### **Reading:**

## - Do you enjoy reading? Why or why not?

I enjoy reading but I do not read very often. From an early age, I was educated by my parents about the importance of reading in improving creativity and logical thinking. Schools and teachers also give me good strategies to enhance my reading speed and efficiency.

#### - What is your favourite kind of book?

When I choose a book to read, I often choose one that has something to do with science and technology. Although I am not really good at science subjects such as Maths and Physics in schools, I have a strong desire to explore the natural world and catch up with latest technological advances.

#### - What is the kind of book that you do not like?

I am not a big fan of books that discuss political and religious issues. I do not particularly hate these two topics, because I have to cover them at some stage during my academic career. Having said that, I would like to have a better understanding of political and religious issues through other types of multimedia platforms such as video, films instead of books.

## - Do you often read newspapers?

I am afraid to tell you that I have not read any traditional newspapers for more than a year. Since I started my study in the UK, I have completely changed the way that I receive new information. I no longer choose hard copies of newspapers but online magazines. They are free, convenient and provide up-to-date information on a very regular basis.

# - Do you have any e-books?

No I do not, although I am thinking about purchasing some online. E-books are generally cheaper than traditional books in physical stores. In addition to this, buying e-books is very easy for me as I possess a number of mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets, which can directly connect to e-book providers on the Internet.

## - What books did you read as a child?

I can not remember exactly. I guess most of them were related to toys, child games and family scenarios. I think the primary objective of getting children to

read from an early age is to enhance their vocabulary, patience and creativity. In fact I believe the majority of children will forget what types of book they read when they were little.

- Do you think that it is important for a society to have a good reading culture?

I strongly believe in the significance of having a good reading culture. This will raise the general educational quality of a society, which later can bring in huge economic benefits. What is more important is that if a generation sees the importance of reading, they will pass that attitude onto future generations. This will help the reading culture to maintain for a long time.