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# Introduction 简 介

在日常会话里,我们常常要回答很多不同类型的问句,包括询问资料的、寻求支持的、征询意见的等等。回答者要充分理解询问者的问题,才能给予适当的答案。在英语会话里,回答者必须要留意发问者问句内的语态及时态,否则,便会很容易出错或产生误会,做成答非所问的局面了。

本书特别针对在英语会话里常出现的三大类问句:

- (1) Wh questions
- (2) Yes no questions
- (3) Conditional questions

书中除了详尽阐析不同的用法外,还列举一系列中英对照的精简对话,对帮助读者掌握各类问句的回答方法,使读者在回答问句时,应变自如,更具信心。本书对将要应付中五英文科会考口试(Oral Examination)的同学,更具裨益,如能用心学习,在考试中,必能获取美好的成绩。

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## Wh-questions

1. 在英语里以"WH"为首的问句,如 What、Where、When、Who、Whose等,非常普遍,我们回答的时候,首先须分辨问句的类别、所要求的答案是什么。最常犯的错误是把 WH的问句当作 YES/NO 问句回答,如:

What do you do on Sundays?

Yes, I do a lot of things on Sundays.(常见错误)

I often go to church on Sundays.(正确)

2. 我们也应该注意问句的时态(tense),如问句的内容 是现在的(present),过去的(past),或是未来的 (future)。最常见的谬误是把过去的时态,当作现在 的时态回答,如:

Why did you leave school?

I leave school because I want to get a job. (常见错误)

I left school because I wanted to get a job.(正确)

3. 我们也要注意一种称为"间接问句" (indirect ques-

tion),这类问句是 YES/NO 问句的句式,但答案却仍是 WH 问句要求的答案,如:

Do you know whose pen this is?

Yes.(不完满的答案)

(Yes, I do.) It's John's .(完满的答案) 有时,这类问句要求的答案,却是简单的 Yes 或 No,如:

Can you tell her what I want?

Yes/No.

这类"间接问句",时态也较复杂,同一句子里可能包括了现在式和过去式,如:

Do you know who broke the window? Yes, I do. Tom broke the window.

### What

1. "What"是"什么"的意思,以"What"为首的问句, 答案通常是一些事物,如:

What is this?

This is a tool for opening cans.

2. "What"之后加"verb to do",如 do, does, did等, 是问和动词之间的事物,如:

What are you going to see?

I'm going to see a movie .

What will you buy with this money?

I'll buy a pair of sports shoes .

3. "What"之后加名词,是询问有关该名词之事,如:

What books do you like reading?

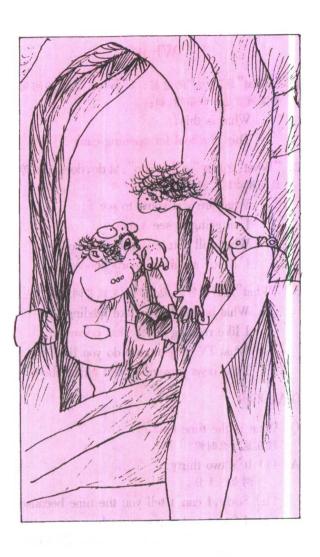
I like reading novels and poems.

What TV programmes do you like?

I like news programmes and variety shows.

#### DIALOGUE

- Q: What is the time now? 现在是什么时候?
- A: (i) It's two thirty. 两点三十分。
  - (ii) Sorry, I can't tell you the time because I forgot to bring my watch. 对不起,我不能告诉你是什么时候,因为我忘记带手表。



- Q: What is the weather like outside? 外面的天气怎样?
- A: (i) Well, it's freezing. The temperature has dropped to zero degree Celsius.

  唔,冷得真厉害,温度刚跌至摄氏零度。
  - (ii) It's fine. But I think it'll turn cloudy very soon.

天气很好,但是我想很快便会变得阴霾密布。

- Q: What's on television now? 现在上演些什么电视节目?
- A: (i) I think the dramatic serial is on TV now.

  What a boring programme!

  我想是连续剧吧。多无聊的节目啊!
  - (ii) I have no idea. You'd better read the TV guide.我不知道,你还是看看电视指南吧。
- Q: What is so funny? 什么事这样有趣?
- A: (i) I've just found that you put on the wrong shoes.

我刚发觉你穿错了皮鞋。

- (ii) Nothing. I was just thinking of an old joke. 没有,我刚刚想起一个旧笑话。
- **Q:** What is your father? 你父亲的工作是什么?

A: (i) My father is a clerk. He works in an L/E firm.

我的父亲是个文员,他在一间出入口公司工作。

- (ii) My father is now being unemployed. He is looking for a job as a driver.我的父亲现在失业,他正在找寻一份司机的工作。
- Q: What is your sister like? 你的姊姊(妹妹)是个什么样的人?
- A: (i) She is like my mother. They both have big eyes and are very clever.

  她很像我的母亲,她们都有大眼睛,而且很聪明。
  - (ii) She is very different from me. She is pretty but I'm ugly. She is clever but I am foolish.
    她与我有很大分别,她很漂亮,但是我很难看;她很聪明,但是我很愚蠢。
- Q: What is the difference between a home and a house?

家庭跟房屋有什么分别?

A: (i) I think the difference is subtle. A home is for the whole family to live in; a house is for anybody to live in.

我想这分别是很微妙的。家庭是给整个家住的;房屋是给任何人住的。

(ii) I can't tell the difference between the two.

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I think there's no difference at all. 我不能说出两者的分别,我想它们并没有什么不同。

- Q: What is this made of? 这是用什么制成的?
- A: (i) It is made of silk and polyester. 它是用丝和多种纤维(尼龙)制成的。
  - (ii) I don't know. It seems to be made of some artificial fibre.

我不知道,它好像是用一些人造纤维制成的。

- Q: What is your ideal job? 你理想的工作是什么?
- A: (i) My ideal job is to be an air hostess. I like travelling and I like to see things and people in different countries. 我理想的工作是当一个空中小姐,我喜欢旅游,也爱看不同国家的人和事物。
  - (ii) I haven't thought of my ideal job yet, but I want a job in which I can develop my interest and skill.
    我还未曾想过我理想的工作,但是我想一份可以发展我的兴趣和技能的工作。
- Q: What is your opinion about air pollution? 你对空气污染的意见怎样?
- A: (i) I think it is a serious problem in Hong Kong but it is not as serious as noise pollution.

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我觉得在香港,这是一个很严重的问题,但是 它不及噪音污染来得严重。

- (ii) I think that the problem is getting worse and worse in Hong Kong. Maybe we have to wear masks when we go out one day. 我觉得在香港,这个问题越来越严重,也许有 一天,当我们出外时,我们要穿戴防毒面具。
- Q: What is your opinion about the generation gap?

  你对代為的意见怎样?
- A: (i) I think such a gap could be easily bridged if the two generations tried to understand each other.

我觉得如果两代人能够互相了解,这个鸿沟便 容易克服。

(ii) I think it is inevitable. There are differences in opinion between the young and the old.

我觉得这是难以避免的,年轻人和年老的人在 意见上总会有分歧。

Q: What is the most interesting and useful job in the world?

全世界最有趣和最有作为的职业是什么?

A: (i) I think being a movie star is the most interesting and useful job in the world because he can receive a huge income and at the same time entertain thousands of people.

我觉得电影明星是全世界最有趣和最有作为的职业,因为他可以得到优厚的人息,而且同时可以娱乐数以千计的人。

- (ii) I can't think of any particular job which
  is both interesting and useful. I consider
  a job only a means to earn our living.
  我不能想到任何职业是既有趣、又有作为的,
  我认为一份工作只是谋生的途径。
- Q: What is your most favourite TV programme? 你最喜爱的电视节目是什么呢?
- A: (i) I like documentaries most. They can tell me a lot outside book knowledge. 我最喜欢纪录片集,它们可以告诉我许多课本以外的知识。
  - (ii) I have no interest in watching TV, except news reports, perhaps.我对看电视没有兴趣,也许除了新闻报导是例 外吧。
- Q: What are your hobbies? 你的兴趣是什么?
- A: (i) I like swimming, picnicking and stampcollecting. I enjoy picnicking most because I can get closer to the nature.

我喜欢游泳、旅行和收集邮票,我最爱旅行,因 为我可以更接近大自然。

- (ii) I like all sports games. They help me to build up a strong body. 我喜欢所有户外运动,它们帮助我锻炼强壮的 体魄。
- Q: What are the advantages of studying abroad? 海外留学有什么好处呢?
- A: (i) I think we can learn how to handle matters and live independently.

我想我们能够学习怎样处事,而且能独立生活。

(ii) Studying abroad can make me learn to rely on myself and deal with problems alone.

> 海外留学能够使我学习依靠自己,而且能单独 应付问题。

- Q: What are your usual topics on the phone? 你在电话里普遍的话题是什么?
- A: (i) I usually talk about TV programmes and movies.

我时常谈一些电视节目和电影。

(ii) I have a variety of topics but we often talk about things about the teachers and school.

我有许多话题,但是我们通常会谈一些关于老师和学校的事情。

- Q: What are inside your purse? 你的钱包内有什么?
- A: (i) There are some notes, my I.D. card, and two credit cards.

有一些钞票、我的身份证和两张信用卡。

- (ii) Nothing. It's completely empty. I've just spent all my money.
  - 一点东西也没有,它是空空如也的,我刚花光了钱。
- Q: What are you doing this summer holiday? 你这个暑假准备做一些什么?
- A: (i) I am going to take up a summer job as a factory worker. I need some money to buy books and pay for my school fee next term.

我准备当一份工厂工人的暑期工,我需要一些 钱买书和缴交下学年的学费。

(ii) I am not doing anything this summer holiday. I think after studying the whole year for the examination, I need some time to take a good rest.

我不准备在这暑假做任何事,我觉得为考试苦读了整整一年,我需要一些时间好好地休息。

- Q: What do you do during your leisure time? 你在余暇做些什么?
- A: (i) In my leisure, I would play electronic video games at home. It can relax me.

在余暇时,我会在家里玩电视游戏,它可以使我松弛下来。

(ii) Actually, I feel rather bored in my leisure time, because I am often too lazy to do anything.

> 事实上,我在余暇时觉得很无聊,因为我时常 懒得做任何事。

Q: What do you think about the housing problem in Hong Kong?
你觉得香港的房屋问题怎样?

- A: (i) I think this problem is very serious in Hong Kong, but the government is trying hard to tackle it. 我觉得香港的房屋问题十分严重,但是政府正尽力解决这问题。
  - (ii) I think the house price has risen to an unreasonable level. It is beyond the means of ordinary citizens.
     我觉得房屋的价格已经涨到了不合理的程度,这对普通市民是难以负担的。
- Q: What do you think is the most important thing in the world?

  你认为全世界最重要的东西是什么?
- A: (i) I think love is the most important because one would be very lonely if no one loved him or her.