IELTS Speaking Topics (+Real test) And Model

Speaking Question and Answer.

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IELTS 2 Minutes Presentation Topics:

- 1. Favorite personality
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- 4. City
- 5. Country
- 6. Tv play
- 7. Movie
- 8. Child
- 9. Your mother
- 10. Your father
- 11. Favorite uncle
- 12. Favorite aunt
- 13. Best moment in life
- 14. Biggest achievement
- 15. Unforgettable incident
- 16. Leader
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- 18. Book
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- 20. Wife
- 21. Husband
- 22. Your dream life
- 23. Passion in life
- 24. Best teacher
- 25. Best traveling experience

Note: Let the candidate think on each topic for a minute and pen down five points to explain for two minutes.

Check: His/Her

- 1. Command over English
- 2. Contents
- 3. Knowledge
- 4. Fluency
- 5. Flow of sentences
- 6. Grammar
- 7. Face expression when explaining
- 8. Arms, Hands, etc., and other gestures
- 9. Interesting or not
- 10. Overall Quality

Max. Band = 8 for showing exceptional quality.

IELTS Speaking: Real Test Topics

Part 2 Topic Card

1. Describe a museum

- 1) How often do you visit the museum?
- 2) Which type of museum is popular in your country?
- 3) Why do you want to visit the museum?

Follow-up:

- ♦ What do you think of the importance of museums in history?
- ♦ How do you think of the heritage of a country?
- ♦ Compare the museums nowadays and in the past

2. Describe your favorite photograph

- 1) Where was the photo taken?
- 2) Who took the photo?
- 3) What can be seen from the photo?
- 4) Explain why it is the favorite photograph for you.

Follow-up:

- ♦ How to take good photo?
- ♦ When do people use camera?
- ♦ How can the new technology put cinema's skill advanced?

3. The important historic place

- 1) What is the place?
- 2) Where is it located?
- 3) Why do you think it is important?

- ♦ What do you think of the historic place in the future?
- ♦ Will the government increase or decrease the safety guard?
- What are the changes to the local people and economy?
- ♦ What is the impact on the historic place by tourists?

4. Describe a party

- 1) What is the party?
- 2) Why was the party held?
- 3) Who attended the party?
- 4) What did you do for that party?

Follow-up:

- ♦ What's the difference between serious party and friendly party?
- ♦ Why are some people late for parties intentionally?
- ♦ Why do some people like party while others hate it?
- ♦ What would you do if the guests feel bored?
- ♦ Will there be more and more people to attend parties?

5. Describe a subject taught in your school?

- 1) Who teaches it?
- 2) How is it taught?
- 3) What do you learn from the class?

Follow-up:

- ♦ Is there any difference between the traditional and modern educational systems?
- ♦ What are the pros and cons of the current educational system in your country?
- ♦ Do you think it is necessary to give comment or criticism to teachers?

6. What is the important invention before the age of computer?

- 1) What is the invention?
- 2) Why do you think it is very important?
- 3) What are the advantages and disadvantages of the invention?

- ♦ What is the significant impact of modern inventions on life?
- ♦ Which skills do you want to study in the future?
- ♦ Do you think it's necessary to develop modern invention in the countryside?

7. Describe a foreign country you have never been to

- 1) Where is the country?
- 2) When will you go there?
- 3) Why would you like to go there?

Follow-up:

- ♦ Say something about the tourism development in China, facility, services and the effect on environment.
- ♦ What is the importance of travel and tourism industry?
- ♦ What do you think the function of tourist guides?

8. Describe your favourite movie

- 1) What's the name of the film?
- 2) What's the theme of the film?
- 3) Why do you like it?

Follow-up:

- ♦ Describe a type pf movie you like.
- ♦ What's the difference between Chinese and American movies?
- ♦ What do you think of the violent films (Hollywood films)?
- ♦ Why movies need computer techniques? Any example of movie using computer techniques
- ♦ Which parts of cinema are the most important and how to improve it?

9. Describe a newspaper or magazine

- 1) What's your habit for reading?
- 2) What are the benefits of reading?
- 3) What's the main difference between newspaper and magazine?

- ♦ What do you think the important qualities for a news reporter?
- ♦ What's the function of a report to the society?
- ♦ What kinds of books/newspapers/magazines do Chinese adolescents read?
- ♦ With the popularity of Internet, do you think newspapers and magazines will disappear?

10. Describe a children's game (sports not suggested)

- 1) How is it played?
- 2) What can you learn from the game?
- 3) What impact does it bring on your growth?

Follow-up:

- ♦ What do you think of the benefits of children's games?
- Nowadays children have less and less time for game, what do you think about it?
- ♦ What do you think the difference between games nowadays and in the past?
- ♦ What's the negative aspect of games?

11. Describe a happy event in your life?

- 1) When did it happen?
- 2) Where did it happen?
- 3) What was it?

Follow-up:

- ♦ Tell me how you organize your study time?
- What do you think is important in achieving happiness?
- ♦ How do Chinese celebrate some happy events?
- ♦ What do the camera and video play in celebrating?

12. Describe a thing which is important to you

- 1) Who gave it to you?
- 2) What is the thing?
- 3) What does the thing mean to you?

- ♦ What are the changes of city between now and past?
- ♦ Does money represent happiness and why?
- ♦ How do you regard as the things people want to earn?

13. Describe one of your neighbours

- 1) When did you become neighbours?
- 2) Do you often meet?
- 3) State whether your neighbour is a good one

Follow-up:

- ♦ What is the difference between neighbours and friends?
- ♦ Why do people like to watch TV serials in their houses?
- ♦ How do you think of the relationship in the city?
- ♦ How to improve the neighbourhood?

14. Describe one of the shopping centers you often go to

- 1) Where is the shopping center?
- 2) How often do you go to the center?
- 3) Why do you often go to it and its characteristics?

Follow-up:

- ♦ Will smaller shops survive in the current business system?
- What are the characteristics of shopping malls and smaller shops and their difference?
- ♦ What is the trend of future shopping centers?
- ♦ Talk about Internet shopping

15. Describe your favourite animal

- 1) What kind of animal is it?
- 2) Describe it briefly
- 3) Why do you like the animal?

- ♦ What do you need to do to take care of it?
- ♦ What's the future trend of the animal?
- ♦ How do you think of the poaching of some precious animals such as pandas?

16. Describe a historical place

- 1) What is the place?
- 2) Where is it located?
- 3) What is the historical meaning of the place?

Follow-up:

- ♦ What do you think of the future trend of historic places?
- ♦ Will government strengthen its protection toward historic places?
- ♦ What are the changes brought about by the historic place in local economy, people, etc?
- ♦ What is the effect of tourists on the place?

17. Advertisement

- 1) What are the forms of advertisement?
- 2) What are the functions of advertisement?
- 3) What is the effect of advertisement to people?

Follow-up:

- ♦ Do you feel bored and disgusted about advertisement?
- ♦ What do you think are the criteria of assessing a good piece of advertisement?
- ♦ What will happen if unauthoritative advertisements prevail in the market?

18. Describe an important letter

- 1) When did you receive the letter?
- 2) From whom did you receive the letter?
- 3) Explain the reasons why it is important

- What is the significance of handwriting?
- ♦ Does your country have handwriting lesson now?
- ♦ Compare the handwriting now and past
- With the popularity of computers and Internet, will people lose their ability to write letters?

19. Describe the best present you have received

- 1) Who sent it to you?
- 2) When did you receive it?
- 3) Detailed information about the present

Follow-up:

- Do you think that present giving will play an important role in Chinese daily life? Why?
- ♦ Do you think that the brand name is very important for sales?
- ♦ In terms of the media, which do you think will play a main role in present giving, television, newspaper or Internet?

20. Describe your holidays

- 1) Where do you go for the holidays and how long do them last?
- 2) Who do you go with?
- 3) Talk about any interesting thins happening during your holidays

- ♦ What do the Chinese people mostly do in their leisure time?
- ♦ What's the difference between holidays today and 5 years ago and the reasons for the change?
- ♦ Do you think people will spend more time on leisure or working in the future?

Suggested questions for stage 1

Warm-up

- 1. Could you show me your identification card please?
- 2. Could you tell me your full name please?
- 3. What shall I call you?
- 4. Does your name have any special meaning?
- 5. Why do so many people change their names?
- 6. Is your name important to you?

Hometown or birth place

- 1. Where do you come from?
- 2. Where do you live?
- 3. Can you tell me something about your hometown?
- 4. Can you tell me some famous landscapes or scenic spots in your hometown
- 5. Can you tell me some history of your hometown?

Personal background and information

- 1. Are you a student or do you have a job?
- 2. What do you like most about your study?
- 3. What kind of job do you prefer after graduation?
- 4. What is your major?
- 5. What do you do for living?
- 6. Could you tell me a typical day of yours?
- 7. How do you get your job?
- 8. Are you satisfied with your job?
- 9. What do you like most about your job?
- 10. What kind of job do you prefer in the future?

Hobby or inclination

- 1. What do you usually do in your spare time?
- 2. Do you prefer to stay alone or with your friends?
- 3. What do you usually do on weekends and weekdays?
- 4. What do you usually do when you go out?
- 5. What do you usually do with your friends?

- 6. Do you like reading?
- 7. What kind of books do you like best?
- 8. Do you like English? Why or why not?
- 9. What do you think of the importance of English?
- 10. What are good hobbies and bad hobbies? Why?

Future plan

- 1. Why do you take the IELTS test?
- 2. What are you planning to do in the next five years?
- 3. What are you planning to do in the next ten years?
- 4. What is the first thing you will do when you arrive at the new place?

Suggested stage 02 questions most

frequently asked in stage 1

1. Traveling

Do you like traveling?

Do you like travel alone or with your friends?

Have you traveled to other places? Where are they?

What do you usually do when you first arrive in a new place?

What are the benefits of traveling?

Why do so many people like traveling nowadays?

2. Friends

Do you have many friends? Are they casual acquaintances or close friends?

Do you prefer to stay with your family or with your friends?

Do you prefer one or two close friends or many friends?

Can you talk about your best friend?

How to make friends?

What do you usually do with your friends?

Is the time you spend with your friends as much as that you spend with your f amily?

3. Music

Do you like music? What are the benefits of listening to music? What kind of music do you like best? Why do you like this kind of music?

4. Transportation

Can you say something about the transportation in your hometown?
What is the common means of transport in your country?
Do traffic jams often occur in your hometown or in the city where you live?
How to solve the problem?
What changes in transportation have taken place in the past several years in

5. Building

your country?

Can you tell me an interesting building in your hometown? Can you tell me an interesting building in Guangzhou?

Suggested topics in stage 2 & related

questions for stage 3

Category 1: Describing things (1 test item)

1. Describing a piece of equipment you often use at home or at work. You should say,

What is it?

What you do with it/ How to use it?

How long you have had it?

How important it is to you?

Discussion:

- 1. What are the impacts of electrical equipment on human's life in the past te n years?
- 2. What are the differences of the life in the past and at the present?
- 3. What role does technological development play in people's life?
- 4. How will technology develop in the future?
- 5. Do you have a mobile phone? What are its advantages?
- 6. Why do many foreign countries develop faster than China?
- 7. Why does the China's West develop faster than China's East?
- 8. What are the advantages and disadvantages of computer and internet?

Category 2: Describing people (3 test items)

1. Describe a well-known person. You should say,

Who he/she is?

What makes him/her famous?

Why you admire him/her?

Discussion:

- 1. Do you want to become famous?
- 2. How to become a well-known person in China?
- 3. What kind of people can become famous in China?
- 4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being famous?
- 5. What do you think of the privacy of a well-known person?
- 6. What do you think of the relationship between a well-know person and advertising?
- 7. Would you be influenced by the well-known persons in TV commercials?
- 8. Do you often talk about singers with your friends? What do you often talk about?
- 2. Describing a friend in your school time/ you like most. You should say,

Who he/she is?

When did you became friends?

Why do you like him/her or why do

you think that he/she is important to you?

How he/she influences you.

Discussion:

- 1. What are the differences between adults and children in terms of making fr iends?
- 2. Can adults make friends with children?
- 3. What do you think are the most important factors when making friends?
- 4. What are the possible factors that cause the break-up of friendship?

- 5. Why is it difficult for adults to make friends?
- 6. What will the friendship become like when getting old?
- 3. Describing a person whom you like to work or study with. You should say, Who is he/she?

When did you work/study together?

What do you often do together?

Why do you like to work with him/her?/ What can you learn from him/her?

Why is he/she particular?

Discussion:

- 1. Do you like to work alone or with a partner?
- 2. What do you think of teamwork and team spirit?
- 3. What kind of people are good to work with?
- 4. Do you like group work or group learning?
- 8. What is your opinion on efficiency?
- 9. What are the advantages of studying by yourself?
- 10. What do you think of efficiency?

Category 3: Describing places (2 test items)

1. Describe a restaurant or a cafe. You should say,

Where it is?

What it looks like?

What kind of services is provided?

What kind of food you like there/ What kind of food is famous?

Why you like it?

Discussion:

- 1. Do you like cooking?
- 2. Will you cook for your friends when they visit you?
- 3. Who cooks in a Chinese family?
- 4. What do you think of the advantages and disadvantages of fast food?
- 5. Why is fast food so popular?
- 6. Where would Chinese go when they eat out?
- 7. What changes would take place in terms of Chinese eating habits?
- 8. What food is popular?
- 9. What is the difference between fresh food and canned food?
- 10. What can we do to solve the problem of food shortage?
- 11. What are the advantages and disadvantages of family food?
- 2. Describing an interesting building. You should say,

Where it is located.

What it looks like.

What services are provided?

How you like it.

Discussion:

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What role do old buildings and new buildings play in modern society? What changes have taken place in architecture in the past two decades? Do you think it necessary to protect old buildings?

Category 4: Describing media and communication (4 test items)

1. Describing a kind of book you like. You should say,

What kind of books you like most.

What they are about.

Why you like them most.

What effect have books brought on you?

Discussion:

- 1. What is the difference between men and women when choosing what to read?
- 2. What kind books do children like? Why do they like reading?
- 3. What is the difference between reading and watching TV?
- 4. What is the relationship between reading and computer?
- 5. What are the advantages of reading books?
- 6. Why do children like pictorials?
- 7. What books are popular in China?
- 2. Describing one of your favorite books. You should say,

What kind of books you like.

What is your favorite book?

What it is about.

When did you get it?

Why you like it.

Discussion:

- 1. Do you like other books?
- 2. What kind of books do Chinese people like?
- 3. What kind of books do Chinese women like?
- 2. What kind of books do Chinese children like?
- 3. What kind of books do you recommend to others?
- 3. Describing a letter. You should say:

When you received it.

Who sent it to you?

What it is about?

Whether it is important to you? Why?

Discussion:

- 1. What is the difference between letter and e-mail?
- 2. Do you often keep diaries?
- 3. What is the difference between diary and letter?
- 4. What is the difference in the past and at the present as regards communica tions?

- 5. What is the role of letter 50 years ago and at the present?
- 6. What do you think of the role 50 years later?
- 7. What do you think of creative writing?
- 8. Would post office disappear 50 years later?
- 9. What role does computer play in our society?
- 10. What changes have been brought by the computer? What is professors' at titude?
- 4. Describing a kind of music. You should say,

Whether you like music. Why or why not?

What kind of music you like best

What role music plays in people's life.

Discussion:

- 1. How long do you listen to music everyday?
- 2. Why is it easier for children to learn playing a musical instrument?
- 3. What are the benefits of learning to play musical instruments?
- 4. Discuss the impact of western music on the world music?

Category 5: Describing celebration and leisure time (4 test items)

1. Describe a traditional festival in China. You should say,

What it is.

When is it celebrated?

How to celebrate? / what you usually do on that day.

What you like and what you don't like.

Discussion:

- 1. What is the concept of holiday in China?
- 2. Why is holiday so important to modern people?
- 3. Do you think it is necessary to observe the traditional customs?
- 4. What changes in terms of spending festivals and holidays have taken place in the past decade?
- 5. What is the difference as regards celebration in different part of the country?
- 2. Describing a perfect trip/ holiday. You should say,

Where you would go.

When would you go?

Whom you would go with.

What you are going to do.

What you think it perfect.

Discussion:

- 1. What is the difference in the past and at the present as regards travelling?
- 2. How would the tourist industry develop in the future?
- 3. What should the government do to attract tourists?
- 4. What should the people do to attract tourists?

3. Describing an interesting trip you have taken. You should say,

Where you went.

When you went there.

Whom you went with.

What you did there.

Why you like it.

Discussion:

- 1. What is the difference in the past and at the present as regards traveling?
- 2. How would the tourist industry develop in the future?
- 3. What should the government do to attract tourists?
- 4. What should the people do to attract tourists?
- 4. Describing an interesting hobby. You should say,

What it is.

When began to do it.

How long you spend on it.

How often you do it.

Why you like it.

Discussion:

- 1. Do you think that surfing the Internet, watching TV, listening to music or k eeping a pet are interesting hobbies?
- 2. Do you think it will cost too much time to do them?
- 3. Do you like hobbies requiring teamwork?
- 4. Why do people usually do in their spare time?

Category 6: Additional test items (4 test items)

1. Describe an environmental problem. You should say,

What it is?

How long it has existed.

What effect it has brought to people's life./ What it happens?

What we can do to solve it.

Discussion:

- 1. What causes environmental problems?
- 2. What should the government do to protect the environment?
- 3. What should we do to protect the environment?
- 4. What other measures can you think of to protect the environment?
- 5. How should we educate children to protect environment?
- 6. What's the difference between the old and the young as regards environme ntal protection?
- 2. Describing a kind of extreme weather. You should say,

What it is.

When did it happen?

Where you were.

How you felt at that time.

Discussion:

- 1. What should you do in a bad weather?
- 2. Will bad weather mould or change people's personality?
- 3. What is the relationship between weather and culture?
- 4. The climate has changed these 50 years. Have you noticed the changes?
- 5. What changes do you predict in the following years?
- 6. Are the people interested in gathering the weather information in your place?
- 7. How does weather influence people's personalities in your country?
- 3. Talking about learning English. You should say,

When and where you began studying English.

What is the most interesting thing in an English class?

What is the most effective way of learning English?

What difficulties you have when learning English.

What are the advantages of learning English?

Discussion:

- 1. What problems do you have when studying English?
- 2. Do you think that English is the most important language in the world?
- 3. Can English take the place of Chinese in China?
- 4. What other languages are taught in China?
- 5. Do you think that age is the most important factor of learning English? Wh y?
- 6. What difficulties would a foreigner have when he learns your native language?
- 7. What problems would Chinese people have when communicating with fore igners?
- 8. When would be most suitable for children to learn English?
- 9. How will translation and interpretation develop in the future?
- 4. Describing the way of getting news. You should say,

Whether you get news everyday.

Whether the news is national or international?

How you get news (via newspaper, TV, Internet, radio or other people?)

How do most Chinese people think about the importance of getting update ne ws everyday.

Discussion:

- 1. Do you think the information on the Internet believable or not?
- 2. What is the most effective way of getting news?
- 3. How do reporters gather information?
- 4. What do you think of the importance of privacy?
- 5. How do journalists entertain their customers?

- 6. What role do media play in people's life?
- 7. How do Chinese people gather information?
- 8. What are the advantages and disadvantages of different media?
- 9. Do you think it necessary to control the news coverage?
- 10. What kind of news do you think should be controlled?
- 5. Describing a skill you want to learn. You should say,

What it is.

Why you think it is important.

How you are going to learn it.

What role it will play in you future life.

Discussion:

- 1. What do you think of the traditional skills?
- 2. What skill do you think the university has provided for your job?
- 3. What skills can you learn in school?
- 4. What kind of skills have your parents learned?
- 5. What do you think of the role of family for children to learn skills?
- 6. What is the most popular skill that people want to learn?
- 7. What kind of school would you send your children to? Why?
- 8. What are the advantages and disadvantages of school education and family education?

Sample Answer to IELTS Spoken Topics

(Version 1)

1. Special gift:

Describe the best present/gift you have received:

- i. Who sends it? What is the gift? What is it for?
- ii. When did you receive it?
- iii. Detail information about the present.

Last year, my wife celebrated my birthday at home. She bought a electronic dictionary as birthday gift. I like the electronic dictionary very much. It's blue and quite small. It fits into my pocket. I remember at that time, my wife said to me: "she decided to immigrate to Canada with me. In future, we must study Page | 21

very hard .And she hoped that the electronic dictionary could help me to improve my English." On that day, I was very happy because my wife agreed to immigrate to

Canada finally. Also, with the help of the electronic dictionary, I made such rapid progress that before long I began to write articles in English.

1) In China, when will people send the present?

Oh, attend the party, such as Wedding Party, Birthday Party. During Spring Festival, people give presents each other, including clothes, books, flowers and foods.

2) Compare the gift which people have received 10 years ago to the present that people now are receiving, what's the difference between them? (try to compare the gift you received in your teenage with the gift children received now)

Oh, I think the gift was monotonic before. For example, I often received a notebook as gift. But now, there are various gifts to choose from. Such as flowers, wine, food, clothes etc.

3) Just image the gift in the future children will receive.

In the future, I think more and more children will receive intellectual gifts, such as electronic dictionary, notebook computer and so on.

4) Just image the gift in the future people will receive.

In the future, oh, in most case, people will give flowers each other. I think flowers will be

the most popular present.

2. building

What is the interesting building in your country? What is it located? What is it used for? Explain why you think it is the most interesting?

I think the interesting building is the Great Wall. It runs across north China like a huge dragon. It was used to enemies. Soldiers used to keep watch on the Great Wall. When the enemy came, fires were lit to warn other soldiers. I think the Great Wall is the most interesting building. Because it is one of the wonders of the world and it was one of the few man-made objects on earth that could be seen by the astronauts who landed on the moon. Also, the Great Wall has become a symbol of both China's proud history and its present strength.

1) Are there some old buildings in your hometown? Where and Describe it?

Wenfeng Tower, built in 1420, is located in the southern of Anyang City. During the Ming and Qing dynasties, people came to the tower to worship the God

of Heaven and pray for a good harvest. Nowadays, it serves as a museum of history

. Murals of Wenfeng Tower give visitors a feel for the great artistic achievements of ancient Chinese civilization. In a word, I think the Wenfeng Tower is the most interesting building, and it is the oldest building in my hometown.

2) Compare the differences between the constructions in your city with them in

20 years ago? Describe the building styles in detail?

The traditional buildings are made of the red brick and always have curved eaves. Thousands of buildings look the same. But now, various buildings with different colors and styles have been going up in my hometown. In addition, room is equipped with kitchen and bathroom. This is very convenient.

3) What are people's attitudes to old building today and that of our later generation? Should we protect them? Why?

People, including our later generation, advocate that government should protect old buildings. Because old buildings represent the great artistic achievements of ancient Chinese civilization.

4) What role do you think the old and modern buildings play in the society? Oh, modern buildings are for us to live and work, while old buildings are for us to visit and research.

5) Compare the differences between house and apartment?

In China, there is a big yard beside house, where we can plant some flowers and trees etc. But house is more expensive. Apartment is convenient and cheap but small.

3. friend:

Who is your best friend? How did you meet? What do you do with your friend?

Tell me the way you make friends with others and youu think what people should be your friends?

My best friend isxxx. We were in the same class for 5 years. At that time, we often gather together to study and play. Now, we work in the same company. Friendship is extremely important to me. It's like being brothers or sisters,

but even more than that. I mean, I would do nearly anything for my friend, and I would expect that he would do the same for me. If he didn't help me when I was in need, then I would not consider him a good friend. I have a lot of different kinds of friends. Some are loud, others are shy. I prefer having a real variety of friends.

1) Do you think it is easy to make friends in China?

Yes, of course. Nowadays, transportation and communication are easy and convenient. We have more opportunities to meet all kinds of people and make friends with them.

2) what do you think the difference between adults and children making friend?

The difference is attitude or mindset between adults and children making friend. In general, children like to make friend with good students because they can help each other in studying. But adults make friends with anyone they like.

3) How do children make friend?

Children to children.

4) What is the most important thing in friendship? *Trust.*

5) What is the second important thing in friendship? *Helping each other.*

6) What makes friendship break up? Misunderstanding For example, when I studied in Chongqing University, one day, my roommate lost his watch. He thought I had taken it. At that moment, I was very angry but I said nothing, and then I helped him to look for the watch. Finally, we found it in his pocket. My roommate apologized to me. I forgave him his rudeness. So, I think trust is the most important thing between friends.

4. Festival

There are many festivals in China, such as Spring Festival, National Day and Yuan Xiao Festival etc. The Spring Festival is the biggest festival in China. I suppose it's somewhat like Christmas is in western countries. Spring Festival is the only time when all families gather together and stores and business are closed for several days. During the Spring Festival, we eat delicious food, visit relatives and friends, and watch TV to welcome the New Year. I also like to try and contact some friends before and see how they're doing and what they're up to. We give each other presents for the New Year.

5.travel:

Describe your latest interesting travel in detail. When and where you go? Whom you go with? What things you do?

Last year, I went to Shilin with my wife. Shilin, is located about 80 kilometers from Kunming. Kunming is the capital city of Yunnan Province .It took us 3 days to get Shilin. Shilin is famous for its large areas of stone forests. All stones in Shilin are vividly shaped, resembling various figures. Some stones look like a monkey, and some stones look like a bird. In a word, the stones are fantastic. In addition, I met a classmate of Chongqing University in Shilin. We talked about the things and persons which we remembered in school. I think that is an interesting trip.

1) Describe some interesting things happened during your travel. Can u describe it for me?

Ok. I met a classmate of Chongqing University . We talked about the things and persons which we remembered in school. I think that is an interesting thing.

2) What is your goal to travel and your reason to travel is

I enjoy traveling. It is so interesting to see how other people live, and it is really an amazing way to learn about different cultures.

3) Describe the advantage and disadvantage of travel for the country

Tourism is a useful source of foreign currency for the country, but sometimes some visitors destroy cultural heritage.

4) Why China can attract people to travel?

A 5,000--year cultural heritage attract more people to China.

5) Do Chinese people like to travel now?

Yes, of course. Since the opening-up, transportation is easy and convenient. Also, we have ample money for the journey.

6) Which festival do people travel in and where do people travel to?

We often go to resorts around National Day, such as Forbidden City, Summer Palace, and Temple of Heaven in Beijing.

7) Compare the difference about traveling among Chinese people between 100 years ago and now?

100 years ago, transportation was very difficult; few people could travel in China Page | 25

because most of people were very poor. But now, transportation is easy and convenient and we have ample money for the journey.

6) natural scenery

What is the most beautiful natural scenery you have ever seen? What is the specific point? Where did you see it? Who did you go with?

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(1) What measures does your government take to protect natural scenery?

The government establishes protective zones of natural scenery .Educate people to protect natural environment. People who destroy natural scenery will be punished.

(2) Do you think it is effective?

Yes, of course. Establish protective zones can prevent pollution.

(3) What role does tourism play in your country's economy?

Tourism is playing a more and more important role in our country's economy. Since the opening up, the number of tourists has increased quickly, and this is a useful source of foreign currency for the country. (159 Also, tourism can accelerate other industry to develop.)

(4) What should you pay attention to in travel?

Safety, weather, and I think it is necessary to bring some medicine.

7. Transportation

Give me some opinion on the transportation in your city?

In my opinion, one of the biggest problems of transportation is traffic jams in Anyang city. It has become common to see passengers and drivers having to wait in long lines of buses and cars moving at a snail's pace on the streets during the rush hours. There are several reasons for this problem. First, the number of vehicles is increasing much more rapidly than the building of roads. Second, there seem to be too many private cars and not enough public buses. Third, many people, including drivers, pedestrians and cyclists do not obey traffic rules properly, especially at busy intersections.

In my opinion, one of the biggest problems of transportation is traffic jams in Anyang city. In view of the seriousness of this problem, effective measures must be taken before things get worse. On the one hand, the government should invest more money in the building of new roads and the repairing and maintenance of old ones, particularly those in busy areas of the cities. On the other hand, the number of private cars in urban areas should be limited while the number of public buses should be increased. At the same time, it is essential that stricter traffic rules and regulations be issued to strengthen traffic control.

1) Compare the different transportation, such as between plane, train and car.

Drive car to travel is convenient because we can set out at any time. But it is too slow and it may spend us much more time. Plane ticket is more expensive. So, I think train is the best transportation for me.

2) Can you just image the transportation in the future and describe it for me? In the future, the speed of car, train and plane will be faster. And, the transportation will be easier and convenient.

3) Just compare the transportation in the past and now? What transportation do you like and why?

Nowadays, we have more choice on the transportation than the past. Such as tube, plane etc, even though in the small city. I like tube, because tube is safety and tube ticket is cheap.

8. meaningful things (= handcraft)

9.music:

What role do you think music plays in our life?

Just as other kinds of art, music has become an indispensable part of human culture. It brings us with nutritious spiritual foods, enriches our leisure life .In addition, music can do good to us very much. It can elicit the imagination of us. And, it teaches us how to distinguish beauty from nature. Listening to the music, I am sure you will soon be refreshed from a day's hard work and relax.

1) Can you tell me the western music's impact on the world music?

Oh, it is a difficult question, the western music is definitely great, and it plays an important role on the world music. Many musical talents and eminent musicians have been trained in western country, such as Beethoven, Mozart and so on.

2) Do you think it's necessary to open a music course in high school? Yes, of course. There is usually 1 or 2 hours each week used for teaching music. I

think there should be more, such as at least 3 or more.

3) What effects will take place u think to let children (students) study an instrument?

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4) It's often more easy for children to learn music than adults. Can you tell me why?

Oh, that's because it's important to have soft fingers and palm to learn a music mechanism, such as guitar. Children have more flexible fingers and they are more likely to find the correct feeling.

5) Do u like music or not? Why?

I like music. I like singing, especially in front of many people. I often sing for my friends. When they praise me, I feel happy. Also, listening to the music, I am sure you will soon be refreshed from a day's hard work and relax.

6) Describe the music you like most and tell me why?

I like classic music. It usually has a slow rhythm and a pleasant melody. Listening to the music; I can soon be refreshed from a day's hard work and relax.

7) What are the differences in music between China and western countries? Oh, it is a big question; in general, the symphony of western countries is long while most of Chinese music is small piece.

10. Clothes:

u like what clothes?

Clothes aren't only used to keep us warm. It has become a important part of modern civilization. Different nations have different styles clothes. And different styles clothes represent different cultures. All people want their life to be filled with variety, color and comfort by wearing clothes. We will have a good mood when we wear beautiful clothes. I like leisure clothes very much. Because it is not only cheap but also convenient to wear. (In addition, the material of leisure clothes is more environmentally friendly.) But I must wear work clothes when we are working. Otherwise, I will be fined.

1) What's the prescript on clothes when you are working? and just the prescript on clothes in school.

We must wear work clothes (a school uniform) when we are working (in school). Otherwise, we will be fined..

2) the different between the older and younger people on clothes. The older people think a lot of style and material. But the youger people would like to follow the fashion. Personality is the first consideration when younger people choose clothes.

3) compare the differences between the clothes in ur city with them in 20 years ago. In the past, the colors and styles of clothes were very monotonic. Thousands of people look the same .But now, we can wear clothes with different colors and styles.

11 Think of a person in your family that is the most similar to you.

Who is this person?

How is he/she similar to you?

What kind of family is yours? Is it of a typical family structure in China?

My family is a typical family in China. There are grandparents, parents, a brother, my wife and I in my family. I look just like my father. Medium build, pointed nose and dense black hair. My father is very kind and easy going. His love is the most selfless love. I am luck enough because I have a good father. My father has been specially thirsty for knowledge as he had only a few years of schooling himself. He believe that knowledge can change fate. So, my father offer more opportunity for me to study (no matter how poor my family was) To sum up, my

family is harmony and our life is very happy.

1) What do you think are the differences between families in and past and today, and what have caused these changes? In the past, there were several children in a family. But now, government has is sued "one--child policy" to limit the size of the family. So, there is only one child in a family. Couples will be punished financially if they have more than one child. This is "one -- child policy".

2) What is your opinion of "one--child policy"? I agree with one--child policy. Because it is difficult

I agree with one--child policy. Because it is difficult to provide enough food and education for a large number of people. So, government must control the population. Also, it is the best way that we can find to control population.

3) What has your government done to support families? Such as Project Hope. It means that government supports the students in poor families to continue their schooling and improving their education conditions. (6/1999 P10) In addition, our government establishs beadhouse to provide services for old people who have more difficulties or no families to take care of them. (3/199 9 P34)

12 Describe a teacher who has greatly influenced you in your education. You should say:

where you met them what subject they taught what was special about them and explain why this person influenced you so much.

I think my first English teacher has greatly influenced me in my education. I had some trouble in studying English when I studied in middle school. I felt English was very difficult, so I did't like to study it . One day, my English teacher spoke to me about the study of foreign languages . He said :" You must do a lotof reading, listening and speaking. Never mind, keep on trying, I believe you are a good student." In the years that followed, I studied hard and made greater progress. My English teacher loved his job and he was knowledgeable in his field. I love and respect him.

1) compare the differences between education in ur city with them in 20 years ago? In the past, many children can't go to school, and educational conditions were very poor. But now, government provide 9 years compulsory education. Each child who is 7 years old must go to school. And government provide much better facilities and staff. Also, schoolyards are beautiful than before.

2) compare the differences between university and middle school? We study basic knowledge in the middle school. But the course of university is practical and special, such as computer and business courses.

3) compare the differences between students now and past. At present, it is difficult for student to find job. So, their pressure is he avier than before.

13 Sports , Hobby

Describe an interest or hobby that you particularly enjoy:

- 1)What this interest or hobby is?
- 2)How long have you been doing it?
- 3) What effect has it brought to your life?

What do you think about the balance between the work and the leisure?

I am a big table tennis fan, even though I am not very good at playing table ten nis myself. I love to watch the game on TV. I have played table tennis whenever I get a chance since I studied in the middle school. Playing table tennis not only refreshes my body and makes me mentally alert, and ready and eager to engage in