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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. 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.

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## **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)**

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### **1. What do you study?**

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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?

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.

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## **2: Where you live**

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.

### 3: Work / Study (新题)

## Work

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#### (1) Finance, Programmer, Data Analyst

##### 1. What's your job?

(Finance)

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(Programmer)

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.

(Data Analyst)

I am employed by a very large company as a Data Analyst. It is my responsibility to organize and study the various data sets collected by the company. In doing this, I am able to provide advice and insights as to business decisions and strategies the company should employ moving forward.

##### 2. Do you sometimes feel that you have to work too hard?

- 1) There are often times when I feel like I have to work too hard. I have a very difficult job in the city and I am under a lot of pressure from my boss to overwork and meet very high work quotas. This leaves me feeling exhausted and stressed out every day. So, I feel I have to work far too hard.
- 2) For the most part, I feel like my job is quite easy and I rarely feel overworked. I am lucky that I work for a company with a lot of staff so there are many of us working together. This means that we are never understaffed and if I ever need help with a project or an aspect of my job there is someone nearby who can help me.
- 3) Corporate culture is very demanding of its employees, and it is not uncommon for me to find myself having to work overtime every day of the week. This can also include coming into the office on weekends to work full days. I frequently feel that I am overworked, but tell myself that I am laying a strong foundation for a successful future career.

##### 3. What do you like to do just after you finish work every day?

- 1) When I finish work, I like to go out and enjoy the city in the evenings. I will often meet up with my friends and go out for a meal together. Sometimes we may go for a drink afterwards or even go to the cinema and catch the latest release. I like to be social and hang out with my friends when I finish

work.

- 2) I like to head home and relax after I finish work every day. I have a very stressful job and by the end of the workday I am exhausted. When I finish work, I like to go home, have a nice dinner and then watch TV or read a book in the evening. I then go to bed early to get ready for the next day.
- 3) After a long day at the office, I like nothing more than to return home and read for a couple of hours. I generally favour self-help or business advice books; books which I think will help me perform more effectively in a professional setting.

## **(2) Housewife**

### **1. What's your job?**

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. Do you sometimes feel that you have to work too hard?**

There are days where I feel like I have to work too hard. I am a stay-at-home mum which means that every day I have a large list of household chores I must complete. I must clean the house, wash clothes, do the grocery shop, cook the meals, and look after the children. I have to do this every single day and it can be very exhausting!

### **3. What do you like to do just after you finish work every day?**

I like to spend time with my children in the evenings. I spend most of my day alone doing housework, so I look forward to the evenings when my children and husband come home from school and work. We eat our dinner together and then will spend time with each other in the evenings playing board games or watching TV.

## **Study**

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(Law)

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(English student)

I am currently attending university as an English Language student. I believe that, in this day and age, learning English is an extremely useful tool for anybody who is aiming for a successful international career. It is my hope that by earning a degree in English, I will be able to pursue professional opportunities abroad that I wouldn't have access to otherwise at home.

### **2. Do you sometimes feel that you have to work too hard?**

- 1) I sometimes feel like I have to study too hard. I study a very difficult degree and I have a lot of assignments and deadlines I must meet. This means I spend most of my day reading, researching, and writing. I barely have time to eat a proper lunch or socialise with my friends. I would like it if I didn't have to study so hard.

- 2) I do not feel like I have to study too hard. I have very good time management skills and I study a degree that I do not struggle with. I wake up early in the mornings and I get most of my work done by the early afternoon which means I have plenty of time to relax and hang out with my friends.
- 3) It is far too often I think to myself that I study too hard. Friends of mine will invite me to hang out or even join them on nights out, but I usually have to turn down these opportunities to study. Sometimes I wonder if I am missing out on valuable experiences that I will reminisce about later, and if it is worth it to study so hard.

**3. What do you like to do just after you finish class every day?**

- 1) After I finish class each day I like to meet up with my classmates and spend some time doing activities in the city. While at class I find studying very isolating, so I like to do social things once I am done with my classes. Most days we will either go out to a restaurant together or get a coffee in a local café. Sometimes we do more exciting activities such as go bowling or to the arcade.
- 2) When I finish class each day I like to go back home and relax. I find that my studies are very stressful and they leave me exhausted by the end of the day. As soon as I am done with class there is nothing I want to do more than go home and make myself a relaxing cup of tea. I will normally spend my evenings listening to music or watching my favourite TV programmes.
- 3) I am an extremely motivated student, so first thing after class, I typically return to my dorm to look over the texts that were discussed and to reread the notes that I took. This ensures that I am less likely to forget any of the points that were raised, and will be in a better position when the time comes to revise for exams.



## 4: Where you live (新题)

这个话题我们写了三套答案，分别是住在市中心，郊区和宿舍

### (1) Living in Downtown

1. Where are you living at the moment?

I live in a small apartment downtown in the centre of the city. My apartment is located on top of a small grocery store on a busy high street, so I am right in the centre of all the action. It is always busy outside of my window and I can hear the voices of people passing by at all hours of the day! I find it all quite exciting.

2. What do you like about the area you're living in?

The thing I love most about the area I am living in is that there are things to do at all hours of the day and night. I am what people call a 'night-owl' so I am often awake late into the night. Where I live is perfect for me because if I cannot get to sleep, I can go out and find a late-night café or a shop and spend some time. This is much better than if I had to lay awake alone in a quiet apartment.

3. Do you know many other people who live nearby?

I know a few people who live nearby but not many. My apartment is above a grocery store and not part of a housing complex, so I do not have a lot of direct neighbours. However, there are many people I know from the local restaurants and cafes who do not live too far from me! So, I know a few people who live nearby.

### (2) Living in Suburbs

1. Where are you living at the moment?

I live in a nice apartment in a suburb slightly outside of the city centre. My apartment is in a high-rise building that overlooks the city, and my place is on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, so I have a decent view of the city. Living slightly out of the centre of town is nice because it means that my apartment is slightly bigger than those you find downtown.

2. What do you like about the area you're living in?

My favourite thing about the area I am living in is that there are loads of interesting things to do but it is also quiet at night-time. The part of the city I live in has loads of interesting shops, restaurants, and bars. I think this is really exciting and I never run out of things to do. But also, I do not have to deal with the constant late-night noise you get living down town.

3. Do you know many other people who live nearby?

I know a lot of people who live nearby! I am lucky that my apartment is part of a large high-rise building so there are dozens of flats in the single building. Because of this I have a lot of neighbours and we are always passing each other when coming in and out of the building or checking our mailboxes. I have dinner or drinks with my neighbours on a regular basis.

### (3) Living in Dormitory

1. Where are you living at the moment?

Right now, I am attending university as an undergraduate. This affords me the right to stay in a type of accommodation called 'student halls'. These buildings are occupied exclusively by students and are very crowded, usually with as many as four of us sharing a single room together!

2. What do you like about the area you're living in?

I am fairly happy with the area I live in. It is a central location surrounded by all the shops and services I could ever need. There is also a selection of entertainment facilities in the area, meaning I am never out of options if I want to blow off some steam with my fellow classmates in the evening.

3. Do you know many other people who live nearby?

Living in student accommodation, it is only natural that I know the majority of people who live on the same floor of my building. We will frequently see each other in communal areas and stop for a brief chat. Sometimes we'll even organise dinner parties on the weekend.

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## 5: Feeling bored

### 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.

## 6: Different things you keep

### 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.

## 7: Old buildings

### 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.

## 8: Sitting down

### 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.

## 9: Personal talents

### 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.

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### 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.



## 10: Places where people like to meet friends

### 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.

## 11: Using a computer or a tablet

### 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.

## 12: Watches

### 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.

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## 13: What you do in the evening

### 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.

## 14: Advertisements/commercials

### 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.

## 15: Learning about science

### 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.

## 16: Books and reading

### 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.



## 17: Sport

### 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.

## 18: Birthdays (新题)

### 1. What do you normally do on your birthday?

- 1) Each year on my birthday, what I enjoy most is to throw a birthday party for myself in celebration. I will typically invite all my closest friends and family over to enjoy a meal, have a few drinks, and just generally have a merry time together.
- 2) I am intensely introverted person. Because of this, I don't like too much of a fuss to be made over my birthday. Normally I will enjoy a quiet evening to myself, perhaps ordering some take-out from my favourite restaurant to treat myself. Though some people would consider this lonesome, to me I can't imagine a better way to spend my birthday.

### 2. What did you like to do on your birthday when you were a child?

- 1) When I was a child, my favourite part of my birthdays was always the special presents and sweets I would be afforded as part of the celebration. I would like nothing more than to spend my birthday parties playing with the new toys given to me by my friends and family, and tucking into some delicious birthday cake.
- 2) The fondest memories I have of my childhood birthday parties would be the elaborate outings and trips my parents would take me on. They would often take me to theme parks and amusement centres to celebrate my special day. What was best was that they would let me invite a few of my friends along on such excursions so that we could all share in the jollity together.

### 3. How important are birthdays to you now?

- 1) As I have grown older, my birthday has become less an important part of my life. With the responsibilities of adulthood, I have little time to set aside for birthday parties and get-togethers. It also happens that with maturity, each new age becomes less of an important milestone in one's life, and so a birthday becomes just like any other day.
- 2) Even as an adult, birthdays are still quite dear to me. Whether it is my own birthday or that of someone close to me, birthdays provide an opportunity to better appreciate those close to you and to enjoy a well-deserved break from life's responsibilities.

### 4. Which birthdays are most important in your country?

- 1) For most people, they remember their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as the most important. It is with one's 18<sup>th</sup> that a person is generally considered to become an adult. With this milestone, a person has access to many privileges that were closed off to them before. They can vote in elections, get married, and can move out on their own to be independent.
- 2) A lot of families will consider a child's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday to be their most important. As their first ever birthday, it occupies a sentimental role in the mind of any parent, and hints at a happy future of watching their child develop and grow. Any family photo album is likely to contain many pictures documenting a child's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday for posterity.

## 19: Technology (新题)

### 1. What types of technology do you use most?

- 1) I think nowadays it is generally true for most people that the piece of technology which sees the most use in their life is their phone. It is certainly true for me anyhow. I am constantly checking my phone throughout the day for important work-related emails, or simply entertaining messages from friends.
- 2) With the recent rise of remote working, I find myself using my laptop more than any other piece of technology that I own. Though it is essential tool for my work and helps me earn a living, it also provides me with entertainment through social media and online videos which I will peruse whenever I need a short break from my job.

### 2. Do you like using technology?

- 1) I very much enjoy making use of technology. Modern technology has enhanced my life in so many ways, that it is impossible to imagine my life the same way without it. Software developers have become so proficient in their jobs nowadays that I often find using technology to be quite pleasing and satisfying.
- 2) I am somewhat technologically illiterate, so rarely do I relish the instances in which I have to make use of technology. I find the whole thing to be quite confusing, so for me, using technology is a frustrating and often time-consuming endeavour. I much prefer methods which I am used to, such as pen and paper.

### 3. Is there a piece of technology that you would like to buy?

- 1) I am intensely interested in owning a 3D printer. I enjoy carrying out various projects and making repairs to things that have become damaged throughout the house. A 3D printer would enable me to construct my own replacement parts rather than relying on a hardware store to have specific parts in stock. It would also enable me to embark on creative pursuits, such as printing my own toys and figurines.
- 2) I feel that an overreliance on technology can ultimately be harmful for people. Subsequently, there is very little in the way of new technologies that I am keen to buy. I am content with that which I already own, and am able to function perfectly well without purchasing anything new.

### 4. What made you choose the last piece of technology you bought?

- 1) The last piece of technology I bought was an eReader device. I am an avid reader, and like nothing more than to spend my evenings curled up with a good book. However, the number of books I was purchasing was beginning to seriously clutter my living space. With my new eReader however, I am able to store all my books within a single object, and thus enjoying tidier living once again.
- 2) I recently purchased for myself a Fitbit. This is a wearable piece of smart technology designed to promote fitness and physical wellbeing. Over the past year, I have noticed myself gaining a little weight, and am struggling to shed these few extra pounds by myself. It is my hope therefore that the Fitbit will keep me focused on my weight loss goals, and I can eventually return to the shape I used to be in.

## 20: Writing (新题)

### 1. What kinds of things do you write during a typical day?

- 1) Throughout the day I tend to use writing as a tool to keep myself organised. I will jot down a schedule of the most important things I have to do on any particular day on a piece of paper, and mark them off the list as I accomplish them. This not only helps to keep me on target and productive, but also affords me a sense of achievement as I see the list become gradually smaller and smaller.
- 2) I think it is important to write down ideas which may come to me during the day lest I forget them later. These can range anywhere from business plans and entrepreneurial ideas, or more creative visions such as short story outlines. Writing an assortment of things down in such a way helps me to remain varied in my mindset and interests.

### 2. Do you prefer typing or writing things by hand?

- 1) If I had to choose between writing via a keyboard or a pen, I would definitely choose the former. I am a fairly experienced and proficient typist, so the speed at which I can write with a keyboard is beyond compare to that of my handwriting. Therefore, with typing I am far more productive and efficient than I could hope to be writing by hand.
- 2) I take a lot of pride in my handwriting, so always prefer writing things down by hand as opposed to typing. I practice calligraphy as a hobby and have spent many hours towards ensuring my handwriting is as beautiful as possible. Choosing to use a keyboard instead not only robs me of some valuable practice time, but is also much less visually pleasing to me in general.

### 3. Did you like writing when you were a child?

- 1) Back in primary school, myself and my classmates were required to take handwriting classes to ensure that we learnt the necessary skills to write in and read cursive. I always struggled in these classes, and because of this, I developed an intense childhood dislike for writing. Nowadays, the classes are not even relevant to me, as everything is done online through typing.
- 2) When I was a child, writing was a beloved hobby of mine. I was always taking the opportunity to jot down little stories and poems I would think up. My parents have kept a lot of these writings I produced as a child, and I always look back on them with a nostalgic fondness.

### 4. Do you think the kinds of things you write will change in the future?

- 1) A very much doubt the sorts of things I have to write will change much over the coming years. I have developed a fairly unchanging routine for myself in my daily life and cannot see I reason why I would have to write more than the odd shopping list or reminder that I already do.
- 2) Life has a habit of changing very quickly without much forewarning. So, it would make sense that the types of things I will have to write in the future will change. I might for instance change professions which would require me to write notes on carrying out my new duties, or move to a new house whereby I would have to jot down details of my new living conditions.



## 21: Geography (新题)

(things like countries and maps)

### 1. Did/do you study geography at school?

- 1) Geography was a mandatory subject of my school curriculum. It is generally thought that all schoolchildren are better off with an educated knowledge of the world around them. This not only serves to make them more knowledgeable in general, but also affords a greater understanding as to how the world is which will prove beneficial in later life.
- 2) When I was a child, I was home-schooled privately by my parents as opposed to attending a state-run institution. My parents did not think it at all necessary to teach me much about geography, and instead deemed it more useful to prepare me for life solely within my home country. As such, I did not study geography at school.

### 2. Do you enjoy learning about the geography of other countries?

- 1) My favourite thing in the world is to travel, and because of this, I simply adore learning the geographies of other countries. It is not only useful for my hobby, but also intellectually stimulating and helps me to be more openminded and understanding of people I meet from all over the world.
- 2) I do not consider the geography of other countries to be all that valuable knowledge. This might be because I do not have any future plans to leave my own country, and therefore would consider such knowledge to be superfluous. Learning foreign geographies would simply be a waste of time for me.

### 3. Is there a country you'd like to visit because of its geography?

- 1) In the future, I'd very much like to explore the geography of China. I am fascinated by the breath-taking scale of its bodies of water such as the Yangtze River and the Qinghai Lake. Being such a large country, there is also grand diversity of terrain ranging from mountainous regions, deserts, and steppes. I don't think I would ever get bored travelling through China.
- 2) A country's geography I have always been very interested in is that of Iceland. Someday, if I ever have enough money, I would like to visit in order to see the black-sand beaches of its southern coast, and its famous geothermal pools. Its unique volcanic geomorphology would surely be a sight to behold!

### 4. How good are you at reading maps?

- 1) Having studied geography extensively at school, I have maintained a high degree of cartographic literacy into my adult life. I am able not only to use maps as to understand which directions I should take, but also to garner the topological features of the landscape around me.
- 2) I am pretty useless at reading maps. I find them far too confusing and have never really been able to work out how to apply them to my actual position. Besides, nowadays we all have access to electronic maps which can pinpoint exactly where we are and tell us where to go in clearer detail. Because of this, I don't see much point in being able to read a traditional map.

## 22: Weather (新题)

### 1. How often do you check the weather forecast?

- 1) I often find myself out and about fulfilling errands throughout the day. Because of this, having foreknowledge of the weather lest I find myself caught unawares in a rainstorm is very important to me. I will generally check the weather forecast and the beginning of each day to plan around it and, will continue to check it as the day progresses to ensure that nothing changes unexpectedly.
- 2) I am a fulltime student so spend the majority of my time indoors studying. Subsequently, I have little reason to browse the weather forecast as it only very rarely affects me. Whether it is pouring rain outside or blistering heat, I will always remain comfortable in my home.

### 2. Do you generally prefer hot weather or cold weather?

- 1) I look forward to every summer as I simply love the heat. It is not only that I prefer the feel of the heat to the cold, but that during hot weather, there are also far more activities one can participate in outside. When it's hot, I can tan on the beach, go for hikes, and socialise with my friends in the park.
- 2) I find that I am much more able to adapt to cold weather than I am to hot weather. If I'm ever feeling too cold, I am able to simply put on more layers of warm clothing in order to make myself comfortable. In the heat, I am forced to sweat uncomfortably without being able to do much in response.

### 3. Has the weather changed much in recent years in your country?

- 1) It seems that with each passing year, the summer arrives earlier and is somewhat hotter than the one which preceded it. Many have pointed to global warming to explain these changing weather patterns. Though some people seemingly enjoy these hotter summers, many others find the shifting weather concerning.
- 2) Though I often hear reports from all over the world regarding the changing weather, in my own country I have not noticed any particular shifts. I live in a very remote region in which the weather is fairly similar all year round, so I would likely struggle to discern changes in the weather even if they occurred.

### 4. Would you like to live in a place that has a very different climate from your country?

- 1) I have always thought that the weather in my home country is too cold and would love to move to a country with a warmer if the opportunity ever arose. Many of my countrymen feel the same way and often choose to live abroad as expatriates in places such as Spain or the south of France.
- 2) I find that overall, I am very comfortable living in the climate of my home country. Therefore, I have little desire to move abroad in search of different weather. In fact, I would go so far as to say that if I ever had to move abroad to study or for a work opportunity, I would consciously seek out countries with similar weather to my own.

## 23: Mornings times (新题)

### 1. Do you like getting up early in the morning?

- 1) I am definitely what you would call a morning person. I try to keep to a routine of waking early each morning in order to pack as many activities into my day as possible. Getting up early also ensures I have more time to prepare myself for the rest of the day, and can tackle my tasks as efficiently as possible.
- 2) I am something of a night owl and enjoy staying up late in the evenings. This has the effect that getting up early in the mornings can be something of an ordeal for me. I will be groggy and generally irritable throughout the day which makes me a less capable and productive person.

### 2. Do you eat breakfast at home every morning?

- 1) I believe that no morning routine is complete without a decent breakfast. Eating something in the morning gives people the energy to begin their day with their best foot forward and also helps them to think clearer. As a frugally-minded person myself, I tend to make my own breakfast at home, rather than spending money at a café or bakery.
- 2) My mornings are usually extremely hectic. Because of this, spending the extra time to make breakfast at home each morning is completely out of the question for me. Though I often try to grab something whilst commuting from a food stall or café, sometimes it happens that I forego breakfast entirely.

### 3. Do you have the same morning routine every day of the week?

- 1) Having drawn up for myself a fairly well-thought-out schedule, my morning routine varies very little from day to day. This allows me to get through my mornings as quickly and as efficiently as possible without giving it too much thought. I would recommend that everyone adhere to such a routine.
- 2) Not every day of the week is the same for me, so it follows that my morning routine can change depending on what I am doing that day. Though I typically spend the mornings of my weekdays preparing for classes, my weekends can be radically different. Sometimes I even like to sleep in and won't do anything in the mornings at all!

### 4. Are your mornings very different now from when you were younger?

- 1) My mornings as an adult are not drastically different from back when I was a child. As a child attending school, everyday I would follow a routine of: waking up early, dressing and grooming myself, eating breakfast, and commuting to school to avoid being late. The difference now is that I no longer require the help of my parents to accomplish this!
- 2) My life as an adult is very different from back when I was a child, and my mornings are no exception in this regard. Whereas as a child, I would spend many mornings in front of the television watching cartoons, nowadays I often use my mornings to fit in some last-minute study sessions my before class, or to practice my English language vocab.

## 24: Housework and cooking (新题)

(for example cleaning, tidying or cooking)

### 1. Did you do anything to help at home when you were younger?

- 1) When I was young, my parents would assign me little tasks to contribute to the household. Even though these would be relatively inconsequential chores, such as washing the dishes or taking out the rubbish, I relished the sense of responsibility I received from them. They really helped me feel like a valued member of the house.
- 2) I was an extremely lazy and disobedient child. I wouldn't do so much as lift a finger to help my parents around the house. Though they would assign my chores and housework to do in the evenings when I returned from school, I would usually ignore these to play with my toys in my room.

### 2. Do you do a lot of cooking at home now?

- 1) Cooking is a favourite hobby of mine. I find the methodical act of preparing a meal to be calming, and so cooking helps to keep me grounded during times of stress. It is also a sensible and economic alternative to eating out or ordering take-out, which I try to avoid as much as possible.
- 2) I am a little embarrassed to admit that I never learnt to cook. Now, as an adult, I find it confusing and will usually make a mess of whatever it is I try to cook on the seldom occasions that I attempt it. I much prefer eating out instead as any professional chef can surely make a much better dish than I can.

### 3. Do you like everything to be very tidy at home?

- 1) I am a bit of a clean freak and like to keep my home extremely tidy. I find that mess and clutter directly affect my mood so that I am more nervous than usual until I tidy up. Because of this, I do my utmost to clean up any small messes I notice around the house before they can pile up into something unmanageable.
- 2) As a fairly easy-going person, I don't really mind at all if my home is a little cluttered here and there. As long as I know where everything is, I don't see much importance in organising every single thing in my house. It is time and effort I would much prefer to spend elsewhere.

### 4. Is there a job at home that you really don't enjoy doing?

- 1) Doing the dishes is one household task that I particularly dislike. Having to deal with the food scraps that wash off in the sink just grosses me out. If I ever have the money, I would buy a washing machine in a heartbeat to avoid doing this chore.
- 2) As a cleanly person, cleaning the toilet is a very unpleasant job at home. On the one hand, it has to be cleaned in order for me to feel comfortable about the cleanliness of my bathroom. On the other, I find it disgusting and wish I didn't have to do it.



## 25: Public transport (新题) 更多最新雅思资料网课请加微信xiaozyasi其他店铺卖家均为二手贩子转卖倒卖资料不全更新慢！

### 1. Do you often travel on public transport?

- 1) I have to use public transport almost every day. I live in the suburbs of the city which is far removed from my university. So, to get to campus on time during the week, I have to take the bus. I don't really mind all too much. I enjoy daydreaming whilst gazing out the window and imagine that the bus is much cheaper than owning a car.
- 2) I basically never use public transport if I can avoid it. I find the conditions of the metro or the bus are far too crowded for me to be comfortable, and I usually end up sweating uncomfortably throughout the duration of my trip. I use a bicycle instead to travel about the city.

### 2. Did you use public transport when you were a child?

- 1) I was fiercely independent as a child, which my parents encouraged. They taught me how to purchase a child fare ticket at the bus station, and I would use it to catch the bus to school every morning. I would also use public transport alongside my parents whenever we would go on family outings as we did not own a car.
- 2) When I was a child, my parents did not feel comfortable allowing me on public transportation. They were worried for my safety around such dangerous machines, or perhaps even feared that I could have been kidnapped by a stranger. Instead, we would all travel together in the family car to wherever we needed to be.

### 3. Do many people use public transport in your country?

- 1) Where I live, public transportation is by far the most popular means of getting from A to B. I live in a densely populated area, so it is often too crowded on the roads for a car to be a viable means of transport. Because of this, most people rely the underground metro system in navigating the city.
- 2) In my country, it is not too common for people to make use of public transportation. The infrastructure for public transport here is old and obsolete, and the government does not allot enough funding to see to its upkeep or restoration. Most people therefore prefer to drive or cycle than to use public transport.

### 4. Will you use public transport more in the future?

- 1) I think that we should all aim to make greater use of public transport in the future. City spaces are already too crowded with cars and mopeds which can be reduced by travelling via public transport more often. More importantly however, an overreliance on cars is a great contributor to pollution. So, I aim to use public transport more moving forwards for the sake of the planet.
- 2) I have plans in the future to purchase my own personal car. Because of this, I don't expect to be making the same use of public transportation that I do now in a few years. I imagine that I will feel a greater sense of freedom being able to travel anywhere I want to, and not just along bus routes.

## 26: Puzzles (新题)

### 1. Did you enjoy doing puzzles when you were a child?

- 1) Whereas other children my age preferred playing with toy race cars and action figures, I was always fascinated by puzzles. Whether it be sudoku, crosswords, or a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle, I always chose to exercise my brain rather than my imagination.
- 2) I never liked doing puzzles as a child. I would often become frustrated or upset with myself whenever a puzzle proved too challenging for me to complete, so I preferred to avoid them entirely. I was a more active child anyway, and concerned myself with sports and athletics rather than puzzles and brainteasers.

### 2. Which do you find easier to do: word puzzles or number puzzles?

- 1) I generally find that it is easier for me to wrap my head around word puzzles than it is mathematical puzzles. I think this is because I use language every day and come into contact with it more often. Number puzzles, however, require a more specialist form of analytical thinking.
- 2) I think number puzzles are objectively simpler than word puzzles. With word puzzles, the problem could easily make use of vocabulary that the solver simply doesn't have. Maths, on the other hand, is unchanging, so everyone has the same chance of solving it.

### 3. Would you ever do a puzzle when you're travelling?

- 1) I think that puzzles are a great way to pass the time during extended periods of inactivity. Because of this, they are perfectly suited to travelling and road trips. A train journey of several hours can feel much shorter if I have a couple of brainteasers to keep me company.
- 2) Personally, I would not be interested in attempting puzzles as I am travelling. Whenever I travel, I usually amuse myself with my phone, or select a book to take along with me. I consider both of these options to be far more enjoyable distractions than puzzles.

### 4. Do you think doing puzzles is a good way for older people to spend their free time?

- 1) Puzzles are an excellent way for older people to spend their free time. Seniors often struggle with feelings of loneliness and monotony, and in this regard, puzzles can act as an engrossing pastime to spice up their day. They also help to keep a person's mind sharp and alert, which is a valuable quality for older people.
- 2) I think older people should have better things to do with their free time than attempting to solve puzzles. To me, puzzles are games for children to keep them occupied and entertained. Old people should find other pastimes more befitting of an adult.

## 27: Names (新题)

### 1. Does anyone in your family have the same name as you?

- 1) When I was born, my parents decided that they wanted to give me a unique name. Because of this, no one in the family shares my name. In fact, it is very seldom that I encounter anyone in my country with the same name as me.
- 2) I have the same name as a few people in my family. My father named me in honour of his own father, so my grandfather and I each share the same name. On top of this, the name has been passed on through multiple generations of the family. For example, I have both a great uncle and a nephew with the same name.

### 2. Does your name have any meaning?

- 1) I do not believe that my name possesses any particular meaning. In the past, when I have asked my parents as to why they chose my name, they have answered simply that they liked the sound of it. I suppose that is a type of meaning in its own right.
- 2) My name has a deep meaning for my family. I was named for my maternal grandmother who has since passed away. My mother tells me, however, that part of her lives on through me as her namesake. I am deeply proud to have such a name.

### 3. What name would you choose to give a child?

- 1) If I was tasked to choose a name for a child, I think I would pick the name Oliver. It is a fairly popular name in my country, which means it wouldn't inconvenience the child with frequent misspellings and mispronunciations. I think it is more important for a name to be clear than it is for it to be unique.
- 2) I have always liked the name Penelope for a child. I first came across the name reading stories of Greek mythology, and thought that the character was a great example for people to live by. I would hope that the child would feel proud of their name and empowered by the example of their namesake.

### 4. Are some names more popular than others in your country?

- 1) Some names are far more common than others in my country. Though my country is fairly diverse, there is still one particular cultural group which holds a majority. The most common names, therefore, are generally found in this group such as John, Chris, or Alex.
- 2) There are always some names which are used more frequently than others in my country. However, what these names are frequently depends on the particular region of the country. Whereas Seamus might be one of the most popular names in the north, in the south, a name like Jack would be more popular.

## 28: Singing (新题)

### 1. Did you learn to sing when you were at school?

- 1) I was first taught to sing during my adolescence at school. The particular school I attended as a child included a school choir which was formed of us students. This means that every student was required to take singing lessons and to attend regular choir rehearsals.
- 2) I never learnt how to sing back when I was at school. In my school, music classes where students could be taught such skills were entirely optional, and I opted not to take them. Even then, many of the students who did take these classes did not sing at all, instead choosing to learn a different instrument.

### 2. Would you ever sing with other people now?

- 1) I sing with other people all the time. I have a deep love of music, and to me, no instrument is more accessible than the human voice as everybody has one! In my experience, nothing can bring people together quite like singing a familiar song in harmony.
- 2) I suffer from intense performance anxiety and stage fright, so I can't ever imagine singing with another person. The potential embarrassment of singing poorly in front of someone else is just too intimidating a prospect for me to ever try it. It is a shame though, because I really do enjoy singing.

### 3. Do you like listening to other people sing?

- 1) As a music lover, I deeply appreciate the sound of the human voice. Though technically anybody can sing, there are comparatively few people who can actually do it well. So, whenever I hear the sound of impressive singing, I am beyond delighted.
- 2) Personally, I cannot stand the sound of people singing. Whenever I listen to music, I take care to make sure that the tracks are exclusively instrumental. I find the inclusion of vocals to be annoying, and having to focus on the lyrics distracts me from the music itself.

### 4. Do you think singing can make people feel happy?

- 1) It has been proven that singing can cause the brain to release endorphins, a chemical that helps to lighten a person's mood. This can explain why some people will sing to themselves during times of stress, or why parents will sing lullabies to their children to calm them down.
- 2) I don't really see how it could be possible that singing can make people happy. I see it as practicing a skill like any other. I understand how perhaps becoming good at it could engender a sense of accomplishment. But happiness? Not so much.



## 29: Social media (新题)

### 1. How often do you use social media?

- 1) I don't think it's possible to navigate the modern world without using social media at least once per day. I don't only use it to check what my friends and family are up to, but also for more practical tasks such as finding events and communicating with people.
- 2) I refrain from using social media as much as possible. In fact, last week I even deleted my Facebook account and have felt much better ever since. I don't believe it is healthy for people to be constantly checking in on their socials all the time.

### 2. Did you use social media more in the past?

- 1) I used to use social media a lot more in the past as a teenager than I do today as an adult. At that age, social drama is a large part of one's life, so people are glued to their phones to keep up to date on the latest gossip. Nowadays, these things are unimportant to me, and my use of social media has decreased significantly.
- 2) In the past, I was newer to social media, and so had less of an idea as to how it worked. Subsequently, I didn't use it all that much because I couldn't figure out how to do anything useful with it. Now, years later, I have had a lot of time to acclimatise to how these apps work, and use them as part of my everyday life.

### 3. Do you think your friends use social media too much?

- 1) I am always lecturing my friends to cut down on the amount they use social media. Whenever we are hanging out together, I can't have more than a five-minute conversation before somebody inevitably takes out their phone and starts scrolling. It drives me mad!
- 2) I don't believe that my friends use social media any more than is reasonable. We all live fairly close to each other, so can catch up regularly in person without having to rely on social media. This means that we generally only use it to find cool events and gigs happening in our town.

### 4. Would you like to work in social media in the future?

- 1) I imagine that working in social media could be an interesting experience. I have a deep fascination with data analytics, and being on the inside of that process would be a truly rewarding experience for me. I hope someday to be employed in that field.
- 2) I couldn't ever see myself working for a social media company in the future. I believe that both the apps and the companies themselves have a detrimental influence on the world. I just wouldn't be able to live with myself if I ended up contributing to their success.

## 30: Snacks (新题)

### 1. When you were a child, did you have a favourite snack?

- 1) By far my favourite childhood snack was hazelnut chocolate spread on a slice of soft white bread. I didn't have much experience preparing food as a child, but this snack was simple enough for me to be able to make on my own. To this day I will still occasionally eat it if I'm ever feeling nostalgic for my childhood.
- 2) I had a notoriously uncontrollable sweet tooth when I was a child. Because of this, I didn't exactly have any one particular favourite snack, but would devour anything sweet that I could get my hands on. My parents even had to limit the amount of sugar I was allowed each day.

### 2. When do you eat snacks now?

- 1) Nowadays, I mostly eat snacks if I have neglected to give myself a proper meal. For example, I am often too busy in the afternoons to prepare lunch for myself. So, instead of going hungry, I will simply snack on crisps or fruit until dinnertime in the evening.
- 2) I try my best to keep in shape and healthy, so I almost never snack. I strictly adhere to a regimented meal plan and do not eat anything outside of those specific time periods. Snacking has no place in my daily schedule lest I lose progress on my fitness goals.

### 3. Would you choose a snack that is healthy, or a snack that tastes good?

- 1) For me, the entire point of snacking is for the taste of it. Therefore, I always choose the snacks which I enjoy the taste of the most. I never even pay attention to how many calories a snack might contain; as long as it's delicious, I'll eat it.
- 2) Recently, I have been trying more and more to go for the healthy snacks. I am in the habit of overeating, and am currently trying to lose weight. However, it has proven difficult to cut out the habit of snacking altogether. So, I have started replacing the snacks themselves with healthier equivalents.

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### 4. Do people in your country often eat snacks between meals?

- 1) In my country, people are constantly snacking in between meals. It has even become a public health concern, as our obesity rates are now higher than they've ever been in my country's history. Although I think everyone can enjoy a snack here and there, people should be more sensible about how much they consume and how often.
- 2) It is not too common for people in my country to eat snacks between meals. Most people are usually too busy throughout the day to think about snacking. We are also extremely proud of our national cuisine, and wouldn't want to ruin our appetites for lunch and dinner by snacking.