录播课第二节

必考题逐一攻克(工作或学习、住宅、家乡)

*工作或学习(最高频)<u>每一题控制在 25s 以内</u>。

- Do you work or do you study/ are you a student? 关于学生背景准备:

I'm a <u>0</u> student, studying <u>2</u>, at <u>3</u>.

①: university (在大学上学的学生,可以是任何年纪);

undergraduate (本科生);

(post) graduate (研究生);

PHD (博士生);

high school (高中生)。

<mark>年级</mark> + 以上内容:

I'm a year 12 / 12th grade high school student.

I'm a <u>first/ second/ third/ final-year</u> university student.

Freshman, sophomore, junior and senior??

<mark>Or</mark>

I'm a university student. It's my first/second/.. year.

2: <u>studying</u>: Computer Science; English Literature; Education...

<mark>Or</mark>

<u>studying <mark>for</mark> a bachelor's (degree) in</mark> Computer Science; English Literature; Education...</u>

<u>studying for</u> an MA/Msc in XXX, XXX ,...(真的很拗口!!)

<mark>Or</mark>

I'm doing a bachelor's/ MA/ PHD in XXX, XXX...

3: XXX University; XXXX High School;...

总结**:**

- I'm now a university student, studying Computer Science at Wuhan University. I'm in my final year, I'll graduate in June (this year).

- I'm now a university student, studying Computer Science at Wuhan University. <u>It's my second year. I've got two more years to go.</u>

- <u>I've just graduated</u> from Wuhan university last year. I've got my bachelor's in XXX. And now I'm <u>applying to</u> graduate schools in the UK/ US/..., trying to <u>get a master's degree</u>.

I'm planning for <u>a further education</u> in XXX. I'm planning to <u>continue my education/studies</u> in XXX.

- What (subjects) are you studying? 即便上一题已经说了专业,也有可能问具体在学什么科目。

Well, right now I'm taking/doing a course called XXX, and at the same time, I'm taking/doing English Literature, Philosophy and History.

(后面可以加一句简单评价,不过就不会有下一问。)

I like this major but it's <u>very intensive</u> and hard/ (it's <u>hard/ a lot of</u> work). I have to <u>do /juggle</u> all these different subjects. <u>I don't have</u> <u>much free time.</u>

like this major a lot. <u>I find it</u> quite easy and enjoyable for me because everything is so interesting<u>. I'm having a lot of fun</u>, and <u>it doesn't feel</u> <u>like work.</u>

I'm studying Civil Engineering, and right now I'm doing a course called XXX, and at the same time, I'm <u>taking</u> XXX, XXX and XXX. <u>To be</u>

<u>honest</u>, <u>I find it quite boring</u> and difficult for me, as there's a lot of Maths involved and things you have to remember.

- Are you happy that you decided to study this major? (why or why not)

Yes, I love it. 原因(参考上题回答) Not really...原因(参考上题回答) I didn't know what it was about, and my parents chose it for me. And now, I find it...I'm regretting a little. 自己可以想一些很真实又简单直接的回答。

- What will you do when you finish studying?

Well, I'm studying to become a _____. So, after finishing my studies, I will try to find a job, and start working. That's my goal.

I'm planning to <u>take a gap year</u> and travel a little after graduating from university/high school, and meanwhile <u>figure out what I want in life</u>.

拓展内容(如果考官问你对 gap year 的看法):

I like the idea of <u>taking a year off</u>, traveling to different places, meeting different people; meanwhile trying to <u>make some money</u>, and <u>pushing myself to become more independent</u>. And also, taking a gap year can allow me to <u>live a little (享受生活)</u>. I mean, I've been studying so hard <u>since forever</u>.

How much time do you spend on your study every week?
nerd/geek

I would say, <u>a lot of time/a big amount of time / a great deal of time</u>. Right now, it's the busiest time of the year, I'm preparing for my <u>school</u> <u>assignments, final exams</u>, and also, IELTS. I study from the morning till the evening, and sometimes even till midnight, so, 50-60hours? Maybe.

- What do you do to help you study better?

First thing is, I will always try to study in the library or a café. Being in a public place makes me more disciplined. I don't know why, maybe because people will see what I'm doing? And secondly, I will make sure that I <u>put my phone aside</u>. That really helps me <u>stay focused</u>. I think I'm a little addicted to my phone.

I will reward myself from time to time.

Listen to the music while studying.

Keep changing/switching locations for studying every now and then. I will put my phone <u>on silent</u> (mode), so that I don't get disturbed.

- Do you prefer to study in the morning or in the afternoon?

Well, I'm not a <u>morning person</u>, so I usually study in the afternoon, unless I have classes in the morning. Normally I go to the school library with my roommates to study. It's a really nice place to <u>get</u> <u>focused and get things done</u>. (WH)

Well, I'm a <u>morning person</u>. <u>Studying in the morning is the best</u>. I feel like my mind is <u>clearer and sharper/snappier</u> <u>during that time</u>. Normally I'll go to the school library/little garden behind my dorm, and study for <u>a couple of hours</u> there, without having breakfast. <u>I'm the</u> <u>most efficient in that way</u>. (WH)

- How do you go to school/class every day?

My dorm is really close to the learning and teaching building. So,

every day, I will walk to the classroom. It's convenient and also quite nice to <u>take a walk</u> every day, <u>kind of like a way of doing exercise</u>. We have school buses, so every morning, I will take the/a bus from my dorm to the learning and teaching building, which is pretty convenient.

Well, my parents will <u>take me to school by car</u> / <u>drive me to school</u> every day....

Take the subway; take the/a bus; by bike..

Are you looking forward to working?

I am, I want to start working and <u>making money</u>, become more independent, and be able to feel like a <u>grown-up</u>. But my mind is also <u>conflicted/ in conflict</u>, because I'm <u>scared of</u> growing up and starting my <u>working life</u> without winter and summer holidays.

On one hand,....on the other hand,...

No, I <u>enjoy being</u> a student, and <u>have nothing much to</u> worry about. <u>All I need to do is (to) focus on my study/academic performance</u>. And, <u>the best part</u> is having summer and winter holidays.

关于工作背景准备:

- Do you study or do you work/ What work do you do? (I'm in work at the moment.) I'm a ____, I work for a ____ company. (如果是不常见的职业,稍微解释一下)

I really like it a lot, it's fun and creative. it suits me well./ ...it's a real decent job, it suits me well.

I'm self-employed/ I work for myself, I'm <u>running a small business</u> right

now, and it focuses on...

I'm a XXX, I work for XXX. It's a company that <u>focuses on</u> ...education/ medication/ the development of renewable energy/ biology.

I'm a project engineer, I work for an engineering company, taking charge of projects.

Actually, I just quit my job, and now I'm preparing for IELST test. I needed more time to do this. I was a _____.

I'm a <u>stay-at-home mom/homemaker</u>, taking care of my two young children/babies and my house.

- What do you like about your job?

<u>The best part/thing about my job</u> is that I can/<u>get to</u> travel a lot and discover about places all around the country/world. Thing: Here's the thing; The thing is; the best thing about XXX is; This

is my thing; It's a thing(tradition) here, people don't do XXX...

It's a well-paid job. The salary is <u>decent/ good enough/ quite nice/</u> <u>satisfactory/ handsome</u>. I only work from <u>9 to 5</u>, and I never <u>work</u> <u>overtime</u>.

It's a typical 9-to-5 job, I have plenty of time for myself after work. I really enjoy this part. Having enough personal time is very important for me, as I have many hobbies.

- Why did you choose to do that type of work?

It's a <u>decent job/occupation</u>, and also it's a well-paid job/ the salary is not bad.

<u>I'd always wanted to become</u> a teacher since I was very little. I really enjoy teaching and spending time with my students. We <u>get along</u> really well, they make me feel very happy and valuable.

I enjoy sharing my knowledge and skills with my students, helping them fulfill their dreams/life goals.

I love this job, I feel very satisfied when I finish a project and my clients come to me saying <u>how much they appreciate my work/ "thank</u> <u>you"</u>. That makes me feel very <u>valuable</u>(有价值的).

That gives me a feeling/ sense of achievement/ fulfillment.

- What do you do to work better?

I always make sure doing exercise regularly to <u>find the balance</u> <u>between work and life</u>. Only when I'm fully relaxed can I work in a more efficient way later. 你也可以分享你的工作小 tip, 使用什么软件,等等...

I always make plans at work

How many hours do you work each week?

Fulltime job: 40 hours per week.

It's a typical <u>nine-to-five job.</u> So, about 40 hours per week. I don't need to <u>work overtime</u>. That's the part that I'm really happy about my job.

- What happened on your first day at work?

Well, the first day at work? (Let me think)...uhmmm, nothing much, I

was introduced to all my <u>coworkers</u>, and then I attended the newemployee-training program, started to learn the basic information about my company and my job, <u>things like that</u>. I remember I felt very nervous on the first day.

I don't remember exactly now, my memory is blurry.

<u>*关于住房(次高频)</u>

这一部分主要是属于个人最基本的情况,所以作答方式,主要还是:如实交代+解释原因。但是解释原因的形式可以灵活一些,我们下面来做几题。

- Tell me about the house or the apartment you live in.
- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- Can you describe the place where you live? What kinds of housing do you live in?

思路:

什么性质的建筑(apartment or house),位于哪里,周围环境。

小洋房: house, (independent house, detached house, single house, semi-detached house, , town house, N-story house)

公寓: (X-bedroom) apartment, flat

单身公寓: (<u>Bachelor pad)</u>, studio apartment, one-bedroom apartment. 学生宿舍: dormitory, dorm, school dorm, dorm room, student residence, 食堂: cafeteria, dining hall, canteen, refectory

Location: In the suburbs of my city, in the central area of my city, on the outskirts of the city/town...., in the west (part) of my city, in the east (part) of my city, not far from city center, right next to the school, on campus, ...<u>right next to</u> the subway The neighbourhood (lot/plot): safe; qui^yet; clean; well-kept; conveniently located; <u>family friendly</u>; <u>close to public transport/</u> <u>transportation</u>; The area <u>has easy access to public transport</u>; There are lots of shops/ <u>grocery/convenience stores</u> in the area; There are a lot of lively bars and restaurants in the neighbourhood; All the hot spots in the city are <u>within walking distance</u>; right next to the subway/ university/ hospital/ shopping center,

想象画面来回答

回答: I live in a beautiful house <u>in the suburbs of my city</u>. The house is very big/ spacious, I have a beautiful back yard where I could plant some flowers. And the neighbourhood is very safe and quiet, and...(思 考时间) very <u>convenient</u> as well, I mean, my house is really close to the <u>grocery store/convenience store</u>, so I like it a lot.

I live in a four-bedroom apartment, located in the north of Beijing. It's a big apartment, big windows, <u>great natural light</u>, <u>lots of</u> <u>storage</u>. ...And... (思考时间) we <u>have easy access to public transport</u>, which is really convenient, and also, there's a big shopping centre nearby. <u>It's a nice place to live</u>.

It's a very livable place. 宜居的

I'm now living in the school dormitory with three roommates. It's not very spacious, but it's quite/super/pretty <u>cozy(温馨)/ comfortable</u>. And plus, <mark>it's in a great location</mark>. It only takes me 2 mins to walk to the learning and teaching building, and it's super close to the cafeteria.

- Who do you live with?

(如果之前没有提到和谁住,才有可能会问道这一题)

I live with my parents and my dog. I <u>see my dog as my little brother/</u> <u>sister.</u> I really enjoy living with my family, it's super convenient, and at the same time, we can <u>enjoy each other's company</u>. I love seeing and <u>petting my dog</u> every day.

I'm living by myself. It's really cool to live on my own, I enjoy the freedom and <u>the sense of independence</u>. I was <u>under the control of</u> my parents for so many years, now it's really fun to live just myself.

I'm now sharing this apartment with two other roommates. They are really nice, easygoing and cool. We <u>get along</u> well, I mean, they really <u>give me a sense of home</u>. I enjoy their company.

A sense of home/ belonging/ independence/ achievement/ community/ security/ nostalgia ...

Have a good sense of humor/ direction/ fashion...

- What's the difference between where you're living now and where you have lived in the past?

Mostly just the size difference. I mean, the <u>living space</u> I have now is much bigger than before. Before I moved to <u>where I live now/ my</u> <u>current apartment</u>, I was living with my parents, and I only had a very small bedroom. But now, I have my own apartment, I have a big living room, and a big bedroom, and I even have a <u>dressing room/walk-in</u> <u>closet</u> for myself.

Nothing much, it's just the people I share my space with are different. I was living with my parents, and now I'm living with my roommates. Everything is different! I'm now sharing the dorm room with my roommates. I don't even have a bedroom now. And I used to have <u>plenty of storage</u>, whereas now, I almost have none.

- How long have you lived there?

For about two years, not for too long.

Oh I was born in that apartment, so, XXX years.

I moved to that place 5 years ago, and I absolutely love living there.

- Do you plan to live there for a long time?

不打算, why: Not really. I mean, it's kind of small, and it's jammed with <u>furniture</u>. I need bigger space to <u>do stuff/ things</u>(做事情), right now the space is too <u>tight</u> for me. <u>I've been thinking about</u> moving to somewhere bigger.

No, actually I'm planning to move. I'm not <u>a big/massive fan of</u> that place, to be honest. It's just too <u>remote</u>, too far. Even <u>ordering a taxi</u> will take you forever. It's in the middle of nowhere.

打算, why: Oh yeah, absolutely. I love that place<u>. I can't imagine any</u> other place that suits me better. It's <u>in a great location</u>/ perfectly <u>located</u>. And it's so <u>spacious and cozy</u>. The windows are huge, so the whole place <u>is filled with natural light</u>. And the rent is totally affordable. <u>I can totally see myself spending many more years there.</u>

- What do you usually do in your house/flat/room?

I love spending time in my apartment/flat, watching a movie, reading a book, listening to some music, sipping some nice wine. Just <u>chill</u> and <u>loosen up</u>.

I love watching TV shows on my laptop, in my room. Sometimes I could spend several days in my bed, just watching shows, and eating junk food, nonstop. I know it's really unhealthy, but I <u>enjoy being like</u> <u>that, from time to time</u>.

Are the transport facilities to your home very good?

Yeh, the transport facilities are super good<u>. We have very easy access</u> to the subway and the bus. It only takes me 3 mins to walk to the nearest subway station, and the closest bus station is just around the <u>corner.</u>

No, it's really bad actually. I have to either ride my own bike or walk to <u>get around</u>, since I don't have a car, and there's no easy access to public transport. And that's why I really want to move.

Do you like the area you live in?

Absolutely, I do. I think it's the perfect area to live. It's not <u>right at the city centre</u>, but it's <u>close enough</u>. There I have subway stations and bus stations to <u>get around</u> in the city. And <u>at the same time</u>, it's not that busy and noisy. I like it.

I don't like it very much, to be honest. It's just too <u>remote</u>, too far. Even <u>ordering a taxi</u> will <u>take you forever</u>. It's <u>in the middle of nowhere</u>. It takes forever to do sth.

- Which room in your house/flat do you like most?

Living room, bedroom, kitchen, home theatre, (my) study, sunroom (阳 光房), attic (阁楼)...

I love my bedroom. <u>It's like my little kingdom</u> where I could enjoy my time being alone. I have a big and <u>comfy bed</u> next to the windows. Most of the time I will just <u>lie in my bed</u>, play some games or read magazines, just unwind.

I love the sunroom in the house. It's so warm and cozy, <u>filled with light</u>. It's my heaven, <u>especially during winter time</u>. I could sit in that room all day reading books, drinking hot tea, and enjoying my time.

<u>*关于家乡</u>

- What's (the name of) your hometown?

Nanjing is my hometown which's a <u>densely populated</u> city <u>located/situated in</u> the Southeast of China/ my country.

Beijing is my hometown. The capital city. I've been living there for XXX years.

My hometown is called Sanya. it is on the South end of Hainan Province, in China.

Coastal city

- Is it a big city or a small place?

Actually, it is a quite big city with about XX million people, a typical international/ metropolitan/ cosmopolitan city, a <u>concrete jungle</u>, I would say. Very <u>busy and bustling.</u>

No, It's not big at all, it's a <u>small town</u>/ it's a <u>quaint little town</u>, about 100,000 people. (And it's <u>scenic</u> and <u>peaceful</u>. Not like those big cities with <u>tons of tourists</u>, busy and <u>congested</u> all the time. I love my town.) Huge city, big city, medium city, small city, tiny town, tiny place

- Can you describe your hometown a little?

简单,20-25秒, 概括两句,不用太细节。

XXX is famous for many things,...its landmarks and food.

We have.... beautiful/ stunning sea views; natural sceneries; mountains and lakes; gorgeous views of nature...

People there are... pretty <u>laidback</u>, friendly, hospitable, welcoming. They know how to enjoy their life/lives.

Food is amazing in my city,...

One thing I love about my city is that...

It's a very livable city/ place.

来学学形容 city 的说法:

1. ancient/historic/old: a place that has a long history. Rome is an ancient city, which was established thousands of years ago. 对应现代化的就是 modern city

2. dull/boring/sleepy 无趣无聊的

3. bustling: a crowded and busy place 热闹的

Hustle and bustle

还可以说 fast-paced/ lively

Shanghai is a busy and bustling city, one of its nicknames is "The City that Never Sleeps".

4. compact/small: 小小的、很拥挤的

Santorini is a very compact town. You don't need transport to <u>get</u> <u>around</u>(转悠).

5. expensive 生活成本高的(costly)/ inexpensive 生活成本不高的 (cheap, not costly)

6. picturesque: 独特美的, 如画的; 也可以说 scenic, quaint, charming,

7. touristy/ tourist city: 游客颇多的 a shopping paradise 购物天堂

8. There's always something going on in the city.

It's a city that never sleeps.

9. vibrant: 充满活力的/exciting/ lively

10. it's got such a rich culture.

It's a real <u>24-hour city</u>, and you can meet people from all over the world.

12. It's such a small place that you can <u>get to know your neighbors</u> and <u>have a sense of community</u>.

13. <u>The cost of living</u> is really high. You have to think about how to make (both) ends meet.

Air quality is <u>an issue</u> there.

There's nothing much going on/ not much night life.

It's a little isolated. It feels a bit <u>cut off</u> from the <u>wider world</u>.

打卡作业第一次(不限时间,准备好就来):

1. 工作或学习。

统一回答: ①Do you study or do you work?

*工作者,介绍自己的工作性质,并回答问题:

What do you like about your job?

*大学生党,

Do you like your major?

*高中生,简单介绍一下自己的年纪和状态就好了。

*辞职的人,简单介绍一下自己的现状和计划。

2. 住宅: Can you describe the place you live? Which room is your favorite?

3. 家乡: What's the name of your hometown? Please describe your

hometown a little.