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TOPIC AREA: TRANSPORT, TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Stimulus 1: Overcrowding on public transport



We all know that in big cities public transport is overcrowded during peak hours. For example, in London, more people are travelling on buses and underground trains in recent years.

People have to queue for a long time, and stand very close to each other. As a result, they arrive at their offices late and tired. They are in a bad mood and find it difficult to concentrate on their work.

Passengers want to use public transport to protect the environment. However, they want more trains, better services and reasonable ticket prices.

Guidance

Please respond **in Chinese** to the bullet points below. You are **not** expected to refer to the full content of the above.

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- What is your experience of travelling on public transport?
- Why do some people dislike using public transport?
- How can public transport be improved in your local area?
- Do you think that public transport is important? Why?

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Stimulus 2: Tourist attractions



Tourists can learn about the traditions and lifestyles of people of the past by visiting ancient buildings, museums and parks. There are many websites and travel books which help people to plan their visits.

Many people like to visit places that they have seen in films or on television. This has made more people visit previously quiet tourist spots. However, they may not know the real history of these places.

Museums and galleries are keen to put their exhibitions online so that people all over the world can see them any time they are in front of a computer.

Guidance

Please respond **in Chinese** to the bullet points below. You are **not** expected to refer to the full content of the above.

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- What do you like to do and see when you travel?
- Where can people get information about places to visit?
- Why do people travel?
- What can encourage tourists to visit your country? Give details.

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TOPIC AREA: EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Stimulus 3: Part-time jobs



In Britain, young people can start part-time jobs at the age of 13. Teenagers often work for their neighbours to earn pocket money, for example walking dogs and washing cars. Some may find jobs in supermarkets or restaurants during the holidays.

Some parents worry about their children's safety at work. They also want to make sure that their children have enough time to do school work and rest.

Working part-time enables young people to gain useful experience and skills. However, they need to plan and use their time carefully.

Guidance

Please respond **in Chinese** to the bullet points below. You are **not** expected to refer to the full content of the above.

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- Are there any part-time jobs for young people in your community? Give details.
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of students having part-time jobs?
- Where can students get help to gain work experience?
- What are the important factors in choosing a career?

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TOPIC AREA: EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Stimulus 4: Doing homework



Not every student enjoys doing homework. Some find it boring, some think that it is too hard, and others say that it takes too long.

Teachers give students homework to help them revise and work independently. However, schools should not set too much homework so that students can spend more time on sports or developing their own interests. For younger students, 40 minutes a day is enough.

Experts say that there are different ways to make homework fun, for example doing it online, playing educational games and working in groups.

Guidance

Please respond **in Chinese** to the bullet points below. You are **not** expected to refer to the full content of the above.

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- What kind of homework do you enjoy? Give details.
- Do you think homework is important? Why?
- Do you prefer studying alone or with your friends? Give details.
- What makes a good school?

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TOPIC AREA: FOOD, DIET AND HEALTH

Stimulus 5: A good night's sleep



Sleeping is an important part of our daily lives. However, some teenagers do not get enough rest at night. They find it difficult to get up in the morning and sometimes even fall asleep in class.

Lack of sleep can lead to health problems in the future. Doctors suggest that students need at least nine hours' sleep a day.

It is important to have a good night's sleep. Parents should not allow their children to stay up late playing computer games. Everyone should turn off their mobile phones before bedtime.

Guidance

Please respond **in Chinese** to the bullet points below. You are **not** expected to refer to the full content of the above.

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- Do you normally have enough sleep at night? Why?
- What are the benefits of having enough sleep?
- What do people do to get a good night's sleep?
- How can teenagers be healthy, both physically and mentally?

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TOPIC AREA: FOOD, DIET AND HEALTH

Stimulus 6: Home-made meals



Nowadays, many families cook at home less often. Even when they dine together in the evening, they may eat fast food such as fish and chips. Working parents feel that they have no time to cook. However, famous chefs say that there are many simple ways to make different kinds of delicious dishes.

Health experts find that when people cook at home, they use more fresh vegetables and less sugar, oil and salt.

Young people who regularly eat home-cooked meals are healthier. Some of them even want to learn how to cook.

Guidance

Please respond **in Chinese** to the bullet points below. You are **not** expected to refer to the full content of the above.

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- What are your favourite foods and why?
- Do you cook? Give details.
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of eating at home?
- In your opinion, what makes for a healthy lifestyle?

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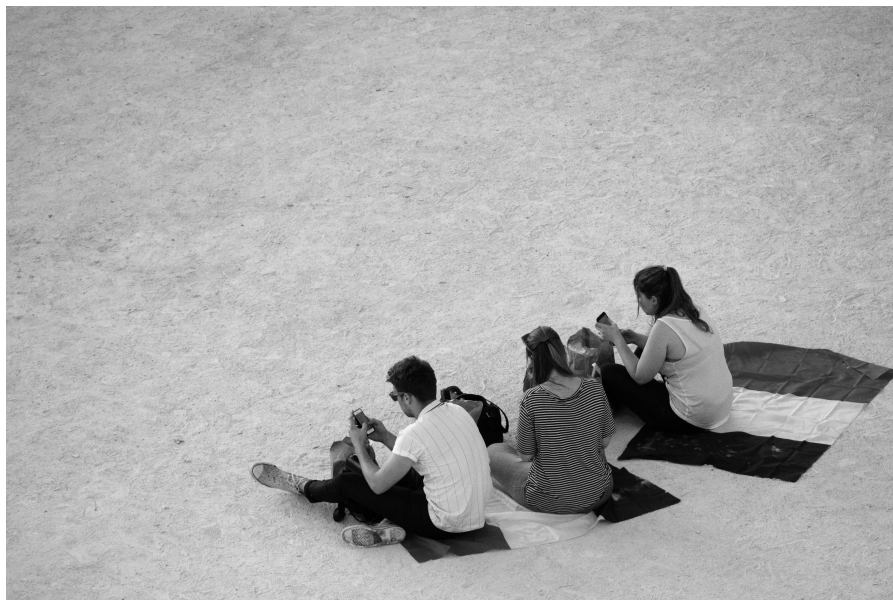
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TOPIC AREA: LEISURE, YOUTH INTERESTS AND CHINESE FESTIVALS

Stimulus 7: Remaining in contact with friends



Friendship is important in young people's lives. Good friends can support each other.

Nowadays, more and more young people are using mobile phones or computers to connect with their friends. It is a cheap and convenient way to keep in touch with those who are far away. Apart from talking online, they share photos and music, or play computer games together.

Teachers say that it is still useful to meet friends face-to-face. Teenagers can take part in activities together, becoming more confident and learning how to get along with others.

Guidance

Please respond **in Chinese** to the bullet points below. You are **not** expected to refer to the full content of the above.

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- Why are friends important to young people?
- What are the advantages of connecting with friends online?
- Why is meeting friends face-to-face still important?
- What are the benefits of leisure time?

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TOPIC AREA: LEISURE, YOUTH INTERESTS AND CHINESE FESTIVALS

Stimulus 8: Going to the cinema



Going to the cinema was a popular leisure activity in the past. However, the number of people going to the cinema has dropped in recent years.

Parents say that it is not cheap for the whole family to go to see a film together, since ticket prices are too high.

Managers are worried that their cinemas will disappear one day as people prefer watching films online or on television. Some cinemas now have new plans: apart from films, people can watch other performances, such as plays, concerts and dances.

Guidance

Please respond **in Chinese** to the bullet points below. You are **not** expected to refer to the full content of the above.

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- Is going to the cinema popular amongst your friends? Why?
- Why do some people prefer watching films at home?
- What can cinemas do to attract more people?
- In your opinion, how do leisure activities benefit young people?