

E: I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself. First of all, let's talk about what you do. Do you work? Or are you a student?

S: I'm currently a student ... I'm currently a Uni student. So I'm studying in the Education University of Hong Kong. I'm doing a double degree in English Education and English Language Studies. And I'm currently in the third year of a five years programme.

E: What will you do with your degree after you've finished?

S: Well, likely be a teacher. Luckily, because I'm doing a double degree, so ... quite different from how ed, education degree actually works in Hong Kong, which only limited you to only teaching primary or secondary. My double degree allows me to teach in both levels. So, I'll be teacher but likely I'll prefer secondary, because I feel like for teenager, you're more likely treating them as like a peer, instead of really treating them as students, which I'll feel more comfortable with.

E: Let's talk about free time activities. What do you like to do in your free time?

S: In my free time, I practice CrossFit. So I, I, I go to the gym, I go to CrossFit box in Hong Kong and Kowloon Bay a couple of times a week. Actually, I did that last night. So CrossFit consists of a lot of weightlifting, gymnastic, and a lot of cardio. And I feel like it's a good way for me to de-stress myself from all of the heavy workload I have from school and I do enjoy having a great sweat as well.

E: Do you prefer to spend most of your free time indoors or outdoors?

S: I'm an introvert. So indoors. I like the typical Netflix and staying home, laying in bed. And the CrossFit exercise's actually in an indoor environment, so it's indoor as well. So yeah.

E: What did you like to do in your free time when you were a child?

S: Back in the days I would say I'm a bookworm. So I always travel with a book even though I'm going out on family days, on weekends with my parent, my mum always have a book with me. So whenever she's driving, or whenever waiting, I'll, I'll literally spend every single possible seconds glued to a book, reading.

E: What do you plan to do in your free time this weekend?

S: This weekend ... tomorrow is the 31st of October. So it's Halloween. I can't do trick or treating but I'll probably have a Halloween party with some friends. We'll play some games and

we'll probably have some light drinking and a good night out talking and chit chatting. Just relaxing ourselves.

E: Let's talk about travel. Do you like to travel?

S: Yes, I actually just came back from an exchange semester from Germany. So I spent six months from March till August in a small city named Karlsruhe. That's an hour away from Frankfurt. I stayed for six months. I did ... so I took a course ... I took some courses from a local university and I get to travel a bit as well. Because you know Europe ... the, the traveling it's easier despite the Corona. So I was able to visit Zurich in Switzerland and Strasbourg in France as well.

E: Where do tourists who come to your country like to go?

S: I would take Hong Kong is known for two things - food and shopping. So from ... whenever our friends or any visitor that's coming, I'll recommend them to try it out a lot of locals food except ... especially those, Hong Kong involve all away from high end, Michelin stars restaurants to typical local every day, street food, from hawk ... hawkers and, and vendors and etc. So I feel like ... I would recommend to just try everything out in every single possible district in Hong Kong because you have a taste of everything.

E: Alright. Now, I'm going to give you a topic, and I'd like you to talk about it for one to two minutes. Before you talk, you have one minute to think about what you're going to say. And you can make some notes if you wish. You understand?

S: Yes.

E: I'd like you to talk about the type of clothing you'd like to wear. So first of all, you have one minute to prepare. (*After one-minute preparation*) All right, now remember, you've got one to two minutes for this so don't worry if I stop you, I'll tell you when the time is up. Can you start speaking now please?

S: Yes. So, in terms of types of clothes I'm comfortable with wearing, I'd say that's basically two type. First of them is workout gear because I go to the gym a lot. Workout gear is something, in terms of functionality ... to me, it's very practical, it's exactly what I need on a daily basis. Also, it's very comfortable. Sometimes, I'll even go hang out with my friends in workout gear, because it's just very comfortable materials and I ... it makes me feel confident because I do ... I practice CrossFit. It's something I like to do. So it reminds me of the confidence I have when I'm practicing the sport. The other thing is, I, I tend to prefer more minimalism ... minimalist clothes ... clothing, so types of clothes that's easy to mix and match. They so-called the 'must have items' you would have in your closet, though I tend to have very monotone clothes, so

black, whites, grays, navy blues, all the basics that you could just wake up, pull out random things in the closet and you just look sharp and good to go. And I think those are timeless pieces, you don't have to worry about fashion ... whether it's fashionable, or not ... fashionable or not. As long as you don't contradict a lot of basic rules, I'll say, you look put together and you'll still be considered stylish. So it's the type of clothing I'll be comfortable with. And even with shoes, I have basic sneakers like converse or basic dress shoes that be able to match with either jeans or normal trousers as well. So that's basically the two main types of clothes that I will be comfortable with. If there's any exception, then there'll be a nice ...

E: Thank you.

E: Alright, so we've been talking about the type of clothes you'd like to wear. And I'd like to discuss with you one or two more general questions related to this. So, let's consider first of all designer clothes. Are designer clothes popular in your country?

S: Yes, it is. As Hong Kong is known for shopping ... part of the reason why Hong Kong is called a shopping Paradise is how much designer clothing is sold in Hong Kong. It goes all the way from people from low-income family, thanks to credit cards, to people with expensive, exquisite taste. So even girl ... a teen ... for people who always ... who obviously have the money to afford it, then it's great. They could do it obviously ... walk out in stylish, fashionable, up-to-date gear. But even for people from low-income families such as teenage girl, they'll save up for months of money just to have this tiny, tiny designer bag. So, from that you can see the influences of the popularity of designer clothing and bags.

E: So why do people want to wear designer clothing?

S: I think, Hong ... Chinese people ... Asia culture is known to values the idea of faces. So they like to save faces. So having ... being able to own a designer item means you have the wealth for it. So it kinds of save faces and it gives you the approval from the society of ... that's, you know, being able to afford expensive items is the considerations or the standard of how it's considered as you've made it. You've, you've get to a certain point to acknowledge your ability and your wealth and your job as well.

E: Alright, let's turn now to the type of clothes that people wear to work. Do you think people at work make judgments about their colleagues based on the kind of clothes they wear?

S: I think it quite depends on the working atmosphere. Because nowadays a lot of ... a company's known to be more open with their ... with their clothing, they would have certain day where you should do suits and ties, sometimes smart casual, sometimes you can go in with really comfortable clothing as well. But I think obviously, whenever, whenever someone sees you the first time, they see your face, the second thing would be your clothing. So it really affects someone's first impression. And if you go for professional job in unprofessional gear, then obviously people would not respect you or validates your ... how ... about how professional you

would be with the job. So I think quite depends on the workplace of what kind of ... if it's a place that you need to be in professional clothing, then you need it for people to validate you. If not, then you would be comfortable with anything and people would be fine.

E: Do you think in some workplaces ... people are told what they should wear by their employer ... do you think that's reasonable?

S: Yes, I think that's part of the job. So if you're gonna need to do the job or dressing the part, as people put it as part of the job, they kind of paid you to do that. Like being a teacher ... putting in dress shirt and trousers, not only show that you respect the workplace, it also shows you, how professional you are with how serious you're taking your job. And for example, being a lawyer ... same as well. You need to be in a suit because people's paying for your opinion. You need to dress the part to make sure you know what you do. It ... in kind of way it tells people you know what you're doing. You, you're able to put yourself together to be able to give validate professional advice that people pays for. Otherwise, if you work in a ... in a Cha chaan teng or like a so-called local restaurant, then you could be in jeans, sneakers, people doesn't matter, because people really cares about is where you're able to provide basic services. And your clothing would not affect how people consider whether you'll be able to do your job properly.

E: In Hong Kong, do you think that the way people dress for work has changed in recent years?

S: I would agree so ... as Hong Kong has always known to be an international city, so it got a lot of Western influences. And as Western influences nowadays would propose the idea of being comfortable with your workplace ... kind of treating your workplace as your home ... so it goes all the way from comfortable clothing to even allowing you bring pets or your children to, to, to work. And all of these shows that people are getting less strict with rules. And one of those rules in the past used to be strict professional clothing for a certain job.

E: Thank you very much. That's the end of the test.