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Personal statement:

I am a hardworking and motivated English graduate seeking a rewarding and challenging employment opportunity abroad, preferably in Asia. I aspire towards a career in teaching or political research; I am patient and relaxed and believe my personality is well suited to teaching groups of all ages and abilities to utilise the English language. My communication skills, both oral and written, are excellent and I have a real passion and flare developing my abilities, and the abilities of others. I have always been eager experience another culture and partake in a non-western way of life.

Education:

TEFL 20 hour weekend course: completed

- Introduction to teaching methodologies and practice, taught by an experienced EFL teacher. This provided opportunities to conduct various lessons and activities that could be encountered in an EFL classroom.

TEFL 50 hour online course: grade = 91%

- A more comprehensive look into teaching methodologies and lesson planning, also works through the structural, phonological and lexical aspects of teaching English. Other modules included considerations for teaching young learners, business students and individuals.

Master of Arts degree, English and Politics (2004-2009) University of Dundee

- **Upper Second Class Honours**

Scottish Qualifications Authority Dalziel High School, Motherwell Advanced Higher award: English Higher awards: Business Management, English, Geography, Human Biology and Modern Studies.

Related experience:

- I have plenty of experience talking in front of groups, having to conduct at least three presentations at university each year, these ranged in duration from 10 – 25 minutes.

- Currently reading: Harmer, Jeremy (2007) The Practice of English Language Teaching

Work experience

(2005) Shop floor assistant Tesco Supermarket, Dundee

(2003-2004) Warehouse, shop floor and cashier assistant. J. Sainsbury’s Supermarkets, Hamilton

Interests & hobbies

- Enjoy reading feminist and post-modern political theory and philosophy; postmodernist, postcolonial and English Renaissance literature.

- Camping, kayaking and hill walking.

- Shodan (1st Dan) in Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu, and Kenjutsu

- Golf, member of Crail golfing society

- Travelling, travelled large parts of Western and Eastern Europe, and trekked across part of the Atlas Mountains in Morocco - also visited Marrakech and Essaouira.

Referees:

Dr James Stewart: English lecturer Dundee University - j.c.q.stewart@dundee.ac.uk

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