## Topic Planning for the Coming Vacation

### 试题

**第一部分 问答（5 分钟）**

1) What do you think of your life on campus?
2) How did you spend the last summer vacation?
3) Did it take you long to get adapted to campus life? Why or why not?
4) Do you like traveling? Why or why not?
5) Among all the courses you have learnt, which one do you like best? Why?
6) Do you think your school should provide more optional courses?

**第二部分 卡片陈述及小组讨论（10 分钟）**

Now let's move on to something more specific. The topic for us to discuss today is "Planning for the Coming Vacation". Each of you will be given a card. I'd like you to give a brief description according to the card. You'll have one minute to prepare and each of you will have one and a half minutes to make your presentation. Don't worry if I interrupt you at the end of the time limit. Now here are your cards.

Right. Now we all have some idea about planning for the coming vacation. I'd like you to discuss this topic further and see if you can agree on the topic: In what way can vacations benefit students best? During the discussion you may argue with each other or ask each other questions to clarify a point. You will have about four and a half minutes for the discussion. Your performance will be judged according to your contribution to the discussion.

**第三部分 考官提问（5 分钟）**

1) Is it advisable for students to travel to remote areas? Why or why not?
2) What are the possible risks involved in traveling?
3) What can be gained from doing part-time jobs?
4) Do you think most students make good use of their vacations? Why or why not?
5) Have you ever thought of doing something for your family during your vacations?
6) Do you think students should have longer vacations or shorter ones? Why?

## 答题参考

### 第一部分　问答

E: *What do you think of your life on compus?*

C: I think college life is a new and different experience for me. First of all, it gives me a sense of independence and I have to be responsible for myself, for I am away from my home and my relatives are not around. For example, I have to arrange my schedule for study, set aside enough money for an emergency, learn to open my bank account and spend money reasonably, etc. In a word, I have to handle everything and make decisions on my own. Anyway, I like my college life, for I know I can acquire quite a lot of knowledge and foster various abilities like communicating with others and so on.

E: *Did it take you long to get adapted to compus life? Why or why not?*

C: Life on campus is certainly different from that at home. There are many inconveniences, for example, I have to admit that the living conditions are not as good as those at home. However, it did not take quite long for me to get adapted to campus life. This is because college teachers are quite helpful and they give me valuable instructions when needed. Besides, my classmates are so nice that whenever I have difficulties in either my life or study, they would come to help me, which makes our class just like a big family. I enjoy being together with my classmates and cherish my university life dearly.

E: *Among all the courses you have learnt, which one do you like best? Why?*

C: Of all the courses I have learnt, I like English best. This is due to my good English teacher. She is a nice person and also is very knowledgeable. She has visited many English-speaking countries and in class she often describes her unusual experiences abroad and introduces cultural differences between China and western countries to us, thus making us have a strong desire to learn English well. Moreover, she likes to be with us and manages to take part in our extracurricular activities, and we all like her. If you have a good English teacher, you tend to like English. I definitely think so.

### 第二部分　卡片陈述及小组讨论

C1: The topic on my card is: "Suppose you are going to spend your winter vacation traveling, please discuss your plan". Actually this is what I'm going to do in the coming winter vacation. I like traveling very much. I believe traveling can broaden my horizon and view, and it can also make me meet new people. What's more, traveling can make me relaxed after several months of study. Although I haven't made a detailed plan so far, I intend to travel

C2: The topic on my card is: "Suppose you are going to spend your winter vacation taking some courses, please discuss your plan". To be frank, I want to have a good rest in the winter vacation. I have been working diligently up to now. Well, being a junior student, I have to make good use of this winter vacation to take more courses. Society is severely competitive. I must equip myself with more skills and make myself a qualified competitor. Therefore, in this winter vacation, I plan to take some courses like English, management, and math, if time permits. As to English, I will concentrate on the spoken aspect of this language which seems more useful and practical for my future profession. So I will take some spoken English courses and try to have more practice. Just as the saying goes, "Practice makes perfect." I believe I can make progress. Management and math are related to my major, so I plan to take these two courses, too.

C3: The topic on my card is: "Suppose you are going to spend your winter vacation taking a part-time job, please discuss your plan". Nowadays many college students do part-time jobs. For one thing, one can earn some money by taking a part-time job. For another, one can earn some experience. Generally speaking, working as a tutor is the first choice for many college students when they consider doing part-time jobs. And this is also my first choice. In this coming winter vacation, I plan to work as a tutor. I'm good at English and physics. I can teach middle school students those two subjects. I hope I can help some young students to make progress in their study. There is no denying that it will be a valuable working experience to me.

C1: College students used to go home to spend the vacation with their families, but nowadays it's no longer the only choice for them. More and more students are coming to realize that there are other more important and interesting things for them to do during the vacation. They stay in the university getting some part-time jobs to make money.

C2: What jobs can students do during vacation? Do you think students should make use of the vacation to take more courses?

C3: Usually, during vacation, students are able to get part-time jobs on campus and off campus. Some of them go to supermarkets, restaurants, communities, etc., for some jobs like washing cars, tutoring, tour guiding and so forth. Others may work as assistants in science and technology institutions, public relations department, and sales promotion field. I think learning experience is important, but practicing skills is also indispensable.

C1: They do. All kinds of vacational jobs give students good chances to understand society and better gain valuable experiences.

C2: Well, vacational jobs do bring university students lots of benefits. They can make money which is beneficial to both themselves and their families. For one thing, with the money earned, they can improve their own lives, for another, they can help relieve, to some extent, the economic burdens of their parents.

C3: You are right. When taking jobs in vacation, students can apply what they have learned into practice by which they can find out their own knowledge limitations and society's real needs. Therefore, in their future study they can adjust to improve their own knowledge structure and study with a more definite and clearer purpose.

C1: I agree with C3. Taking jobs in vacation is an effective way for students to know society better, to learn more about the real world before they enter it and to gain valuable experiences.

C2: And it's better to choose some part-time jobs that can make us combine theories with practices.

C3: Sure. Obviously, to take up some jobs during vacations is good for students' personal development, too.