

## 朗阁雅思口语考题预测

### Part 1

#### 1. Do you like to wear special costumes?

Sample Answer:

Honestly speaking, I don't like to wear special costumes. On a daily basis, I prefer getting dressed up in casual wear. For special occasions, I always decide what to wear according to the occasion types and the customs.

#### 2. Did you try any special costumes when you were young?

Sample Answer:

When I was young, I used to work as an intern in the marketing department of a big shopping mall. There were all kinds of promotions every month, and we were asked to wear many special costumes according to the theme of the events. During the Spring Festival, we wore traditional Chinese clothing. During the Dragon Boat Festival, we even dressed up as a zongzi. It was a lot of fun.

#### 3. Who do you prefer to have a barbecue with, your family or your friends?

Sample answer:

I'd like to have a barbecue with my friends rather than families. The reason is that friends will make me feel relaxed besides enjoying delicious food. When I eat or drink with my friends, we have so much to talk about, from work to study and to personal interests and hobbies. We can't wait to share the news and experience with each other. I really enjoy the delighted atmosphere we create during the meal.

#### 4. What kind of food do you like to eat for a barbecue?

Sample Answer:

I don't have barbecue frequently, but when I have it, I will order various kinds of meat and seafood. My favorites are the grilled prawns and chicken wings. The taste of them is beyond description. I also like the roast pork, especially having it with dipping sauce. The flavor is undoubtedly excellent. Vegetables are not my first choice when I eat a barbecue because I don't think grilling is the best way to cook them, you know, most vegetables will lose their original taste as well as their nutrition in this way of cooking.

#### 5. Would you like to work in a company related to environmental protection?

Sample Answer:

Yes, I would. I am willing to be a member of a company which focuses on environmental protection, for I could make my own contribution to make the Earth better than before. I think it would be a meaningful part in my life.

#### 6. Do you think you've done enough to protect the environment?

Sample Answer:

Although I have formed some good habits gradually, I still need to improve ways to protect the environment. Since I am a member of a club focusing on environmental protection, I assume the responsibility to make more people learn about ways to reduce pollution. Recently, my club members and I have decided to hold a non-profit activity in our community. We plan to help our neighbours acquire more knowledge about environment as well as ways to reduce harm to the environment.

**7. Did you learn something about wild animals at school?**

Sample answer:

Yes, I did. When I was in junior high school, I took part in a club focusing on the research of wild animals. During my leisure time spent in the club, I acquired a large amount of knowledge about wild animals, such as their features, habits, living environment and so on. Every Tuesday afternoon, we often gathered in a classroom and watched videos about wild animals. After that, we had heated discussions on various aspects of wild animals.

**8. In which country do you think you can see many wild animals?**

Sample answer:

In my view, I think I can see a large number of wild animals in South Africa, for I have watched a video about wild animals in this country. In the video, such beasts as lions, zebras and leopards are running freely on the boundless land. As we all know, there is huge space that is suitable for wild animals in the country, so it is reasonable for many people travel to South Africa to watch wild animals closely.

**9. What do you always do in a hurry? Why?**

Sample answer:

I often do my homework in a hurry because I have a bad habit of procrastination, and I always leave my work until the last day before it is due. In order to turn in the work before the deadline, I have to rush through my work. I don't advise other people to do this because when work is rushed, it tends to be of poor quality. I have been constantly trying to have better time management skills and to do my work early.

**10. Do you usually go out in a hurry?**

Sample answer:

No, I like to be prepared, so usually if I need to go out and do something, I will set an alarm and be ready beforehand. I've had many experiences before where I've gone out in a hurry and forgotten something important or was late for an appointment. I've now learned my lesson that I should not go out in a hurry.





## Part 2

### 1. Describe an old friend that you got in contact again

You should say

Who he or she is

What he or she is like

How you got in contact

And explain how you felt about it

Sample answer:

I once had a really good friend in elementary school named Meiling. My house was close to hers and I would always go over to her house after school to do our homework together. After fifth grade, my family moved away to a different city, and I lost contact with her. This was sometime around 2010 and the primary form of communication people used was still phone calls and emails. I didn't have a phone number nor an email account, and as time went by, I made new friends at my new school, so our friendship gradually grew apart. I guess we both were too preoccupied with our lives and just forgot about each other.

A couple of years later, as social media grew in popularity and smartphones became more widely used, I started using some common social media platforms like Instagram. Naturally, I added all of my current friends. I also decided to search for some of my old friends and other people I knew, and I happened to find my old friend Meiling there. I followed her and we chatted for a while on Instagram. I remember back then in elementary school, she used to be really introverted and artsy. She loved drawing and said that she wanted to be a fashion designer. Now, she's become rather outgoing and said that she wanted to study biology instead. I was a bit surprised at how much she changed, but I guess that I've changed a lot as well. There's not much for us to talk about since we've led totally different lives.

Overall, I was really glad to have gotten in contact with Meiling again. Even though we didn't have as many common interests anymore, it's always nice to chat with someone that you once knew. It brings back all the good old memories and makes you feel nostalgic. At the same time, I was definitely a bit sad because we weren't as good friends as we once were anymore. I guess that's just what happens in life, friends come and go and everyone has to move on with their lives.

### 2. Describe an energetic person that you know

You should say

Who this person is

How you knew this person

Why you think this person is energetic

And explain how you feel about this person

Sample answer:

I had a friend in high school who was always very energetic. Her name was Sofia and we were friends for three years in high school. We had many classes together.

Throughout the three years that I've known her, I don't think that I've ever seen her drink

coffee or tea or any other drink with caffeine. She just didn't need it. During the first class of the day where everyone else was bleary-eyed or half asleep, she was the only one who sat up straight and answered all of the teacher's questions. She always attentively took notes and finished her work early. After school ended, when everyone else was eating dinner or taking a quick nap, she would either go to soccer practice or run laps on the track field. I was really impressed with how she never seemed the least bit tired and even had the energy to exercise after a long day of school.

Only later did I know that the secret to all her energy was that she always slept early and never pulled all-nighters. Even when we had a ton of schoolwork to submit the next day, she always managed to finish her work early and go to bed before ten. This was all because she had great time management skills and self-discipline. She probably had her own goals and inner motivation. I would sometimes procrastinate and leave my work to finish the night before the deadline, yet she was always able to start it early and finish it before me. I admired her for her incredible self-discipline, and I sometimes would look up to her as a role model whenever I'm feeling lazy. I'm glad to have met her during high school.

### 3. Describe a place where you are able to relax

You should say:

Where it is

How often you go there

What it is famous for

And explain why you like staying in there

Sample answer:

A place I enjoy staying in is called Riverside Park, as its name suggests, it's situated near a river so folks living nearby could appreciate stunning views of waterfront areas. Also it's quite close to the neighborhood I live in, within just 5 minutes' walking distance from my house. The great convenience is appealing to me so much, so I usually go there once every day.

Speaking of its layout, out to the east, there's an indoor arena for gymnastics, a stadium for track and field and a swimming pool for races, synchronized swimming and diving. Generally, it's an ideal place for athletes and sports lovers to have their physical trainings and competitions. That's why this stadium is famous among nearby residents. The facilities in the south are simple but not monotonous with some specially-created water features including a circular ornamental pond and a surface fountain accompanied with fantastic lighting show every Saturday. After dinner I can also see some local residents taking a stroll or sitting on benches in a small rose garden while smelling the aroma released from the blossoms around to the west. Finally, up to the north, the pine trees have been made more accessible to visitors by the boardwalk built during the park's upgrade. But instead of being appreciated for its attractive scenery, this area is more often used for cycling and jogging.

Actually, I just knew this place by coincidence. As a homebody, I scarcely hang out for fun except for work, but once I took a wrong bus routine for commuting trip and passed by this amazing place, I was particularly intrigued by its peaceful environment.



The reason why I like staying in the park is that lush vegetation is ubiquitous in the park and trees naturally function as noise barriers, making the surrounding seem quite serene and tranquil. As long as I wander inside, the park resembling a heaven could bring me inner peace and give me a chance to escape from the hustle and bustle of city life and endless work. If time permits, I would like to stay in the park for a long time.

#### 4. Describe a city or town you enjoyed visiting

You should say:

Where it is

How long you stayed there

What you did there

And explain why you enjoyed the visit

Sample answer:

I am not a frequent traveler and haven't visited many cities. But among the few cities that I have visited, the one that I really liked was Singapore. Singapore is clean, green and safe. It is the cleanliest city I have seen in my life. I have a cousin who works in Singapore. When he came home last year, he invited me to Singapore. I readily agreed because he was willing to bear the whole expenses of the trip.

When I arrived in Singapore I was quite impressed with the way the city looked. The streets were incredibly clean and I couldn't spot even one ugly-looking building. During my stay in Singapore, I did some shopping and visited places like the Singapore zoo and botanic garden. My cousin also took me to the Universal Studios in Singapore. The public transport system in Singapore is pretty reliable. You don't have to spend hours waiting for buses or trains. People are warm and friendly. Another thing that I liked about Singapore is its multi-cultural nature. During the ten days that I spent there I came across people from many different nations. The city is lively even after the sun goes down. People are always walking in the streets making you feel safe. Many shops are open 24 hours. I spent only ten days in Singapore but I would have liked to stay longer.

#### 5. Describe your favorite singer or band

You should say:

Who your favorite singer is

What his/her personality is

What kind of style his/her music belongs to

And explain why he/she is your favorite singer

Sample answer:

I wanna introduce an American rock band called "Nirvana", which was formed by singer and guitarist Kurt Cobain, bassist Krist Novoselic in Aberdeen, Washington in 1987. Nirvana went through a succession of drummers, the longest-lasting being Dave Grohl, who joined the band in 1990. They were one of the most successful and influential bands of that time. Since they formed, they have sold over 75 million records all over the world. They played a style of rock music known as grunge, which was highly influenced by 1980s alternative rock, 1970s punk, and heavy metal. Grunge became more

commercially successful than the previous punk rock, as promoted to the world by Sub PopRecords. Nirvana greatly affected the style of other grunge bands such as Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, and Alice in Chains. Unfortunately, they split up after their lead singer Kurt Cobain died in 1994 after he committed suicide.

Kurt Cobain was an intelligent artist and pushed back against music he saw commercial and shallow. He created a bunch of big-name albums, like “Nevermind”, “Bleach” and other stuff, which helped people reduce stress and loneliness. Although he lived in a bad condition when he was young, his parents divorced at the age of seven, efforts were intensified to pursue career and still held positive attitudes toward life and did everything with passion.

I was crazy about this band, especially the lead singer Kurt Cobain, soz after high-intensive work or study, I typically choose to listen to their album to get rid of stress, which makes me feel more motivated to be actively involved in assignments.

**6. Describe an occasion when you waited for something or someone for a long time**

You should say:

Who or what you waited for

Where you waited

Why you waited

And explain how you felt while you were waiting

Sample answer:

My little brother is a huge procrastinator, so I often have to wait for him whenever we do something together. There was one time when I had to wait for him for so long that I got very mad at him.

We were planning on seeing the newest Avengers movie together, and I had already bought the tickets for the movie at 2 o'clock. The movie theater was near our house, so we planned to leave at least twenty minutes early. By the time it was one thirty, I had already put on my jacket and shoes, and was ready to leave, yet my brother was still slowly moving at his own pace. I told him to hurry up, but he had to go to the bathroom, and then he had to unlace his shoes to put them on, and then he couldn't find his gloves, so he went back into the house to look for them. I was standing outside the front door, already impatient. I was yelling at my brother to hurry or else we'll be late, but he didn't seem to be in much of a hurry. After quite a while, he finally was ready to go, and by then there were only fifteen minutes until the start of the movie. We ran towards the movie theater together, however, we were still late and missed the beginning. What's worse was that by the time we arrived, everyone was already seated and the movie was playing, so people glared at us for blocking their views as we went to find out seats. I was extremely mad at my brother, and from then on, I made sure to make him leave super early so that we could be on time.

**7. Describe a kind of puzzle**

You should say:



What the puzzle looked like  
Where you did the puzzle  
How long you finished doing the puzzle  
And explain how you felt about it

Sample answer:

I would like to talk about a special kind of jigsaw puzzle that I finished doing just a week ago.

Unlike traditional jigsaw puzzles that lay flat, three dimensional or 3D jigsaw puzzles will add a completely new dimension. The one I did a week ago was a stunning 3D puzzle of a globe. It is full of challenge to assemble a 3D puzzle, but it is also fulfilling to complete one. The most miraculous part is that the absolutely wonderful 3D objects need no glue to hold them together. How intriguing!

I made it in the sitting room and i felt it took forever! On the sofa, on the floor, on the tea table... all were my jigsaw puzzle pieces. I remember clearly the first time that I opened the box of the puzzle. I spent the whole afternoon spinning it and almost forgot time. Can you imagine? There were more than 1,000 pieces of the puzzles. I had to carefully follow the instructions so that I would not make any mistakes. When it was all dark outside, I found that I've just finished half of the puzzle. But i was already tired off. So I decided to assemble the left pieces the next day. Altogether it took me three days to finish doing the whole. The completed world map globe puzzle sits on a classy metal stand and really made a great addition to my bedroom.

If you ask me how I felt about it, I would say it felt like traveling the world and letting my fingers do the walking! Many people seek an after-work activity that allows them to think about something other than their jobs and studies, and helps them to relax. Then, i would definitely recommend doing jigsaw puzzles! It is a fantastic solution to wind down at home after a hard day, with my family or even on my own.

**8. Describe your experience when you went to a market**

You should say:

When you went to the market last time  
What kind of the market was  
Where the market was  
And explain how you felt about the market

Sample answer:

I am going to talk about last time that I went to Costco Market with my friend Lucy.

It was two months ago when everyone was enjoying the Spring Festival holiday, I went to the Costco in Shanghai together with my bestie. If you've ever shopped at Costco, you may have noticed that it's a little different. Costco is not engineered for a quick shopping trip. It is exactly the opposite. It's neither a grocery store, nor a small corner store. It's huge and cavernous. The ceiling is pretty high. Goods are literally stacked on pallets up to almost the ceiling. Unlike most markets, there are no aisle signs or in-store maps to help direct shoppers. Instead, aisles are simply numbered. What's more, Costco

constantly move some of its products and cycles in new products. So the last time I went to it, it felt quite different from before. There were many new products on the pallets. In addition, we should pay an annual fee of sixty dollars for the basic plan to join the membership. Then we can enjoy the lower price.

Perhaps because it was in holiday, the whole market was filled with people. It took me a lot of effort to get in there. But it was worth it because the goods were at a better price and the products were as good as ever. Every time I went there thinking I was just going to get a few items, but I ended up with a whole entire cart. I had a sense of urgency about purchasing because there was a new batch of interesting deals. We shopped for nearly four hours and were totally worn out. But it was still a fulfilled day.

**9. Describe a toy you liked in your childhood**

You should say:

What kind of toy it is

When you received it

How you played it

And how you felt about it

Sample answer:

When I was about five years old, my favorite toy was a mini piano. It cost my father like 50 yuan which was a lot of money at that time. At first, my dad refused to buy it for me, but I really insisted on having one and I cried loudly in the mall as a little girl usually does. Finally, my father felt embarrassed, and he bought it for me after I promised that I would cherish it a lot. I was well chuffed.

That was a long time ago, but I still remember that it extremely resembled the real piano, but in a really small size which was suitable for kids. I could play some music with it. Actually, at the time, I didn't know anything about stave, and I just tried to remember it as the same way to remember numbers. Often, I played it with my sisters, and sometimes we fought over the toy. Whatever, that was a lot of fun.

I think playing instruments related toys can help kids to be into music. Maybe some of them could learn some instruments and finally achieve something like becoming musicians. Compared with activities like playing cellphone or computer games which are easily addictive, such toys can be a better choice. And playing with others could be a great opportunity to learn socializing and sharing with people, which are of significance for kids; especially for most Chinese kids because they are the only child in their families.

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**10. Describe the time when you first talked in a foreign language**

You should say:

Where you were

Who you were with

What you talked about

And explain how you felt about it

Sample answer:



I still remember that I started to get a bit of taste of learning English when I was in grade one in primary school. I found it fascinating while I thought it wasn't enough only to take two lessons spending no more than two hours to learn it every week. It was in the early 1990s, at that time in my hometown there were not many language training schools like nowadays, yet I was so lucky to attend a school which provided us with oral English lessons. My teacher was well-experienced in teaching kids standard English.

Since I attended the class, I learned how to be bold to talk with my partners in English in front of other students. Miss Shirley assigned different topics for us to practice in each lesson, for example, we had to do conversation about school life and personal interests. My vocabularies for oral speaking started to accumulate, and more importantly, I obtained the skills to quickly response to the questions that teachers asked.

I felt so grateful that my primary school hired good teachers to deliver quality English lessons to me, it opened my horizon for sure and offered me opportunities to speak in this foreign language, I think it was that time I found my talent in language learning and I followed the path to study English teaching. Until today, I still encourage my students to be confident and speak out loud about their thoughts in English. I wish that I could bring the idea of how to learn English effectively to more people in my class.



### Part 3

#### 1. Describe an old friend that you got in contact again

1) What is the influence of social media on friendship?

Sample answer:

I think social media has made it easier to keep in touch with friends because back then, people had to rely on emails or phone calls to communicate with friends. Keeping in contact required effort from both sides. Now with social media, people can just turn on their phones to check out how their friends are doing. However, the downside of social media is that people usually only post about happy moments and moments that they want to share, and this could make friendship a bit superficial.

2) Why do people lose contact with their friends after graduation?

Sample answer:

I think the reason why many people lose contact with their friends is that they no longer have things in common, and they live entirely different lives so that there's nothing they can talk about anymore. Usually, after graduation, people will go on to do different things with their lives. If they continue with school, they likely will have different majors, and if they enter the workforce, they will have different jobs. They no longer socialize with the same group of people as they did in school, which is why it is very easy to lose contact after graduation.

#### 2. Describe an energetic person that you know

1) What kinds of jobs need a lot of physical work?

Sample answer:

Many jobs in the service industry, such as working as a waiter, tour guide, shop assistant, etc. all require physical labor because they need to provide service to other people. Other jobs such as working as a construction worker or in factories also require physical work, however, these jobs compared to those in the service industry tend to require a lot more physical exertion and less communication.

2) What is the difference between payment for physical work and that for mental work?

Sample answer:

The payment for physical work tends to be lower than that for mental work. This is because physical work usually has a low entry-level, meaning that almost anyone can be able to do it. Therefore, it's very easy to find people willing to do the job at a cheap price. On the other hand, many jobs that require mental work need specific knowledge in a specific field, often in the form of a degree or certificate. Due to there being higher requirements, the pay is often higher as well. Of course, there are exceptions to this case, but the general trend is as thus.

3) Can physical workers receive higher salaries in the future?

Sample answer:

Yes, I think they can, because people are getting more educated, and there will be fewer people willing to do physical labor in the future. Therefore, in the long run, only by raising the pay will we be able to find people willing to do the job. Take Germany as an example. There are still many jobs that require physical labor such as fixing street lights and sweeping the roads, however, these jobs are heavily assisted by machines. The workers



of these jobs not only do physical work but also need to know how to operate machinery, and therefore, their salaries are decent.

4) Do you think machines could replace human workers in the future?

Sample answer:

I think that machines will be able to replace human workers for menial and repetitive tasks, such as the work done by factory workers, cashiers, and truck drivers. However, I think that creativity and innovation are two things that can never be replaced by machines and will always require human input.

### 3. Describe a place where you are able to relax

1) Do people prefer living in new house or old house? Why?

Sample answer:

Well, it's hard to say. But I reckon it depends in accordance with different people's preference. The young tend to reside in modern architecture such as flat or mansion with well-equipped facilities as well as fine decorations, so newly built houses completely cater to their demands whereas the senior people who already get accustomed to their own lifestyle are usually reluctant to making changes to adapt to a new environment or community. Thus I believe it's the old houses that they are particularly fond of.

2) Should old buildings be rebuilt? Why?

Sample answer:

Definitely not. Old buildings, especially historical buildings, are usually considered as vital culture heritages, representing an important piece of the history and reflecting the contemporary culture, customs and lifestyles. We shouldn't rebuild these old buildings because what people need is not the duplication or copies. The top priority is to raise people's awareness to preserve the original appearance of these buildings and keep them intact rather than demolish them.

### 4. Describe a city or town you enjoyed visiting

1) What is the difference between life in city and life in rural areas?

Sample answer:

Well, the living environments are quite different. Rural areas are more peaceful and beautiful. People can enjoy the green fields, fresh air and spacious houses.

2) What are the problems you find in the cities?

Sample answer:

City life always fills with rustle and hustle. Wherever you go, a sea of faces and cars surround you, which must have made you restless and upset.

3) What cities have changed in the past 10 years?

Sample answer:

City life brings people more convenience. People who live in the urban can enjoy the conveniences of good service, good medical treatment, good education and places of entertainment.

4) Do you agree that people in the countryside are more friendly than people in the cities?

Sample answer:

Yes, I agree. The relationships in urban life are much more complex than those in the countryside. In urban life, you have to associate with various people you dislike for your job and family. However, the relationships in rural life are simple and pure. And people will do the things which they like doing.

### 5. Describe your favorite singer or band

1) What kind of music do people like at different ages?

Sample Answer:

When I was a kid, I was crazy about Pop music, coz they were catchy songs which means lyrics and melody can be easily remembered. Now, Rock music like Grunge is my cup of tea, it has strong beats and after high-intensive work or study, listening to this kind of music can make me feel refreshed and invigorated.

2) What kind of music is popular in China now and what kind will be in the future?

Sample Answer:

Recently, pop music is big-name, coz they're catchy songs and most of social apps like "Douyin" would use them as soundtrack. Personally, I guess rock music would be popular in the future, coz in the fast-paced modern life, citizens need to listen to this kind of music to reduce stress and loneliness.

3) Do you think the most popular singer is the best one?

Sample Answer:

No, sometimes a best singer may have good quality like honesty, patience and other stuff, which can be role models and positively influence their fans as well as the public. Plus, a good singer also needs to contribute to society, for instance, they need to donate money to charity and help people out.

### 6. Describe an occasion when you waited for something or someone for a long time

1) How do you manage time?

Sample Answer:

I manage time by wearing a watch and constantly glancing at it to keep track of the time. What I find to be really helpful when I need to focus on a project is to set a timer for myself. For example, if I have an assignment that I estimate to need around two hours, I'll set a timer on my watch for two hours. This way, with a time limit, I tend to procrastinate less and focus more on what I'm doing.

### 7. Describe a kind of puzzle

1) Do Chinese like doing puzzles?

Sample answer:

I can definitely say yes. Chinese people also enjoy doing puzzles for it serves as a welcome social activity and can bring about a sense of togetherness and working toward a shared goal. Jigsaw puzzles are so soothing and addicting right now in China,



especially during the social distancing at home amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Some people are even obsessed with it. Doing jigsaw puzzles is an increasingly popular pastime. And puzzle manufacturers have reported soaring sales and even shortages last year. Not only kids, but also adults are fond of this activity. For children, they regard this as a game and have fun playing it. For adults, they believe it could practice their intelligence and think of it as a meditative experience. It makes them feel accomplished.

2) Why parents let their children do puzzles?

Sample answer:

I think people have long known that puzzles present many benefits for children as they develop, so many parents encourage their kids to do it. For starters, it is definitely a safe, healthy and advantageous activity compared with other games or events like playing digital games. It keeps children away from radiation. Normally it takes hours to finish a puzzle set so children will be immersed in it. Parents will not worry about their kids' safety while playing this game. Aside from it, some parents believe doing puzzles can cultivate physical skills, cognitive skills and emotional skills. It is a good-for-intelligence activity that helps children learn to solve problems and have clear goals. It also allows for the growth of social skills as children work together and communicate about what fits where.

3) Can puzzles improve people's intelligence?

Sample answer:

Since puzzles can improve our memory, concentration, vocabulary, and reasoning skills, it doesn't take a rocket scientists to see that they also raise our IQs. It is hard to say whether puzzles can surely improve one's intelligence, but I believe this activity does help build many useful skills. Firstly, it exercises the left and right sides of human brains. When people are doing a jigsaw puzzle, both sides are engaged. It can improve the problem-solving skills and attention span. Secondly, jigsaw puzzles improve people's short-term memory. It may reinforces connections between brain cells and improve mental speed. So doing puzzles is an activity that is good for our intelligence build.

## 8. Describe your experience when you went to a market

1) Do you think small markets would disappear in the future?

Sample answer:

Though an increasing number of small markets seem to have finally embraced online and even all-channel commerce, I don't believe their physical stores would disappear in the future. Last year witnesses a harsh time for small retailers. The global pandemic has caused quite a few headaches for the small shopkeepers and urged them to transform. It is true that small shops won't be able to compete with big players on price and speed, but they can enter into a partnership with those target groups who have little interest in the major players, who value authenticity and who want to contribute to locally sustainably developed products. Actually, there are still many opportunities but small markets should be aware of how to grab them. They can survive by adapting to new ways of selling instead of sticking to the traditional ones.

## 9. Describe a toy you liked in your childhood

1) How do advertisements influence children?

Sample answer:

Advertisements are more and more appealing nowadays and children are likely to be attracted by the intriguing advertisements. Obviously, the advertisements have become a part of our life. When we see the advertisements, we will be attracted by them and have the strong desire to buy the products. Especially for the children, they are more easily attracted by the toys ads.

2) Should advertising aimed at kids be prohibited?

Sample answer:

I don't think so. Advertising may be misleading sometimes but it offers kids more choices in purchasing toys and foods. Also, kids and their parents can learn about products without going to a shopping mall which brings them a lot of convenience.

3) Do you think parents should buy more toys for their kids or spend more time with them?

Sample answer:

Compared with buying more toys, I think spending more quality time with them is more important. Parents are always working hard to earn money and can't spare much time to accompany their children. However, companion is fundamental for children's growth. After all, moral encouragement is always more precious than material things.

4) What's the difference between the toys kids play now and those they played in the past?

Sample answer:

Well, compared with the toys kids played in the past, toys for children nowadays tend to intelligence development and hands-on ability of children. What's more, the types are also more diverse. In the past, toys were quite simple and limited. Nowadays, big toy stores like Hamleys are everywhere.

## 10. Describe the time when you first talked in a foreign language

1) At what age should children start learning a foreign language?

Sample answer:

There is no regulation on the age of children about when they have to study a foreign language. Some start learning from an early age while others pick up a foreign language after they go to school. Children today tend to learn a foreign language when they are young for the reason that kids have some advantages in language acquisition. They are good at imitating accents and intonations and they don't fear to make mistakes in their learning process.

2) Which skill is more important, speaking or writing?

Sample answer:

I think both speaking and writing skills are very important for people to deliver their ideas clearly and effectively. Good speaking skills help people to communicate with others in workplace and social situations. In addition, people with good speaking skills prone to give good presentations when it is required. On the other hand, writing is also essential for business management. For example, many people have to write emails or business plans in their daily work.

3) Does a person still need to learn other languages, if he or she is good at English?



Sample answer:

My answer is yes. English is a worldwide speaking language which means there are millions of people who can speak and write in English well. In this situation, if someone can master another foreign language, he or she will be competitive and popular in job market. For instance, many colleges set up courses on foreign languages like Japanese, Spanish, German and French. These countries have commercial trade with most countries in the world. It is useful to acquire another language other than English in current society.

4) Do you think minority languages will disappear?

Sample answer:

Well, I do believe some minority languages will fade away in the near future if we do nothing to protect them. Language exists when people are using it every day and enrich it with updated words and expressions. Take English for an example, there are a large number of words people no longer use today. As a result, these words have become outdated and will be eliminated from the language someday. Not to mention that some endangered language doesn't have written words, if people speaking these languages pass away, then nobody will use them anymore.

