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IELTS SPEAKING (Part 1 & Part 2)


English For International Opportunities

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

1 Could you please tell me your full name?

Sample Answers

- a. My full name is XXX.
- b. I am XXX but my English name is XXX.
- c. My name is XXX.

2 What shall I call you?

Sample Answers

- a. You can call me XXX.
- b. I am also called by the name XXX.
- c. Please call me by my name XXX.

3 Who gave your name?

Sample Answers

- a. I heard that my name was given by my dad. I like my name because it has a good meaning. In our language, my name means someone who is respected and honored like a famous person.
- b. My grandparents decided about my name that means a lot to me.
- c. My parents based my name on the Bible.

4 Does your name have any special meaning?**Sample Answers**

- a. Yes, my name does have a special meaning. My family name means peace and my first name has the meaning of strong one. My English name was given by my high school teachers, and it really does not have any special meaning.
- b. I presume you are referring to my Korean name. Yes, the English equivalent of my family name would be something like 'peace', and in the case of my first name it would be 'strong one'. My English name was randomly chosen by one of my high school teachers and it really doesn't have any special meaning.
- c. As for me, my mother gave it to me. I only have one name all the time. I like my name, but I don't think it has any special meaning. Needless to say, some people's names usually have some special meanings.

5 Is your name important to you?**Sample Answers**

- a. Not really. I belong to the new generation who do not attach too much significance to their names. Names were important to the older generation as they are of the opinion that it will determine your destiny to some extent. However, I personally believe that I myself will determine my destiny no matter what my name is. I will do this by acquiring good qualifications and by working hard.
- b. What a great question! My name is very important for me. That is the most important word that I've ever heard from the people that I know. Without your name, how can people recognize you and how can you be famous?
- c. It is so important for identification purposes. I just can't imagine if I don't have a name. What would you call me? How can my teachers know me? At least other people can call us with our names.

6 Describe your family. How many members of your family do you have?**Sample Answers**

- a. I came from a big family. I have five siblings. Three of us are boys and the other two are girls. Over the years, we all grew up together with our parents except for my sister who grew up in the rural area. I love the manner how our parents brought us up to an environment of simplicity and near to nature.
- b. I belong to a small but happy family. We usually spend our time together especially during weekends. We love eating outside and doing extraordinary things. We are four in the family; my dad, my mom, my elder sister, and me.
- c. It's hard to classify my whole family in one word, because they are all so different. I am from a big family, especially when you include all of my cousins and aunts and uncles. We are all pretty much individuals. I guess in general, we are all altruistic, competitive, determined, confident, and loyal.

7 Tell me the most important lessons that your parents taught you.

Sample Answers

- a. My parents taught me how to be hardworking, forgiving and passionate, as well as God-loving. They taught me to be self-made. They showed me that no matter how life gets tough, if you've got wisdom and passion inside you, no matter how the world treats you, you can manage to survive.
- b. The most important lessons that my parents taught me were to be honest and to be disciplined. My parents always remind me that being honest to others means being honest to myself. Also, they said that when a person is disciplined, everything follows.
- c. The most important lesson I learned from my parents was: to prepare to lead, you first have to know yourself. What I mean by that is, you have to know your strengths and weaknesses. And also, you have to work on your weaknesses through learning, which includes asking the right questions and taking extra responsibilities.

8 Describe the things that you do together with your brother and/or sister. How often do you spend time together?

Sample Answers

- a. We often spend time together on weekends, especially on Sundays when we go to church. We attend church and fellowship with the family after the service. We spend night time on weekends chatting and sharing about just everything in love and in prayer.
- b. My sister and I love shopping. Oftentimes, when we are not busy, we go out and shop. Since both of us are working, we only spend our time during weekends. Though our time is limited, we make sure that we enjoy the times we are together.
- c. My brother and I love movies. So, we usually spend time checking out new movies. Sometimes, we also go out and eat at expensive restaurants.



9 Compare the time you spent with your family when you were young and now that you're grown up.

Sample Answers

- a. When I was young, I could easily spend time with my family since I lived with my parents, whereas now, we barely spend time together because we live in two different places. Although, I could say that the time I spend with my family nowadays is more of a quality time, something with a deeper level of communication. We deal with a different level of maturity as to how we look at life and so many other things.
- b. When I was young, I spend most of my time with my family. Now that I have already grown, I have noticed that I already spent most of my time working. However, I still make sure that I allot my weekend time for my family.
- c. I used to join family gatherings a lot when I was young, but now that I am working, I rarely attend family gatherings because of my busy schedule.

10 What was the most memorable vacation that you had with your family?

Sample Answers

- a. The most memorable vacation my family and I had was when we went to the beach with our relatives. It was a memorable time for me because it was the first time that my whole family, as well as our extended family members, united and had fun.
- b. The most memorable vacation I spent with my family was last Christmas. We gathered in prayer, uttered each other's prayer in his/her heart, dreams and goals. I just love the way how each one of us bowed to God in complete adoration and humility for blessing us through the years and for being with us all the time.
- c. The most memorable vacation that I had with my family was when we discovered Myrtle Beach when our son played for the Pelicans. We found out that it is not only the golf capital of the US, but also a great family vacation place. It's also considered as one of the nation's top vacation spots.





1 Do you like travelling?

Sample Answers

- a. I'm not exactly a well-travelled man as I have only been to China, the Philippines, and Korea. Most of my travels have been in my own country, following my football team, and a few trips to Jersey.
- b. Yes, I love to travel a lot! I have been filled with wanderlust since I was a child. XXX is the last advanced civilization that is not yet fully modernized, so it is interesting to me.
- c. I like to travel because travelling is a good learning experience about the world. It reminds me not to take things for granted, as well as enjoy all the people, beautiful places, and different languages out there.

2 Do you like to travel alone or with your friends?

Sample Answers

- a. I want to be with my friends when I am travelling, because I can have a lot of fun and adventure with friends rather than being alone.
- b. Once I planned the trip, I assumed I would be alone, that it would take a lot of hardwork, and that I would feel lonely at times. I was wrong on all counts. I found out that traveling solo is very rewarding. There is a treasury of companionship out there.
- c. I would like to travel alone.
Travelling alone can open you up to unique personal experiences in new places.

3 Have you travelled to other places? Where are they?**Sample Answers**

- a. The farthest I've gone so far was the Philippines. I will be going to my first flower festival this summer and this is the main reason that I wanted to make this year my first year!
- b. I travelled a round China to explore their different cultures. I am a photographer and I want to record China before it changes over to western style. That is why, I usually avoid the big cities, Beijing and Shanghai, and I headed into the smaller villages to experience real China. It is a fascinating country with some wonderful friendly people.
- c. I have been in New Jersey and watched football games. It was an awesome experience!

4 What do you usually do when you first arrive in a new place?**Sample Answers**

- a. The first thing that I usually do when I arrive in a new place is, to have a soothing foot bath served in a traditional wooden tub. It's ideal after a hard day's work. Followed by an oriental foot massage, feel your muscles being kneaded and the tension seep away from your body as you drift off to soothing oriental music and enter a realm of blissful happiness and total relaxation.
- b. Normally, I reserve for the exclusive training of commercial pilots and base on the world's most popular and successful aircraft.
- c. First thing that I do is, to take photos and explore the place.

5 What are the benefits of travelling?**Sample Answers**

- a. Travelling is a fascinating way to discover and know the world. Surely, it is much more than studying geography, history, and local culture on books full of pictures.
- b. Travelling is fun and stressful at the same time. It is always good to travel for fun and be able to see things that you have never seen before.
- c. Being healthy by reducing our stress levels is solved when we travel and stay at a nice day spa. You are completely relaxed and you can help your body in many ways.

6 Why do so many people like travelling nowadays?**Sample Answers**

- a. For me, travelling has been an all-consuming passion. My whole life's been geared towards it.
- b. We want to go to some places either because they reflect our character or because they have something we desperately need.
- c. Many people love to travel to experience new cultures and different tastes. It's also good to see what else is out there, it opens our minds. It also gives you a chance to escape from your daily routine.



1 Do you have many friends?

Sample Answers

- a. I have a lot of friends and I trust all of them a 100%. That's why they are called friends. Other people are only acquaintances I'm friendly towards. In my book, there's nothing called a "not-so-good friend"~ As you grow older, the need to keep "bad friends" around gets smaller and smaller, until one day you're left with only the people you truly care for. If you're lucky that is.
- b. I am fairly friendly in class and people seem to like being my friend, but only in class. Everyone has other friends that they retreat to for lunch, parties, hanging out, etc. I don't have a group of friends who will be there for me and comfort me when I need someone to talk to. I don't have anywhere to go when my family is fighting. I am embarrassed to ask if I can sit with people at lunch because everyone assumes I have other friends, and I am afraid they'll ask me to invite a friend.
- c. I have one best friend and new acquaintances nearly every week and we get along swimmingly with everybody.

2 Are they casual acquaintances or close friends?

Sample Answers

- a. I have a lot of friends, some of them were just casual acquaintances and most are my close friends.
- b. Different people have different tastes and temperaments. Hence, make different types of friends. As for me, I consider them all as my close friends.
- c. Some of my friends are patient and helpful, while some are cheerful and caring. That's why I consider them all as my close friends.

3 Can you talk about your best friend?**Sample Answers**

- a. Sure, my best friend is kind and approachable. Whenever I have a problem, she would always give me a good advice.
- b. Well, my best friend is someone whom you can rely on during good and bad times. And, she'll also say what you want to hear.
- c. A good friend is usually kind and understanding and will stand by your side when others won't. This is one of my best friend's good traits.

4 What is your opinion on making friends?**Sample Answers**

- a. To make friends, you first have to find some possible candidates.
- b. Invite potential friends to do something with you. For example; watching movies, go out shopping, etc.
- c. Once you've got some budding friendships, keep in touch, and keep hanging out with them.

5 What do you usually do with your friends?**Sample Answers**

- a. I and my friends, we usually meet up at a mall or have a night out every week.
- b. I usually go out with my friends together since we are neighbors. We would go out for early dinner which is usually in a pizza or steak house, even to some Korean or Japanese restaurants, as all of us love eating. And end up in a nice, cozy cafe where we can drink black coffee or herbal tea.
- c. We usually hang out in the mall or at a nice restaurant. Sometimes we do karaoke, but it's only during special occasions. When we're working on a project together, then we do it at somebody's house.

6 Is the time you spend with your friends as much as that you spend with your family?**Sample Answers**

- a. Of course, family comes first. There's nothing worse than planning a great night out with your friends when your mom reminds you that there's a family get-together or party that has been planned for weeks that you're supposed to be at.
- b. I usually spend my time with my friends and family equally. Birthday parties, dinners, and other family get togethers are just a great time to spend time with my friends as it is with my family.
- c. There is no set amount of time that you should give to your friends or your family. The only real thing to go off of here is that family will always be there even when friends wouldn't be.



1 Talk about the transportation in your country.

Sample Answers

- a. Here in the XXX, our common transportation in cities is public vehicles such as jitneys, cabs and tricycles for lowlands.
- b. In XXX, the most famous transportation we use is a tram. It is a cable car, especially one suspended from an overhead cable.
- c. The main transportation in our city is a rail since xxx is mainly land-based.

2 What kind of transportation do you usually use?

Sample Answers

- a. I don't travel far. So if I go out of my city, I usually take a long distance coach. The price may be four times than that of a train ticket, but it sets off very often and comfortably. In XXX, the most famous transportation we use is a tram. It is a cable car, especially one suspended from an overhead cable.
- b. I take a taxi going to another city, but I share a cab with two other passengers when going back. It is very fast and allows me to save a lot of time and money.
- c. The jitney is the most accessible type of transportation in our country. I also love riding the MRT because it's so much faster than any other mode of transportation available.

3 What is the most comfortable means of transportation for you?

Sample Answers

- a. Taxis are by far the most important form of transportation in XXX, that can be found being in great numbers.
- b. The tram is the most popular, most effective and by all means the most comfortable way of transport in XXX.
- c. Riding a jitney is the most convenient actually for me as I won't have any problems looking for a parking area.

4 What is the common means of transport in your country?

Sample Answers

- a. The common means of transport in our country is still the car. But the rail is having a renaissance.
- b. The bicycle is the most important means of getting around XXX and other cities. These are inexpensive and faster than cars, taxis, or buses when there is extensive traffic on the road. Bicycles are very easy to maneuver too.
- c. Trams and cars are the common means of transportation in our country.

5 Do traffic jams often occur in your hometown or in the city where you live?

Sample Answers

- a. Yes, traffic jams often occur in my hometown during morning rush, lunch rush, and five o'clock rush. These are the times when people are going to and coming from work.
- b. I live in a big city and traffic jams often happen in big cities specially if there are slow drivers.
- c. Traffic jams sometimes happen in my country. Specially if there is an accident, a work zone, or a weather disturbance.

6 What changes in transportation have taken place in the past several years in your country?

Sample Answers

- a. People used their feet to get around before but as technologies take place, scientist invented vehicles which can help us reach our destinations faster.
- b. Before, people used horses to be ridden on or to have passengers' wagons pulled. But now, we already have public utility vehicles which are cheaper than having a car.
- c. Steam powered automobiles were used before. Nowadays, we use different kinds of transportation such as cars, trains, trams, boats, etc.



1 Where is your favorite restaurant?

Sample Answers

- a. My favorite restaurant is an Indian restaurant in XXX.
- b. XXX is one of my favorite restaurants. It is the best brew pub that offers a great selection of casual foods in a fun atmosphere that is appropriate for all ages.
- c. The greatest restaurant I've ever been was in XXX. This retro diner chain offers plenty of kid-friendly food in a fun and nostalgic atmosphere.

2 What kind of service is provided?

Sample Answers

- a. Quick service is focused on speed and convenience. Customers order food at a counter and they help themselves at their tables. There is no wait staff.
- b. Casual dining is focused on providing an informal, yet relaxed atmosphere. The quality of the food is good, but reasonably priced.
- c. Full service dining is focused on providing outstanding service and high quality food. Every detail is attended to. Customers order food at a table by looking at a menu and the wait staff serves each customer with attention and care. The decor is usually upscale, comfortable and there's a lavish atmosphere.

3 What kind of food do you like there and what kind of food is famous?

Sample Answers

- a. Gougiers are one of the famous foods in XXX. These are bite-sized cheese puffs made from choux pastry.
- b. This is probably the most famous XXX menu. Fondue is made out of molten cheese. We eat it by dipping small pieces of bread in the molten cheese. The secret lies in the right mixture of different flavors of cheese. Typically, fondue is served on cold winter days, but many restaurants serve it all year round.
- c. The famous food in XXX is Humba Recipe (Braised Pork Belly). It is one of the comfort foods of every XXX household.

4 Tell me something about Korean food.

Sample Answers

- a. "Kimchi" is an essential part of every Korean meal. It is made by fermenting cabbage, red peppers, onions, garlic, and other spices. Frequently eaten as an accompaniment to the main meal, it is a common ingredient in many other dishes as well.
- b. Korea is not explicitly vegetarian-friendly; however, many common dishes are made by combining pre-cooked ingredients and it is easy enough to request for meat or animal products be removed from most dishes.
- c. Korean food is normally eaten with a combination of metal chopsticks and a large metal spoon. Even Asians from nearby countries find the metal chopsticks difficult, though they are good for poking at bits of food.

5 What is the difference between fresh food and canned food?

Sample Answers

- a. The most notable difference between these two kinds of foods is their flavor. Fresh foods have great flavor and taste because they keep all their natural conditions. In contrast, canned foods lack a lot of its natural flavor characteristics because there are some other chemical products added to the natural foods.
- b. Some studies have found that several canned foods are actually equal in nutritional value to their frozen and fresh varieties, and in some cases canned foods are actually far better for you than fresh foods.
- c. There is a huge difference between fresh foods and canned foods. It is that the prices are outrageous. When you buy fresh foods, whole grains, vegetables, fruits, and bread you are usually spending a great deal more than when buying canned foods. Canned foods generally go on sale a lot more often and far better than buying fresh foods.

6 What can we do to solve the problem of food shortage?

Sample Answers

- a. Technology can help to solve the problem of food shortages by increasing the rate of production of food. It increases the rate by manufacturing machines to aid the farmers in their daily farming processes or by inventing a new farming technology to revolutionize the traditional farming methods.
- b. Better irrigation methods could control this problem.
- c. Importing grains cannot solve food shortage problems. Therefore, measures solving poverty are required to be done to solve this problem.



1 What kinds of books you like most?

Sample Answers

- a. I like fiction, particularly the spy novels; I learned a lot from reading biographies of great men. It is amazing to read their life experiences, kind of helps me in my self-help process.
- b. I like reading books written by authors who have sense of humor. Anurag Mathur and his book *The Inscrutable Americans* comes to my mind in this regard. It is a hilarious book. I would recommend that book to anyone who is looking out for good laugh.
- c. I rarely read philosophy. But from time to time, I browse through the viewpoints of Socrates and Aristotle and learn their perspective on life, death, and happiness.

2 What are they about?

Sample Answers

- a. It's a chief fantasy and is the excellent Prydain series based on Welsh mythology, which details the adventures of Taran, the Assistant Pig-keeper, in a magical world threatened by Arawn, the embodiment of evil.
- b. It is about the world in which very few mortals live for more than 25 years. Apparently, a mortal man discovered that he has a unique magical talent.
- c. It is a fantasy book that talks about a unicorn. The last of its kind, and is looking for a way to restore her kindred, the guardians of nature and goodness.

3 Why do you like them most?

Sample Answers

- a. I like them most because I learned how to infer the meaning of one word by reading the context of the other words in the sentences.
- b. Well, reading books gives me an insight into the diversity of ethnicity of people, their customs, and their lifestyles.
- c. Unlike sitting in front of the television, reading makes you use your brain. While reading, I am forced to reason out many things which are unfamiliar to me.

4 What are the advantages of reading books?

Sample Answers

- a. The advantages of reading books are to help you improve on your vocabulary and grammar.
- b. An advantage of reading books is that it can give you a glimpse into other cultures and places of the world.
- c. Reading books improves your concentration and focus.

5 What is the relationship between reading and the computer age?

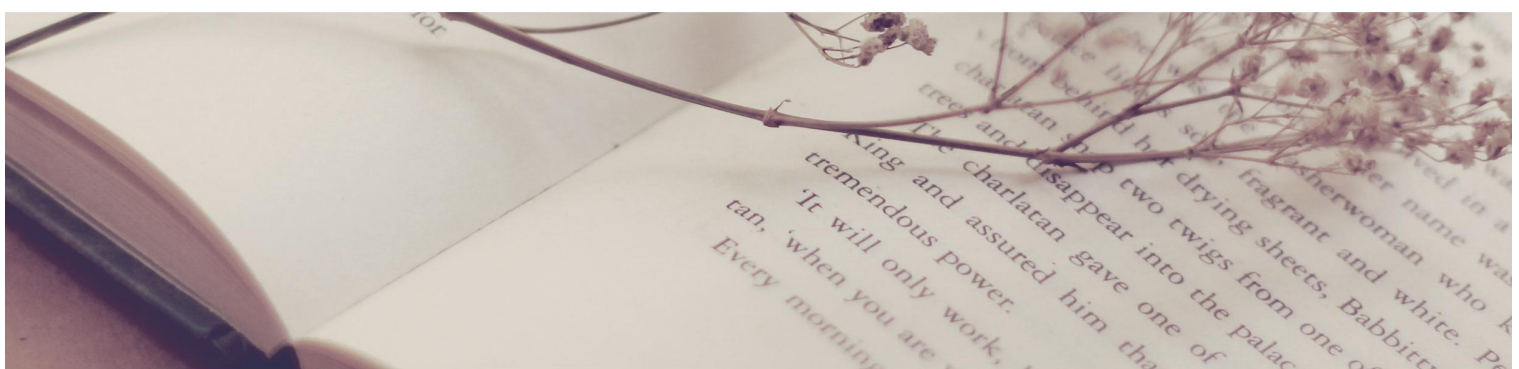
Sample Answers

- a. I think the relationship between reading books and the computer age is that you'll learn a lot of things.
- b. If you are reading a book, you visualize the things or the places that is in the book while with the computer age, you can actually see what the picture is all about.
- c. The relationship of reading and computer is that they help us become more knowledgeable.

6 What books are popular in Korea?

Sample Answers

- a. There are a lot of good books in Korea but my favorite is, "I Have the Right to Destroy Myself" by Young-ha Kim.
- b. Magic Spring (A White Bird Book) by Nami Rhee is one of the famous books in Korea. It talks more about traditional Korean style of painting and calligraphy which helps capture the distinctive flavor of this unusually gentle tale of justice and redemption, as an old couple, longing for a child, is given a second chance at youth.
- c. "The Spiral Staircase: My Climb Out of Darkness" by Karen Armstrong is the best seller book in Korea.





1 Tell whether you like music or not. Why or why not?

Sample Answers

- a. I love listening to music because it helps me with pain management.
- b. Music is part of my life because it helps me maintain my positive state of mind, helping to keep depression and anxiety at bay.
- c. Music can help prevent the stress from wreaking havoc on the body. It can also help creativity and optimism levels become higher which brings many other benefits. That's the reason why I love listening to music.

2 What kind of music do you like best?

Sample Answers

- a. Well, I like all sorts of music, but I'm more inclined to classical music. I love Beethoven's symphonies and sonatas.
- b. I like many types of music. If it has a melody without too fast repetitive noise and it's written with love for music instead of love for money, I like it.
- c. Some people like rap, hip-hop, r&b, and a lot more. Me? I like rap, hip-hop, r&b, and some pop.

3 What is the role music plays in people's lives?

Sample Answers

- a. Music plays a really important role in my life. I let out my emotions through music.
- b. Music is a very important art form. Like other arts, music is everywhere, and has become part of our lives. Most part of our lives is accompanied by XXX lyrics. Fall asleep in baby lullaby music; a young student learning to play musical instruments, listening to music, radio, television and music players, birthdays, weddings, Christmases, New Year's Day. Music in our lives is an opportunity.
- c. Music plays an essential role in our everyday lives. We listen to music everyday and even sometimes do not realize it. Music is one of the best ways to relax after a stressful day.

4 How long do you listen to music every day?

Sample Answers

- a. I listen to music for about an hour.
- b. Seriously, I listen to music all the time. About four to five hours total probably!
- c. I listen to music at least thirty minutes everyday.

5 What are the benefits of learning to play musical instruments?

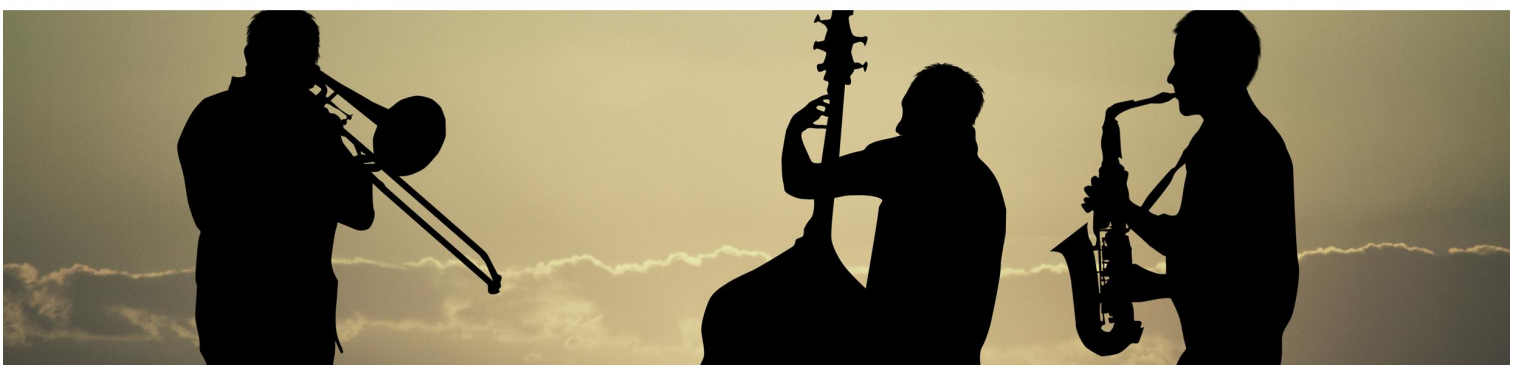
Sample Answers

- a. Learning how to play an instrument opens you up to a community of other people who like to play instruments.
- b. Instruments and music theory go hand in hand. As you learn how to play an instrument, you learn more and more about music theory and the better you get.
- c. Learning an instrument opens the doors to many things. The possibilities are endless. You can write your own songs, or add your own flavor to some that are already out.

6 Discuss the impact of Western music with the world music.

Sample Answers

- a. In the 1880s, Western music was introduced into the schools, and in 1887 the Academy of Music was established in XXX. Later, symphony orchestras were formed, and Western music became an integral part of the cultural life of XXX.
- b. Western classical music can stimulate the imagination, engender feelings of relaxation and calmness or stimulate the mind and body to activity. Western classical music captures and expresses the full range of human emotion and experience for those familiar with its conventions.
- c. When XXX embraced Western music in its late imperial period (1842–1911), the relationship was an unlikely one. To Chinese aesthetics, Western music was like chalk scratching on a blackboard; it lacked any harmonizing effect. The two systems on which music was noted were polar opposites.





1 What is your hobby?

Sample Answers

- a. My hobbies are listening to music, and playing the piano.
- b. My hobbies are linguistics, art, bicycling, reading about economics, designing and maintaining websites, and digitizing and restoring old audio-lingual cassette programs with my computer.
- c. My hobbies are listening to music, playing volleyball, shopping, and sometimes walking on the road alone.

2 When did you begin doing it?

Sample Answers

- a. I started doing my hobby since I was in grade school, the time that I joined the basketball game in our school.
- b. My favorite hobby is playing drums. I spend a lot of my free time playing drums. I started learning to play drums when I was nine years old.
- c. I saw one friend playing a guitar when I was in XXX, that was the time I started learning to play guitar.

3 How long do you spend your time on it?

Sample Answers

- a. I sometimes think I spend too long on something that I end up not loving.
- b. I probably spend more hours than the average person doing my hobby.
- c. I usually spend about three hours a day on my hobby. I spread out my work and if it's something for a client or a friend, I spend all day on it.

4 Do you think that surfing the Internet, watching TV, listening to music or keeping a pet are interesting hobbies?

Sample Answers

- a. Yes, watching TV is an interesting hobby because you can learn a lot of things from it. Also, you can get updated on what is happening around you. For examples are watching news, National Geographic Channel, and cartoons.
- b. Music is one of the best ways to relax after a stressful day. So, I can say that it is really an interesting hobby.
- c. Technology nowadays plays an important role in everyone's life. Having knowledge in using a computer and the internet is a big factor.

5 Do you think it will cost too much time to do them?

Sample Answers

- a. Hobbies are meant to be fun and it will not cost too much of your time.
- b. It will not really cost much of your time for you to do your hobby. You can spend an hour or less than an hour for that.
- c. I think it will depend on the person's time management. You can spend much time as you want on your hobby, if you're not doing anything.

6 Do you like hobbies requiring teamwork?

Sample Answers

- a. Of course. If you have a team it will make your task easier and faster.
- b. Yes, I want hobbies requiring teamwork because it will teach you how to discipline yourself and how to get along with others.
- c. You can do a lot of things when you have a team and at the same time it will not cost you much.

