

**1)** Research indicates that many people do not read good quality literature any more. What can be done to solve this problem.

**2)** The car was one of the greatest inventions of the nineteenth century, but not it creates many problems, particularly in big cities. What can be done to reduce the problems.

**3)** How do people save money? Are older people better at saving money than younger people? Some people say that it's better to enjoy the present and not worry about saving for the future. Do you agree? Will the increasing inflation and higher prices make it harder to save money

Part 2: A lot of people enjoy the present and in heavy debt. What can be done to solve this situation? how to save money?"

**4)** Are there many parks in your city? What's the benefit of parks?

Part 2: Some companies want develop park into high-rising building. Do you think it's good or bad? What can be done to solve?

**5)** Part2: how to take care of elderly people better in the future?

**6)** Part2. Some young people in big cities are under lots of pressure, what can be done to help them?

**7)** Should wear mask or not when people catch a cold

**8)** 1.healthy food ;2. how do you eating healthy; Part 2: What do you think university can do to make students eating healthier?

**9)** What sports do you usually do? 2.Why boys are more likely to do sports? Part2: Some people find it's difficult to find some time to do sports. What's the solution?

**10)** What are some common types of transportation? Are people driving more private car more or not? Why are people driving more private car more? Will people drive more private car in the future?

Part 2: How to solve the traffic jam?

**11)** Part2. Some people prefer stay alone, how to help these people?

**12)** Part2: What should do to help homeless people? (mid-term)

**13)** Part2: How to prevent the over-consumption for young people? (the last elpa)

**14)** "working for free/ harder to find a job/ internship in university/ how do people choose job part 2. How to reduce unemployment"

**15)** Part2: child may be more selfish in one child family. What's solution?

**16)** Entertainment

Part 1 (approximately 3.5 minutes)

1. What are some common forms of entertainment?
2. Do children and adults entertain themselves differently or similarly?
3. Are board games and chess better entertainment than television?

Video games can be very addictive and many teenagers spend too much time playing them. What solutions do you suggest to this common problem?

**17)** Topic 2: Communication

1. What forms of communication do people use?
2. Do you think men and women communicate with others in similar ways or different ways?
3. Is it rude to talk to total strangers in the street?
4. Will it be easier or more difficult to communicate your feelings to others in the future?

Part 2 (approximately 3.5 minutes, including 1 minute preparation time)

Some people are bad in communication. They find it difficult to express themselves and can even offend others accidentally. What can be done to help them?

**18)** Topic 3: War and Peace

Part 1 (approximately 3.5 minutes)

1. What are some common causes for wars?
2. Is the world more peaceful now than in the past?
3. Should every young adult be required to join the army for a certain period of time?

4. Will wars be fought differently in the future?

Part 2 (approximately 3.5 minutes, including one-minute preparation time)

### **19)** Topic 4: Doctors

Part 1 (approximately 3.5 minutes)

1. What are the qualities that make a good doctor?
2. Is a doctor's work more difficult now than in the past in your country?
3. Should doctors be completely honest to the patients and their family all the time?
4. Will any aspect of doctors' work be done by artificial intelligence?

Part 2 (approximately 3.5 minutes)

It is common for doctors to work long hours in public hospitals. This can sometimes lead to errors in medical judgment and treatment. What solutions do you suggest to this problem?

### **20)** Stress

Part 1 (approximately 3.5 minutes)

1. What are some common reasons that make people sad?
2. Are younger or older people more likely to experience mental health problems?
3. Is mental health more important than physical health?
4. Will people be happier in the future?

Part 2 (approximately 3.5 minutes)

Too much stress in the workplace not only can affect people's work performance, but it also has serious impact on their well-being. What can be done to help employees manage their work stress?

### **21)** Topic 6: Starting your own business

1. What qualities do people that start their own business usually have?

2. Is starting your own business easier now than in the past in your country?
3. Is working as an employee better than starting one's own business?
4. Will more people start their own businesses in the future?

Part 2 (approximately 3.5 minutes)

Start-up companies are important for the long-term development of an economy, but not too many young people are starting their own businesses. What can be done?

## **22)** Topic 7: Education

Part 1 (approximately 3.5 minutes)

1. What subjects do students commonly take in school in your country?
2. Is a good education more important to a boy or a girl in your country?
3. Family has greater influence on children than schools do. Do you agree?
4. Will online learning replace face-to-face classroom education one day?

Part 2 (approximately 3.5 minutes) Children these days are under a lot of pressure to do well academically, but not much is done to help them develop skills in other areas. What should be done to ensure a more balanced development for

## **23)** Topic 8: Drinking Alcohol

1. What are some common reasons why people drink alcohol?
2. Do more men or women drink alcohol in your country?
3. Should alcohol be banned completely?
4. Will alcoholism be a bigger social problem in the future?

Part 2 (approximately 3.5 minutes)

Driving after drinking alcohol can cause misjudgement on the road and result in serious accidents. What can be done to stop people from drinking and driving?

## 24) storytelling

哪些故事是孩子喜欢的

大人和孩子相比更爱故事吗

人们需要学着讲故事吗

将来，讲故事会不会被取代

part2, 现在电视上很多新闻故事都难辨真假，怎么办？

## 25) genetically modified food:

1.你的国家都种植什么作物；2.农业是重要的经济收入吗在你的国家；3. 人们现在更喜欢有机食物吗；4.现在有很多基因改变了的作物 不需要打农药了 你怎么看。

第二部分就是基因食品很好但是很多人不支持或者有顾虑 咋办？

## 26) online class:

Online learning 的总结，有哪些网站是 online teaching 的，你觉得上课好还是网课好，科技进步会对网课有帮助吗，然后最后的问题是，现在网课学语言不能提供足够的机会体验文化，怎么解决？

## 27) being independent:

independent 有哪些类型，现在年轻人更加独立了吗。然后就直接进入 part two 问我 teamwork 怎么办了？

## 28) machine:

machine 能做什么工作 会不会代替人类 做的比人类好吗 能不能用 machine 照顾老年人 part2 老年人比年轻人多怎么解决

## 29) Story telling:

哪些种类的故事；小孩和成年人哪个更喜欢讲故事；学校应该开设故事的课吗？未来还会讲故事吗；有一些报纸上的 facts 是错的，而且很难分辨，怎么解决？

### **30)** Pets

Part A (approx. 4 minutes)

1. What animals do people commonly keep as pets?
2. Have people's attitudes towards pets changed in the last 30 years in your home country?
3. Some people think families with children should not keep pets like dogs and cats. Do you agree?
4. Will more people keep pets in the future?

Part B (1 minute preparation + 1.5 – 2 minute talk)

Some owners mistreat their pets and some are even violent to the animals. What can be done to prevent irresponsible and cruel behaviors towards pets?

### **31)** Food and nutrition

Part A (approx. 4 minutes)

1. What do people in your country typically eat in a day?
2. Do more people eat snacks now than 20 years ago?
3. Some people become ill because they eat irresponsibly. Is this true?
4. Will people's choice of food change in the next 10-20 years?

Part B (1 minute preparation + 1.5 – 2 minute talk)

Many children frequently eat sugary snacks, but this is unhealthy for them. Suggest ways of dealing with this problem.

### **32)** Academic Honesty

Part A (approx. 4 minutes)

1. What are some ways students cheat in school?
2. Is it easier or more difficult for students to cheat nowadays?
3. The best way to prevent students from cheating is to use open-book tests. Do you agree?
4. Will plagiarism be a bigger problem in the future?

Part B (1 minute preparation + 1.5 – 2 minute talk)

Some students do not behave honestly in school work and examinations. What can be done to help students understand the importance of academic honesty?

### **33)** Online discussion

Part A (approx. 4 minutes)

1. What online platforms do people use for discussion in your home country?
2. Is online discussion more effective than offline discussion?
3. Not having to reveal your identity is good for online discussion. Do you agree?
4. Will online discussion be different in the next ten years?

Part B (1 minute preparation + 1.5 – 2 minute talk)

Some people make personal attacks and unconstructive comments on online discussion platforms. What can be done to ensure a more positive discussion environment?

### **34)** Magazines

Part A (approx. 4 minutes)

1. What are some common types of magazines?
2. Are there more magazines now than twenty years ago in your home country?
3. Some people believe magazines are under the control of advertisers. Do you agree?
4. Will people continue to read magazines in the next 20 years?

Part B (1 minute preparation + 1.5 – 2 minute talk)

The credibility of magazine articles is sometimes questionable. What solutions do you suggest to this problem?

**35)** Alcohol

Part A (approx. 4 minutes)

1. In what situations do people commonly drink alcohol in your culture?
2. Is alcoholism a more serious problem in your country now than 20 years ago?
3. Is the legal age for drinking alcohol in your country appropriate?
4. Will alcohol be forbidden in your country in the future?

Part B (1 minute preparation + 1.5 – 2 minute talk)

Addiction to alcohol causes a lot of family and social problems. What can be done to help addicts and their families?

**36)** Gender inequality

**37)** What are some common reasons for people failing to follow plans they have made to achieve their goals? Suggest ways to increase the chance of successfully following plans.

**38)** It is believed that many universities are putting too much focus on research and not enough on teaching. What might be the reasons for this imbalance? What can be done to address the issue?

**39)** Humans create a huge amount of waste every day and landfills are quickly filling up. What could be the reasons? Suggest solutions to the problem of waste treatment.

**40)** While women are enjoying more rights than before in many countries, there is still inequality between men and women. What impact does gender inequality have? What can be done to reduce inequality?

**41)** The use of artificial intelligence could replace workers in some industries. What could be the consequences of this development? What could be done to help people better prepare for it?

**42)** Topic 1: Socialising and Making Friends

1. In what ways do people make friends? 2. Do people socialise more now than twenty years ago? 3. Friends are more important than family. Do you agree? 4. Will technology have any impact on how people make friends and maintain their friendship?

**43)** Topic 2: Motivation

1. What usually motivate people to work hard? 2. Are young people generally more motivated than older people at work? 3. It is better to have a motivated team than a smart team. Do you agree? 4. Will people in your country be more motivated in their jobs in the next ten years?

**44)** Sibling

Do you have brothers and sisters? Do you fight with them? What do you usually argue about? Argue for or against the following statement: "It is good to have siblings."

**45)** New year

1. At the turn of the year, many people like to reflect on the past year. Do you? Why or why not? In Western cultures, it is a tradition to make resolutions around the New Year. Do you make new year resolutions? If yes, what resolutions did you make for 2019? If no, why not?

How to prevent new year resolutions from being only wishful thinking?

**46)** Planning and forecast

1. How often do you think about the future? What do you usually think about? 2. In many cultures, there are people that claim to be able to predict the future, i.e. fortune-tellers. What fortune-telling practices do you know of in your own culture? Why do you think people seek advice from fortune-tellers? 3. Bad forecasts, or in other words, misleading predictions of the future, matter. Economic and political forecasts, in particular, can affect millions of people. Why are forecasters so bad at their jobs then?

**47)** Environment

What are the major environmental concerns in your hometown? What have been done to alleviate these problems? What can people do to help improve the condition?

**48) Biodiversity**

What are some examples of endangered wildlife in the world? Why are endangered species important to humans? Who should be held responsible for the loss of biodiversity? How can we help to conserve biodiversity?

**49) Generation gap**

Do you communicate well with people in other age groups, such as middle-aged people and the elderly? Do you think age has a large impact on people's opinions on different subjects? What activities are popular among the young people and the older people? Why do you think they are popular in the different age groups? Discuss the causes of generation gap between the seniors and the young people.

**50) Stereotypes**

What are the traditional roles of men and women in your culture? Has the division of roles changed in recent years? What is gender inequality? Is the community you live in equal between genders? Which countries or regions do you think have the highest and the lowest equality between genders? Why?

**51) Rich and poor**

Are there more wealthy people or are there more poor and needy people in your society? Are the rich or the poor more visible? Why? Income inequality is a growing concern globally. Do you know what has caused the widening gap between the rich and the poor? Is it a concern in your country? Describe the 'wealth cycle' or 'poverty cycle' experienced by children in rich families and children in poor families. Present your ideas in a two-minute talk. You can consider talking about the following:

- housing and neighbourhood
- education
- peers and social networks
- work opportunities

Suggest ways of helping the needy and fighting poverty in your community.

**52) Biotech**

What are some different applications of biotechnology? Compared with 10 years ago, are people more or less concerned about consuming genetically engineered food? Should biotechnology be used to ‘create’ farm animals for human consumption? Do you think humans will be able to ‘design’ their own babies in the future? Give a 2-minute talk about your stance on the issue of gene-edited babies.

### 53) AI

Do you know what artificial intelligence is? Can you give some examples of its applications? How has our world changed after its invention? Give a two-minute talk on artificial intelligence. Discuss this issue:

“Artificial intelligence – is it a blessing, or a curse?”

### 54) Space exploration

What is it about space that fascinates people? Do you want to be an astronaut? Why are big countries like China and the States so enthusiastic about space exploration? Given a chance of visiting space, will you go? What will be your considerations? Discuss the pros and cons of space exploration and reach a conclusion on whether space exploration is worth its cost.

### 55) Culture

Can you name a few things that are considered important in your culture? Has your culture changed much in the last twenty years? If yes, how? If no, why not? What do you think is important when visiting another culture? Will the traditional customs in your culture be lost in the future? Choose one of the elements and consider how it has (or has not) undergone changes in your culture in the last few decades.

Discuss how traditional culture can be better preserved in the modern age in your country. You can consider what the following parties can do to help:

- government
- organisations
- corporations

Give a two-minute talk on the topic below:

Misunderstanding and conflicts can arise from cultural differences. What can be done to improve intercultural understanding?

## 56) Money

What is money? What is its significance to individuals and to society?

## 57) Shopping online

Do you shop online? If so, how often? How different is online shopping different from shopping in brick and mortar shops? What are common causes for overspending? To what extent are individuals, shops, banks and the regulating government bodies responsible?

- What impact does overspending, or in extreme cases, shopping addiction, have on the individuals, their family, and the society?
- What solutions do you suggest to address the problem?

## 58) Fintech

What is the future of Fintech? The questions below may guide your discussion. • Will Fintech be used as widely in other parts of the world as in China? • Will Fintech companies operate differently from they do today? • Will they replace the role of banks one day? • What will the government's role be in regulating Fintech companies? online banking

- budgeting apps
- stock trading apps
- cryptocurrencies
- mobile payment
- peer-to-peer lending platforms