

Part1

1. Work/Study

考官会问: Do you work or study? 我们【根据自己情况】二选一。

如果选 Study, 考官可能会在以下一些问题中选择 3 个左右继续问你:

1) What is your major?

I major in social science. Well, I learned about the role of social media and similar stuff in our society, and I started to re-think our social lives. I think it is a very interesting field.

- 黄色部分: 【正面评价】
- social lives: 社会生活
- stuff: 东西, 内容 (一个很口语化的词)

2) Do you sometimes feel that you have to study too hard?

Sometimes, I do. Especially when I have tons of reading materials to handle, I feel overwhelmed. On the one hand, I know I have to read them, but on the other hand, I really find them kind of dull.

- 黄色部分: 【理由】
- tons of: 很多
- feel overwhelmed: 觉得喘不过气
- dull: 无聊的

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

I'd like to keep myself idle for a while, but in a good way. I mean, after the whole day of

studying, I want to relax, just sit there, thinking about nothing. That's my way of refreshing myself.

- 黄色部分：【个人经历】
- idle: 无所事事的（这个词本来是偏贬义的，所以文中后面用一个【in a good way】来解释说明这里的“无所事事”不带贬义，类似中文的“放空”）
- refresh oneself: 让某人的精神状态焕然一新

如果选 Work, 考官可能会在以下一些问题中选择 3 个左右继续问你:

1) What's your job?

I work as a programmer at an Internet company. I write codes and work with my colleagues to develop applications. I am happy to see people enjoy our applications.

- 黄色部分：【自己的经历】
- programmer: 程序员
- write codes: 写代码
- develop applications: 开发程序
- colleagues: 同事
- applications: 应用

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2. Where do you live

1) Where are you living at the moment?

At the moment, I share an apartment with another person. **It's not super large, but it's cozy, and I also have my own space; that's great.**

- 黄色部分：【评价】
- cozy: 舒适的

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

I like the area a lot. **Life here is convenient.** There are several big **shopping malls**. There are also **libraries** here, so I can spend some good time with my friends and family.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- shopping malls: 商场

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

Not really. **Actually, I just moved here, so I barely know anyone.** But I will try to know more people; I am thinking about having a **housewarming party** someday, so that I can **bond with** others.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- barely: 几乎不
- housewarming party: 暖房派对 (搬到新家之后, 邀请周围的邻居来玩的 party)
- bond with sb: 和某人加深感情

3. Birthdays

1) What do you normally do on your birthday?

I normally eat my birthday cake on my birthday……I guess it's too normal? Even kind of dull, I guess. But let me think……this is really what I do every year. Perhaps I should try something different next year.

- 黄色部分：【自我评价】
- dull: 无聊的

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

Eating a cake, definitely. When I was a child, I was very jealous of those kids who could eat snacks and cakes every day. But I could just have one cake in a whole year: it was on my birthday, so I was really crazy about the cake.

- 黄色部分：【个人经历】
- be jealous of: 羡慕
- be crazy about sth: 对 XXX 很痴狂

3) How important are birthdays to you now?

When I was a child, I guess a birthday was very important. As I just said, it was my cake-time. As for now, I guess it still matters--but in a different aspect. Birthdays are important to me now because I can bond with my friends.

- 黄色部分：【compare-and-contrast】
- matter: 很重要 (作为动词)

- in a different aspect: 从一个不同的角度
- bond with sb: 和某人加深感情

4) Which birthdays are most important in your country?

Hmm...you got me.....I guess it's the 30-year-old birthday, 40-year-old birthday, and 50-year-old-birthday that are important, because they mean a totally different life stage. People tend to be very sentimental on these birthdays.

- 黄色部分: 【缓兵之计的用词】
- life stage: 人生阶段
- sentimental: 多愁善感的

4. Weather

1) How often do you check the weather forecast?

Hmm...you got me.....I guess I have to say.....hardly ever.....I know it's very convenient to check the weather forecast: it's right there, on the phone, but I just don't have that habit.

- 黄色部分: 【缓兵之计的用词】
- it's right there: 它就在那里 (right 在这里起强调作用)
- don't have that habit: 没这个习惯

2) Do you generally prefer hot weather or cold weather?

They are equally bad, I guess. But if I have to choose, I would say I prefer cold weather. Because in hot weather, I need to worry about not only the heat, but also the sunburn. The sunlight is actually harmful to our skin.

- 黄色部分: 【理由】
- equally bad: 一样差
- sunburn: 晒伤

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

Oh, yes, it became much hotter than before. I guess it's not only in my country, everywhere in the world suffers from the hot weather, as well. We all hate the global warming.

- 黄色部分: 【compare-and-contrast】
- suffer from: 遭受到
- global warming: 全球变暖

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

I haven't really thought about this question... I mean, of course, the climate is really important, but I need to think about other stuff as well, my study, my work, for example. So I think I won't make any hasty decisions.

- 黄色部分: 【缓兵之计的用词】
- stuff: 事情 (是很口语化的用词)
- hasty decision: 仓促的决定

5. Morning

1) Do you like getting up early in the morning?

No, I hate it. I guess nobody likes getting up early in the morning. Almost everyone around me, they all get cranky if they have to get up early.

- 黄色部分: 【他人的经历】
- cranky: 暴躁的

2) Do you eat breakfast at home every morning?

I tried to. I know it's good for our health. But you know sometimes when I got up late, I had to rush for everything, the whole morning would be a mess and I would have no time for

breakfast.

- 黄色部分：【个人经历】
- rush: 匆忙做事
- be a mess: 一团糟

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

Yes, I do. I am supposed to get up early, eat breakfast, and then embrace my whole day: this is supposed to be my routine. But I ruined it all the time: I got up late and ate no breakfast, and this became my new routine.

- 黄色部分：【个人经历】
- be supposed to do: 本来应该做某事
- embrace my whole day: 拥抱我的一整天

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

Yes, they are entirely different. My mother used to wake me up, cook breakfast for me, everything was in order. But now, as I said before, my mornings became kind of chaotic.

- 黄色部分：【compare-and-contrast】
- be in order: 井然有序
- chaotic: 混乱的

6. Snacks

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

Yes, it was chocolate. I guess I liked it not only because it was delicious, but also because it was fancy to eat chocolate. For me, eating something like ice-cream was childlike, but eating

chocolate was more **sophisticated**.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- fancy: 时尚
- sophisticated: 成熟的

2) When do you eat snacks now?

I eat snacks when I am bored, or, how to say, **idle**. Also, I will eat snacks when I am under huge pressure. **The rumor has it: eating snacks is good for the pressure.**

- 黄色部分：【他人看法（此处是：坊间传闻）】
- idle: 无事可做的
- The rumor has it+冒号+句子：据说……

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

Actually, I think I don't need to choose, **because there are so many snacks that are healthy and also taste good.** If you **browse videos on Tiktok**, you will find a lot of **ads promoting** the so-called yummy and healthy food.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- browse videos on Tiktok: 刷抖音
- ad: 广告
- promote: 宣传

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

This is really **a personal question**. I really think it depends, **depends on whether the snacks are tasty enough, and depends on whether the person is on a diet.** But nowadays, a lot of people eat snacks instead of meals, to lose weight.

- 黄色部分：【平行结构】

- personal question: 个性化的问题
- be on a diet: 节食减肥中

7. Technology

(本题的 technology 应理解为: 科技设备, 而不是: 科学技术)

1) What types of technology do you use most?

Smartphones, definitely, I use it every day. It's like I am not USING it, but it has become part of my life, or, part of my body. I know it sounds weird, but that's true.

- 黄色部分: 【自我评价】
- it's like+句子: 就好像……
- weird: 奇怪的

2) Do you like using technology?

No, I won't use the word "like", actually. It's more like I can't live without it. It's like the air to me. Do I like air? Not really. But it is surely very important, even paramount, I guess.

- 黄色部分: 【compare-and-contrast】
- paramount: 至关重要的 (重要程度比 important 高)

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

Not really, I think. I have bought everything I need: smartphone, iPad, computer, and a lot of other stuff. They do bring me a lot of conveniences, but also they can be a huge burden sometimes, so I don't think I need more.

- 黄色部分: 【理由】
- stuff: 东西 (是很口语化的说法)
- a huge burden: 一个巨大的负担

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

The necessity for my life, I think. I mean, I bought my phone because I really need it, but not because it has a fancy look, or it's appealingly cheap. I think a lot of people are just like me, being driven by necessity.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- a fancy look: 一个酷炫的外表
- appealing cheap: 具有吸引力地低价
- be driven by: 被 XX 所驱使

8. Writing

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

In the last few years, I guess it was my assignment; I wrote it so that I could graduate. But in the last few months, I guess it was the IELTS writing essays; I wrote them so that I can pass the exam.

- 黄色部分：【compare-and-contrast】
- assignment: 作业（特指大学作业，中小学作业是 homework）

2) Do you prefer typing or writing things by hand?

I prefer to type things when it comes to something formal, or, how to say, official, for example, my assignment. But I prefer to write by hand when it comes to something more personal, like a letter.

- 黄色部分：【compare-and-contrast】
- official: 官方的；正式的
- personal: 私人的

3) Did you like writing when you were a child?

No, I hated it, because it was so tiring. And to be honest, my handwriting was not good, even kind of **hideous**, I guess, so after I learned how to type, it was a great **relief** for me.

- 黄色部分：【个人经历】
- hideous: 丑陋的（程度比 ugly 深）
- relief: 释然、解放

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

In the near future, I don't think so. **I am used to writing** letters by hand to my **intimate** friends, so I guess I am still going to write to them every year. It's the best way to say: we are **bonding**.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- be used to doing: 习惯于做某事
- intimate: 亲密的
- bond: 加深感情

9. Geography

1) Did/do you study geography at school?

Yes, I did. In China, **since geography is a compulsory subject** from primary school to high school, every student needs to study it.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- compulsory subject: 必修课

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

Yes, I love it. Basically, I enjoy learning about the geography, history, and **literature** of other

countries. **Comparative studies** in these fields are always so much fun, and it's a good chance to **reflect on ourselves**.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- comparative studies: 比较研究
- reflect on sb: 反思/反过来审视某人自己

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

Yes, and it's China. Actually, **I am saying this not only because I am Chinese, but more importantly, China is so big, and it has really diverse kinds of landscapes; they are really worth exploring.**

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- diverse: 多样的

4) How good are you at reading maps?

Not very good, to be honest. **I mean, I am in a three-dimensional world, but paper maps are always two-dimensional, so you can imagine the difference.** But luckily, we nowadays have various applications on the phone to find the right location.

- 黄色部分：【compare-and-contrast】
- three-dimensional: 三维的
- two-dimensional: 二维的

10. Housework/Job at home

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

Yes, I did, even though I was **reluctant** to do it. **When I was a child, my mother taught me the importance of helping with the housework. And I would be told to do some simple tasks: washing the dishes, for example.**

- 黄色部分：【个人经历】
- reluctant: 不情愿的

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

No, I **barely** do that. **To begin with, I suck at cooking; secondly, I am too lazy to cook,** so I would always go out to eat or have **food-delivery service**. I know this is not sustainable, especially financially; I may try to cook more in the future.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- barely: 基本不
- food-delivery service: 外卖

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

No, not really. **I know a lot of people like that; they like everything to be tidy and well-organized.** But I am different, being organized is kind of **dull** to me. I just need to make sure everything I need is **within my reach**; that's enough.

- 黄色部分：【他人看法】
- dull: 无聊的
- be within one's reach: 在某人可以够得着的范围内

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

It's washing dishes. **First of all, I used to do it all the time, so I have aversion to that now. Secondly, I would rather cook; cooking is kind of fun, but washing dishes is really boring, and even depressing.**

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- have aversion to sth: 厌恶 XX (是一个很高级的加分表达)
- depressing: 让人觉得压抑的

11.Travelling on public transport

1) Do you often travel on public transport?

No, not really. But that's not because I don't like public transport or anything, just because I don't go out a lot. But when I go out, I prefer public transport to a taxi.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- or anything: 或者什么其他原因

2) Did you use public transport when you were a child?

No, my parents never allowed me to do that: they worried about my safety, so they would always drive me everywhere. If my memory serves me well, I was always in my father's car when I was a child.

- 黄色部分：【个人经历】
- If my memory serves me well: 如果我没记错的话

3) Do many people use public transport in your country?

Yes, I think so. I think it results from the financial situation of the whole country. Not everyone can afford a car. Also, the public transport systems are really advanced and convenient, at least in big cities.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- financial situation: 经济情况
- advanced: 发达的

4) Will you use public transport more in the future?

Yes, definitely. As I said, not everyone can afford a car; using public transport can save me a lot of money. Also, it's environmentally friendly. I am very concerned about our nature.

- 黄色部分：【理由】

- environmentally friendly: 环境友好的
- be concerned about: 关心

12. Puzzles

(本题的 puzzle 应理解为: 益智游戏, 如: 填词游戏; 数独等)

1) Did you enjoy doing puzzles when you were a child?

Yes, I did. But what I did was Chinese versions. I mean, you need to fill in one Chinese character to complete the whole word. It was really fun and good for word accumulation.

- 黄色部分: 【个人经历】
- Chinese version: 中文版本
- character: (单个的) 字
- accumulation: 积累

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

I find word puzzles easier. I have always been not very good at numbers; I guess numbers hate me. In contrast, I like reading, so I accumulated a lot of words, so word puzzles are much easier for me.

- 黄色部分: 【compare-and-contrast】
- accumulate: 积累

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

No, I don't think so, because puzzles require a lot of thinking, but when I am travelling, I just want to relax; thinking and doing puzzles makes me nauseous, especially when I am in a moving train.

- 黄色部分: 【理由】
- nauseous: 想吐的

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

Yes, I think so. Actually, abundant research supports this saying. Doing puzzles provides enough mental exercise for us, it benefits not only older people, but also people at different ages.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- abundant: 大量的
- mental exercise: 脑力训练
- benefit: 有益于

13.Names

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

No. Actually, I think this doesn't happen a lot in China. We tend to have different names in a family, to show the difference, and sometimes to avoid embarrassment, I guess.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- avoid embarrassment: 避免尴尬

2) Does your name have any meaning?

(大家可以用英语去解释自己的名字，但如果觉得有难度的话可以采用我的答案)

I think it should have. But actually, it doesn't: my parents told me they just wanted to give me a very random and normal name; this makes me feel not special.

- 黄色部分：【个人经历】
- random: 随机的

3) What name would you choose to give a child?

Actually, I really thought about that. First, it has to have some special meaning; secondly, the **character** should be easy to write and recognize. **You know, writing very complicated characters can be torture.**

- 黄色部分：【评价】
- character: (单个的) 字
- torture: 折磨

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

Yes, especially for my parents' and grandparents' generations. I think a very popular name for the male is 建国, which can be loosely translated as "help build our nation". **It really says a lot about the era.**

- 黄色部分：【经历】
- It really says a lot about sth: 真的很能说明 XX

14. Singing

1) Did you learn to sing when you were at school?

Yes, I did. **Actually, singing was a compulsory subject at my school, so basically, everybody had to learn to sing.**

- 黄色部分：【个人经历】
- compulsory subject: 必修科目

2) Would you ever sing with other people now?

Yes, but we do that at our own **places**. Because in that way, we can sing more **freely**, **we can sing, we can dance, we can even yell sometimes**; that's cool.

- 黄色部分：【排比】

- place: 口语里面可以指代“家”
- freely: 自在地

3) Do you like listening to other people sing?

That really depends. I am not saying I am not a good listener, but when it comes to singing and listening, it really depends on the person who is singing: for example, whether he has a beautiful voice.

- 黄色部分: 【理由】
- I am not saying...: 我并不是说... (用于解释自己的观点)
- when it comes to...: 当我们谈论到...

4) Do you think singing can make people feel happy?

At first glance, I would say yes. But it also depends on what kind of songs this person is singing. I mean, if he just broke up, and he is singing a sad song, that will just make him more depressed.

- 黄色部分: 【理由】
- at first glance: 乍看之下
- break up: 分手 (过去时态: broke up)
- depressed: 郁闷的

15.Social Media

1) How often do you use social media?

I use them every day. And I think I am speaking for most young people nowadays in China. It seems social media have already become part of our life.

- 黄色部分: 【评价】
- I am speaking for sb: 我能够代表某个人/某类人 (是很口语的说法)

2) Did you use social media more in the past?

No, I really don't think so. I guess I have been increasingly dependent on social media; I mean, I used it a lot in the past, but I use it even more today. I don't know whether it's good or not.

- 黄色部分：【个人经历】
- be increasingly dependent on: 越来越依赖

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

Actually, they use social media as often as I do, so if I say they use them too much, I am actually judging myself, as well, right? I won't do that. So I think they are just doing ok, not too much.

- 黄色部分：【评价】
- judge sb: 1) 评论某人; 2) 给予某人负面评价 (这里是第二个意思)
- sb is doing ok: 某人 (的状态等) 还行

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

Yes, I have thought about that. But you know, to like something is one thing, but to work in that field is totally another, so I still need to ponder this question.

- 黄色部分：【理由】
- to do A is one thing, but to do B is another: XX 是一回事, 但 XX 又是另一回事了 (是很口语的说法)
- ponder: 仔细思考