**Unit 3 Love Your Neighbor口语话题**

1. Think about your neighborhood. What would make it:

1) safer?

Lectures should be given to tell people how to prevent fire, theft and other dangers. Besides, the police should make sure the streets are safe – not only from crime but also from traffic accidents.

2) more beautiful?

I think we should plant more trees and flowers in the community. In addition, we should discipline our own behavior and should not litter garbage everywhere or draw on the buildings.

3) more interesting?

More entertainment activities should be held to draw the interest of people. Meanwhile, don’t forget the children. We should also provide them with facilities to give them fun and joy.

4) better for your health?

I think we should build a community gym providing a variety of affordable exercise options. Besides, activities should be conducted to help people quit smoking or excessive drinking.

5) more of a community?

I’d really like to see a good shopping mall, where people can meet, get to know each other and entertain themselves.

1. Do you know your neighbors? How well do you know them?

Yes, I know my neighbors very well. We have been friends for many years and often invite each other for family dinners.

 //Actually, I don’t know my neighbors very well. It’s difficult for people living in apartments to know their next-door neighbors nowadays. We may nod at each other or say hi when meeting in the building but never have a long conversation. I even don’t know what they do or where they work.

1. What do you think makes a good / bad neighbor?

A good neighbor is someone you can trust, depend on and share your happiness and grief, just like one of your family members. / A bad and inconsiderate neighbor makes much noise late at night, throws rubbish anywhere in the doorway, and never cares about what others feel.

1. Which websites do you use regularly? Which websites do you use occasionally? Which websites do you never use?

The websites I use regularly include search engines, news sites, blogs, Wiki and social networking sites. I use these websites almost every day to get information I need and share things about myself. As to the types of websites such as photo sharing websites and travel sites, I only visit them occasionally. The websites I never use include rating sites, dating sites, and corporate websites.

1. What do you think are the similarities and differences between an online community and a real community?

I think there are similarities as well as differences between an online community and a real community. On the one hand, similar to a real community, an online community allows you to chat with people online, or send messages to one another. You can also share, discuss, or even enjoy various entertainments together. In that sense, an online community is just similar to a real community. On the other hand, there are also many clear differences. Unlike a real community, an online community provides all the communication through the Internet rather than any personal contact. Different from that in a real community, you may not know who you are talking to in an online community, which to some extent will ease your anxiety you may have in a real communication. What’s more, an online community breaks the barrier of distance and may involve people from different parts of the world, which is significantly different from a real community./To me, a community is a group of people having common interests. In this sense, a real community and a virtual community are similar. However, they are different in many aspects. I think a virtual community has more advantages than a real community. A virtual community may enable people from different parts of the world to share their ideas, opinions, beliefs, hobbies, etc. through the Internet. What’s more, it allows immediate interaction among members of the community. By contrast, the interaction in a real community is often confined to people around you, and sometimes it is slow and inconvenient.

1. What are the benefits of online communities?

Online communities provide another chance for people to communicate with each other. They do things without going out, and this saves time, money, energy and natural resources. Furthermore, through online communities, people can sometimes do what they can’t do in real communities. For example, a guy who may be shy and quiet in the eyes of his friends and families may become open and talkative in online communities, totally different from what he is like in real communities.

1. What are the possible dangers or problems if people spend a lot of time in online communities?

If people spend a lot of time in online communities, they will be greatly affected physically, mentally and emotionally. They may become inactive, slow in memorizing things, as well as addicted to the Internet and confuse the online communities with the real ones, thus having difficulties in communicating with other people around them.

1. Would you like to visit Anuta(阿努塔,太平洋上一个海岛)? Why or why not?

•I like traveling a lot, and I prefer going to places like Anuta. Though underdeveloped and isolated, it has not been damaged by industrialization and civilization.

•I don’t want to visit such underdeveloped and uncivilized places. People there may be rude and impolite. And the food may also be raw and not attractive. Moreover, there are no modern facilities.

1. What can the modern world learn from places like Anuta?

Anutan society emphasizes the value of collaboration. Places like Anuta show us how human beings should coexist with nature and protect their environment, traditions and customs. These are what the modern world can learn from places like Anuta.

10. What will happen to the local community of Anuta if more and more tourists visit there?

I think a lot of changes will occur if more and more tourists flock there. On the one hand, the tour industry would bring local people higher income and more opportunities for

employment. On the other hand, it will cause increasing damage to their environment and bring about changes in the values and lifestyles of local community.

1. Imagine that you were the President of the Maldives. What would you do if you had to start a new community?

As the President of the Maldives, I have to start a brand-new community. People in my country are used to living on islands, so I’d probably go to find a new island, a much bigger island. If we have a bigger island far above sea level, we won’t have the problem of moving again.

We are going to have a very large community, since all people now have to live on one single island. This new community is different from the old one, so I think we should draw up some new laws, although most old laws will remain unchanged. Since my people are living in different small islands, their customs might vary slightly from one another. Now we are going to come to a big island and live in a brand-new community. I think all the special customs of different islands will gradually merge together to form totally new ones. And the new customs will bind us together firmly to bright about a more harmonious community.