

E: I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself. Let's talk about what you do. Are you a student?

S: Yeah, I'm a ... currently a student at ... at a university in Hong Kong and I study English there.

E: I'm sorry?

S: I study English there.

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

S: I would ... since my degree is actually a double degree, which includes an Education degree, I'll probably go into the education field and be a teacher at local schools and teach English.

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

S: In my free time, I tend to watch movies to make myself feel more relaxed. And recently I have been watching a TV series called Bones, which is about forensic science and it has been quite entertaining for me and keeping me quite ... entertaining during these difficult times.

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

S: I like to spend most ... I prefer to spend most of my free time indoors, because I'm not really an outdoorsy person, I don't enjoy outdoor activities. However, I do enjoy indoor activities such as, reading, as I mentioned, watching movies and TV series and that sort of thing.

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

S: When I was a child, I read a lot more than I do now. I read a lot of ... I used to read a lot of Andrew, Andrew Clements' books, which were quite suitable for my age. And also I sometimes watch some TV, YouTube videos of the Disney movies and that sort of thing.

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

S: For this weekend I ... if I've got free time, I would probably re-watch some of the TV series I watched, or maybe I'll pick up a new book and read it. I've got quite a few actually. I wanted ... I've just bought the book of The Hound of the Baskervilles for the Sherlock Holmes ... from the Sherlock Holmes series so that I would like to read that.

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

S: Of course, I love traveling. I actually planned to travel last summer, but due to the COVID-19 situation, I couldn't travel, but if I was to travel, I would like to travel to London.

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

S: Tourists who come to my country would like to go to a lot of the shopping areas like, for example, Causeway Bay, which is a more prominent shopping area and also Cen, Central because Central is one of the business hubs in Hong Kong and a lot of ... there are also a lot of shopping malls and a lot of history to be discovered so, these two places would be where the tourists would like to go when they come to Hong Kong.

E: Is traveling abroad popular in your country?

S: Sure, traveling abroad is quite popular in Hong Kong because Hong Kong people are rather well-off so basically, they can afford to travel to other places. So ... and also Hong Kong people led quite a high stress life, so if we've got a chance to travel, we usually tend to travel somewhere else.

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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: So I'd like you to talk about the type of clothing you like to wear. 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: OK. So, the type of clothing I like to wear is usually clothes that makes me look classy because I'm ... I fit ... my type of clothing usually tends to be ... I tend to aim to the classy. And so I usually wear a shirt, a blouse or sweater with jeans and ... in my daily life. And for example, today I'm wearing a sweater and actually I have brought a coat along with myself. And that ... those are ... these are something that I would usually wear in my daily life for informal events. For ... maybe if the situation is a little bit more formal like, maybe attending a dinner party or that sort of thing, then I would like ... usually choose like A-line dresses or maybe even jumpsuits because I actually ... I love jumpsuits and I think that ... especially these one-piece items that ... I just think that not only it is convenient for me to wear because I don't have to think about how to match the top and the bottom, and I also think that I can feel very confident in them and they makes me ... they actually give me a confident boost so that I would walk out and look and feel a lot more as, assured about myself so ... And also, I find that cloth ... these clothings usually ... the most important thing about wearing clothes is ... wearing these clothings is to make me feel better about myself and, and to make me look more presentable to others. So usually, I choose my type of clothing around that. And I usually go to just famous ... like common brands such as, Zara and H&M, and those sort of brands to find my clothings, so ...

E: Thank you.

E: We've been talking about the type of clothing you like to wear. And I'd like to discuss one or two more general questions with you now. Let's consider designer clothing. Are designer clothes popular in your country?

S: I'm sure designer clothes are quite popular ... popular around there ... around here because people are quite, as I mention, people are quite well-off around here and, you know, a lot of ... there're a lot of business conventions and a lot of time, people need to look quite presentable to others, so designer clothes are quite pop ... common around here.

E: Why do you think people are willing to spend the extra money for designer clothes?

S: That is actually a question I think ... I thought about a, a, a little bit ago because I think that designer clothes not only ... it has the brand that represents the high status of the person, like they ... because they can afford them ... they are more expensive; I also think that these designer brands actually have a better fashion design as it will be significantly different in the cuttings of the clothes and that sort of thing, which are more fitting and makes a person look more appealing. So that would be the reasons why de, designer clothes are actually worth putting more money into it.

E: Do you think they are worth the extra money?

S: Me ... personally ... myself? Not that ... not really, because I think that ... actually a lot of the ... although the cuttings may actually be better, I think that there're quite a lot of similar products ... we can find quite a lot of similar products with a rela ... much cheaper price, so I don't think it's worth it.

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

S: Sure. They often make ... because first impressions are very important so that ... when we first saw a person, then a lot of the times we judge them by how they look. And other than their faces, the first thing you would notice about a person is their clothing, so it is very important for a person to look presentable in ... at work and also because it shows professionalism and how seriously you take your job, so it is very important for a person to dress well before they go to work.

E: Do you think that people should be forced to wear certain types of clothes by their employers?

S: I think it depends, because, like ... for example, I'm going to be a teacher, I think that there're ... obviously, there should be certain rules that we should follow, but as for ... like, like certain guidelines for us to follow. But as for like ... should we be in the uniform? For ... as a teacher, I

don't think so. But, however, for like the fast-food chain ... fast-food shops' waitresses and waiters, that would be quite important for them to wear something, like a uniform because people need to recognize them from the customers so that they know who to find to ask for help. So I think sometimes a uniform is important. Yeah.

E: Apart from uniforms, do you think that the way people dress for work in Hong Kong has changed in recent times?

S: That's an interesting question. I've never really thought about that. But I think perhaps maybe because, because people used to wear a lot more formally like suits ... like proper suits with like ... with different strap ... strap or that sort of thing. But now people are tend to go a little ... tend to go a little bit more casual, like ... they don't ... sometimes going to work doesn't even require a tie for like business investors. So, it has become more casual.

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

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