Topic Seasons

试题

第一部分 问答（5 分钟）

1) Which season do you like best? Why?
2) What do you usually do in your favorite season?
3) Which season is the most beautiful in your city?
4) Can you describe the special features of four seasons in your hometown?
5) What are people's activities in each season?
6) Do people's clothes change according to different seasons? How?

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 "Seasons". 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 seasons. I'd like you to discuss this topic further and see if you can agree on the topic: Which season do students like best in Harbin? 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) What is the difference between the architecture style in the South and that in the North?
2) What is the difference of lifestyle between people in the South and that in the North, for example, people in Harbin and those in Hunan?
3) What are the features of climate in the South and that in the North?
4) What do you think is the difference between the climate at present and that in the past?
5) What is the future environment like?
6) What is your opinion about the change of the global climate?

答题参考

第一部分　问答

E: *Which season do you like best? Why?*

C: Fall is my favorite season, partly because the trees change their colors, partly because we get to kick our way through the leaf litter on our way, and partly because it is cool enough to have a camp fire. But having said all of that, I'm not sure whether I can put into words exactly why I favor fall as I do. Fall is a gentle hand on the shoulder. I may enjoy this time before the cold winter comes by taking extra efforts to enjoy wonderful moments in the woods. My walks are longer because I don't have to contend with the heat in summer. Chores are taken up willingly, partly because they keep me warm. In a word, I like fall.

E: *What do you usually do in your favorite season?*

C: My favorite season is fall. In fall, heading out into nature is a great way to soak up the colorful season and enjoy the outdoors before cold weather sets in. A walk in the woods, fields or even a city park, gives me an opportunity to witness the changing landscape. It's also a great way to come together after a busy school or work week. It is not necessary to prepare the special equipment for an afternoon walk, just some jackets, water and snacks are enough. A trip to a local grape orchard is another funny outdoor activity for me and offers me a chance to participate in the fall harvest. In a word, I can do what I like best in fall.

E: *Which season is the most beautiful in your city?*

C: Winter is the most beautiful season in Harbin, whose nickname is Ice City, which is attributed to the heavy snow and vast ice. In winter, the most famous scene is the Grand Ice and Snow World on the Songhua River. Ice sculptures — made from blocks of ice chainsawed from the Songhua River — have been made into beautiful things as castles, towers, the Statue of Liberty, the Great Wall of China, and an onion-domed Russian church. The sculptures appear on the city square and glow from the neon tubes of purple, pink, blue and green that shine from inside. The ice and snow of Harbin make winter the most beautiful season.

第二部分　卡片陈述及小组讨论

Do you think summer is the most suitable season for traveling? Why?



C1: The topic on my card is "Do you think summer is the most suitable season for traveling? Why?" I think so. I have visited many famous wonderful scenic spots, such as Summer Palace, Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven in summer. Additionally, last summer I visited Singapore, which is a really beautiful country. I love traveling, especially in summer; the first reason is that at that time I have a long holiday, lasting two months. The second reason is that I can take off those heavy clothes and may visit many remote amazing spots, and also I can totally enjoy myself in the outdoor swimming pool with my family and with my friends. It's a fabulous experience for traveling in summer.

Do you think winter is the most suitable season for sports? Why?



C2: My topic is "Do you think winter is the most suitable season for sports? Why?" I think winter is the most suitable season for sports, because some sports will be available only in winter,

such as skiing, skating and playing ice slide. In addition, I know clearly the ice statue and ice lantern are only made in winter. They are very attractive. I believe in winter the air is fresher. And there is no unbearable heat in winter. A whole white world could be a paradise. Whenever I put on the skates and skate on the ice, feeling the wind breezing against my face and hair, I forget all the worries and unhappiness. I think all the skating fans are looking forward to winter. Skating and other activities related to ice and snow may help them recover from tiredness and release their pressure.

Which season do you think is more suitable for your traveling, spring or autumn? Why?



C3: The topic on my card is "Which season do you think is more suitable for your traveling, spring or autumn? Why?" I like traveling in autumn. The first reason is that I don't have much time in spring. I often study hard at that time of the year. As far as I am concerned, Chinese believe spring is the golden season and the threshold of a new year. I start planning after the spring festival, and I think my mood in spring is refreshed, ready and ambitious to achieve something, so spring is a season for me to work but not to relax. The second reason is that autumn is a harvest time, and I usually have a good mood after several months' diligent work. I need to relax myself. What's more, some spectacular scenic places also appeal to me. Can you imagine how beautiful the red leaves on the Fragrant Hills are? Moreover, the climate in autumn is mild and agreeable for traveling.

C1: I think students like spring in Harbin best. This is because the winter period in Harbin is so long that we all look forward to the coming of spring. Also, spring brings fresh air and much comfort to us. It's still a little cold outside, but we can go out for longer hours, compared with the cold winter. Drizzles in spring in Harbin are quite common, and we may have the feeling

of romance, seeing the rain continuously coming down from the sky.

C2: I'm not sure about my feelings for spring. I like the season which is suitable for studying and sightseeing. But there is something that I dislike in Harbin's spring, such as sandstorm. When it comes, I feel very uncomfortable. The whole sky turns to be yellow, which scares me a lot. Except for that, I think spring is a good season. We may take off our heavy coats and sweaters, and enjoy breathing fresh air outside.

C3: Also, spring is a good season for traveling. We have a seven-day holiday during May Day. Going out with our friends would be a good choice. Last year, I went to Beijing.and visited the Great Wall and Summer Palace. I would like to say that sunshine makes those wonderful places more impressive.

C1: Besides, our government has already been taking some measures to eliminate the threat of sandstorms coming from northwest. We can enjoy our spring comfortably very soon. When we talk about traveling, I think autumn is another good time for it. Many sightseeing spots are famous for their autumn scenes, such as the red leaves on the Fragrant Hills. The major problem for traveling in autumn is that we don't have plenty of time. Exams always block our way for going out.

C3: Spring is nice, but winter is terrible for us who live here. It's horrible to spend three months indoors. The only sport we can do is running from classroom to dorm. I mean we have to put on our coats against cold, looking like big fat bears. Anyway, it's probably a good season for people who love ice carvings and winter scenes in Harbin, but absolutely not so good for people to live here.

C2: Personally speaking, I don't like winter in Harbin, too. Anyway, it's too cold outside. Though I was amazed to see those fantastic ice carvings in the first year when I came to Harbin, the second winter became a suffering to me. I got a running nose and a bad cold very often. What I could do was waiting for the winter's ending and the next spring's coming.