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什么是高考？

The biggest exam in China!

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Jīntiān wǒmen yào
shuō yīgè

今天我们要说一个

Today we are going to talk about

Zhōngguó hěn
zhòngyào de kǎoshì
—Gāokǎo.

中国很重要的考试——高考。

a very important exam in China — the
Gaokao.

Měinián liù yuèfèn,

每年6月份,

Every June,

Quánguó yǒu hěn duō
xuésēng cānjiā
gāokǎo.

全国有很多学生参加高考。

many students across the country take
the Gaokao.

Tāmen kǎo shénme
ne?

他们考什么呢？

What do they take in the exam?

Bìxuǎn kēmù
bāokuò... yúwén, shù
xué, wàiyǔ

必选科目包括：语文，数学，
外语

Required subjects include Chinese,
Maths, Foreign Language

Xuǎnkǎo kēmù
bāokuò wùlǐ huàxué
lìshǐ dìlǐ

选考科目包括：物理，化学，
历史，地理

Elective subjects include Physics,
Chemistry, History, Geography

Děngděng.

等等。

and so on.

Gāokǎo hěn nán,

高考很难，

The Gaokao is very difficult,

Kǎoshì shíjiān yībān
shì sān tiān,

考试时间一般是三天,

the exam usually lasts for three days,

Tímù hěn duō,

题目很多,

there are many questions,

Shíjiān hěn jǐn.

时间很紧。

and the time is very tight.

Nàme wèishéme
gāokǎo zhème
zhòngyào?

那么为什么高考这么重要?

So why is the Gaokao so important?

Yīnwèi Zhōngguó de
dàxué kàn gāokǎo
chéngjī lái lǚqǔ
xuéshēng.

因为中国的大学看高考成绩来
录取学生。

Because Chinese universities use
Gaokao scores to admit students.

Gāokǎo chéngjī hǎo
jiù kěyǐ shàng hǎo
dàxué,

高考成绩好就可以上好大学,

If you get a good score, you can go to a
good university,

Bǐrú Běijīng Dàxué,
Qīnghuá Dàxué,
Fùdàn Dàxué.

比如北京大学、清华大学、复
旦大学。

like Peking University, Tsinghua
University, or Fudan University.

Gāokǎo chéngjī bù
hǎo jiù hěn nán shàng
dàxué,

高考成绩不好就很难上大学,

If your score is not good, it's hard to get
into university,

Huòzhě zhǐ néng
shàng yīgè hěn pǔtōng
de dàxué.

或者只能上一个很普通的大
学。

or you can only go to a very ordinary
one.

Suǒyǐ hěn duō rén
shuō,

所以很多人说,

So many people say

Gāokǎo kěyǐ gǎibiàn
mìngyùn.

高考可以改变命运。

the Gaokao can change your fate.

Mìngyùn jiùshì nǐ de
rénsēng hé wèilái.

命运就是你的人和未。

Fate means your life and future.

Hěn duō xuéshēng
wèile gāokǎo xuéxí
hěn duō nián.

很多学生为了高考学习很多
年。

Many students study for years just for
the Gaokao.

Zài gāozhōng de
zuìhòu yī nián,

在高中的一年，

In the last year of high school,

Yě jiùshì gāosān,

也就是高三，

which is called "Senior Three,"

Gāokǎo dàilái de yālì
fēicháng dà.

高考带来的压力非常大。

the pressure from Gaokao is extremely
high.

Xuéshēng yǒu yālì,

学生有压力，

Students feel pressure,

Lǎoshī yǒu yālì,

老师有压力，

teachers feel pressure,

Jiāzhǎng yě yǒu yālì.

家长也有压力。

and parents feel pressure too.

Wǒ tuījiàn yīgè
Zhōngguó diànshìjù
jiào "Xiǎo Huānxǐ",

我推荐一个中国电视剧叫《小
欢喜》，

I recommend a Chinese TV drama called
A Little Reunion,

Jiùshì yī bù jiǎng sān
gè jiātíng hé tāmen de
háizi zhǔnbèi gāokǎo
de gùshì,

就是一部讲三个家庭和他们的
孩子准备高考的故事，

it's about three families and their
children preparing for the Gaokao,

Fēicháng zhēnshí,

非常真实，

very realistic,

Yě hěn hǎokàn.

也很好看。

and very good to watch.

Hěn duō rén juéde
gāokǎo shì yīgè
gōngpíng de kǎoshì,

很多人觉得高考是一个公平的
考试,

Many people think the Gaokao is a fair
exam,

Bùguǎn nǐ jiā yǒu qián
háishì méi qián,

不管你家有钱还是没钱,

no matter if your family is rich or not,

Zhǐyào nǐ xuéxí nǔlì,

只要你学习努力,

as long as you study hard,

Nǐ jiù yǒu jīhuì.

你就有机会。

you have a chance.

Dànshì yě yǒuxiē rén
juéde gāokǎo bù
wánquán gōngpíng,

但是也有些人觉得高考不完全
公平,

But some people think the Gaokao is not
completely fair,

Wèishéme ne?

为什么呢?

why is that?

Yīnwèi chéngshì lǐ de
xuéxiào bǐjiào hǎo,

因为城市里的学校比较好,

Because schools in cities are better,

Lǎoshī yě bǐjiào hǎo,

老师也比较好,

the teachers are better too,

Xuéxí de zīyuán gèng
duō.

学习的资源更多。

and there are more learning resources.

Chéngshì lǐ de
xuésēng kěyǐ qù
bǔxíbān,

城市里的学生可以去补习班,

City students can go to tutoring classes,

Yǒu gèng duō
bāngzhù,

有更多帮助,

they get more help,

Èr nóngcūn de
xuésēng kěnéng
méiyǒu zhèxiē
tiáojiàn,

而农村的学生可能没有这些条件，

but rural students might not have these conditions,

Méiyǒu zhème duō
zīyuán.

没有这么多资源。

they don't have as many resources.

Èr líng èr sì nián
quánguó gāokǎo
bàomíng rénshù wéi
yīqiān sān bǎi
sìshí' èr wàn rén.

2024年全国高考报名人数为
1342万人。

In 2024, 13.42 million people registered for the Gaokao nationwide.

Nǐ yǒu méiyǒu fāxiàn
Zhōngguó rén
fēicháng zhòngshì
kǎoshì?

你有没有发现中国人非常重视考试？

Have you noticed that Chinese people really value exams?

Cóng xiǎoxué dào
gōngzuò yīzhí dōu zài
zhǔnbèi kǎoshì.

从小学到工作一直都在准备考试。

From primary school to work, people are always preparing for exams.

Yǒu de rén shuō
Zhōngguó rén tài
kànzòng kǎoshì le,

有的人说中国人太看重考试了，

Some people say Chinese people focus too much on exams,

Hěn duō xuésēng zhǐ
huì kǎoshì,

很多学生只会考试，

many students are only good at taking tests,

Bù huì biǎodá,

不会表达，

but can't express themselves,

Bù huì hézuò,

不会合作，

can't cooperate,

Yě bù kuàilè.

也不快乐。

and aren't happy.

Tāmen méiyǒu shíjiān
yùndòng,

他们没有时间运动,

They don't have time to exercise,

Méiyǒu shíjiān jiāo
péngyǒu.

没有时间交朋友。

or time to make friends.

Xiànzài,

现在,

Now,

Yīxiē lǎoshī hé
jiāzhǎng kāishǐ xiǎng,

一些老师和家长开始想,

some teachers and parents are starting
to think,

Kǎoshì zhòngyào,

考试重要,

exams are important,

Dàn bùshì zuì
zhòngyào.

但不是最重要。

but not the most important.

Háizi yào xué zhīshì,

孩子要学知识,

Children should learn knowledge,

Yě yào xué shēnghuó.

也要学生活。

and also learn about life.

Yīgè hǎo xuéshēng bù
zhǐ shì kǎoshì kǎo de
hǎo,

一个好生不只是考试考得好,

A good student is not just good at tests,

Yě yào yǒu xiǎngfǎ,

也要有想法、

they should also have ideas,

Yǒu mèngxiǎng,

有梦想、

have dreams,

Yǒu kuàilè de
shēnghuó.

有快乐的生活。

and live a happy life.

Gāokǎo shì Zhōngguó
shèhuì hé wénhuà de
yībùfèn.

高考是中国社会和文化的一部分。

The Gaokao is part of Chinese society
and culture.

Tā yǒu hǎochù,

它的好处,

It has advantages,

Yě yǒu wèntí.

也有问题。

but also problems.

Nǐ yǒu shénme kànfǎ
ne?

你有什么看法呢?

What do you think?