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下面举两个例子：

“Anna is two years my elder.” 安娜比我大两岁。“She is four months my younger” 她比我小四个月。

这是一种比较现代的说法，当然我们平时都会讲 “Anna is two years older than me” 和 “She is four months younger than me.” 但其实外国人都会用前者多一些的。

“The majority of the girls were content discussing about how handsome or how affluent their boyfriends were.” 女孩子们都在热烈地讨论他们的男朋友有多帅。

这是现代英语的另一个特征，就是现在外国人在口头上都常常会省略掉介词。这里就把 were content with discussing 的 with 去掉了。这在口语上是没问题的，但大家在写作中就尽量要避免哦。

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1: Work / Study

Work

这个话题写了 4 套答案，分别是商科、理工科（工程）、理工科（编程）、家庭主妇。考官不会在意你是做什么的，也不会因此追问。所以其实瞎掰就可以了。

(1) For those work in Commerce Area (Finance) (商科)

1. How do you usually spend your day at work?

Usually, I spend my day at work working diligently and with focus. I do not like to mess around when I am at work. Of course, during my lunch break I will hang out with my colleagues and eat with them. However, when I am on the clock I am focused on my task and like to get all my work done efficiently.

2. Do you find it easy to organize your time at work?

Sometimes I can find it quite tricky to organize my time at work. I work with a very large team of people, and it can often be quite overwhelming trying to communicate with all of them effectively. This affects my time management at work.

3. Who helps you most in your work?

I get most of my help from the team around me at work. It is a very social and collaborative environment at my workplace, so whenever I have issues or problems that need to be resolved I just ask a colleague to help me.

(2) For those who work in Natural Science (Programmer) (理工科)

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2. Do you find it easy to organize your time at work?

I find it quite easy to organize my time at work. I am fortunate enough to be able to work quite independently, therefore I have a lot of control over my duties and time management. This makes it very easy to be organized.

3. Who helps you most in your work?

I am helped most by my boss at work. In general, software development is a very independently run business, so there are not a lot of group projects at my office. If I ever encounter a problem, I go to my boss, and they assist me.

(3) For those who work in Natural Science (Engineering) (理工科)

1. How do you usually spend your day at work?

A typical working day for me is comprised of a combination of engineering work and software development. I work in the business of automation as an engineer which entails me developing and constructing machinery to automate labour for a wide range of different jobs and tasks. This involves a lot of hardware construction and software design.

2. Do you find it easy to organize your time at work?

My job requires me to focus on several projects at once, so I often struggle with time management while I am at work. As an automation engineer, I am swamped with deadlines and expectations from many different projects in which I am performing a variety of roles. This makes it very difficult to keep track of everything I must do and to stay on top of it all.

3. Who helps you most in your work?

I am fortunate enough to work in a company that fosters and develops an excellent sense of camaraderie and a strong working relationship between colleagues. Each project we work on we work on as a team. Therefore, if any of us ever come up against struggles or difficulties we simply turn to the other members of the team for help.

(4) For those who is a household wife (家庭主妇)

1. How do you usually spend your day at work?

I look after two young children at home, so my working day is spent making food, cleaning the house, and caring for my children. Raising children is a full-time job and every day I am incredibly busy with all the tasks and chores I have to complete.

2. Do you find it easy to organize your time at work?

Raising children and looking after the household is a process of completing dozens and dozens of small tasks on a daily basis, therefore, good time management skills are essential. I have developed a good system and a rigorous schedule that I maintain to complete all my tasks. So, in general, I would say I find it easy to organize my time while working.

3. Who helps you most in your work?

To be honest, since I am at home most of the day there are not a lot of people who are able to help me in my work. However, when my husband returns from work, he is always incredibly supportive. When home, he helps look after the children, he assists me with the washing up, and occasionally he even cooks dinner for the family.

Study

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(1) For those who major in Commerce (Finance) (商科)

1. How do you usually spend your day when you're studying?

When I am studying, I need to break my day up into manageable tasks. I am not the sort of person who can study for 8 hours straight and then go home. I need to work on specific tasks for an hour or two and then go take a short break such as a walk outside or get a drink of water and talk with some friends. I find these breaks help me maintain focus and stay positive while I am working.

2. Do you find it easy to organize your study time?

Sometimes I find it tricky to organize my study time. Business studies is a very practical degree, and we have a lot of workshops and projects that we must complete! This means it is often hard to find enough time to study and revise well.

3. Who helps you most in your studies?

I receive the most help from my fellow students. There is a lot of group work and group projects in a business degree, so I am always interacting with other business students. They often help me with my studies and revision.

(2) For those who major in Natural Science (Programmer) (理工科)

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2. Do you find it easy to organize your study time?

For the most part I find it easy to organize my study time, but sometimes I get distracted. In general, I have software development projects to focus on that require a lot of study. I am normally quite focused, but occasionally I slip up!

3. Who helps you most in your studies?

I receive most of my help from my best friend. He also studies computer science and we often study together in the library. Often, I will help him with problems he does not understand, and he also helps me with problems I don't understand.

(3) For those who major in Natural Science (Automation) (理工科)

1. How do you usually spend your day when you're studying?

Well, as a student studying automation engineering, I spend most of my day in the workshop, practicing mechanics and engineering. My degree is quite a practical degree with a lot of time spent working with materials and construction. I find this thrilling and exhilarating; I love that I don't have to spend all my time reading books.

2. Do you find it easy to organize your study time?

Although I am not naturally the most organized person in the world, in general I'd say I'm pretty good at organizing my study time. I spend most of my day in workshops and working on practical projects, then at the end of the day I do my book learning. I think this balance makes it easy for me to organize my time.

3. Who helps you most in your studies?

Personally, I find my fellow students to be my greatest assets when it comes to help with my studies. Engineering degrees involve a lot of group projects and so we have a very good working relationship as a cohort. If I am ever struggling or falling behind, I simply turn to one of my classmates for support and assistance.

(4) For those who major in Art (艺术类)

1. How do you usually spend your day when you're studying?

Most of my day is spent in the studio working on paintings. I am a fine art student which means my degree is all about learning artistic techniques and skills. Well, like most students, we have the occasional lecture, mine are on art styles and techniques. However, most of my degree is spent on my own practicing these techniques in the art studio.

2. Do you find it easy to organize your study time?

I find it relatively simple to organize my study time. Fine art is a very hands-on degree, and I am assessed largely by the works of art I create at the end. So, that means I have a lot of control and authority over how I spend my time. This makes it easy for me to organize my study time, as it is on my terms.

3. Who helps you most in your studies?

The greatest aid to me in my studies is my fine art tutor. My tutor is an expert in his field and has been teaching fine art to countless students for decades. The experience he has is an invaluable resource to me. Whenever I am struggling with a technique or a style, I turn to my art tutor for help.

(5) For those who major in Law (法学)

1. How do you usually spend your day when you're studying?

I spend almost every hour of my studying day in the library reading book after book. I study law which is a very difficult degree. The most challenging aspect of law is that you have to memorize pages and pages of

legislation and law. So, I spend each of my days reading dozens of books, memorizing all sorts of different law.

2. Do you find it easy to organize your study time?

Well, with the mountains of reading that I have to get done on a weekly basis, I find it really tricky to manage my time effectively. Honestly, it feels like there just aren't enough hours in the day! I wake up early and go to bed late, but I still only just barely get all the work done that I need to get done.

3. Who helps you most in your studies?

I am fortunate enough to have parents who studied a similar degree to me when they were at university, my father is a lawyer, and he helps me the most when I am struggling with my studies. Whenever I come across a legal term I do not understand or a law that seems tricky I call my dad up on the phone and ask him to explain it to me. He is very helpful.

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2: Work / Study (5-8 月新题)

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(1) For those work in Commerce Area (Finance) (商科)

1. What do you do?

I am currently working in an international commercial institute. My job is to deal with all kinds of financial bills between other companies and us. It is a well-paid job and I like it.

2. Have you always wanted to do this kind of work?

To be honest, I did not always want to do this kind of work. When I was in school, I wanted to be an artist or an actor when I grew up. However, these aspirations were unrealistic and instead I discovered that I had a passion for business.

3. Do you work best in the morning or the afternoon?

Well, I would have to say that I am definitely a morning person. I like to wake up early and open up the shop while the birds are still chirping in the sky. I think mornings are invigorating and full of interesting people. I like knowing that I helped make the start of someone's day better.

(2) For those who work in Natural Science (Programmer) (理工科)

1. What do you do?

I am currently working in the business of software development as a programmer, more specifically, I design apps and websites for large companies such as banks, chain-restaurants, and big brands. In general, I work on designing user-friendly interfaces and intuitive app design.

2. Have you always wanted to do this kind of work?

I have always wanted to be some sort of a programmer. When I was growing up, I used to play loads of video games on my computer that would let me go into the code and modify things. I remember having so much fun changing games and messing with the code. I am glad I now get to code as a full-time job.

3. Do you work best in the morning or the afternoon?

There is no question about it, I am useless at working in the morning and I get most of my best work done in the afternoons. When I turn up to work, I spend my first few hours doing easy jobs such as checking my emails and returning calls. It is only in the afternoon that I start working on the serious code.

(3) For those who work in Natural Science (Automation) (理工科)

1. What do you do?

To be honest, I think my job is really cool, I work for a company as an automation engineer. What this means is that I work on both the hardware and software to develop technologies that automate jobs and tasks that previously were performed by human labour.

2. Have you always wanted to do this kind of work?

Well, I can't honestly say I've always wanted to do this kind of work. When I was growing up, automation of labour was still a very new idea and there were not a lot of jobs on the market that related to it. I always liked designing and building things, but this specific job was something I got into much later in life.

3. Do you work best in the morning or the afternoon?

Personally, I find my best working hours are in the morning. I am what they call an early riser, which means I wake up feeling fresh and ready to start my day. I like to get on with my work as soon as possible, because the earlier I start a project the earlier I finish it!

(4) For those who is a household wife (家庭主妇)

1. What do you do?

I currently don't have a job so I can stay at home and support my family. I am a stay-at-home mum or what some people call a housewife. I am lucky enough that my husband has a job that can support both of us and our family, so we decided it would be better if I stayed at home to look after the kids.

2. Have you always wanted to do this kind of work?

Honestly, this is not the kind of work I envisaged myself doing when I was growing up. I have had many aspirations and career goals in my life, and I still hope to achieve them one day. However, I find this work incredibly rewarding and I love my family, so I am happy.

3. Do you work best in the morning or the afternoon?

I have always been the kind of person who likes to take my mornings slow and do most of my work in the afternoon. In the mornings I just make sure that my family are fed and have lunch for the day ahead. After that, I work on some personal projects and save the serious work for the afternoon.

Study

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(1) For those who major in Commerce (Finance) (商科)

1. What do you study?

I am a finance studies student, focusing on finance and economic industry. I study a very pragmatic degree that aims to build up social financial systems and the management of financial risk.

2. Have you always wanted to study this subject/these subjects?

I never had any interest in doing a more academic subject, so to say. I was never that book-smart, but I have a good head on me for business and a lot of common sense, so I think this is a great subject for me to study. I have wanted to study business for a while.

3. Do you study best in the morning or the afternoon?

Personally, I study best in the afternoons. My degree is a very social degree that is centered on communication and interaction between clients and business partners. So, it is difficult to be good at these things while you are still waking up!

(2) For those who major in Natural Science (Engineering) (理工科)

1. What do you study?

I am currently enrolled in the school of automation at my university. I am studying it as a broad subject, which means I explore everything from circuit design to mechanical principles. However, I would like to focus on automation design in my final year.

2. Have you always wanted to study this subject/these subjects?

I became interested in these subjects after I graduated from high school. When I was a young child, I was very curious about the planets and stars. But when I got older, I found pursuing a career in astronomy was unrealistic and became interested in more practical fields, like the major I am studying now.

1. Do you study best in the morning or the afternoon?

My most efficient study hours are definitely the morning. When I first wake up, I feel very driven and motivated to study hard and get on with my day. However, I normally push myself too hard and end up crashing by the early afternoon.

(3) For those who major in Natural Science (Programmer) (理工科)

1. What do you study?

I am enrolled in a computer science degree at my university. In short, this means that I learn a variety of different coding languages, from C++ to Python. On top of this, we also learn how to implement these codes towards profitable projects and how to utilize our skills in the business world.

2. Have you always wanted to study this subject/these subjects?

To be quite honest, I had no interest in studying computer science while I was growing up. I do not think a lot of kids want to study computer science when they are younger as it seems like a boring degree. But I realized I was quite good at it and also being a programmer pays really well.

3. Do you study best in the morning or the afternoon?

My most efficient study hours are definitely the morning. When I first wake up, I feel very driven and motivated to study hard and get on with my day. However, I normally push myself too hard and end up crashing by the early afternoon.

(4) For those who major in Art (Drawing) (艺术类)

1. What do you study?

At university, I major in fine art which means that I study artistic skills and techniques in a practical sense. This is different from art history which looks more at the history of art and the cultural impact of famous artists. I am studying to become a famous artist myself one day.

2. Have you always wanted to study this subject/these subjects?

I can honestly say that I have always wanted to study this subject. I grew up in a household that encouraged creativity and nurtured my artistic skill. So, there has always been a lot of support around me when I expressed my desire to study fine art at university.

3. Do you study best in the morning or the afternoon?

My most efficient study hours are definitely the morning. When I first wake up, I feel very driven and motivated to study hard and get on with my day. However, I normally push myself too hard and end up crashing by the early afternoon.

(5) For those who major in Law (法学)

1. What do you study?

I currently attend a very prestigious law school where I am studying to become a public defender. This entails studying a whole host of different criminal law so that I am in a position to defend all sorts of people who are put on trial.

2. Have you always wanted to study this subject/these subjects?

It has been a dream of mine for a while to become a public defender. I want to fight against injustice and corruption and the most effective way to do that in society is by defending the people who do not have anyone to speak for them.

3. Do you study best in the morning or the afternoon?

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3: Hometown

该话题下面写了四种类型，出生在大城市和小城市，喜欢和不喜欢，选其一即可。

(1) Grown up in a big city and like it

1. Tell me about your hometown / where is your hometown?

My hometown is Shanghai, the largest city in China found on the central coast. It is a huge, metropolitan city and one of the global financial hubs. It is a very beautiful city with a famed waterfront promenade called **the Bund (外滩)** which attracts a lot of tourists and sightseers every year!

2. Did you learn about the history of your home town when you were at school?

When I was at school I did learn about the history of Shanghai. Shanghai is one of the biggest and most major cities in China, so its history is taught not only in my school but in schools across the country!

3. What is your home town famous for today?

Nowadays, Shanghai is famous for being one of the global financial hubs and therefore an incredibly developed and fast paced city. People come from all around the world to experience the thrilling nightlife and culture of Shanghai.

(2) Grown up in a big city and don't like it

1. Tell me about your hometown / where is your hometown?

My hometown is the city of Shanghai, which is one of the largest cities in China, found on the central coast. Shanghai is a huge and sprawling city, full of massive high-rise buildings and densely packed grey streets. There are some beautiful areas such as the Bund, but these are incredibly expensive and very few people can afford to live there!

2. Did you learn about the history of your home town when you were at school?

Yes, we were all taught about the history of Shanghai when I was at school. I did not find the lessons very interesting, and Shanghai has a very long and complicated history.

3. What is your home town famous for today?

Shanghai is famous nowadays for being a financial and commercial hub of the world. Therefore, this city attracts thousands of people who are looking to come here and make lots of money. I find it a very unattractive aspect of the city.

(3) Grown up in a small town and like it

1. Tell me about your hometown / where is your hometown?

My hometown is the small town of Shantou, found on the eastern coast of Guangdong. Shantou was originally a trading port and therefore the docks and ships are a very important aspect of the town for me. When I was a kid I would go down to the docks and sit for hours watching the ships go by.

2. Did you learn about the history of your home town when you were at school?

I learned a little about the history of my hometown when I was at school, but not a lot. We learned about the foundation of Shantou as a trading port and its development from there. But mainly, we learn about larger cities.

3. What is your home town famous for today?

I would say that my small town is most famous for the temples we have. There is both the Palace Temple of Old Mother and the Temple of Emperor Guan, both of which attract a lot of tourists.

(4) Grown up in a small town and don't like it

1. Tell me about your hometown / where is your hometown?

My hometown is the city of Shantou, a small prefecture (县城) on the eastern coast of Guangdong. It is a sizeable and small town, with a population of over five million people. It was originally a trading port, and a lot of our economy is based on our history of maritime (海上的) trade.

2. Did you learn about the history of your home town when you were at school?

I did not learn a lot about the history of my hometown when I was at school. To be honest, there is not a lot to learn about the history of Shantou. In general, they taught us Chinese history and the history of larger towns.

3. What is your home town famous for today?

There is not a lot my hometown is famous for today; I do not think it is a very well-known place. However, the Shipaotai Park is a very popular attraction, and many people visit the area to go there. So, this is probably what my town is most famous for.

4: Where you live (5-8 月新题)

这个话题下面写了四个类别，分别是别墅（自建房），大城市，小城市和学校宿舍。

(1) Living in a house

1. Do you live in a house or an apartment?

I currently live in a house just outside of the city. I am fortunate enough that my family have owned a house out here for quite some time, it was bought by my great grandfather. It is a family home, and therefore we all live here, and it is passed down through the family.

2. What is your favourite room in your home?

I have always felt a great fondness for the kitchen in my home. My family and I have shared many beautiful meals and moments in that kitchen. The kitchen looks out onto the garden with these great big windows, so the sun always shines through gloriously.

3. What things make your home pleasant to live in?

Since my home is just outside of the city, the surrounding country is very idyllic, and the area is peaceful. This is what makes my home a wonderfully pleasant place to live. I really appreciate the serenity and quiet that surrounds my home.

(2) Living in a big city

1. Do you live in a house or an apartment?

My current home is a small apartment in a very large city. I moved here for work a few years ago and found an apartment in a high-rise block in the centre of the city. The place is not very fancy, but it works for me.

2. What is your favourite room in your home?

There are not many rooms in my apartment, but I am fortunate in that I have a large and spacious bedroom. Therefore, I have been able to adorn my room with all my prized possessions and the various decorations I have collected in my life. So, my bedroom is my favourite room.

3. What things make your home pleasant to live in?

There is a lot of bad housing in the centre of huge cities like the one I live in, but luckily a few aspects of my home make it very pleasant. I live on one of the top floors in the apartment block which means my view of the city is incredible, and this brings me a lot of joy.

(3) Living in a small city

1. Do you live in a house or an apartment?

I live in a medium-sized flat in the small town that I grew up in. It is not anything fancy, but it is spacious and presentable. I like my flat a lot, and often have guests over for dinner and events.

2. What is your favourite room in your home?

The best room in my flat is by far the living room. The living room is where I host guests whenever they come to visit, so I have made it an inviting and well decorated room. It is a great place to hang out, and so it is my favourite room.

3. What things make your home pleasant to live in?

I live in a small town which means there is not a lot of noise pollution or late-night hooliganism. This means my home is a peaceful and pleasant place to live, but there are still a lot of fun things to do. I think there is a great balance of peace and entertainment in my home.

(4) Living in dormitory

1. Do you live in a house or an apartment?

I have just left home for university and so I now live in a large dormitory with many of my classmates. It is a very hectic way to live but there are also a lot of positive aspects as well.

2. What is your favourite room in your home?

As I live in a dormitory, there is not a lot of personal space. The rooms are shared with others and so these are not the best places to hang out, so my favourite rooms are the common spaces where everyone can relax and chat to each other with ease.

3. What things make your home pleasant to live in?

There are a lot of downsides to living in a busy dormitory, but one of the best parts is that you will never get bored! There are always people around and things to do. I think my current home is the most entertaining place I have ever lived; it is full of the most interesting people.

5: Mirrors

1. How often do you look at yourself in a mirror?

- 1) I look at myself in the mirror very often. I am quite **self-conscious**(自我怀疑) about my appearance, and I like to look **neat and tidy** (干净整洁) when I am in public. Therefore, I look at myself in the mirror any chance I get so I can make sure my hair is tidy and my clothes are neat.
- 2) I very rarely look at myself in a mirror. I am not a very **vain** (自视甚高) person and so I am not too concerned with my own appearance. I only look at myself in a mirror when I really need to, such as when I spill something on my face.

2. Have you ever bought a mirror?

- 1) Yes, I have bought a mirror. In fact, I bought a mirror not too long ago! I had a small mirror I would use in my room to look at my hair and face, but I needed to buy a full-length mirror to see what my daily outfits looked like.
- 2) No, I have never bought a mirror. When I was growing up, there were already plenty of mirrors in my house that my parents had bought. Since then, I have only rented accommodation that already had mirrors on the walls.

3. Would you buy clothes without checking yourself in a mirror first?

- 1) No, I would never buy clothes without checking myself in a mirror first! It is very important to me that the clothes I buy look good on me, so I do not buy any clothes without checking myself in the mirror first.
- 2) Yes, I often buy clothes without checking myself in the mirror first. For one, I often buy clothes online, so it is literally impossible for me to check myself in the mirror first. Yet, even at stores if a piece of clothing looks good, I trust it will look fine on me.

4. Do you think mirrors are a good way to decorate a room?

- 1) I think mirrors are a great way to decorate a room. Mirrors come in many different shapes and sizes, and some mirrors have very beautiful ornate frames. Therefore, they make good decorations, they are also great because mirrors make small rooms seem larger.
- 2) I do not think mirrors are a good way to decorate a room. Mirrors are quite boring decorations when compared to things such as paintings or wall hangings. When decorating a room, I would rather choose decorations that are colourful and exciting.

6: Taking photos

1. How often do you take photos?

- 1) I take photos very often! I use the camera on my phone, and I always have my phone on me (随身携带手机), so I take photos on a daily basis. I like to take photos with my friends, when I am at pretty places and when I order good food!
- 2) I do not take photos very often. I am the sort of person who enjoys living in the present and I find that I always forget to take photos. However, I do not think we should take photos all the time, sometimes it is better just to enjoy the moment.

2. Do you like taking photos of yourself?

- 1) I like taking photos of myself! I often take selfies on days when I look good or when I am wearing an interesting outfit. I like to keep a record of how I look so I take a lot of photos of myself and enjoy doing so!
- 2) I do not like taking photos of myself. I am not a very confident person and I get quite shy when I must take a photograph of myself. So, I try to take as little photos of myself as possible.

3. Do you have a favorite family photo?

- 1) I have a favourite family photo; it is the photo of my older brother graduating from university. Our whole family attended the graduation and it is a beautiful photo with three generations of my family in it! I cherish the photo a lot.
- 2) I do not have a favourite family photo. There are so many wonderful photos of my family that it is impossible to choose just one that is my favourite! I like all my family photos; each one is lovely for its own reasons.

4. Would you like to learn how to take better photos?

- 1) I would like to learn how to take better photos. I take a lot of photos but there is always room to improve! It would be great to have a better understanding of lighting and shadow when it comes to taking photos.
- 2) I do not think I would like to learn how to take better photos. I do not take a lot of photos, so it is not a skill I have ever wanted to develop or improve. I would rather learn a different skill.

7: Cars

1. Did you enjoy travelling by car when you were a child?

- 1) I really enjoyed travelling by car when I was a child! I would always get excited for long car journeys, and I enjoyed watching the scenery pass by through the window. I would relish every car journey.
- 2) No, I always disliked travelling by car when I was a child. When young, I was impatient, and I would get bored very easily during car journeys. Therefore, I always wanted car journeys to be over quickly when I was a child!

2. Would you generally prefer to be a driver or a passenger in a car

- 1) Personally, I prefer being the passenger in a car rather than the driver. When I am in a car, I like controlling the music, talking with my friends and enjoying the scenery. When you are driving you must focus on the road, and you cannot enjoy these things.
- 2) I much prefer being a driver when I am in a car. I love driving and I enjoy feeling in control of the vehicle. Driving is a fun and relaxing activity for me, in contrast I find being a passenger in a car very boring.

3. How important is the colour of a car to you?

- 1) The colour of a car is very important to me. I want my car to look good and I want it to be my favourite colour for cars. I have always thought red cars look the best, so it is important to me that a car is red.
- 2) The colour of a car is not important to me. I care more about a car's specifications and features; I enjoy good quality cars that drive well and are very fast! It does not matter to me what colour the car is.

4. What type of car would you most like to have in the future?

- 1) In the future, I would like to have a very large car with a lot of space for people and luggage. I want a car I can use for road trips and for camping, therefore I want one with a lot of space! I do not need a flashy or a fast car.
- 2) In the future I would like to own a sports car. It has been a dream of mine for a while to own an incredible car like a Lamborghini. However, these are very expensive so the chances of me owning one are low!

8: Websites

1. What kinds of websites do you use most often?

- 1) The websites I use most often are social media websites. I do not really use the internet much for research or for my work, I prefer to use the internet for leisure and relaxation. So, the kinds of websites I use most often are social media websites.
- 2) The websites I use most often are my email and research websites. I use the internet a lot in my studies and for my work, so I am constantly using my email and also researching things online. So, these are the websites I use most frequently.

2. Do you prefer to get information from websites or books?

- 1) Personally, I prefer to get my information from books. I find the internet a difficult thing to navigate. There is so much information everywhere and it is confusing to know what to trust and what to ignore. Books are more reputable and trustworthy.
- 2) I prefer to get information from websites than from books. This is because researching on the internet is so quick and easy to do! Finding information in books takes hours to look through pages and pages of information. It is far quicker to search for things online.

3. Does your favorite website look the same now as when you first used it?

- 1) Not at all! My favourite website is a social media website, and they are constantly updating the user interface! The homepage is updated and changes every few years and other features, such as the chat feature, are updated even more regularly.
- 2) Yes, my favourite website looks very similar to how it looked when I first used it. My favourite website is an online encyclopedia which contains information on almost every topic! It is quite a simple website without a lot of features, so it has not changed a lot over the years.

4. Which is more important to you, what a website looks like or how easy it is to use?

- 1) Personally, I think it is very important that a website looks good. I do not care about whether a website is easy to use or not because you can learn how to use most websites even if they are tricky. However, there is nothing you can do about an ugly looking website!
- 2) For me, the most important thing in a website is how easy it is to use. I find there are a lot of websites that look brilliant but are really complicated and confusing to use! I like my websites to be simple, effective, and easy to use.

9: Street markets

1. What are the best things to buy at street markets in your country?

- 1) The best thing to buy at street markets in my country is food! In China, the street food found in markets is incredible! In fact, many of our street food dishes are so delicious they are famous worldwide! So, food is by far the best thing to buy at street markets.
- 2) In my opinion, the best things to buy at street markets in my country are hand-made craft items. There are such incredible artisans and craftsmen at the street markets in China. You can find all sorts of intricate jewelry and beautiful clothing!

2. When was the last time you went to a street market?

- 1) I was at a street market just last weekend! I try to go to street markets as often as I can, I find it a nice way to spend my free time and to hang out with my friends. I like to walk around the markets on weekends and get tasty snacks.
- 2) I have not been to a street market in quite some time, probably since last summer. I am quite busy and so I don't often have the time to visit street markets. It is something I like to do on special occasions or when I am visiting friends.

3. Do you like going to street markets when you're on holiday?

- 1) I do like going to street markets when I am on holiday. There are street markets around the world, and they are very different from country to country. Each country's street markets sell unique food and crafts! I like going to new places and seeing the different things they sell.
- 2) I do not like going to street markets when I am holiday. If I have travelled to a new place then I like to explore historical locations, museums, and galleries. I find these far more interesting than street markets which I can go to when I am in my hometown!

4. Which do you prefer: shopping at street market or shopping at a shopping centre?

- 1) I much prefer shopping at street markets rather than shopping at a shopping centre. I love meeting the interesting people who run the stalls at the market. It is a much more personal and friendly experience buying products from street markets than at supermarkets.
- 2) Personally, I prefer shopping at a shopping centre rather than at a street market. I find that shopping centres are more convenient and easier to use. You can find everything you need at a shopping centre while street markets normally have a very limited selection of products.

10: Watching sport

1. Do you enjoy watching sport on TV?

- 1) I love watching sport on TV! I am a very competitive and sporty person; I have my favourite football team and I enjoy most sports! I like watching sports on TV with my friends, when we watch sports, we all get very excited by the game!
- 2) I do not enjoy watching sports on TV. Personally, I find sports quite boring, I have never been an athletic person and I do not follow any sports teams. So, I find sports really boring to watch on TV.

2. Have you ever been to watch a live sports event [e.g. in a stadium]?

- 1) Yes, I have been to watch many live sports events. I am a big fan of football and I get very excited about the major competitions. During the last World Cup, I was lucky enough to fly to Russia to watch one of the matches!
- 2) No, I have never been to watch a live sports event. For one, I do not find sports very interesting so I think a live sports event would be very boring to me. Moreover, tickets for live sports events are normally very expensive!

3. Is there a sports event you might like to watch in the future?

- 1) A sports event I always want to watch is the Olympics. Ever since the Olympics were held in Beijing, I have been a huge fan of the event. I try to watch it every four years, I particularly like watching the track and field events.
- 2) The only sport I am really interested in is tennis, so I would like to watch Wimbledon one day in the future. Wimbledon is one of the most famed and celebrated tennis competitions, I think it would be incredible to go see it in person.

4. Do you think it's more enjoyable to watch sport alone or with other people?

- 1) I think it is more enjoyable to watch sports with other people. Most sports are competitive or team sports, so there is always a social element to them. It is so much fun to get excited about a great sports match with your friends!
- 2) Personally, I prefer to watch sports alone than watch sports with other people. I find that people get very rowdy and competitive when they are watching sports which I do not like. I would rather enjoy the sports alone in peace.

11: Art

1. Did you learn to draw or paint when you were younger?

- 1) Yes, when I was a child, I learned how to draw and paint. I grew up in a very creative household and my mother encouraged my siblings and I to draw from a very young age. So, I am quite skilled in both drawing and painting.
- 2) No, I did not learn to draw or paint when I was younger. I have never thought drawing or painting to be particularly useful skills, so I never spent any time practicing them. So, I do not know how to draw or paint well.

2. Have you ever visited an art gallery?

- 1) Yes, I have visited many art galleries. Growing up my family and I would often go to art galleries and museums on the weekends. Furthermore, whenever we were on holiday to a different town, we would visit the galleries in that town as well!
- 2) I have very rarely visited art galleries; I only ever remember going as part of a school trip when I was a kid. In general, I do not go to art galleries. I find them quite boring, and I get tired quickly from walking around in them.

3. Do you like looking at drawing or painting?

- 1) Yes, I very much enjoy looking at drawings and paintings. I find most artworks beautiful and mesmerizing. I love to look at the colours and the techniques of different artworks and appreciate the skill of the artist.
- 2) I do not like looking at drawings or paintings. I do not know that much about art so I do not find it interesting to look at artworks, no matter how beautiful or skillfully created they may be. I would rather spend my time watching films or listening to music.

4. Would you like to learn more about art in the future?

- 1) I always want to learn more about art! In the future I would love to learn more! I have always been interested in learning more about western art and modern forms of art. There is so much for me to learn!
- 2) I have no desires to learn more about art in the future. I enjoy my life without any knowledge about art, so I see no reason for me to learn anything about it now. Learning about art is fine for people who like drawings and paintings, but not for me!

12: Finding and losing things

1. What kind of lost things have you found in a public place?

- 1) I often find quite mundane items that people have lost in public places. A common example of lost items I have found are umbrellas and gloves. People often leave these behind by accident on cold or rainy days.
- 2) I have found very important things lost in public places, such as smart phones and wallets. Often, our important items are quite small and easy to misplace. So, it is common to find these things lost in public places.

2. What would you do if you found something valuable, for example a phone?

- 1) If I found something valuable like a phone in a public place, I would do my best to return it to its owner. I would look around to see if anybody was looking for a lost phone, and if I could not find anyone I would see if there was any way to contact the owner of the phone.
- 2) If I found something valuable, such as a phone, I would bring it to a police station. Personally, I do not think it is my responsibility to find the owner of the product. I would be worried that I would accidentally give it to the wrong person.

3. Have you ever lost something which was found by a stranger?

- 1) Yes, I once lost my wallet, and it was returned to me by a stranger. I had left my wallet on the bus when I was travelling home, and I thought it was probably lost for good! Luckily, I had a piece of paper with my phone number in the wallet and a stranger called me to return it!
- 2) No, I have never been lucky enough to have something I had lost returned to me by a stranger. Whenever I lose things, I tend to lose them for good! So far, I have never had anything returned to me.

4. Would you ever ask for help on social media to find something you'd lost?

- 1) Yes, if I ever lost something important in a busy public place, I would ask for help on social media to find it. Social media is a great way to connect with strangers and to ask for help from them. If I announced that I lost something there is a chance a stranger on social media may have found it!
- 2) No, I don't think I would ever ask for help on social media to find something I'd lost. It is so unlikely that anyone on social media would be able to help you. There are millions of people on social media, the chances of finding the person who has your lost things is pretty low.

13: Email

1. Is email popular with everyone in your country?

- 1) Yes, I think email is quite popular with everyone in my country. People use email at school, at work, and to send messages to their friends and family. Email is the quickest way to send a long message to someone, so it is very popular.
- 2) No, I do not think email is popular with everyone in my country. There are many people who really do not like using email. They would much rather talk to people on the phone or through instant messaging, these people prefer instant replies to emails.

2. Do you send a lot of emails?

- 1) Yes, I send a lot of emails. I send many emails for my study and for my work, there are people I must contact on a daily basis. On top of this, I also like to send emails to my friends and family who live in different towns to me.
- 2) No, I do not send a lot of emails. Personally, I do not have a lot of reasons to use email. Most of my communication I do through phone calls or by messaging people on WeChat. This is all I really need to contact people.

3. Do you prefer to email people or speak to them on the phone?

- 1) Personally, I prefer to email people than to speak to them on the phone. I find that via email you get much more detailed information and replies from people. Often on the phone you can get distracted or forget what you have been told.
- 2) I prefer to speak to people on the phone rather than to email them. I feel like phone calls are far more efficient and to the point. You can discuss so much on a short phone call, while in contrast it takes multiple emails to have any sort of conversation with somebody.

4. Do you think people will use email more or less in the future?

- 1) I think people will use email more in the future. The world is becoming a more technologically focused place and emails are at the heart of all technologically based industries. I think as the world develops, we will send more and more emails.
- 2) I think people will use email less in the future. New forms of communication are developing all the time. We are already seeing people email less and use instant messaging or video calls instead. I think this trend will continue and people will use email less and less in the future.

14: Daily life routine

1. What do you usually do in the morning [before starting your work or studies]?

- 1) In the mornings I like to exercise. I try to wake up quite early and then go for a jog most mornings, if it is very cold outside then I just work out in my room. I think exercising is a great way to start the day.
- 2) In the mornings I like to relax and start my day slowly. I normally wake up and listen to some music while I make a coffee and some breakfast. I am very tired in the mornings, so I do not like doing anything that requires too much energy.

2. Do you prefer to go to bed early or late?

- 1) I prefer going to bed early rather than late. I hate feeling sluggish and tired in the mornings, so I try to avoid going to bed late as much as possible. It is very important I get a decent night's sleep.
- 2) I prefer going to bed late than going to bed early. I enjoy the evening a lot, I like spending it with my friends, hanging out or watching TV. Therefore, I often go to bed quite late.

3. Do you like to do the same things every weekend?

- 1) I quite like doing the same things every weekend. I am a creature of habit and I like my routines, so I try to keep them the same. My weekends are relaxing and enjoyable, I would not want them to change in any way.
- 2) I do not like doing the same things every weekend. I think variety is very important in life, so during my free time I like to try new things. Whether this is trying a new restaurant, watching a new movie, or hanging out with new people!

4. Is your daily routine going to change in the future?

- 1) I do not think my daily routine is going to change in the future. I like my daily routine and I have developed a system that works for me. I am very productive, healthy, and happy. Therefore, I do not think there is anything I need to change.
- 2) I think my daily routine will change in the future. I am not the most productive person in the world, and I think it would be better if I had healthier habits. So, I am going to try and improve my daily routine in the future.

15: Dreams

1. How often do you remember your dreams after you wake up?

- 1) I often remember my dreams after I wake up. I have very vivid and interesting dreams, so I find them hard to forget! Often when I wake up, I will write my dreams down when they are especially fascinating.
- 2) I rarely remember my dreams after I wake up. Usually, I only vaguely remember my dreams for a few seconds before I forget them completely. I think it is very common for people to forget their dreams when they wake up.

2. Do you like hearing about other people's dreams?

- 1) I like hearing about other people's dreams. I think dreams are very interesting and they can tell you a lot about a person. So, I always find it fascinating to hear the strange and marvelous dreams of my family and friends.
- 2) I do not like hearing about other people's dreams. I find it very boring when people explain their dreams. Most of the time, dreams are not that interesting and especially when they are being described to you by someone.

3. Do you think dreams can have special meanings?

- 1) I think dreams can have special meanings. They say that dreams are related to our unconscious desires. Therefore, I think dreams have the power to tell us things about ourselves that we do not consciously realise.
- 2) I do not think dreams have special meanings. Most dreams are random and bizarre, they do not make a lot of sense and are hard to explain. Therefore, I do not think they can hold any particularly special meanings.

4. Would you like to learn more about the subject of dreams?

- 1) I would really like to learn more about the subject of dreams. Dreams are such a fascinating and mysterious subject. We still do not fully understand what causes them or why they happen, I would love to learn more about that.
- 2) I am not interested in learning anything more about the subject of dreams. Personally, I think most theories on dreams are unfounded and unreliable. Therefore, I think it is a waste of time to read up on theories about dreams.

16: Cell phones

1. Do you like using a cell phone?

- 1) I really like using my cell phone. I use my phone all the time, it is rarely out of my hand. When I wake up, the first thing I do is check the notifications on my phone. I love apps like TikTok and WeChat.
- 2) I do not really like using my cell phone much. I prefer to have conversations with people in person and I find texting stressful and annoying. I try to use my cell phone as little as possible, I am much happier that way!

2. Do you send many text messages?

- 1) Yes, I send a lot of text messages, almost exclusively through WeChat. I have all my friends and family on WeChat, and I find it a great way to stay in contact with people I have not seen in ages.
- 2) I do not send many text messages. I find text messages are a really inefficient way to talk to people. It takes ages to get a point across or to get answers from somebody. I would much rather talk in person.

3. When did you first have a cell phone?

- 1) I first got a cell phone when I was quite young. I grew up in a very big metropolitan city and my parents were worried about me when I was travelling to and from school as a kid. So, they got me a phone so I could always call them if I needed to.
- 2) I did not first get a cell phone until I was almost an adult. Growing up, my parents didn't think a kid should have a cell phone. They thought I should spend my time outside and playing with friends rather than on a cell phone.

4. Are there any places where you would not use a cell phone?

- 1) There are very few places where I would not use a cell phone. The only places I would not use my cellphone are places where it is strictly forbidden to do so, such as at the cinema or in an exam hall.
- 2) There are many places where I would not use a cell phone. I do not like using cell phones in any social situation. I think it is rude when people are on their phones when they are hanging out with friends. So, I do not use my cellphone in bars or restaurants.

17: Cinema

1. Did you go to the cinema a lot when you were a child?

- 1) Yes, I went to the cinema a lot when I was a child. My mother loved the cinema and would take us every weekend to see whatever new film was out that week. I enjoyed it very much.
- 2) No, I did not often go to the cinema when I was a child. As a family we preferred watching TV rather than going to the cinema. It is more relaxing to stay home and watch a variety show!

2. Do you still like the same movies that you liked when you were a child?

- 1) I still like a lot of the same films that I liked when I was a child. Growing up I was a huge fan of action films and sci-fi films and today these are still my favourite movies. For example, I love the Marvel franchise.
- 2) I have a much more different taste in films now than compared to when I was a child. I used to like silly films and comedies but nowadays I much prefer to watch serious dramas and complex films. My taste has changed a lot.

3. Do you prefer to go to the cinema with friends or on your own?

- 1) I prefer to go to the cinema with my friends than on my own. I think going to the cinema is a wonderful social thing to do with friends. It is a lot of fun sitting together, watching a great movie, and then discussing the movie together afterwards!
- 2) Personally, I prefer going to the cinema on my own. At the cinema I like to immerse myself in the film and I find friends distracting. It is very relaxing going to the cinema alone, I do it often!

4. Which is more popular in your country: watching movies at movie theatre, or watching movies at home?

- 1) In my country, I would say it is more popular to watch movies at a movie theatre than to watch movies at home. At least in my friend group, we all try to go to the cinema whenever we have the chance to!
- 2) I'd say it is more popular for people to watch movies at home than to watch movies at the movie theatre in my country. This is mainly because streaming services are so convenient nowadays, so it is possible to watch thousands of movies at home!

18: Feeling bored (5-8 月新题)

1. Do you often feel bored?

- 1) There are many occasions in my life where I find myself feeling flat. Because I live alone in a small town, it is difficult for me to find things to do or to find interesting places to visit. So, I typically spend most of my time bored in my room.
- 2) I am fortunate in that I seldom find myself feeling flat. I spend my days preparing for my exams, so I am usually far too busy to ever be bored. As long as I can keep myself preoccupied, it is not often that I feel bored.

2. Did you ever find school boring when you were a child?

- 1) As a child, I would often struggle with feelings of boredom when at school. I found it hard to concentrate on lessons, wishing instead that I could be playing outside or simply relaxing at home. Because of this, I was typically jaded to the point of restlessness at school.
- 2) When I was young, I never found school dull. I was a naturally curious child so learning about new things and concepts was always intensely interesting to me. I would look forward to going to school every day.

3. What sort of things do you find most boring now?

- 1) I have to say that reciting English vocab is definitely one of the dullest things in my life at the moment. The English language contains a huge number of words, and long lists of vocabulary do not make for very interesting or memorable stories. I often forget what I have just recited, which makes the study even more annoying and boring.
- 2) Because of COVID-19, we students have not been allowed to leave the school campus, which is the most boring thing I have experienced recently. I can only go to the classroom, the school canteen and my dormitory every day. Such a daily routine is so dull and annoying.

4. What do you do to stop yourself feeling bored?

- 1) To stop myself from feeling bored, I will typically text one of my friends to see if they have any plans or would like to hang out. If my friends are busy, I might go for a walk on my own, which I find very effective in keeping my mind off of boredom.
- 2) Whenever studying for my exams becomes too tiresome for me, I will usually take a walk to the local cinema to see if there are any interesting movies showing. I am very into cinema, so there's nothing quite like watching a good movie to distract me from the tedium of study.

19: Different things you keep (5-8 月新题)

1. Have you kept a lot of things from your childhood?

- 1) I have kept many objects from my childhood with me. These objects, such as toys and drawings, remind me of a time when life was simpler, and are a great comfort to me whenever life becomes too stressful or complicated.
- 2) I have retained very few of my childhood belongings into my adulthood. I believe that one should discard such things as they grow older in order to better mature as an adult. It is simply naïve to do otherwise.

2. Do you prefer to keep things for a long time, or to throw them away?

- 1) I do my best to get as much use as possible out of something before I throw it away. I am not a wasteful person, and so will reuse and hang on to things for a long time. This is both more sensible economically as well as being better for the environment.
- 2) As soon as I no longer need something, I will throw it away. Holding onto things for longer than necessary is a sure-fire way to accumulate clutter and cause mess. As a neat person, I will typically throw things away as soon as possible.

3. Where do you usually keep things that you need every day, like money or keys?

- 1) I keep all my usual things, like my phone, headphones and keys, in one of my small backpacks. I bring this bag with me every day when I go out, so that I won't leave anything behind. This is how I keep my life organized.
- 2) I place my most important and frequently used things on my desk. Every time I go out, I will take what I need from my desk and start my study day. I don't like to carry a lot of things with me, so I only pick things I need every day.

4. Do you like to keep all the photos you take?

- 1) I personally go out of my way to keep track of all the photographs I have taken. I am a very sentimental person so photographs can be excellent reminders of precious memories. Even photos that are taken poorly are still valuable to me in this respect.
- 2) Not every photo I take is one that I will end up saving. If a photo I take is framed incorrectly, I will discard it. Seeing as the majority of my photography is achieved through the use of my phone, deleting photos in this way is necessary to ensure that I always maintain sufficient storage space on my device.

20: Old buildings (5-8 月新题)

1. Have you ever visited any important old buildings?

- 1) I have visited many iconic buildings. I very much enjoy travelling, and visiting older, culturally relevant buildings is an essential part of any sightseeing trip. I feel that one must know a city's architecture in order to know the city itself.
- 2) I have very little interest in visiting older buildings. I believe that one should live in the present rather than the past, and so I avoid old buildings in favour of viewing more modern and contemporary examples of architecture.

2. Is there an old building you'd like to visit in the future?

- 1) In the future, I have plans to visit the Forbidden City in Beijing. I have a keen interest in Chinese culture and ancient architecture, so to see such an ancient example of architecture dating back to the Ming Dynasty would be very inspiring to me.
- 2) No, I don't have further plans to visit any ancient buildings at the moment. I am *dégage* person and don't like to make future plans. If I find out about a place or building that I am interested in, I will immediately go on a trip there!

3. Do you think it's important to look after old buildings?

- 1) I think that it is exceedingly important to ensure old and historic buildings are preserved. Old buildings attest to the history and culture of a particular place. If old buildings are allowed to fall into ruin, then the culture and history attending them is also lost.
- 2) I do not think it is particularly important to see that old buildings are preserved. In my opinion, it is far more important to focus resources on new development projects and constructing modern buildings, rather than wasting money on the upkeep of older buildings.

4. Where would you prefer to live: in an old building or a modern building?

- 1) I would opt for the former option. I find that older buildings have a certain charm to them which would make me feel more at home if I were to live in one. Moreover, due to the age of the building, the cost of rent may be lower than a newly constructed modern home.
- 2) I would much prefer the latter. When living in a newer building, you can feel confident in knowing that all the amenities of a contemporary standard of living will be included. That means that the decor and furniture will be relatively new, which can significantly improve one's quality of life.

21: Sitting down (5-8 月新题)

1. Do you often have to sit for long periods of time?

- 1) Most days I find I have to sit for extended periods of time. I work remotely from home, so the majority of my day is spent sat at my desk using my work computer. Though I can take breaks from sitting, these are generally only for ten minutes or so.
- 2) I rarely find that I have to spend too much of my time sitting. I lead an extremely active lifestyle, so most of my time is spent on the run or exercising. I only really need to sit whenever I feel like relaxing.

2. When you were a child, did you like sitting on the floor?

- 1) As a child, I would love to sit on the floor. Sitting on the floor provided me with a large surface area for which to play with all of my toys. For this reason, if I ever wanted to have fun playing, I would sit on the floor.
- 2) As a child, I would only seldom sit on the floor. I very much enjoyed more active games. If I was ever sat on the floor, it would usually be because I had fallen over.

3. Can you easily fall asleep when you are sitting in a chair?

- 1) I have fallen asleep in chairs many times over the course of my life. Sometimes this is due to being overworked and collapsing from exhaustion into my chair. On other occasions, I have been travelling, and easily nodded off in the seat of a bus or an aeroplane.
- 2) I cannot easily fall asleep when sat in a chair. I suffer from pains in my back, so attempting to sleep in a sitting position, supported only by a chair, is nigh impossible for me. I require a comfortable mattress in order to fall asleep properly.

4. Do you have favourite place where you like to sit?

- 1) In my house, there is a specific corner of my living room which is my favourite place to sit. It is directly adjacent to the fireplace, and is the perfect spot to read a book or simply to unwind at the end of a long day.
- 2) I personally do not have any particular favourite place to sit. If I ever feel the need to give my legs a rest, I am generally comfortable finding a place to sit wherever I am, be this a bench in a park or even a garden wall.

22: Personal talents (5-8 月新题)

1. What sort of things do you think you're good at?

- 1) I have always thought that I possess a natural talent for music. I am able to learn how to play new instruments relatively quickly, whilst also being able to demonstrate perfect pitch and identify notes by sound alone. These qualities ensure that I am quite skilled at performing and writing music.
- 2) I believe that I am a somewhat talented athlete. When at school, I would typically excel at sports with football being a particular strong suit of mine. I have maintained these abilities into my adulthood, and now play for my local football club.

2. Do you have the same talents as anyone else in your family?

- 1) There are a couple of my family members whom I share similar talents with. For example, my father is similarly a keen musician, and will often perform at concerts. My mother works as a teacher and has a strong capacity for languages, which is a talent I also share with her to some degree.
- 2) I have very few talents in common with my family. I work in business and excel in numbers and mathematics, whereas my family members are all creatives and artists. It is unfortunate that I never learnt how to paint or sing.

3. Is there a talent you already have that you'd like to improve?

- 1) Though I am grateful to have the talents that I do, there is one certain talent of mine that I would seek to improve if the opportunity ever afforded itself. This would be my skill at foreign languages. It is always useful to speak a second language to as high a degree as possible.
- 2) At the moment, there are no talents in my possession that I have an interest in attempting to improve. I am confident in my current abilities and any endeavour to improve them would be a needless waste of effort and resources.

4. Do you think you will use your talents in a future job?

- 1) Ideally, I would hope that I am able to make use of my talents as part of my future career. This would afford me a natural aptitude for my job, allowing me to carry out my duties effectively without having to work as hard as I would have to do otherwise.
- 2) I do not imagine I will end up employing my talents as part of a future career. The talents I have are creative and artistic, which means they are primarily exercised in personal hobbies which are pleasing to me. These are not the sort of talents which would be exceptionally useful within a work environment.

23: Places where people like to meet friends (5-8 月新题)

1. Where do you like to go to meet your friends?

- 1) When meeting with friends, I generally prefer to meet up at a public landmark in the centre of town. That way, the meeting spot will be one known to each of us, and the central location will put us at just a short walk away from all the sights and attractions of the city.
- 2) Seeing as I am a full-time student, I tend to meet my friends in the library. This allows me to continue with my studies, but with the added bonus of having my friends to act as a study group. We can work to keep each other focused and also test each other in preparation for our exams.

2. Why are some places better than others for meeting friends?

- 1) Busier areas of the city, such as shopping malls and highstreets, are excellent places for meeting with friends as there is always much to do. Quieter areas such as the suburbs or a friend's flat typically have fewer activities available to them, which can lead to awkward silences and boredom amongst friends.
- 2) Sometimes it can be good for a group of friends to meet in more secluded areas like a field or on a hiking trail. More intimate locations such as these can offer a prime opportunity for bonding experiences between friends.

3. Do you prefer to meet just one friend or a group of friends together?

- 1) I sometimes struggle to be sociable within a large group dynamic. Because of this, I much prefer hanging out with just one or two people at a time. I feel that with fewer people, I can have far more intimate and meaningful conversations than I would be able to otherwise amongst many acquaintances.
- 2) Whenever I feel like going out with friends, I always make sure to invite as many along as possible. I am a very sociable person, and enjoy the good-natured atmosphere and variety of conversation that arises whenever a large group of close friends are together.

4. Have the types of places where you meet friends changed since you were younger?

- 1) As I have grown older, my interests have developed considerably since I was a child. This is also the case for my friends. Whereas, when we were young, we would meet up in playgrounds or in parks to play and run around, nowadays we are much more interested in going to pubs and nightclubs in order to have a good time.
- 2) The places in which I meet my friends nowadays have not changed too drastically since I was young. As a child, my friends would come over to my house for playdates and sleepovers. I am similarly still in the habit of inviting my friends over today in order to watch movies and chat.

24: Using a computer or a tablet (5-8 月新题)

1. What do you most often use a computer or a tablet for?

- 1) With my final exams coming up, my computer has become my primary study tool. I will use it to look up past papers to practice on, and to research any topic raised by these papers which is outside of my knowledge.
- 2) I have many issues with concentration. Because of this, I primarily use my tablet for procrastination. I will spend hours at a time distracted by social media, conversing with friends through direct messaging, or simply zoning out watching videos on the internet.

2. Can you remember when you first started using a computer or tablet?

- 1) As a young adult in the 21st century, I was raised to be computer literate from a relatively young age. I first remember participating in lessons at school concerning basic IT skills in First Grade. This is when I was first introduced to using a computer.
- 2) I cannot remember precisely when I first began to use a computer. In the modern world I grew up in, technology is so ubiquitous that it is hard to imagine a time in which I wasn't using it. It is an essential part of interacting with contemporary society.

3. Do you sometimes find computers or tablets difficult to use?

- 1) I am extremely used to operating technology and interact with it on a daily basis. Because of this, I rarely encounter difficulty when using a computer or a tablet. A new device I am not familiar with may take me a little while to get acquainted with, but seeing as tablets are designed to be as user-friendly as possible nowadays, this never takes up too much time.
- 2) Sometimes I struggle to competently use a computer or tablet device. I much prefer to work using a notebook and a pen, so limit my time on computers as much as possible. When I am forced to use them for specific tasks, I can be slow and clumsy in my attempts due to a lack of experience with electronics.

4. How would your life be different if there were no computers?

- 1) Without computers, I would face many new challenges in my life previously unknown to me. For example, information would be far trickier to access. Rather than instantly retrieving a piece of information over the internet, I would have to make a more conscious effort to research it.
- 2) If I did not have a computer, it would herald a variety of consequences for my social life. I rely on my computer to keep up with friends, either by social media or through direct messaging. Without computers, I would have to take more complicated steps to keep in contact with those I love, especially when abroad.

25: Watches (5-8 月新题)

1. Did you wear a watch when you were a child?

- 1) When I was a child, I received a watch from my parents. I would wear this watch all the time as it helped me to keep track of the time whenever I was playing outside. This ensured that I was always home before curfew.
- 2) When I was a young child, I had not yet learnt how to read a clockface in order to tell the time. As such, I did not wear a watch. It was not until I became older and had become educated in this regard that I began to habitually wear a watch.

2. Have you ever received a watch as a gift?

- 1) As a birthday present, my grandparents gifted me an expensive watch. It was not only an exceedingly thoughtful gift, but also a very useful one. The watch has since become one of my most prized possessions, and I keep it with me at all times.
- 2) No, I have never received a watch as a gift. People around me know that I am a very practically minded kind of person and therefore would not have much use for a superfluous accessory such as a watch. I typically try to make clear the sorts of things I would like to receive as a present, and as such have never been given a watch.

3. Do you usually wear a watch now?

- 1) Wherever I go, I always make sure to have my watch with me. I pride myself on my punctuality, so it is essential to me that I know the time. Just as important, however, is that I believe wearing a watch to be extremely fashionable, and wearing one helps me to feel more stylish and attractive.
- 2) I do not typically wear a watch. If I ever need to check the time, I can simply consult my phone which I always keep in my pocket. As such, I believe watches to be obsolete and do not see the point in wasting money on one.

4. Why do you think some people like to wear expensive watches?

- 1) I believe that many people opt to wear expensive watches not only to own a luxury item, but also to demonstrate their wealth to people around them. An expensive watch can be a sign that someone is successful in general, and so could be impressive to people.
- 2) Expensive luxury watches are often considered by society to be exceedingly fashionable. Because of this, many people will wear expensive watches in order to keep up with the zeitgeist and appear stylish. This helps to boost their confidence and self-image.

26: What you do in the evening (5-8 月新题)

1. What do you usually do in the evening?

- 1) In the evenings, after I have finished with a hard day of studying, what I like best to do is to relax. I will put on my favourite music, select a good book, and stretch out in a comfortable chair under a blanket. This way I can feel thoroughly refreshed and start work again tomorrow in a good mood.
- 2) I like to spend my evenings going out with friends. I am something of a night owl, so I enjoy myself best in the evenings. To me, a night on the town is far more exciting than anything one can do during the day. We will typically go to pubs, clubs, or simply anywhere with an energetic atmosphere.

2. Do you spend your evenings in the same way on weekdays and at weekends?

- 1) My evenings are spent in pretty much the same fashion whether on a weekday or on the weekend. I do not have a particularly large social circle which means there is little reason for me to go out partying on weekends. As such, my evenings are fairly uniform no matter at which point in the week they occur.
- 2) My evenings are spent very differently depending on whether or not it is the weekend. I live in student dorms, so more likely than not, every weekend there will be some sort of party to attend or an event to go to. This differs drastically from my weekdays, the evenings of which I tend to reserve for study.

3. How did you spend your evenings when you were younger?

- 1) As a child I would typically spend my evenings after school in front of the television. This could be through watching cartoons, movies, or playing video games. I struggled throughout my school years, so would always cherish my free time in the evenings after school.
- 2) Often when I was younger, I would ask my parents if I could spend the evening at a friend's house. If my parents agreed, then my friend and I would spend that evening playing games, sharing toys, and eating sweets together.

4. Is there anything you don't like to do in the evenings?

- 1) One thing I do not appreciate in the evenings is late night phone calls. Most commonly those calls will originate from telemarketers or be scam phone calls. I find it deeply bothersome to have to respond to intrusive phone calls in the evening when I am likely trying to either relax or study.
- 2) I am a hard worker, so am usually exhausted in the evenings. As such, I dislike having to prepare dinner for myself. Most of the time, I am able to suck it up and put in the effort to cook, but sometimes, I will treat myself and simply order food instead.

27: Advertisements/commercials (5-8 月新题)

1. Do you often remember advertisements or commercials that you've seen?

- 1) Depending on the advert, it is not uncommon for me to remember commercials I've seen. Some advertisements employ memorable images such as eye-catching and charismatic mascots, or feature original music that is undeniably catchy. These are the sorts of adverts that get stuck in my head and are difficult to forget.
- 2) I generally do not recall the majority of advertisements I see. I am very much content with my current situation and with what I own, so I seldom feel a need to acquire new things. Advertisements thusly have very little effect on me, and I forget them with ease.

2. What do you usually do when an advertisement or a commercial comes on TV or the internet?

- 1) Sometimes when I am confronted with an advertisement, I will take some enjoyment in watching them. Commercials can be an entertaining way of garnering an understanding as to what people are buying or find important.
- 2) I very rarely watch advertisements. If one comes on whilst I'm watching TV, I'll typically leave the room to do something else as the commercial plays. Whenever I am browsing the internet, I make use of an Adblocker extension to ensure that no unsolicited advertisements can bother me.

3. Have you ever seen an advertisement or a commercial that you really didn't like?

- 1) The types of advertisements I dislike the most are automated pop-up ads on the internet. These advertisements are intrusive and interfere with whatever it is I am trying to do. If I had my way, they would be made illegal.
- 2) I have never seen an advertisement that I have particularly disliked. I think that advertisements are purposefully designed to be inoffensive as to appeal to as wide an audience as possible. As such, it is very difficult for me to develop strong feelings towards any advert I've seen.

4. Would you like to be in an advertisement or a commercial one day?

- 1) I think I would very much enjoy being an extra in a commercial. I imagine that it would be a fun experience, and could also make for an amusing story to bring up with others in conversation. I also quite like the idea of thousands of people knowing my face.
- 2) I would have serious reservations about appearing in an advertisement. Because they are seen by so many, I would be anxious that friends of mine would see it and subsequently make fun of me for it. I think it would be an embarrassing experience for me.

28: Learning about science (5-8 月新题)

1. Do/did you enjoy science lessons at school?

- 1) I think science lessons have always been my favourite lesson at school! In general, I have always had an interest in the scientific method and experiments. I can't think of anything more important in the world than the pursuit of scientific knowledge!
- 2) While I was at school I often struggled to concentrate, and my least favourite lesson was science. Science is very difficult and really dull. I couldn't focus while in science class and I would frequently become distracted. Because of this, I often got low grades which made me like science even less.

2. Would you like to know more about science?

- 1) I am always trying to increase my knowledge on scientific subjects. Science is essentially the detailed study of the universe around us, so anyone who is a little bit curious must be interested in science. I am a very curious person, so I would like to know more about science and scientific topics.
- 2) To be honest, I have absolutely no interest in researching any scientific subjects. It is not that I don't like learning or education, I am very interested in history and literature. However, I find science boring and there is no reason for me to learn more about it. I do not want to become a physicist or a chemist, so why bother?

3. Do you watch science programmes on TV?

- 1) Some of the best programmes on TV are science shows and documentaries. As a child, I would often spend my weekends watching documentaries with my dad about biology, chemistry, and physics. My favourite shows were always the documentaries on outer space and astronomy.
- 2) I couldn't imagine a worse activity than watching science programmes on TV. Watching TV is supposed to be a relaxing activity you do to unwind. I don't know how anyone can unwind while learning complicated science. I much prefer to watch easy going relaxing shows on TV such as comedy shows and talk shows.

4. Are science museums popular in.../your country?

- 1) The people of my country are very interested in knowledge and culture; therefore science museums are popular places. Well, it is hardly a surprise. Science museums are full of incredible knowledge, fascinating stories, and technological artifacts. Most weekends, the science museums in my country are completely packed.
- 2) I do not know anyone who likes to visit science museums in my country. As far as I know, the only time people go to science museums is when they are made to go on a school trip. Otherwise, most people have far more interesting things to do with their free time such as go to the movies, hang out with friends, or walk in the park.

29: Books and reading (5-8 月新题)

1. Do you read more or less now than when you were younger?

- 1) I spend a little time most weekends and evenings reading novels and other books. I read a lot more now than I did when I was younger. To be honest when I was a kid, I only read the books that the school made me read. Now that I am older, I am interested in reading a wide range of literature.
- 2) When I was a child, the school I attended would make us read a new book every two weeks, nowadays I hardly read as much as that. Since I have grown up, I have a very busy lifestyle and hardly ever have the time to sit down and read a book.

2. Have you ever watched a film/movie and then read the book?

- 1) There have been a handful of instances in which I was inspired to read the book a film was based on after watching the film. There are an incalculable number of books in the world, and it can be tricky to pick which books are the best to read. It is helpful when a great movie leads you onto a great book.
- 2) I don't understand why anyone would want to read the book after they have watched the film version of the same story. I hate spoilers, and I can't imagine reading hundreds of pages of a novel of which I already knew the ending. That sounds like a tedious activity to me.

3. When do you have most time to read?

- 1) I find that I often have a lot of free time on the weekends that I can use for reading. Most weekends, I am trying to relax and wind down after a busy week. I rarely make social plans and prefer to keep my weekends open to do things that do not require a lot of energy. This is the perfect time to read.
- 2) To be quite honest, I never have the time to read, but if I am able to spare any time it is during the evenings on weekdays. My weekends are always fully booked with social activities and fun events. Therefore, the only time I can give to reading is in the evenings after I have got my work done. But most nights I would rather just go to sleep.

4. How often do you buy books?

- 1) Well, I would say that many of my friends think I have a spending problem when it comes to books. I will buy a new book at least once a week, which is a problem because I live in a small flat without a lot of space for books! The issue is that I simply love spending time in bookshops, and I am too impulsive with purchasing.
- 2) Purchasing books is not an activity I engage in frequently. I understand that many people like to purchase books as a pleasure activity even if they are unlikely to read the books. This mentality is confusing to me. I would rather not fill my room up with dozens of books that I am never going to read. So I rarely buy books.

30: Sport (5-8 月新题)

1. Did you learn to play any sports as a child?

- 1) When I was a child, I was a very athletic kid. I was full of energy all the time and so I played a lot of sports with my friends. I was good at most sports and would play anything I had access to. So, I spent a decent amount of time playing tennis, football, basketball, and badminton, just to name a few.
- 2) When I was a child, I wasn't a very active kid. I spent most of my time indoors reading books or watching TV, so I did not learn to play a lot of sports. To be honest, I was quite lazy when I was younger, so I wasn't interested in doing any physical activities.

2. Did you think all children should do sports at school?

- 1) I strongly believe in the positive effects of sports on children. I think sports help children develop crucial skills and build character; therefore, all children should do sports at school. Sports are not just about fitness, but they teach people leadership skills, teamwork skills, and communication skills, as well as many other skills.
- 2) I think people fail to understand that not all children benefit from sports at schools. It is a very narrow-minded view to believe that sports are good for all children. There are many children who cannot play sports for a variety of physical and mental health reasons.

3. Which sports do you enjoy watching or playing?

- 1) I find all competition thrilling and exhilarating, so there are very few sports that I do not enjoy. My favourite sport to watch is soccer, I have loved soccer for many years. I am a huge fan of the Premier League and my favourite team in the league is Manchester United, I watch all their games!
- 2) There are few sports that I take any interest in watching or playing, however, there are a couple odd sports that I like. I have always really enjoyed rowing ever since I first saw it during the Olympics when I was a child. So, whenever the Olympics are on, I avidly watch the rowing and find it very enjoyable.

4. Are there any sports you would like to try in the future?

- 1) In fact, I am a kind of lazy person. Doing sports is never my first choice when I am available. I would rather stay in my home watching movies than playing sports outside.
- 2) I want to try swimming someday. It is a shame that I still don't know how to swim. If I find time, I hope to enroll in a swimming class in the gym near my home and try to learn to swim as soon as possible. It's a very healthy and useful sport.