **obsessed** with **DSLR** cameras for years. But shooting a good picture **is not a walk in the park**. You have to know a **ton** of **basic theories** of photography like **composition, lighting and timing**. Luckily, our school offers an **elective course** of photography, and I took it **last year**. The instructor gave us a ton of **hands-on experience**. For example, he taught us **step by step** how to **adjust the camera's mode and exposure level** to suit **different** environments and **brightness levels**.

Once he gave us an **assignment** of photographing **natural landscapes**. I chose to take photos of the **birds** by the lake. There is a **lake** in our city where you can see **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. It's **breathhtaking** seeing **so many** birds taking off from the water. So I went to the lake on a **Sunday morning**. I **tried** to operate the camera like the **instructor** taught us. And I waited **over** an hour for a **perfect** moment.

Finally, I got a really **great** shot of **dozens** of birds taking off from the lake. The **lighting** and **composition** were both perfect. After I **turned it in** during class, **it was given high** praise by my **teacher**. So it's the photo I'm the **proudest** of now.

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Describe an invention which you think has changed the world in a good way.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What this invention is;

What it does;

How popular it is with people of different ages;

And explain how you think this invention has changed the world in a good way.



26. 让生活变得更好的发明

I'm a big fan of¹²¹ **photography**, so if I had to name one **invention** that made the world **better**, just like others who take photos for a **hobby** or a **living**, my answer would be the invention of the **camera** as well.

I learned a **lot** about **cameras** last summer. At the time, I **was obsessed with** learning how to take **photos** with **a single-lens reflex camera**¹²². I'd been hoping to learn this skill for a **long** time because it sounds really **intriguing**. Luckily, our school offers **an elective course**¹²³ of photography, and I took it **last** semester. In class, the teacher told us many **stories** about the **development** of the camera. I remember that the **first** person to invent the camera was a **Frenchman** 150 years ago. At the time, the camera looked like a **heavy wooden** box.

Nowadays, there are **countless** types and models of cameras that **suit everyone's needs**. Most of them are **easy** to operate and are always **user-friendly**¹²⁴ for beginners. I think it's a really **great** invention because **most** people use cameras **from time to time**. It's **a must-have device**¹²⁵ on many family trips. People love using it to capture the **happy** and **sad** memories in life. **In my own case**¹²⁶, I like taking photos of the **sunrise** and **sunset** with my camera, as well as some beautiful moments with my **friends**. **Without** cameras, these beautiful moments might **never** have been captured and would be **harder to recall**¹²⁷ after years. So I think the camera has **enriched people's spiritual life**¹²⁸ and is an invention that **boosts people's happiness**¹²⁹.

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¹²¹ I'm a big fan of: 我是...的迷; 此句指: 我是一个摄影迷

¹²² a single-lens reflex camera: 单反相机

¹²³ an elective course: 选修课

¹²⁴ user-friendly: 人性化的; 对用户友好的

¹²⁵ a must-have device: 必备的设备

¹²⁶ In my own case: 就我而言

¹²⁷ harder to recall: 很难回忆起来

¹²⁸ enriched people's spiritual life: 丰富了人们的精神生活

¹²⁹ boosts people's happiness: 提高人们的幸福感

Describe something important that you learned, not in school or college.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you learned;

How you learned it;

How easy/difficult it was to learn;

And explain why learning this was important to you.



27. 校外学到的重要东西

I learned a **lot** about **photography** last summer with my **cousin**. At the time, I **was obsessed with** learning how to take **photos** with **a single-lens reflex camera**. I'd been hoping to learn this skill for a **long** time because it sounds really **intriguing**. But shooting a good picture **is not a walk in the park**. You have to know a **ton** of **basic theories** of photography, like **composition, lighting and timing**.

Luckily, my **cousin** is a **professional** photographer who works for a **magazine**. When I **turned to him**¹³⁰ to learn some photography tricks, he was **happy** that I asked. He's an **amazing** photographer; he gave me a ton of **hands-on experience**. For example, he taught me **step by step** how to **adjust the camera's mode and exposure level** to suit **different** environments and **brightness levels**.

I **tried** to operate the camera the way my cousin **taught** me. Honestly, I shoot **way** better pictures than before, and I've learned a **lot** about composition.

I think it's **cool** to learn some photography skills. If I can make a **great work portfolio**, then I think it'll **be a breeze for me to** make a **living** from photography. Plus, taking photos allows me to capture the **happy** and **sad** memories in life. Now, I like taking photos of the **sunrise** and **sunset** with my camera, as well as some beautiful moments with my **friends**. I have to say photography has **enriched my spiritual life**¹³¹ and is a **great** skill that **boosts my happiness**¹³².

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¹³⁰ turned to him: 求助于他

¹³¹ enriched my spiritual life: 丰富了我的精神生活

¹³² boosts my happiness: 提高了我的幸福感

Describe a difficult decision you made that had a very good result.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What the decision was;

Why it was difficult to make the decision;

What helped you to decide;

And explain why the decision you made had such a good result.



28. 困难但有好结果的决定

Last year, I made a **tough** decision to buy a **camera**. At the time, I **was obsessed with** learning how to take **photos** with **a single-lens reflex camera**. Luckily, our school offers **an elective course** of photography. But everyone was required to bring their **own camera** to class, which meant I had to **buy** a DSLR camera.

I did a **lot** of research and found most **decent**¹³³ cameras would cost me **5000** to **10,000** yuan. The one I intended to buy was a **beginner-level** Sony DSLR that was **6000** yuan. It has a **silver-black exterior**¹³⁴ and looks like an **old** style DV. To be honest, I **liked** the look of it. But **as a student with no income**, buying this camera meant I would have to **scrimp and save for months**¹³⁵. So I hesitated for a **long** time.

It was my **friend** who **talked me into it**. He says life is so **short**. You'll never **regret** spending money on your **hobby**. I think **what he said made sense**. I finally made up my mind and **bought** it. It turned out that I **didn't throw money down the drain**¹³⁶. After I **started** taking the elective course, I really listened to each class **carefully** and **tried** to operate the camera like the instructor taught us. I shoot **way** better pictures than before, and I learned a **lot** about composition. I'm even thinking about making a **living** from photography. So **all in all**, it was **one of the hardest** but also most **gratifying decisions**¹³⁷ I've ever made.

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¹³³ decent: 像样的; 不错的

¹³⁴ silver-black exterior: 银黑色的外表

¹³⁵ scrimp and save for months: 省吃俭用几个月

¹³⁶ throw money down the drain: 把钱打水漂

¹³⁷ one of the hardest but also most gratifying decisions: 最艰难但也是最令我满意的决定之一

Describe a time when someone gave you some money as a gift.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who gave you the money;

Why they gave it to you;

What you did with it;

And explain how you felt about receiving the money.



29. 收到钱作为礼物

Last year, I received money as a gift from my **father**. It was **a great help in my hour of need**¹³⁸. At the time, I **was obsessed with** learning how to take **photos** with **a single-lens reflex camera**. Luckily, our school offers **an elective course** of photography. But everyone was required to bring their **own camera** to class, which meant I had to **buy** a DSLR camera.

I did a **lot** of research and found most **decent** cameras would cost me **5000 to 10,000** yuan. The one I intended to buy was **6000** yuan. **As a student with no income**, buying this camera meant I would have to **scrimp and save for months**. So I hesitated for a **long** time.

Later my father **found out** about it and transferred **5000 yuan** to me **without a second thought**. He said it was a **gift** for the **new** school year. He also told me that I'll **never** regret spending money on my **hobby**. I think **what he said made sense**. So I finally **bought** the camera with his **gift** money and some of my **savings**.

It turned out that I **didn't** **throw money down the drain**. After I **started** taking the elective course, I really listened to each class **carefully** and **tried** to operate the camera like the instructor taught us. Now I shoot **way** better pictures than before. So that gift money **really** **came in handy**¹³⁹. Thanks to my **dad**, I will always be **grateful** and remember his **support**.

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¹³⁸ a great help in my hour of need: 真是雪中送炭

¹³⁹ came in handy: 及时派上用场

Describe a time when you disagreed with somebody about something

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who you disagreed with;

What you disagreed about;

What the result of this disagreement was;

And explain how you felt about disagreeing with this person.



30. 争论

Last year, I had an argument with my **dad** about **purchases**. At the time, I **was obsessed with** learning how to take **photos** with **a single-lens reflex camera**. Luckily, our school offers **an elective course** of photography. But everyone was required to bring their **own camera** to class, which meant I had to **buy** a DSLR camera.

I did a **lot** of research and found most **decent** cameras would cost me **5000 to 10,000** yuan. The one I intended to buy was **6000** yuan. **As a student with no income**, it was **a huge load of money**¹⁴⁰, so I had to turn to my **dad** for help.

My dad was totally **against** it at first. He kept insisting that it was too **extravagant** to spend so **much** as a student. I was **really ticked off**¹⁴¹, so I **didn't** talk to him for a **whole** day. But when I **calmed down**, **I understood his point**¹⁴². So I **broke the ice**¹⁴³ the next day. I told him about the **pros** of learning photography skills and I **promised** him **I would make the money count**¹⁴⁴. Eventually, he **approved** of my idea.

I finally **bought** the camera with his **gift** money and some of my **savings**. It turned out that I **didn't throw money down the drain**. After taking the elective **course**, I shoot **way** better pictures than before. It's even **better** that my dad is now very **supportive** of all my ideas, so the **falling out**¹⁴⁵ between us taught me how to **communicate** with my dad **effectively**.

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¹⁴⁰ a huge load of money: 一大笔钱

¹⁴¹ ticked off: 很生气

¹⁴² I understood his point: 我明白了他的意思

¹⁴³ broke the ice: 打破了沉默; 打破僵局

¹⁴⁴ I would make the money count: 会让钱花的有价值; 会让钱花的物有所值

¹⁴⁵ falling out: 争吵; 失和

Describe a time when you succeeded in doing something that was difficult.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you succeeded in doing;

Why it was difficult to do;

Whether you got help/How much help you needed;

And explain how you felt when you succeeded in doing this difficult thing.



31. 克服困难终成功

I'd like to talk about how I **saved up** for a **camera** last year. At the time, I **was obsessed with** learning how to take **photos** with **a single-lens reflex camera**. Luckily, our school offers **an elective course** of photography. But everyone was required to bring their **own camera** to class, which meant I had to **buy** a DSLR camera.

I did a **lot** of research and found most **decent** cameras would cost me **5000** to **10,000** yuan. The one I intended to buy was **6000** yuan. To be honest, I **liked** the look of it. But **as a student with no income**, buying this camera was **totally out of my budget**¹⁴⁶. So **the money issue was really a pain in my neck**¹⁴⁷.

Eventually I decided to get a **part-time** job to make some money. With my cousin's **recommendation**, I was hired by a cat pet shop as a **pet caregiver**¹⁴⁸. I was either helping **bathe** the cats or **keeping an eye out for** which kitty was trying to **sneak outside**. I was **busy as a bee** and even had to **run** to the washroom when I wanted to use it. But I stuck to it for **two months** straight and earned **enough** money to **buy** the camera I wanted.

When I got the **camera**, I was **over the moon**. And I was very **proud** of myself that I could overcome this **challenge**. It was definitely **a milestone in my life**.

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¹⁴⁶ out of my budget: 超出我的预算

¹⁴⁷ the money issue was really a pain in my neck: 钱的问题真的让我很头疼

¹⁴⁸ pet caregiver: 宠物护理员

Describe a problem you had when you bought something in a shop/store or online.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you bought;

Where and when you bought it;

What problem you had with it;

And explain how you felt about having this problem.



32. 糟糕的购物体验

Last year, I had a **terrible** shopping experience of buying a **camera**. At the time, I **was obsessed with** learning how to take **photos** with a **single-lens reflex camera**. Luckily, our school offers an **elective course** of photography. But everyone was required to bring their **own camera** to class, which meant I had to **buy** a DSLR camera.

I did a **lot** of research on Taobao, and found most **decent** cameras would cost me **5000 to 10,000** yuan. The one I intended to buy was a **beginner-level** Sony DSLR that was **6000** yuan. It has a **silver-black exterior** and looks like an **old** style DV. To be honest, I **liked** the look of it. Although it's pricy, I bought it with **all** my savings.

Anyway, I received the camera **within 3 days of placing the order**¹⁴⁹. But **it was a bummer that**¹⁵⁰ the **shutter button**¹⁵¹ **stopped** working after just **two** days. I was so **outraged**¹⁵² that I **broke the bank**¹⁵³ just to buy such a **defective** product.

I contacted the **seller** but they **ticked me off**¹⁵⁴ even more. All they did was **pass the buck**¹⁵⁵; they even **blamed** me for using it wrong. So I had to apply for a **refund** on Taobao. This store **had no credit at all**¹⁵⁶. Eventually, I got the **refund** and bought a **new** one at a **brick-and-mortar store**¹⁵⁷ that has **excellent** customer service. So, this has been my **worst** and most **disappointing** shopping experience ever, and I've **never** bought anything expensive on the **internet** since then.

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¹⁴⁹ within 3 days of placing the order: 在下订单 3 天内

¹⁵⁰ it was a bummer that: 遗憾的是

¹⁵¹ shutter button: 快门键

¹⁵² outraged: 气愤

¹⁵³ broke the bank: 花光了钱; 形容花了一大笔钱

¹⁵⁴ ticked me off: 让我很生气

¹⁵⁵ pass the buck: 推卸责任

¹⁵⁶ had no credit at all: 毫无信用

¹⁵⁷ brick-and-mortar store: 实体店

Describe an occasion when you lost something in a public place.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you lost;

When and where you lost this thing;

What you did to try and find it;

And explain how you felt about losing this thing in a public place.



33. 丢失东西

Speaking of something I **lost**, I'd like to talk about a **single-lens reflex camera** I bought last year. At the time, I **was obsessed with** learning how to take **photos** with a single-lens reflex camera. Luckily, our school offers **an elective course** of photography. Everyone was required to bring their **own camera** to class, so I bought my **first** DSLR camera for it. It was a **beginner-level** Sony DSLR that cost me **6000** yuan.

Unfortunately, half a year later, I **accidentally** lost the camera while taking photos. My parents and I were driving to Kunming to watch **seagulls** at the famous **Green Lake**. I took a **lot** of pictures there, but I **misplaced**¹⁵⁸ my camera later when I focused on **feeding** the birds. I was **freaking out** since it's worth **6000** yuan! 😭

I went back to the **lake shore** to check, but it **wasn't** there. Then I went to the park's **management** office to look for it. The staff told me I could check a **lost-and-found app** to see if anyone had **posted** about my camera. It was **brilliant** since I actually found a **post** of my camera. A **high school** student found it and **posted all the details about the lost camera**.

It was a **real surprise to me**¹⁵⁹. I'm very **grateful** to that student. You know, the camera is a **must-have device** on my family trips. So I was **over the moon**¹⁶⁰ that I got it back. Now I **check my belongings multiple times**¹⁶¹ everywhere I go. I **don't** want to make the same mistake again.

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¹⁵⁸ misplaced: 放错地方

¹⁵⁹ It was a real surprise to me: 这对我来说真的是一个惊喜

¹⁶⁰ over the moon: 高兴极了

¹⁶¹ check my belongings multiple times: 多次检查我的随身物品

Describe an interesting neighbor.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

- Who the neighbor is;
- How you met this neighbor;
- How often you see this neighbor;
- And explain why you find this neighbor interesting.



34. 有趣的邻居

I'd like to talk about my **neighbor** who lives on the **same floor** as I do. **If memory serves correctly**, we've been neighbors for over **two** years. He's very **young**, only in his early **thirties**. And he's a very **business-minded person**¹⁶² with a **charming** personality.

We **first** met when he just **moved** into the building. I saw him in front of the **elevator**. The **first** impression he gave me is that **he lives on his own terms**¹⁶³. He has **a weird sense of style**. At the time, he was wearing a **long** coat in **bright red** and **a leopard print blouse**¹⁶⁴. He is definitely the **highlight** of a crowd. I've **never** seen someone dressed like this. So it gave me the **impression** that he is a very **unique** person.

That was **confirmed** after we talked more. He runs a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats. He said he hates those **9-5 office jobs**¹⁶⁵. So he started his **own** business after college. At the beginning, it was just a **small** shop that sold **cat food**. But he kept exploring **new** areas and **expanding** his business. He always **comes up with a lot of original ideas** for his shop. Now his shop is one of the **best** pet stores in my hometown.

I really **admire** a young man for having such **great** achievements. And I'm **happy** to be **neighbors** with him. Honestly, I'd love to **have more proper conversations with him**. I'm very **interested** in his experience of **starting up a business**¹⁶⁶, which I believe will **give me some insights**¹⁶⁷.

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¹⁶² business-minded person: 有商业头脑的人

¹⁶³ he lives on his own terms: 按照自己的方式生活; 过的随心所欲

¹⁶⁴ a leopard print blouse: 豹纹上衣

¹⁶⁵ 9-5 office jobs: 朝九晚五的办公室工作

¹⁶⁶ starting up a business: 创业

¹⁶⁷ give me some insights: 给我一些真知灼见

Describe someone from another culture(e.g. a friend, a teacher) who you enjoy spending time with.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who this person is;

What his/her cultural background is;

When and where you met this person;

And explain why you enjoy spending time with this person from another culture.

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35. 认识的不同文化的人

I'd like to talk about my **neighbor** who lives on the **same floor** as I do. He's from **Chengdu**, the capital of **Sichuan** province. **If memory serves correctly**, we've been neighbors for over **two** years.

Since I've always **had a liking for**¹⁶⁸ the culture and lifestyle in **Sichuan**, he mentioned his hometown and the lifestyle there **a couple of times** when we talked. He told me that **the Sichuanese are the best at enjoying life in China**¹⁶⁹. Playing **Mahjong**¹⁷⁰ is something **tons** of people there can do **all day**. Because of **their enthusiasm for life**, people there also like to **follow the latest trends**¹⁷¹, which is why Sichuan people look so **stylish** and **unique**.

I think he is **right**, because he is **exactly** like this. We **first** met when he had just **moved** into the building. I saw him in front of the **elevator**. The **first** impression he gave me is that **he lives on his own terms**. He has **a weird sense of style**. At the time, he was wearing a **long coat in bright red** and **a leopard print blouse**. He was definitely the **highlight** of the crowd. I'd **never** seen someone dressed like this. So it gave me the **impression** that he is a very **unique** person.

Anyway, I'm so **happy** to have such a nice **Sichuanese** person as my **neighbor**. He even **taught** me how to play **mahjong**. He said he will be my **guide** when I travel to Sichuan. **I'm looking forward to that day very much**.

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¹⁶⁸ had a liking for: 很喜欢...

¹⁶⁹ the Sichuanese are the best at enjoying life in China: 在中国, 四川人最会享受生活了

¹⁷⁰ Playing Mahjong: 玩麻将

¹⁷¹ follow the latest trends: 追随最新的潮流

Describe a person you know who enjoys dressing well.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who the person is;

What job/studies he person does;

What sort of clothes the person wears;

And explain why you think this person enjoys dressing well.



36. 喜欢打扮的人

I'd like to talk about my **neighbor** who lives on the **same floor** as I do. Every time I see him, **he's dressed to the nines**¹⁷². **If memory serves correctly**, we've been neighbors for over **two** years. So I know him **very** well.

He's very **young**, only in his early **thirties**. We **first** met when he had just **moved** into the building. The **first** impression he gave me is that **he lives on his own terms**. He has a **weird sense of style**. At the time, he was wearing a **long** coat in **bright red** and a **leopard print blouse**. He was definitely the **highlight** of a crowd. I'd **never** seen someone dressed like this. So it gave me the **impression** that he is a very **unique** person.

And then after we **got acquainted with each other**¹⁷³, he told me that he runs a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats. Because he meets **lots** of customers every day, he has to make sure **he looks neat**. And he wants to **make a good first impression on the customer**¹⁷⁴ as well as present his **character** and **creativity** through what he wears. In fact, he did a really **good** job. Now his shop is one of the **best** pet stores in my hometown.

I can see his **great passion** for what he does. I think his success is **inseparable from his attention to detail**¹⁷⁵. So I **foresee** **bigger** success for his shop in the future.

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¹⁷² he's dressed to the nines: 打扮得漂漂亮亮

¹⁷³ got acquainted with each other: 彼此认识之后

¹⁷⁴ make a good first impression on the customer: 给顾客留下良好的第一印象

¹⁷⁵ his attention to detail: 对细节的关注

Describe a friend from childhood who you remember very well.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who the friend is;

How you met him/her;

What you used to do together;

And explain why you remember this childhood friend so well.



37. 童年玩伴

I'd like to talk about my **neighbor** who lives on the **same floor** as I do. **If memory serves correctly**, we've been neighbors for over **twenty** years. I was **lucky** that I grew up with a friend in the **neighborhood**. We are the **same** age and **have a lot in common**, so we've been **close** friends since we were **little**.

We **first** met when he had just **moved** into the building. **Our families shared a meal together** to **welcome** them and **celebrate** their move into the building. Since then, we became **friends** and hung out a **lot** doing all kinds of fun things. Like one time, we went to a **lake** nearby to watch and feed **birds**. We saw **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. We liked to **whistle together** to **surprise** the birds and **see the flock of them fly away**. It seems **stupid** and **childish** now, but we were so **happy** at the time.

We both were **active** kids so **tons** of our memories are about us **goofing around**¹⁷⁶ and having **fun**. Now, we are **grown-ups** and have our **own** lives, but I'm glad that we still keep in **touch**. He runs a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats. You can ask him **whatever** questions you have about cats. Since I have **an orange cat**, I **often** talk about **cats** with him.

Actually, we always have a **lot** to talk about, so I can **chat with him all day without getting tired**. I hope our friendship can last **forever**.

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¹⁷⁶ goofing around: 嬉笑打闹

Describe a friend you enjoy talking with.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

How you first met this friend;

What kind of person this friend is;

What you talk about with this friend;

And explain why you enjoy talking with this friend.



38. 喜欢一起聊天的朋友/享受的聊天对象

Speaking of someone who I'd like to **talk** with, **the first person that comes to mind** is a **new friend** I made last year.

He is very **young**, only in his early **thirties**. **There are never any gaps in the conversation**¹⁷⁷ when we talk. And he runs a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats. He's literally a **cat-pedia**¹⁷⁸. You can ask him **whatever** questions you have about cats. Having such a friend is **wonderful** for a **cat owner** like **me**. I have **an orange cat**¹⁷⁹. There was a time that it **wouldn't** eat and often **drooled**¹⁸⁰ at the mouth for several days. So I took the cat to **him**. He **figured out the cause** just in **a few** minutes. He gave me a few **Vitamin D** pills for cats, and also some **tips** about **how** to take care of a cat properly. He's so **professional**. So since then, I **often** talk about **cats** with him.

Besides, he **has a knack for** running a **business**. He always **comes up with a lot of original ideas** for his shop. The **last** time I met him, he said he was working on a pet **training** program, which is really an **inspired** idea. Honestly, **every** time I talk to him, I learn a **lot**. So that's the **main** reason that I **love** **having conversations with him**. I'm **interested** in what he is good at so I can **chat with him all day without getting tired**¹⁸¹. It's really **good** to have such a **knowledgeable** friend. I hope our friendship can last **forever**.

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¹⁷⁷ There are never any gaps in the conversation: 交谈的时候从来没有代沟

¹⁷⁸ cat-pedia: 猫百科, 形容关于猫什么都懂

¹⁷⁹ an orange cat: 一只橘猫

¹⁸⁰ drooled: 流口水

¹⁸¹ chat with him all day without getting tired: 和他聊天一整天也不累

Describe a family member you might like to work with in the future.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who this person is;

Whether you have worked with this person before;

What kind of work you might like to do with this person;

And explain why you might like to work with this family member in the future.



39. 想共事的家人

Speaking of someone who I'd like to **work** with, **the first person that comes to mind** is my **cousin**. He's a very **business-minded person**¹⁸² with a **charming** personality.

Many people who **don't** really know him think he's kind of a **hippie**¹⁸³ because he has a **weird sense of style**¹⁸⁴. He often goes out wearing a **long** coat in **bright red** and a **leopard print blouse**. He is definitely the **highlight** of a crowd. Actually I think it'd be a **lot** of fun to work with such a **unique** person every day.

Plus, my cousin **has a knack for** running a **business**. He runs a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats. At the beginning, it was just a **small** shop that sold **cat food**. But he kept exploring **new** areas and **expanding** his business. He always **comes up with a lot of original ideas** for his shop. Now his shop is one of the **best** pet stores in my hometown. The **last** time I met him, he said he was working on a pet **training** program, which is really an **inspired** idea.

Honestly, **every** time I talk to him, I learn a **lot**. So that's the **main** reason that I'd love to work with him. I'm very **interested** in his experience of **starting up a business**. I expect to learn **more** about **entrepreneurship**¹⁸⁵ and management from him. Maybe I can be his **helper** in the future and make his pet shop **grow into a family business**¹⁸⁶ that lasts for a **long** time.

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¹⁸² business-minded person: 有商业头脑的人

¹⁸³ hippie: 嬉皮士

¹⁸⁴ a weird sense of style: 奇怪的穿衣品味

¹⁸⁵ entrepreneurship: 企业家精神

¹⁸⁶ grow into a family business: 发展成一个家族企业

Describe a time you were very busy.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

- When this time was;
- Why you were so busy;
- What you did to deal with the situation;
- And explain how you felt about being so busy.



40. 忙碌的经历

I'd like to talk about the day I **worked** at my cousin's **shop**. He's running a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats. This is the **first** and **best** pet store in my hometown. Since I'm a **cat lover**, I thought it'd be **fun** to **give my cousin a hand**¹⁸⁷ at his shop. He **agreed** to it and said I could try it out for **one day** to see if it **suit**ed me¹⁸⁸.

So on a **Sunday**, he made a **work schedule** for me to follow. Most of my job was **handling the odds and ends**¹⁸⁹, which he said was **a must** for interns¹⁹⁰. My cousin offers a **lot** of **after-sale services**¹⁹¹. If you **become a member**, you can enjoy **tons** of **exclusive services**¹⁹² for free, like **pet grooming**¹⁹³ and drinking **coffee** while playing with lots of **cute** kittens. So for that **entire Sunday**, I was either helping **bathe** the cats or **keeping an eye out for**¹⁹⁴ which kitty was trying to **sneak outside**¹⁹⁵. I was **busy as a bee**¹⁹⁶ and even had to **run** to the washroom when I wanted to use it. **It's no exaggeration** to say that¹⁹⁷ even a cat lover like **me** wanted to stay **away** from cats after a **whole** day's work at his shop.

So I really learned how **hard** it is as a **pet-care worker**. And the experience made me **admire** my cousin even more. I think his success is **inseparable from**¹⁹⁸ the terrific **service** he provides. So I **foresee**¹⁹⁹ **bigger** success for his shop in the future.

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¹⁸⁷ give my cousin a hand: 给我表哥帮个忙
¹⁸⁸ to see if it suited me: 看看是不是适合我
¹⁸⁹ handling the odds and ends: 处理杂七杂八的东西
¹⁹⁰ a must for interns: 实习生的必修课
¹⁹¹ after-sale services: 售后服务
¹⁹² exclusive services: 专属服务
¹⁹³ pet grooming: 宠物护理; 宠物美容

¹⁹⁴ keeping an eye out for: 随时留意
¹⁹⁵ sneak outside: 偷偷溜出去
¹⁹⁶ busy as a bee: 忙得不可开交
¹⁹⁷ It's no exaggeration to say that: 不夸张的说
¹⁹⁸ inseparable from: 离不开; 分不开
¹⁹⁹ foresee: 预见

Describe a time when someone asked you for your opinion.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

- Who asked you for your opinion;
- Why this person wanted to know your opinion;
- What opinion you gave this person;
- And explain how you felt when this person asked for your opinion.



41. 别人向你寻求意见

I once gave a **cousin** of mine some **suggestions** about her **job**. Last **summer**, she was looking for a **part-time job**, but she didn't know **what** jobs she really wanted to have, so she **came to me for some advice**.

At the time, a friend of mine had just opened a **pet shop** that's **devoted to**²⁰⁰ **cats**. They were hiring **more** staff. Then the idea of **introducing** my cousin to this pet shop **popped up in my mind**²⁰¹ right away because she would **fit this shop to a tee**²⁰².

But she **doubted herself** at the beginning. She felt that she couldn't do it **just** because she **likes** cats. I **tried** my best to help her **see past her worries**²⁰³. I told her the **worst** failure is **not trying**. And even if you **feel out of your depth**²⁰⁴ at this job, you still **learn** something from it and you have **nothing** to lose. And I also helped her realize **why** she is the **right** person for the job. She's **knowledgeable** and literally a **cat-pedia**. People can ask her **whatever** questions they have about cats. And I believed her **patience** would **give her the edge for this job**²⁰⁵.

After **hearing me out**²⁰⁶, my cousin decided to give it a **try**. So I **referred** her to my friend. **It turned out that** she's basically a **pro**²⁰⁷. She said almost **all** the customers like her. Everyone feels she's pretty **reliable**. And she started **taking a liking to this job**²⁰⁸. I'm really **glad** that my advice worked for her.

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²⁰⁰ devoted to: 专注于...;致力于...

²⁰¹ popped up in my mind: 在我脑子里冒出来...的主意

²⁰² fit this shop to a tee: 非常适合这家店(的工作)

²⁰³ see past her worries: 放下她的烦恼; see past 的用法如有疑问, 请微信留言问 Penny 老师

²⁰⁴ feel out of your depth: 感到力不从心;感到无法胜任...

²⁰⁵ give her the edge for this job: 是她做这份工作的优势

²⁰⁶ hearing me out: 听我说完

²⁰⁷ a pro: 一个专家

²⁰⁸ taking a liking to this job: 喜欢上这份工作

Describe an occasion when somebody said something positive about some work that you did.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who said something positive;

What kind of work you did;

Why this person was positive about your work;

And explain how you felt when you heard this positive comment.



42. 工作或学习中收到的正面评价

Well, my **cousin** once gave me a **positive** comment about my **job**. Last **summer**, I was looking for a **part-time job**, but I didn't know **what** kind of job I really wanted to have. So I **came to my cousin for some advice** because she **has built a great career**²⁰⁹.

At the time, one of her friends had just opened a **pet shop** that's **devoted to cats**. So she told me that she could **refer** me to the owner for **a pet sitter position**²¹⁰.

But I **doubted myself** at the beginning. I felt that I couldn't do it **just** because I **like** cats. She **tried** her best to help me **see past my worries**. She said she's **always** thought that I'm **knowledgeable** and literally a **cat-pedia**. People can ask me **whatever** questions they have about cats. And she believed my **patience** would **give me the edge for this job**.

Thanks to her **compliment**, I decided to give it a **try**. So my cousin **referred** me to her friend. **It turned out that** she was **totally** right. All those fears and worries **went away** after I actually **started** this part-time job. And I found I **took a liking to this job**²¹¹ **bit by bit**²¹². Sometimes I even **daydream**²¹³ about **starting up my own pet shop business**²¹⁴. So I'm very **grateful** for my cousin's **positive** comment about me, which is not only helpful for my **work**, but also meaningful for my **life**.

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²⁰⁹ has built a great career: 已经有了一份很不错的工作

²¹⁰ a pet sitter position: 一个宠物看护员的职位

²¹¹ took a liking to this job: 喜欢这份工作

²¹² bit by bit: 一点点地，逐渐地

²¹³ daydream: 白日做梦；空想

²¹⁴ starting up my own pet shop business: 创业开自己的宠物店

Describe a person who inspired you to do something interesting

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who the person is;

What interesting thing you did;

How this person inspired you to do this thing;

And explain how you felt after this person inspired you to do something interesting.



43. 激励你做有趣事情的人

Well, once my **cousin** inspired me to get an **interesting job**. Last **summer**, I was looking for a **part-time job**, but I didn't know **what** kind of job I really wanted to have. So I **came to my cousin for some advice**.

At the time, one of her friends had just opened a **pet shop** that's **devoted to cats**. So she told me that she could **refer** me to the owner for **a pet sitter position**²¹⁵.

But I **doubted myself** at the beginning. I felt that I couldn't do it **just** because I **like** cats. She **tried** her best to help me **see past my worries**. She said she's **always** thought that I'm **knowledgeable** and literally a **cat-pedia**. People can ask me **whatever** questions they have about cats. And she believed my **patience** would **give me the edge for this job**.

Thanks to her **compliment**, I decided to give it a **try**. So my cousin **referred** me to her friend. **It turned out that** she was **totally** right. I worked there as a **pet caregiver**. The shop offers a **lot of after-sale services**. You can enjoy **tons of exclusive services** for free, like **pet grooming** and drinking **coffee** while playing with lots of **cute** kittens. So, I worked with cats almost **every day**. It was the **happiest** time for me. **Just like the saying goes**²¹⁶, if you do what you **love**, you will **never** work a day in your life. I'm **grateful** to my cousin for **pushing** me to get this job.

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²¹⁵ a pet sitter position: 一个宠物看护员的职位

²¹⁶ Just like the saying goes: 就像俗话说的那样

Describe a person you know who enjoys growing plants (e.g. flowers, vegetables, fruit trees)

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

How you know this person;

What plants this person enjoys growing;

Where this person grows plants;

And explain why you think this person enjoys growing these plants.



44. 喜欢种植物的人

When it comes to someone who likes **gardening**, the **first** person I can think of is a **friend** of my **dad's**, **who I refer to as Uncle Li**²¹⁷. He's been **retired** for years. My father and I visit him every **Spring Festival**. **He has such a green thumb**²¹⁸.

He and his family live in the **penthouse**²¹⁹ of a high-rise. And they have **all** kinds of plants and flowers, mostly **succulent**²²⁰ and **pansies**²²¹, in their home. What impressed me **most** was their huge **balcony** where Uncle Li keeps over **thirty** pots of succulent plants and a variety of **orchids**²²² in different colors. **My jaw dropped**²²³ when I saw them for the **first** time. I've **never** seen anyone who keeps **so many** plants at home.

Uncle Li is literally **a know-it-all** about gardening²²⁴. He's the **go-to guy**²²⁵ whenever I have **questions** about gardening and plants. He's so **professional**. He can talk to you for a **long** time about **any** questions you throw his way. Plus, he often gives his gorgeous flowers to others as **gifts**. My dad once received a nice pot with a **succulent** plant from Uncle Li.

My dad told me Uncle Li **took a liking to**²²⁶ gardening after he **retired**. Now **all he does every day is look after**²²⁷ the flowers at home, **fertilize** them, and **kick back on his paradise-like balcony**²²⁸. I bet he must have a **good** time every day. It's a life I **envy**. I hope I can live a **carefree** life like him after I retire in the **future**.

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²¹⁷ who I refer to as Uncle Li: 我叫他李叔叔

²¹⁸ He has such a green thumb: 他可是个园艺能手

²¹⁹ penthouse: 顶层豪华公寓

²²⁰ succulent: 多肉植物

²²¹ pansies: 蝴蝶兰

²²² orchids: 兰花

²²³ My jaw dropped: 我惊的下巴都掉下来了; 形容非常惊讶

²²⁴ a know-it-all about gardening: 园艺方面的万事通

²²⁵ go-to guy: 求助对象; 要去找的人

²²⁶ took a liking to: 喜欢上了

²²⁷ all he does every day is look after: 请注意这里的句型结构是没有错误的。

²²⁸ kick back on his paradise-like balcony: 在他天堂般的阳台上消遣放松

Describe the home of somebody who you know well.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Whose home this is;

How often you go there;

What this home looks like;

And explain how you feel about this person's home.



45. 熟人的家

When it comes to a home of someone **I know**, the **first** one I can think of is the home of my **dad's friend** **who I refer to as Uncle Li**. He has been **retired** for years. My father and I visit him every **Spring Festival**.

He and his family live in the **penthouse** of a high-rise. His home has a **traditional** Chinese interior design with many **fine arts**²²⁹ and **calligraphy works**²³⁰ on the walls. He also loves **cats**. He ran a **pet shop** that's **devoted to** cats before he retired. Now he has **three** cats. He has **pet furniture** and **items** everywhere for these three cats. Plus, he's literally a **cat-pedia**. You can ask him **whatever** questions you have about cats. I have **an orange cat**. So every time I **visit** him, I often talk about **cats** with him.

Besides, he has all kinds of **plants** and **flowers**, mostly **succulent** and **pansies**, in his home. What impressed me most was his **huge balcony** where Uncle Li keeps over **thirty** pots of succulent plants and a variety of **orchids** in different colors. **My jaw dropped** when I saw them for the **first** time. I've **never** seen anyone who keeps **so many** plants at home.

Now **all he does every day is look after** his cats and flowers at home, and **kick back on his paradise-like balcony**. I think he has **everything** he loves at home. I bet he must have a **good** time every day.

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²²⁹ fine arts: 绘画作品

²³⁰ calligraphy works: 书法作品

Describe something that surprised you and made you happy.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

- What the surprise is;
- How you found out about the surprise;
- What you did after you found out;
- And explain why the surprise made you happy.



46. 让你惊喜的事情

I'd like to talk about the story of how my **friend** secretly prepared my **birthday present** **behind my back**²³¹. It happened when I was a **freshman** in college.

I remember that my friend kept the gift a **secret** for the weeks **leading up to my birthday**²³². I saw her a few times with something for **embroidery**²³³, so I always asked to see **what** project she was working on. But since it was a **gift** for me, she **didn't want to give the surprise away**²³⁴. She just told me that she had been too **busy** to do any embroidery.

But at my birthday **party**, she gave me a **sweater** and told me she decided to do something **creative** for my birthday as soon as she found out my **birthdate**. She bought a sweater and **embroidered** my favourite animal, a tiger, onto it. It's special to me because I was born in the **Year of the Tiger in the Chinese Zodiac**²³⁵. Even though **it's just stitched on**²³⁶, the embroidered tiger looks so **lifelike**²³⁷. I honestly **couldn't believe my eyes** when I saw it.

My friend said she had been **preparing** this gift for almost **a month**, and **kept it a secret from me** so she could give me a big surprise. I was really **touched** by her thoughtful gift. It was the **first** time that someone planned a **surprise** for my birthday, so this gift really **left a mark on me**²³⁸. And I'm so **lucky** to have such a **nice** friend.

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²³¹ behind my back: 背着我

²³² leading up to my birthday: 在我生日前...

²³³ embroidery: 刺绣品

²³⁴ didn't want to give the surprise away: 不想把惊喜泄露出去

²³⁵ in the Chinese Zodiac: 在中国的十二生肖里

²³⁶ it's just stitched on: 只是缝上去的(绣上去的)

²³⁷ lifelike: 像真的一样

²³⁸ left a mark on me: 让我印象深刻

Describe an object that you think is very beautiful.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What the object is;

Where you first saw the object;

What it looks like;

And explain how you feel about this beautiful object.



47. 漂亮物品

I'd like to talk about a beautiful **sweater** I got from my **friend**. In fact, it's a **birthday present** she secretly prepared **behind my back**. It happened when I was a **freshman** in college.

I remember that my friend **kept the gift a secret** for the weeks **leading up to my birthday**. I saw her a few times with something for **embroidery**, so I always asked to see **what** project she was working on. But since it was a **gift** for me, she **didn't want to give the surprise away**. She just told me that she had been too **busy** to do any embroidery.

But at my birthday party, she gave me a **sweater** that **made my eyes light up**²³⁹ the moment I saw it. It was a **white** sweater and she had **embroidered** my **favourite** animal, a **tiger**, onto it. It's **special** to me because I was born in the **Year of the Tiger in the Chinese Zodiac**. My friend said she **embroidered** the tiger on **herself**. Even though **it's just stitched on**, the embroidered tiger looks so **lifelike**. The tiger's back is sewn entirely with **gold** thread, **giving the sweater an extravagant feel**²⁴⁰.

I think the sweater is **gorgeous** because it's so **creative** and **elegant**. I literally **didn't** know my friend had such **great** embroidery skills. Actually that was the first **handmade piece of clothing**²⁴¹ I'd ever gotten, so it really **left a mark on me**²⁴². And I'm so **lucky** to have such a **gifted friend**.

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²³⁹ made my eyes light up: 我看到...那一刻眼睛就亮了; 令我眼前一亮

²⁴⁰ giving the sweater an extravagant feel: 赋予毛衣一种奢华的感觉

²⁴¹ handmade piece of clothing: 手工制作的衣服

²⁴² left a mark on me: 令我印象深刻

Describe a film/movie you enjoyed and would like to see again.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What the film/movie was;

When and where you see the film/movie;

What the film/movie was about;

And explain why you would like to see this film/movie again.



48. 喜欢并想再看一次的电影

Speaking of a **movie** I'd love to **rewatch**, I have to say the movie **Robinson Crusoe**(鲁宾逊漂流记). It's a **classic adventure film**²⁴³. My **favorite** is the **first** film edition of it from the **1950s**. Although it is a **black-and-white movie**²⁴⁴, the story is very close to the **original** novel.

Anyway, the **first** time I watched this film was actually in a **Chinese class** when I was in **high school**. Our teacher asked us to **watch** the film and **write a review of it**²⁴⁵. So my classmates and I **carefully** watched the film.

It didn't let me down²⁴⁶. The movie tells the adventurous story of the **protagonist**²⁴⁷, **Robinson Crusoe**. **Long story short**²⁴⁸, the young man is **shipwrecked**²⁴⁹ and **castaway**²⁵⁰ on a remote **island**. He tries his best to **survive** by **all** means and manages to live on the island for over **20** years. He has **challenges** and is in **danger** many times. But he overcomes **all** of them and learns to **survive on his wits**²⁵¹. He builds **shelters**, raises **goats**, and even keeps **cats, dogs** and a **parrot** as pets. Anyway, in the **end**, he's **rescued** and goes back to England in his **fifties**. What a **story**!

The film **left a mark on me**. I always wondered what **I** would do to survive if I became a **castaway** on an island. Now I'd love to watch the film **again**. After **all** these years, I think I will definitely **have a new perspective on this classic film**.

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²⁴³ adventure film: 冒险片

²⁴⁴ a black-and-white movie: 一部黑白电影

²⁴⁵ write a review of it: 写观后感

²⁴⁶ It didn't let me down: 它没有让我失望

²⁴⁷ protagonist: 主人公

²⁴⁸ Long story short: 长话短说

²⁴⁹ shipwrecked: 遭遇了海难

²⁵⁰ castaway: 漂流

²⁵¹ on his wits: 利用他的智慧; 想尽办法

Describe a novel or a story that you thought was particularly interesting.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Why you read the novel story;

What the novel/story was about;

How long it took you to read it;

And explain why you thought this novel/story was so interesting.



49.有趣的小说/故事

Speaking of an interesting **book** I read before, I have to say the **adventure novel** **Robinson Crusoe**(鲁宾逊漂流记). It's a **classic** adventure story and it's been **adapted into films**²⁵² **multiple** times. Honestly, I don't remember the author's **name**, but I know he's an **American** writer.

Anyway, the **first** time I read this book was actually for an **assignment** during the **summer** when I was in **high** school. Our teacher asked us to **read** the book and **write a review of it**. So I bought the book and read it **carefully**.

The story is so **intense** that I **couldn't** put it down once I started reading. The novel is about the adventurous story of the **protagonist**, **Robinson Crusoe**. **Long story short**, the young man is **shipwrecked** and **castaway** on a remote **island**. He tries his best to **survive** by **all** means and manages to live on the island for over **20** years. He has **challenges** and is in **danger** many times. But he overcomes **all** of them and learns to **survive** **on his wits**. He builds **shelters**, raises **goats**, and even keeps **cats**, **dogs** and a **parrot** as pets. Anyway, in the **end**, he's **rescued** and goes back to England in his **fifties**. What a **story**!

That book **left a mark on me**. I always wondered what **I** would do to survive if I was a **castaway** on an island. Now I'd love to read the book **again**. After **all** these years, I think I will definitely **have a new perspective on this story**.

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²⁵² adapted into films: 改编成电影

Describe an English lesson that you really enjoyed.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Where the lesson took place;

What the lesson was about;

What the teacher did;

And explain why you enjoyed this lesson so much.



50. 一节喜欢的英语课

I'd like to talk about an English class I had in **high school**. Honestly, I had been a **slow learner of English**, but I seemed to **get the hang of it**²⁵³ after **that** class.

In that class, our English teacher showed us **some clips of an English movie**²⁵⁴ called **Robinson Crusoe**(鲁宾逊漂流记). She told us to have a **group discussion** later about the movie, so we all watched it **carefully**. The movie tells the adventurous story of the **protagonist**, **Robinson Crusoe**. **Long story short**, the young man is **castaway** on a remote **island**. He tries his best to **survive** by **all** means and manages to live on the island for over **20** years.

Anyway, after the movie, the teacher asked us **what** we would do to survive if we were castaways on an island. That's a very **intriguing**²⁵⁵ topic, and everyone got **involved** by talking about how **they** would survive **on their wits**. We **had really good chemistry in the class**²⁵⁶. Even though **my English wasn't the strongest**, I tried my **best** to present my **ideas** and I even used a few **phrases** I learned from the movie.

It was the **first** time I hoped an English class could be **longer**. And I realized that watching **movies** in English is a **good** way to learn the language. Since then, I've **taken a liking to** watching **English movies**, which helps me **improve** my English from grammar to vocabulary. So that was the class that **inspired** me the most. It was definitely my **favorite**.

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²⁵³ get the hang of it: 掌握了窍门

²⁵⁴ some clips of an English movie: 一个英文电影的一些片段

²⁵⁵ intriguing: 非常有趣的; 引人入胜的

²⁵⁶ had really good chemistry in the class: 有非常好的课堂氛围