

CODE 01

Part 1: Social Interaction

Holiday

1) ***What did you do on your last holiday?***

-I went to the beach with my friends on my last holiday. The beach is beautiful and I had a great time there.

- My most memorable holiday is the last one with my family/ friends/ colleagues in..... We did.../ played.../ ate.../ visited..... It was a good time for us to share the feelings, experience and understandings and improve the relationship/ friendship among us.

2) ***Who do you prefer spending your holiday with? Relatives or friends?***

-I prefer spending my holiday with my friends. Travelling with the people who are at the same age with me makes me more comfortable.

-I like being with my friends, because we have a lot in common, so we can share our hobbies and interests.

-Spending holiday with the family makes me happy because I love my family. It's a good chance for all family members to be together, take care of one another and enjoy the cozy and close atmosphere.

3) ***Do you prefer going on holiday abroad?***

- No, I don't prefer going on holiday abroad because I don't have enough money, I can't use English very well.

-Of course, going abroad on holiday is really an excellent experience when we can see new things, meet new people and know more about other cultures, habits and customs of different nations. Moreover, it's also a good time to learn a language, make new friends and improve communication.

-No, I've never thought about going abroad on holiday, because I can't speak a foreign language. Furthermore, travelling abroad is too expensive and sometimes dangerous for young and inexperienced people. In my view, domestic holidays are better in term of safety, expense and convenience.

TV Program

1. ***How many hours a day do you watch television?***

-I often spend one hour a day watching television. At weekend I often watch all day because I have a lot of free time.

-I rarely watch TV, because I don't have much time/ I'm always busy. At weekend I spend about one or two hours watching TV with my family members.

- Watching TV is my favourite pastime. I watch it whenever I have free time. I often watch three or four hours a day.

2. ***Which programmes do you like?***

-I like some English programs on Star World channel. By watching them, I can improve my English speaking and listening skill

- There are a lot of good programmes on TV these days and the one I like most is Discovery. This channel provides me with interesting knowledge of the world. I never feel bored watching this programme.

- The News is my favourite programme because it provides me with useful knowledge and information of all fields. You can sit at your comfortable armchair but know everything happening in the world.

3. ***Do you prefer watching television alone or with other people? Why?***

- I prefer watching TV with my family because we can watch and share all the information and even discuss together to know more about the world.

-I prefer watching television with other people because we can not only share our feelings and information, but also discuss together on what is watched on TV. Additionally, it's a good time for us to promote understandings and relationship among us.

Part 2: Discussion Situation

If you won the lottery of 1 billion VND, what would you do with the money?

- ***Buy a new house.***

- ***Start a business.***

-Deposit the money in the bank.

-If I won the lottery of 1 billion VND, I **would buy** a HOUSE because I am now living with my parents and I want to have an independent life. After I buy house, I have a stable life and start a business to earn money and send in the bank.

-If I won a lottery of one billion dollars, I **would buy a house**, because I haven't got one now. I am living with my parents, but I prefer an independent life. After I buy it, I will have my own house and I will be able to do whatever I want with it.

-If I won a lottery of one billion dollars, I **would start a business**. Firstly, having my own business is my dream. I want to make money by myself and to stand on my feet. If my business ran well, I could buy a house, deposit money in the bank, do charity and other things.

-If I won a lottery of one billion dollars, I would **deposit money** in the bank. In my view, it's the safest way to keep money while I can get monthly interest to spend. I'm not young so I want stability and safety.

Part 3: Topic Development

Discuss the topic as guide in the outline

Topic: Online courses ***have changed the way people learn***

- ***Provide new learning experience***

- ***Be more convenient to study***

- ***Be independent in learning***

- ***Your own ideas***

a) **Provide new learning experience:** Instead of going to school, college or university, people learn anywhere via the Internet with a laptop. In traditional learning, the teacher teaches students particular subjects in class on schedule. In contrast, with online courses learners can learn anytime, any subjects they want. Instead of taking exams in the class, people can do online tests and get the results after they click "submit" button without waiting for weeks.

b) **Be more convenient to study:** Learners do not have to go to class because they can stay at home or at work, learn online with a cup of coffee. They can listen to the lectures again and again. They do not have to meet teachers face-to-face to submit assignments or get feedback from them. All they need is a laptop connected to the Internet.

c) **Be independent in learning:** When learners attend an online course, they must follow the rules and study by themselves because there are no teachers in front of them to explain what the learners do not understand. They do not have classmates to discuss together.

d) **Your own ideas:** Online courses are economical in terms of time, expense and physical effort. Learners do not have to go to class so they do not have to spend time travelling from one place to another

and attending classes. They do not have to pay for transportation. Moreover, they listen to lectures whenever they can, this makes their timetable flexible and they can do lots of things when learning.

Follow up questions:

1) What advice would you give someone on how to study English?

- There are many ways to learn English depending on learner's conditions, interests and proficiency. The best way is that you ***put yourself in an English speaking environment***. You can ***listen to English songs, see English films***. Furthermore, communicating with a ***native speaker***, participating in an ***English speaking club*** are very good to improve your English as well.

2) Do you think being a student is the best time of your life? Why/ why not?

- ***In my opinion*** being a student is the best time of one's life because we have an exciting, wonderful time with friends at university. At that time, people are young, strong, carefree and eager to explore new knowledge. They are willing to do voluntary work without thinking about themselves.

3) Should a student's university education be free or should the student have to get a loan? Explain your choice.

- ***In my view*** university education should be ***free for some specific majors***, such as police, military education because those are demanding jobs. People who are devoted to them may sacrifice their lives to defend the motherland. However, ***most fields in education should not be free***. Students should understand the value of their education in order to try harder. The money should be paid for training facilities, materials, administration and education affairs.

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Birthday

1) When is your birthday?

-It is on....13th Feburuary, 1977

- I was born on (month/ year). My mother told me that it was a very hot/ cold day in summer/ winter. I was the first child in my family so I got love and care from my grandparents, parents and relatives.

2) What do you usually do on your birthday?

-I usually invite my friends to my birthday. We have a ***small party*** to cheer it up and sing "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" song together

-On my birthday, I often prepare a ***good meal*** and invite some close friends to my house for dinner. We eat together and chat in a cosy atmosphere.

-On my birthday, I often invite some close friends to a restaurant for a small party. I blow off the candles on the birthday cake, and my friends wish me good luck, good health and success. I get some gifts from them. Then we sing Happy Birthday song. We chat and enjoy ourselves.

3) What is your favourite family celebration? Why?

-There are many celebrations my family often have a year but my favorite one is ***TET celebration*** because we can meet together to chat, to talk and share what we have done last year and what we will do next year.

-There are a lot of celebrations my family has; however, Lunar New Year celebration or Tet holiday is the most special time not only for me, but also for Vietnamese people. We have much time together to prepare for our holiday. We clean the house; decorate it with nice flowers and plants. At ***New Year's Eve*** all family members get together to enjoy

traditional food and give the best wishes to everyone. Children and old people receive **lucky money**. That is my most preferable celebration.

Public transportation

1. What is the best way to travel in your town/city?

- I live in a big city with crowded streets so the best way to travel in my city is by motorbikes.

-In my opinion, a bicycle is the best way to travel in my town. Firstly, the town is small and the streets are narrow, so it is easy and convenient for a bicycle to move to every corner of the town. Secondly, it helps to protect the environment and it's cheap.

2. What is your favourite means of transportation?

- My favorite means of transportation is motorbike because it's faster than bicycle and small enough to go through narrow streets in my hometown.

-My favourite means of transportation is a motorbike, because it faster than a bicycle. It is not too big to move in narrow streets, and it is not as expensive as a car to buy and drive, either.

3. Do you think people should use public transportation more? Why? Why not?

-I think people should use public transportation more because it is cheap, convenient and safe.

- In my view, public transportation should be used more for some reasons. Firstly, it is cheap and safe. Secondly, it helps to reduce traffic jams and accidents. Thirdly, we can protect the environment when using less private cars.

Part 2: Discussion Situation

You have just received a sum of money from your father as a birthday present. How would you use the money?

- **To buy a laptop for your study.**

- **To buy a fashionable smart phone.**

- **To save up for future.**

If my father **gave** me a sum of money as a birthday present, I **would buy a new laptop** because it is easy to find information, documents and references for my study. I do not choose to save up for the future or buy a fashionable smart phone because i think they are not necessary for me.

a) If my father gave a sum of money as a birthday present, I would buy a new laptop for my study. The reason is that it is really necessary for me to learn and work. It can help me to search for information, documents and references. I can send and receive emails, messages from other people. Additionally, I can relax with music and games, and read e-books with the laptop.

b) If my father gave a sum of money as a birthday present, I would buy a smart phone. The reason is that I have already had a laptop, and it is not small enough to take with me to everywhere. A smart phone is useful for my study as well as for my job. I can talk, chat, and send emails, messages to others conveniently. I can also listen to music, play games or read e-books with a smart phone too.

c) If my father gives a sum of money as a birthday present, I will not buy a laptop or a smart phone, because it's a waste of money. The reason is that I have had both. I will save up for the future. Running a business is my dream, but I cannot start a new business without the capital. Now I do not have enough, but I believe that if I save money gradually, I will have my own.

Part 3 Topic Development

Topic: Examinations are not necessary

- **Time-consuming**

- **Unfair**

- **Costly**

- **Your own ideas**

a) Time-consuming: Examiners have to design, deliver and evaluate students through the test. Whereas, students must revise their lessons, take the test and wait for the results.

b) Unfair: Examinations are not always truthful and the feedback about students' study based on test results sometimes invalid. Students sometimes cheat or copy other's answers at examinations. If examiners lack responsibilities, the test results will be invalid

c) Costly: A big sum of money has to be spent on preparation for the test regarding facilities, equipment, materials, papers.... In addition, we should pay for administration, evaluation of the tests. Obviously, students have to pay fees, which is a burden on their shoulders.

d) Your own ideas: **Exams are still important**. On the one hand, via examinations teachers/examiners can evaluate students' abilities so as to adjust teaching methods properly. **On the other hand**, students are be aware of their own abilities to have effective ways of learning.

Follow up questions:

1) **Do you think schools are necessary? Why? Why not?**

- In my opinion, schools are necessary. Firstly, they are the place where students can get knowledge of all fields and be educated. They are also the place where students can **make friends, learn useful** skills for their lives, such as communication skills, problem-solving skills, soft skills...Secondly, students can learn how to behave and develop their personality in a good way when following the school rules

2) **How do modern technologies change the way people study?**

Modern technologies help people to study faster, more active and effectively. people do not have to go to class because they can stay at home or at work, learn online with a laptop connected to the Internet. They can search information and download documents from the Internet. Furthermore, it is possible for them to listen to the lectures again and again. They do not have to meet teachers face-to-face to submit assignments or get feedback from them.

3) **Do you think that traditional schools will disappear in the future because of the development of modern technology?**

I don't think so. Traditional schools are always necessary, because they are the place where students can learn not only knowledge, but also **social lessons** of how to **behave** and how to become good citizens. Schools are the place for children to develop and improve **their personalities**.

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Part 1: Social Interaction

Music

1) **Do you like music? If yes, what kind of music do you like best? Why? If no, why not?**

- Yes, I do, I like classical music because I feel so good and relaxed when I listen to this kind of music.

- I am interested in music because of its rhythm and lyrics. I feel relaxed when listening to music. Music is a good way to nurture my soul and emotions.

2) **What is the most popular kind of music in your country?**

- Pop music is the most popular kind of music in my country.

- Pop music is very popular in my country. It is said that it is the music of the young which makes people love life more. It gives people more energy to live and work.
- **Traditional music** is the most popular in my country. It helps people to relax, nurture our love for the country. Listening to traditional music, people feel proud of the history, culture and customs of our country.

3) ***How is music good or not good for people?***

- I think music is good for people because it can lead our souls. It is the reason why when you are happy or in trouble you always want to listen to music.

-In my opinion, music is good for people. When you listen to music, you can feel your happiness or sadness in the rhythm and lyrics. Moreover, music makes you relaxed and comfortable after a hard working day. A joyful song can cheer you up and change your mood. It is the reason why when you are happy or in troubles, music is always your good friend.

English

1. ***Did you learn English at secondary school?***

- No, I didn't. I started to learn English when I was at **high school**

- No, I didn't learn English at school. I studied Russian/ French. It was interesting but difficult. I started learning English when I was at high school.

- Yes, I did. English was a compulsory subject in my school. I knew that English was necessary for my study and my future job

2. ***What do you think about how English is taught at school now?***

- I think English is better taught at school now because there are so many teaching materials and equipment to support teaching.

-Now English is taught in a traditional way at school. It means that students learn grammar, vocabulary and how to make correct sentences but not how to communicate in real life situations. English is considered as a compulsory subject rather than an interest. As a result, most students are reluctant to learn English.

3. ***In what ways has children's English much improved nowadays?***

-Children nowadays learn English at very young ages that makes them more natural at learning English. As a result, their English, especially **speaking** is much better.

-These days children learn English from very young age. They start learning English at Kindergarten and can access a lot of resources in English. They can listen to English songs, watch movies in English, and participate in English speaking clubs to improve their language proficiency. Some parents send their children abroad, so they have chances to live and study in an English speaking environment.

Part 2: Discussion Situation

An optional subject will be added to the **curriculum for secondary students in your city. Three options are suggested:**

- **photography**
- **swimming**
- **dancing**

If I had the right to choose an optional subject to add to the curriculum for secondary students in my country, I would choose a **swimming course** because it is good for their health. I do not choose photograph and dancing because in my opinion they are not suitable for them.

a) If I had the right to choose an optional subject to add to the curriculum for secondary students in my city, a **swimming course** would be my first choice. In reality, Vietnamese students have a sedentary lifestyle and they seldom do physical activities to make them strong. They study at school during the daytime and go to extra classes in the evening. Whenever they have free time, they play games, see films or listen to music. Additionally, according to some statistics, the main reason for the high rate of drowning deaths in Vietnam is that children do not have swimming skills. Therefore, a swimming course is necessary for them in terms of health and safety.

b) In my opinion a **photography** class is interesting and necessary. Vietnamese students study most of their time: they go to school during the daytime and go to extra classes in the evening. Therefore, a photography class can make students relax after hard working hours. It also helps them to enjoy the beauty of life. With a camera, they can keep their most memorable moments in life with their family and friends for the whole life.

c) In my opinion a **dancing class** is interesting and necessary. Vietnamese students study most of their time: they go to school during the daytime and go to extra classes in the evening. Therefore, a dancing class can make students **relax** after hard working hours. It also helps them to make friends. Dancing practice help students improve their physical and mental health, be more energetic and active in real life.

Part 3: Topic Development

Topic: It is good to learn about a culture when you learn a language.

-Language and Culture

- ***Language: the best means of culture***
- ***Better communication***
- ***Culture shocks***
- ***Your own ideas***

a) Language - the best means of culture: A language is a system of grammar, meaning, sounds and written symbols which are used by the people of a particular country or region for talking or writing; whereas, cultures refer to social patterns of behaviours, beliefs, attitudes and values. We know more about a nation's culture via traditional lullabies, legends of folklore which are expressed by language. Language is the medium to convey cultural values from generations to generations. Without a language (in oral or written forms), people **cannot express their ideas**; therefore, cannot communicate and pass their cultural beliefs, attitudes and values to descendant generations.

b) Better communication: As said, language is a system of grammar, meaning, sounds, and written symbols that are standardized enough to be used by people to transmit information and ideas from one to one another; whereas, communication is any form by which people exchange information and ideas. They can use language, but they can also use ***gestures, facial expressions***, signals, or any other medium to express that information. However gestures, facial expressions and signals are not informative and expressive enough to convey the information and ideas successfully. In that case, language is the best way to pass on and discuss ideas or information.

c) ***Culture shocks***: Culture shock is an experience a person may have when one moves to a cultural environment which is different from his/ her own; it is also the personal disorientation, anxiety a person may feel in unfamiliar surroundings. One of the most common causes of culture shocks involves individuals in a strange environment, even in a foreign language course. Values, behaviours, and social

customs we routinely take for granted may no longer serve us in our new environment. By adapting to a foreign culture, you can overcome your culture shock and develop relationships with those around you.

d) **Your own ideas:** Learning a new language is challenging for almost everyone. Sometimes you may feel depressed when coping with lexicology, phonology and grammar....You may get shocks because of differences between different cultures in eating, shopping, travelling habits etc. However, it gives you new knowledge and experience of new cultures and peoples. Additionally, you may get a better job, have a higher salary or promote in your career if you can speak a foreign language.

Follow up questions:

1) ***Do you think it's good to understand other people's cultures? Why?***

- In my opinion, it's great to understand other's people's cultures. If you know other's culture, you may not get cultural shocks when you communicate or have a transaction with them and you can avoid embarrassing situations. Furthermore, understandings of different cultures enrich your knowledge and experience, which make you more active and dynamic in real life.

2) ***What would you introduce first to a foreigner about the Vietnamese culture?***

- Vietnamese people have different traditional songs, dances, festivals as well as historical monuments throughout the country to introduce to foreign friends. However, if I had a chance, I would introduce "quan ho Bac Ninh"- a traditional type of music originated in Bac Ninh province - to a foreigner who first visit Vietnam. It is intangible cultural heritage which was recognized by UNESCO.

3) ***What would you like to learn about English-speaking cultures?***

- There are a lot of thing I would like to know about English-speaking cultures, such as peoples, their cultural values and heritage. Those understandings enrich my knowledge and experience, which make me more knowledgeable, active and help me avoid embarrassing situations in real life.

CODE 04

Part 1: Social Interaction

Favourite places

1) ***Where do you usually go when you have spare time?***

- When I have free time, I usually go shopping in the supermarket near my house.

-I'm always busy with my work. However, when I have free time, I often go a coffee shop to relax with my friends. Spending time with friends in a cosy atmosphere is my preferable enjoyment. There we can listen to music, chat with them about our daily life and enjoy our favourite coffee with some snacks.

2) ***Are there many interesting places where you live for people to go at weekends?***

- Yes. there are. People can go to Cua Lo beach and Sen village.

-Yes, there are some nice places in my hometown to go, such as Coc lake, Museum of Ethnic Minorities, ATK- capital of the resistance against French colonialists... Coc lake is an amazing place with artificial caves and a large natural lake for adults and children to explore. Besides, Museum of Ethnic Minorities can give visitors valuable understandings about lives of different ethnic groups in Vietnam. Historic lessons can be gained from a visit to the resistance capital ATK.

3) ***In what way is café a great place for people to enjoy their free time?***

- Café is a place where you can sit for a while with Internet connection and enjoy a cup of coffee while working on your computer. It is also a good place for people to enjoy themselves or talking with friends about everything in life.

-A cafe is an ideal place for people to relax and meet friends. It is the place where you can sit and chat with your friends about everything in life when listening to favourite music. The cosy atmosphere at the cafe can take you away

from your worries. You can enjoy a cup of coffee while you are surfing on the Internet. You are also able to negotiate with your partners at a cafe.

Subject at schools

1. ***What subject did you like most when you were at school?***

- I like English most when I were at school.

- When I was at school, I liked **Maths** most, but I was not every good at it. Maths is the father of most sciences. Math helps people think logically. When you learn Math well, it is easier for you to learn subjects like Chemistry, Physics and others. Maths is also necessary when you study at university.

2. ***Do you think English is a good subject for all students to learn at school? Why?***

- I think English is a good subject for all of students at school because it's an international language

English is an international language in our modern world. Nowadays English is not only good, but also very necessary for students at school. It enriches their knowledge of the world, gives them opportunities to communicate with people of different cultures. If students can use English well, they are able to learn new things, and work with foreign companies to get high salary. They can even have chances to go abroad to work or study. In short, English provides them with a lot of opportunities to have a better future.

3. ***Do you think students are learning too many subjects at school now?***

- Yes, I think so but it is necessary in modern time now.

-Frankly speaking, Vietnamese students are learning too many subjects at school now. They have too many lessons on too many subjects at school. They spend most of their time going to school or extra classes. As a result, they don't have enough time to relax and do *physical exercising*. Although each subject is important in its own way, students don't have to study all such subjects. They should have time to take part in physical activities to keep fit and stay healthy.

Part 2: Discussion Situation

You are going to take your secondary students to a private cinema. Three options of movies are suggested:

- ***cartoon***

- ***action movie***

- ***detective movie***

- I think a ***detective movie*** will be the best choice for the secondary students because they are curious so it's a good way for them to learn how to think logically. I do not choose cartoon and action movies because I think they are not suitable for them.

-I think a ***detective movie*** will be the best choice. Secondary students are curious, they want to explore and investigate everything. They try to guess and share ideas or comments on what they have seen. As a result, they will be attracted to the detective movie. Moreover, it is also a good way for them to learn how to think logically. A cartoon is no longer suitable for secondary students. On the other hand, an action movie has too many violent scenes which may affect their behaviors.

Part 3:

Topic: Punishment by teachers at school is good for students

- ***Obey teachers***

- ***Minimise misbehaviours***

- ***Concentrate better on study***

- ***Your own ideas***

Some people say **punishment** by teachers at school is necessary, others think that it may cause emotional and mental suffering in children's heart. In my opinion, **punishment** makes students obey teachers and minimize misbehaviours, as well as concentrate more on their study. Teachers deal with 30 or more students in each class, so students surely misbehave sometimes. It is the teacher's job to make them obey the discipline. If the teachers do nothing, then the children see no consequences for bad behaviours. As a result, the classroom will be in disorder and confusion. However, punishment should always be fair and appropriate so as students can see their faults and adjust themselves. There are many ways to punish a child: writing an essay, doing more exercises, cleaning the classroom. The purpose is to educate students with acceptable behaviours.

Follow up questions:

1) ***Do you think punishment by teachers to students at school should be encouraged?***

- No, in any case, being punished is a negative experience for a child. It's the reason why punishment should be fair and in a suitable way. It is better if teachers inform parents about their children's misbehaviours and co-operate with the parents to educate their children.

2) ***Do all students obey their teachers whenever they receive punishment?***

- No, it depends on each student's character. There are many students who obey teachers, because they are afraid of teachers and punishment. However, there are some students who are stubborn and difficult to control. Teachers should know their students well enough to apply different ways to educate them.

3) ***What are the downsides of overuse of punishment at school?***

- Overuse of punishment can lead to ***negative feelings and emotions*** in children. It may make them more stubborn and restive. On the other hand, they can be afraid of going to school or keep doing bad things.

CODE 05

Part 1: Social Interaction

Hometown

1) ***Where do you come from?*** - I am from Viet tri. It is about 90 km away from HN

- I come fromand I lived here all my life. It's a ***peaceful town*** in the North of Vietnam which is kilometres from Hanoi. It has lots of green fields and mountains and hills.

2) ***Do you like living in... (candidate's hometown)?***

- Yes, I do because people are very honest and friendly.

--Yes I do because it is the place where ***I was born*** and grew up and this place nurtures me to become a good citizen. People in my hometown are very hardworking, friendly and hospitable.

-Yes, I do. I love my hometown very much, because it is the place where I was born and grew up. This place nurtures me to become a good citizen. There are a lot of wonderful things about my hometown, but one of the best things is that the people here are honest, hard-working and friendly.

3) ***What is it famous for?***

-It is well-known for ***tourist destination*** such as....

- My hometown is famous for Thanh Ha litchi, it is very delicious and sweet.

-My hometown is famous for Cok lake and tea. People often buy tea as presents when they visit Thai Nguyen. They say the flavour of Thai Nguyen tea is unforgettable.

Career

1. What is your job?

-I'm a worker/ an officer/ a teacher of maths/ English/ literature.... I really have to study very hard to become a good worker/ officer/ teacher. I love my job and I'm proud of it very much.

2. How long have you been working as (candidate's job)?

-I've been working as a worker/ an officer/ a teacher for years since I graduated from college. I will never change my job because it is a rewarding job which is highly respected by society.

3. Why do you like your job?

-I love my job because it is a **rewarding** job which is highly respected by society. I work with children of different characters, which makes me happy and excited each day. Moreover, I have a good salary.

Part 2: Discussion Situation

Your town plans to organize an Open Festival and many visitors will come. Which job below do you think would be most suitable for you?

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-Your school, college or workplace is organizing an Open Day. When visitors come to see and find out about the place, people will be asked to help with various aspects of the event. There are three options for you to choose:

- A tour guide***
- A traffic instructor***
- A master of ceremony***

I think being a **tour guide** will be the most suitable job for me. I can speak English understand the history and events happening in the past so I can give information for visitors when necessary. I do not choose to be a traffic instructor or a master of ceremony because it is very hard for me.

-I think being a tour guide will be the most suitable for me. I can speak English so I want to make use this chance to practice English. Furthermore, as a citizen of the town, I know its history very well, so I can tell visitors about the events which happened in the past. I can take them to the scenic spots of the town. Being a traffic instructor is good; however, I am not healthy enough to stand out all the time showing ways for people. Being a master of ceremony is great, but I am not confident enough to speak in front of the audience.

Part 3:

Topic: Smoking should be banned in public places

- Smoker's health***
- Second-hand smoker's health***
- Financial burden***
- Your own ideas***

a) Smoker's health: Cigarette smoking causes a number of health problems for smokers. It is a major cause of respiratory diseases such as asthma, lung cancer and bronchitis. It also leads to heart disease.

b) Second-hand smoker's health: Smoking also affects the health of non-smokers and unborn babies. Non-smokers often suffer from eye and nose irritations, allergies and headaches as a result of inhaling second-hand smoke. There is also evidence to suggest that passive smoking may cause lung cancer. Smoking during pregnancy can hinder the growth of the foetus and may even result in death.

c) Financial burden: Smoking is also a financial burden for smokers and non-smokers. Firstly, cigarettes are addictive because of nicotine they contain, so smokers have to pay a lot of money to buy them; Secondly, the cost of medical treatment for the diseases caused by smoking is very high. As a consequence, non-smoking taxpayers have to pay for the health costs of smokers, which is unfair.

d) Your own ideas: Everyone knows that smoking is harmful to our health. However, we live in a democratic country where everyone has the right to do whatever he likes within the laws, so we cannot ban smoking completely. We are able to raise awareness about health problems when smoking, and prohibit smokers from smoking in public places. We should have warnings and raise the price of all smoking products. This will help to decrease smoking.

Follow up questions

1) *Do you smoke?*

- No, I don't. I used to smoke when I was younger, but I gave it up some years ago. Smoking is very bad for health so people should not smoke.

2) *Why do many people want to smoke?*

- Many people smoke because they want to **reduce stress** and focus on their work, especially people who have to work at night or under pressure. Moreover, there is cocaine in cigarettes, so smoking can be addicted easily.

3) *What should you do to prevent smoking in public places?*

- Firstly, people should be given information and educated about bad consequences of smoking. Secondly, we should have rules to ban smoking in public places, then we hang signs "No Smoking" there. Smokers should pay a penalty if they break the rules.

CODE 6

Part 1: Social interaction

Hobby

1) *What do you like doing in your free time?*

-I usually spend my time on reading books or listening to music.

- In free time, I often listen to music and watch TV. Sometimes, I go shopping with my friends or my husband.

2) *Why do you like doing it?*

-I like reading books and listening to music because I want to relax after working or just like a routine.

- I like doing these things because listening to music, watching TV, and shopping make me feel comfortable and relaxed after a hard-working day

3) *How much time do you spend doing that?*

- It depends, I can't say exactly but whenever I have free time, I do that.

-I often read books and listen to music whenever I am free: on my way to my office, cooking or going to bed. Sometimes, when I am unhappy I also read a book to make me feel better. My favourite book is 'the last leaf', written by O' Henry.

English

Do you like English?

-Yes, I do. I like it because it is an international language which I need it for my job.

-Yes, I do. I like English because it is an international language, it is spoken all over the world and I really need it for my work in the future. Moreover, I can use English to communicate with foreigners from different countries.

4) *When did you start learning English?*

- I started learning English when I was at High school.

-I started learning English when I was 10. In other word, I have learned English for over 16 years.

5) ***How do you improve your English?***

- I improve my English by watching TV, listening to music, reading English news and talking to foreigners.

-Well, I often use many methods to improve my English skills. The most effective way is watching films. There are a lot of movies which are suitable for me to learn English. I usually watch American films with English subtitle to enrich my vocabulary, my listening skill and my pronunciation. Besides, I also read English magazines online or English short stories. I always choose kind of books, according to my hobby because I cannot read books which I do not like.

Part II: Discussion Situation

Your family is making a plan for this weekend. There are THREE options for you to choose:

- ***Going to the cinema***
- ***Having meal in a restaurant***
- ***Going to the beach***

Which plan do you think is the best choice for your family?

- This weekend I do not have free time, so I plan to have a dinner out in a restaurant. I do not choose to go to the cinema because I hate watching films. I will not go to the beach because the weather is not good at present.

-This weekend I do not have free time, so I plan to have a dinner out with my family. My children love hotpot, so I intend to have a chicken hotpot in a restaurant near the city centre. It is a famous restaurant and we have to make a call to book a table before coming. Last week, we went to the cinema to watch 'Kungfu Panda 3' so I am not going the movie this weekend. I can watch films on the Internet or TV at home with my family. We are planning to go to the beach this summer when my children have a long holiday after a school year.

Part III: Topic Development

Topic: Describe a teacher who has influence you

- ***His/ her appearance***
- ***His/ her personality***
- ***His/ her influences***
- ***Your own ideas***

The teacher who influences me most is my former teacher in grade 10. Her name was Hong, she was 32, and she looked quite younger than her age. She taught us Literature. My classmate and I loved her so much because she taught very well, and she was very kind. We often shared our ideas and problems with her. She rarely told our secrets to our parents but tried to talk to us and suggested ways to solve.

Follow up questions:

1) ***When did she/ he teach you?***

- My teacher taught me when I was in grade 10 at high school. She taught me for three years until I graduated.

2) ***Do you still in touch with him/ her?***

- Yes, I do. I sometimes phone and talk to her, I want to know about her health and we recall all our memories. She is retired now.

3) ***How often do you see him/ her?***

- Sometimes, you know, I am very busy now with my family and my job, and now I live far from my hometown, I really want to see her very often but I can only do this when I have a lot of time.

CODE 07

Part I: Social Interaction

Hometown

1) *When is the best time to come to your hometown? Why?*

-The best time to my hometown is the summer. Because there are many beautiful beaches in my hometown.

- The best time to come to my hometown is in the summer. You can go all over my country and my hometown to visit the beautiful views, specially a lot of wonderful beaches.

-The best time to come to my hometown is Spring when we have Lunar New Year (Tet) because then the visitors will have a chance to join in a lot of traditional activities and therefore they can know more about Vietnamese culture, custom

2) *What do you like best about your hometown?*

- I like best about my hometown is the beautiful long beaches

-I like best about my hometown is the people, they are very honest, hard-working and friendly, and they can help you whenever you need a hand. Besides I also like many interesting places and the traditional food...

3) *Do you think your hometown is the best place to grow up? Why/ Why not?*

- Yes, I do, I think my hometown is the best place to grow up because the air here is fresh and the people-my neighbors are very friendly, the food is very delicious, it's a good environment to grow up.

-Yes, I do. I think my hometown is the best place to grow up because I used to live there and I love it. Moreover, the air here is fresh and the people-my neighbors are very helpful and friendly, the food is very delicious. It is a good environment to grow up.

Friends

1. *What does your best friend look like?*

-My best friend is tall, she is beautiful with long black hair.

-My best friend is tall; she is beautiful, kind-hearted and has long black hair. Her name is Mai, she is thirty years old, she works as a doctor in the hospital where is not far from my house.

2. *How did you meet your best friend?*

-I met her 10 years ago. It was the first day at the university, we started talking and became friends when we sat next to each other in the class.

- I met her ten years ago. It was the first day of the beginning of term at university. We started talking and became friends when we sat next to each other to wait for the formality proceeding.

3. *In your opinion, what is the best quality of a good friend?*

- In my opinion, to keep a good friendship, sharing is the best quality your best friends should have. You should be able to share everything with each other.

-The best quality of a good friend is loyalty and honesty. You can't share anything with a person who can give up on you easily, and of course, you can't trust anyone if you realize he or she is dishonest. This kind of friend will give you the feeling of being unsafe.

Part II: Discussion Situation

Your friend is going to have his first date this weekend. He would like you to give advice on where to go. There are THREE options for you to choose:

- Going to a Restaurant

- Going to the Cinema

- Going to a Shopping mall

Which do you think is the best place for the first date?

- I think he should take his girlfriend to a restaurant to have a meal. They can talk and share the time while having meal. I don't choose the other choices because they are not suitable for them. They can not talk and chat in the cinema. Shopping malls are so noisy for them to express their love.

-I think he should take his girlfriend to a restaurant to have a meal. They can talk and share the time while having meal. There is a variety of places for him to choose. He should ask the girl about the dish she like and pick her up. When they are having dinner, they could talk to know each other such as hobby, his or her family, work or something like that. That is a amazing evening to move the next step in their relationship. If they want to have a next date, going to the cinema or going to shopping malls will be better instead of the first date.

Part III:

Topic: Airplane is the best transport means to travel long distance

Travelling by airplane

- **Time-saving**
- **Save**
- **Comfortable**
- **Your own ideas**

I think that airplane is the best means of transport to travel long distance for some reasons. Firstly, it is the quickest way to travel. It takes you only 30 minutes to travel from Vinh city to Hanoi capital. The second reason is that traveling by airplane is safe and comfortable. You will not be stuck into the traffic jam like traveling by cars, you just need to sit and enjoy your journey.

Follow up questions:

1) **Do you think airplane is the most important transport means of all time? Why/ why not?**

- I think it is one of the most important means of transport of all time because it can save us a lot of time and energy. If we want to travel thousands of miles, it may take you days or even weeks if you use trains or cars and after such a long journey people are often exhausted and tiring. But it takes you just several how if you choose travelling by plane.

2) **Are there any disadvantages of traveling by airplane?**

- You must follow the time table and the ticket is expensive. Besides, there can be some accident, and of course, accidents for planes are very serious. Moreover, some people can suffer from jet-lag because of the change of time.

3) **What are some ways that airlines could improve the flying experience for passenger?**

- They should give passengers the best services to enjoy their trip. For example, the flight attendants can give passengers instructions to help them avoid all drawbacks as possible.

CODE 08

Part 1: Social Interaction

Leisure time

1) **What do you often do in your free time?**

- When I have free time, I often listen to music, watch TV or go shopping.

-It depends, when I have free time and I am feeling tired, I just want to stay at home, listen to some of my favorite songs take a deep sleep. When I am feeling good, I often go out for a meal or do some shopping with my friends.

2) **Have your leisure time activities changed since you were a child?**

-- Yes . I used to play games and watch cartoon when I was small but I now I don't

-Yes, they have. When I was a child I often played rope-skipping and played marbles, I think these games are still popular. Now I often play football, watch T.V, listen to music and sometimes play games on my computer or on the Internet.

3) ***Do you prefer to spend you leisure time alone or with other people? Why?***

- I prefer to spend my leisure time alone listening to music because I love music.

-I prefer to spend my leisure time alone listening to music. I don't want to join activities with other people or requiring physical. But sometimes I go out to join some activities with other people such as: playing football, watching T.V, shopping...

Book

1.What kind of books do you like to read?

-I like fiction and romantic novels because they are very interesting to read.

-I often read reference books, especially books about English grammar and other cultures because they help me have a wide knowledge and know a lot of news and information about the outside world. Reading newspapers also makes me relaxed and comfortable. Besides, buying books is not very expensive.

2. Do you read the same kind of books now that you read 5 years ago?

-Yes, I do. I still read fiction and romantic novels now.

-No, I don't because 5 years ago I had much more free time than I have now so I often read romantic novels because reading these kind of books takes a lot of time. Now when I have time I read science books or newspapers... They help me enrich my knowledge and it is good for my job.

3.When do you think is the best time to read? Why?

- I think the best time to read is before going to bed because reading books makes us relaxed, comfortable and forgets a hard-working day.

-I think the best time to read is before going to bed because reading books makes us relaxed, comfortable and forget a hard-working day then easy to fall asleep.

Part II: Discussion Situation

Situation: Your parents' wedding anniversary is coming. You and your sister are thinking of giving them a great present. There are THREE options for you to choose:

- A wedding cake

- A 3-day (tour) to the beach

- An album of the whole family

Which do you think is the best present for their wedding anniversary?

-My parents' wedding anniversary is coming. I will choose to make them a wedding cake because I am good at it and they like eating cakes a lots. I do not choose a 3-days to the beach because it is expensive. I also do not choose an album of the whole family because my parents have already had it.

-I will give my parents a three-day tour on the beach. My reason is very simple. My parents have always loved the beach, and they love going there for a holiday but they haven't made it because they are so busy with their kids. I am sure that my gift will make them extremely happy and they will have the moments of their life. Another reason is that a wedding cake can't be kept for memory. And the album of family is not necessary because we have already had 2 of it.

Part III: Topic development

Topic: Traditional festivals present important values

- Honor community strength

- **Improve spiritual life**
- **Teach history and culture**
- **Your own ideas**

Traditional festivals have many advantages. They show their strength in the relationship between people in the community. Also, traditional festivals are good chances for children to learn and the adults to teach their kids about history and culture, and these festivals help to improve people's spiritual life.

Follow up questions

1) **What local festival in your area or country would be the most interesting for a foreign guest, do you think?**

- Flower festival in Da Lat is the most interesting one. Foreigners can enjoy hundreds of kinds of beautiful flowers with different lovely colours. Meanwhile, tourists can visit some of famous and romantic places in this wonderful city, such as Love valley and Complaining Lake.

2) **Do people nowadays appreciate public holidays like they did in the past?**

- No, they don't. People are busy with their work, so they rarely have time to appreciate public holidays like in the past. Public holiday is just the time they are off work, they only consider it the chance to get together drinking and eating, they don't care much about celebrating the events.

3) **What are some ways that the government should do to preserve traditional festivals?**

- The government should preserve traditional festivals by giving information about them widely on TV, on the Internet, etc, so all citizens will know about these festivals. Besides, the government should have rules about making use of traditional festivals to earn money because this can damage the value of culture.

CODE 09

Part 1: Social Interaction

Social Networks.

1) **Do you like social networks?**

- Yes, I do. I use it everyday because it is very convenient to contact with everybody

-Yes, I do because they can bring us many benefits in communication, education and business. Thanks to the connection of social networks we can do these things faster and more effectively.

2) **What kind of social networks are you using now? If yes, which social network are you using? Why?**

- The social networks which I am using now are Facebook, Email, chat voice...because they can bring me many benefits.

-The social networks which I am using now are Facebook, Email, Chat voice.... Because they can bring me many benefits : Social networks are good for people. They connect people and they help people to share information and feelings. Social networks also help people to keep themselves updated.

3) **What is your advice for social network users?**

- My advice for social network users is using a suitable way of social network if not it will make us get addicted. (Moreover, we should be smart users when updating a variety of information on social networks. We should be careful before pressing a CLICK " like" , "share" because sometimes it may bring negative influences/ effects on not only our life and work but also on other people's.

4) **How important is fashion to you?**

- I think the fashion is very important not only me but also everyone because it makes us more beautiful, luxurious and elegant.

5) ***What sort of clothes do you prefer to wear?***

- I often like wearing dress, sometimes I prefer to wear jean and T-shirt .

- I often like wearing dress sometimes I put on jean and T-shirt because it makes me feel comfortable and confident.

6) ***Do you ever have to wear things you don't really like? If so, when, and why?***

- Yes, I do. I had to wear Kimono to take photographs for my wedding last year. I didn't like wearing it because it was uncomfortable

- Yes, I do. When I was a teacher at ... high school. Other teachers and I had to wear long dress "ao dai" during winter. Because the winter is very cold and " ao dai" is very thin so that we must wear coat to cover. I looked like very ugly and untidy that made losing the beauty of "ao dai".

Part II: Topic Development

Situation: You were a lottery winner. You won one billion VND. There are THREE options for you to choose:

- ***Put all in a bank to receive monthly interest***
- ***Bought some valuable things such as a car, a house or a piece of land***
- ***Gave some to a charity organization and then travel with your family or friends...***

Which will you choose?

- If I won the lottery of 1 billion VND, I would buy a HOUSE because I am now living with my parents and I want to have an independent life. I do not choose the other choices because I am not very rich.

- If I won the lottery of 1 billion VND, I would deposit all the money in the bank to get the interest rate in banks in Vietnam increases day by day. I can stay at home or do leisureed work, and take some money more from bank's interest. I can earn some money without doing anything from early morning to late night! It's so interesting!

Part III: Topic Development

Topic: How important are your friends to you?

-Friendship

- ***Share life***
- ***Help***
- ***Get together (have fun)***
- ***Your own ideas***

There's an old saying "Tell me about your friend and I will tell you who you are". And of course, nobody can live without family and friends. Friends are these ones who you share everything in life, and the ones who help you when you have troubles. Whenever you have ones you can confide in your friend and when you do that you can reduce your stress and it can help you out of your problems with suitable solutions. And you can have a lot of fun with your friends when you take part in outdoor activities or go to some interesting places to stay and explore. Sometimes you can organize a party to create a chance to connect everyone together and have fun.

Follow up questions:

1) ***Do you think you make friends easily? Why? / Why not?***

- Well, I feel easy to make a new friend because I am a exalted person. But in my point of view, to have a close friendship that is not easy.

2) ***What is the most important quality to you in a friend ?***

- Personally, I think loyalty is the most important quality in a true friendship.

3) ***Do you sometimes get on with your friends better than with your family? Why?/ Why not?***

- Yes, of course. When I get into trouble or when I am upset, I often talk to my best friends because they could give me their useful advice which my parents sometimes cannot understand and tell me what exactly I should do.

CODE 10

Part 1 Game

1) ***Which indoor games do you play regularly?***

- I often play chess with my son sometimes play game on internet.

2) ***Which indoor games are common in your hometown?***

- Badminton is the most popular indoor sport in my hometown. It is the simple sport because of playing easily. It makes people healthy and funny. Most of the people love it very much.

3) ***Do you take part in any outdoor sports regularly? (Which?)***

- Yes, I do. The outdoor sports which I regularly play is soccer.

Sports

1. How often do you do any exercise?

- I do exercise everyday in the early morning because it makes me feel stronger to start a new day.

2. ***Do you prefer to exercise alone or in a class? Why?***

- In my opinion, I prefer to exercise in a class because doing exercises in a class with the help of teacher and friends provides me with strong motivation to practise harder and better.

- I prefer to exercise in a class because when many people doing exercise makes me excited and doing better.

3. ***What do you think is the best type of exercise? Why?***

- In my opinion, playing badminton is the best type of exercise because this sport is easy to play and it's suitable to my ability

- I think the best type of exercise is yoga because both the old and the young can do. Yoga is very light and easy to do. After doing yoga, people feel better and free in mind.

Part II: Discussion Development

Situation: You are invited to a new working place. You have decided to go. There are THREE reasons that make you go:

- ***You go because you are paid much higher than the old working place***
- ***You go because you are respected (needed) in a positive work environment with high salary***
- ***You go because it is simply that you will be paid higher and can do whatever you want in a competitive work environment.***

Which will you choose?

- I am an educated person and I am an expert in my field so I am going to get a new job in a new working place where I will be paid higher and I can do whatever I want in a competitive work environment. People just improve their skills when put them in a active work environment. So I can create in work or give ideas to develop my ability. In addition, I will devote all my knowledge to my working place.

Part III: Topic Development

Topic: Crimes are increasing in modern society?

- ***Unemployment***
- ***DVD***
- ***TV programmes***

- ***Your own ideas***

In the modern society, there are more and more crimes. Unemployment, DVD, TV programme and the lack of education are the causes of crime. We can see crimes everyday on TV, on newspaper and they are increasing seriously. Moreover, the crime is younger than before. They are not aware of their behavior and have no responsibility for what they do. So the government should have better rules to reduce crimes.

Follow up questions:

1) ***What do you think are the causes of crime?***

- People who are not well educated and are not taken care of often do crime.

2) ***Do DVDs and TV programmes about violent crime help to cause more crime? Why?/ Why not?***

- They are sometimes the cause of more crime because people imitate things they watch from movies.

3) ***Is prison really the answer to crime? Why?***

- Partly, prison is the answer to crime. Because the government bans the strict laws to reduce crime. But we need to improve people's awareness and have policy to decrease the rate of unemployment.