

The French in NCTU

Let's say "Bonjour a la NCTU."

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民國九十年至今，幾乎每年都有法國學生來光電系所上的實驗室進行學術交流。今年謝漢萍教授的實驗室也來了三位法國學生：Lucie、Lilian 和 Thibaut。他們同樣都來自 Optronics Engineering School, University South Paris。

Lucie 目前的研究題目是 3D 顯示器，而 Lilian 跟 Thibaut 分別是作液晶及色彩方面的研究。以下是他們三位對於台灣以及在法國的生活方式作的有趣比較。

FRANCE vs. TAIWAN

We are the French students in NCTU and now doing an internship in the Display Institute. In order to introduce you things about France, here is a little MCQ about French lives.

Questions:

1. What is the jet lag between France and Taiwan?

- a) 5 hours b) 6 hours c) 7 hours

2- What is the weather like during the summer in France?

- a) cold and humid b) hot and dry c) the same as winter

3- What is the most famous sport in France?

- a) basketball b) throwing the javelin c) soccer

4- What is the beverage that French people drink the most?

- a) wine b) water c) coffee

5- During what time do French people go to bed and wake up?

- ? a) 3AM/7AM b) 9PM/6AM c) 11PM/7AM

6- How do French people move in the city?

- ? a) car, motorcycle b) car, subway c) cycle, roller skate

7- How do you say "I love you" in French?

- a) Ich liebe dich b) Je t' aime c) Я тебя люблю
d) Ti amo e) Je m' appelle Jean

8- What time do the shops close?

- ? a) 5PM b) 8PM c) 10PM

9- What is the main taste in French food?

- ? a) salty b) spicy c) sugary

10- What do the young French people do at Saturday night?

- ? a) do their homework b) go to cinema, pub c) go to bed



Answers:

1-:b and c

During the winter, there are 7 hours difference time between France and Taiwan, while 6 hours in summer. Indeed, between winter and summer, we add one hour, and vice-versa between summer and winter.

2-:b

The weather during the summer is hot and dry. There is few moisture in the air. The average temperature is about 30°C.

3-:c

The most famous sport in France is soccer. Almost all men watch soccer game on television and often play soccer, while girls prefer shopping.

4-:a, b, c

French people drink coffee during breakfast and after lunch. They are used to drink water

during lunch and dinner. The wine is mostly tasted with friends during the dinner and while eating cheese at the end of the dinner.

5-:c

The work day generally begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 18:00 PM. The breakfast is at 7:30 AM, the lunch is at 12:00 AM, and the dinner is at 8:00 PM. Between the lunch and the dinner, there is a tea-time at 5:00 PM.



6-:b

In France, there are fewer motorcycles than in Taiwan. In cities, public transports are most useful. But driving cars are the main way to move within France.

7-:b Je t' aime

The answers a) is in German, c) is in Russian, d) is in Italian, and the e) in French means "My name is Jean".

8-:b

Most of the shops close at 8 PM. There is no night market in France. But twice a week in the early morning, (6:00 AM-12:00 AM) we can find some fresh food in the market.

9-:a and c

We don't make all the dishes on the table at the same time. First we have raw vegetables, then a main salty dish with meat and vegetables, after that, we eat cheese or yoghurt, and at the end, there is a sugary dish (fruit or cake).



10-:b

Generally, at Saturday night, we see a movie with friends, and then most of the time we go to the pubs

About our arrival in Taiwan

Since we have been here for about one month, we get used NCTU's lives. Especially we have been nicely surprised by the warm welcome from everybody. It's really pleasant to get help when we just arrived here because Taiwan is such a different foreign country to us.

Moreover, in France we supposed that as Taiwan is a subtropical country, the weather would have been hot. So we had only summer clothes in our luggage. Unfortunately, it was very cold when we arrived. But it has been very friendly that Taiwan friends helped us to buy some new clothes.



Breakfast in Nantou

When we bought some clothes warm enough, we visit Taiwan's famous scenes during weekends.



above: Breakfast in Nantou/ below: Anniversary University Concert – Lilian and his Taiwanese Friends Band

Even though Taiwan is much smaller than France, we find its landscapes are very diversified, from the mountains to the seashore. Also in our trips, we taste different kinds of food. Although the food is very different from what we are used to eat, it is delicious.

More importantly, the National Chiao Tung University is a very nice university and provides us a wide range of sports and cultural activities. We have even found some French novels written in French in the library!

All of these make it very pleasant and easy for a foreign student to live in Taiwan.