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1

Children are usually pushed to do things related to school and sports in their spare time. They should spend more time to do whatever they want.

Children are the people who represent the future of a nation. Under, however, such competitive society, they are forced to do things under the so-called “the best interest” for them in this world. Those things are something related to school and sports performed in their spare time. A majority of people consider this is not right and children should spend more time to engage in things they want instead. To me, this is really what I think so.

To begin with, children can relieve stress built up in their daily routine. Young children are under all kinds of pressure today. For instance, going out earlier in the day time, they start their hectic day immediately upon arriving at school. Tests, homework, presentations and math questions await them to solve. Even though doing exercise can be a great relief for them to be temporarily away from this intense routine, many of them are just hoping they can do something they enjoy at this precious moment—their spare time. They may just long to watch their favorite cartoon, or to read comic books to channel the pressure accumulated in their daily life. Only through embarking on things children enjoy can they ease their stress for the forthcoming challenges in the future time. Secondly, children can know themselves better if they are not pressed to do things in their spare time. In other words, children can explore the world more through different activities they enjoy doing. By spending more time to do whatever they want in their spare time, children can search the world to their own liking. For instance, if students like to cook, they can do this immensely in their spare time. They can then find out if they can actually cook or just want to cook. By cooking, they can know themselves better on things they are adept at or things they are clumsy at. Through actually involving in an activity they aspire to, they can perceive what kind of people they are.

Cooking takes time and patience; it is not just a process of mixing ingredients together and cook. Children can better understand themselves through the whole process. This is not something that will be tested in school; however, young children can learn things in a more relaxing way. Besides, whatever they do, they enjoy themselves because they are not forced to do things they dislike.

In contrast to my stand for this topic, some people may think that children need to be regulated to do things since their time is limited. They need to manage to perform well in their academic work, while they also need to do exercise to keep them in shape. Those considering children need to be pushed to do things deem that most children do things purely for happiness and for fun as they are the big follower of the addressed term — “pleasure principle.” Otherwise stated, if they are not forced to do something, they will just end up wasting time surfing on the Internet, sleeping all day or simply just fooling around. Nevertheless, I still do not think children should be pushed to do things only related to school and sports in their spare time. Firstly, school and sports already take up too much time in their daily life. Even though those are of importance for sure, they still should spend more time to do whatever they want. Secondly, the definition of “spare time” is the time left from what they should do as students, so the time is not plenty. Children need to take a

rest in their spare time by either doing things they can feel relaxed or trying different things they like for understanding themselves better.

We never know the potential of a child if we just constrain them from doing things we think advantageous to them. This is definitely not education and it will coerce not just the development of children, but the whole human race in the long run.

2

If a city has given money to investment, which option would prefer: 1. build a public garden to provide a quiet environment to benefit all 2. build a sports field for students in a high school that doesn't have its own(131220NA)

It is a complicated issue for the city to put its fund for a more proper utilization. Tricky as it is, the decision made will influence a great number of people in the area. Should this amount of money be invested in the public garden to benefit all the city citizens, or in the sports field for high school which does not have its own? In my opinion, I think I would side with the former~ using this sum of money to invest the public garden for a quiet environment to benefit all.

Firstly, the investment for the public will benefit more people. In other words, this amount of money belongs to city, not exclusive to the school. In a macro-perspective point of view, the decision of investing this fund should be used to benefit more people. If a public garden is built up, the citizens in this city will have more places to go. For nice-to-five worker, they are mostly under stress for their busy life. On the weekend, they can go to the garden to relax and enjoy a wide variety of flower scenery. Nature heals. Their pressure accumulated can be channeled and they can be more ready for the future challenges. For students, they also can go to the public garden with either their classmates or family. Pressure released, students can improve their academic performance. At the same time, they can also have more time being with their parents for a quality family time while relaxing themselves. Thus, only through investing this amount of money into the public area can the city make a sound option for benefiting all of its citizens.

Secondly, public gardens are suitable places to meet people. Living life in the fast lane, city people usually go to public places for not just releasing their pressure, but also for meeting new people. According to Nature Journal, "Plants have the effect of making people feel better in both mind and in spirit." If a public garden is established, city people as well as students will have more chances to meet up different people, strengthening social relationship. For instance, due to lack of leisure time, people always try to do things that can benefit them the most. By visiting a public garden, people from all walks of life can meet people they know or talk to people they do not know, increasing opportunities to make friends. Besides, they can relax themselves by the nature power of plants. Contrarily, if the city decides to invest this amount of money to high schools that do not have their own sports field, this will only benefit a smaller number of citizens in this city. By taking the advantage of the public garden, high schools can also arrange field trips to the place and they can also benefit themselves with this option. One step further, they can also learn the knowledge of various plants.

Thirdly, the public garden can catch the eye of tourists from other cities or countries. In a wider point of view, the word “investment” means that it will not just bring ideal benefits to people, but lead to a more practical concept—the revenue. To be more concise, if the public garden is made, it will purify the air of the city, making this city more desirable for visitors. Public gardens can be a place where visitors will like to pay a pilgrim to for total relaxation, such as the public gardens in Singapore or those in Philadelphia, just to name a few, in which those fantastic public gardens attract thousands of people to come and appreciate. They will spend money in this city while visiting the garden, which is a great means of increasing the revenue of the city. The amount of money made from all the commercial activities during their visiting public gardens can be used to improve the quality of the city, such as building up libraries, more hybrid buses and the forth. Hence, investing the amount of money into the public area is a win-win policy for all the people living in this city.

Coins have two sides, admittedly, some people may think that high school students are at the age when they need a lot of exercise for their future, be it the build-up of their physique or be it the outlet of channeling daily pressure from life as well as from school work. Additionally, many young people suffer from depression, loneliness owing to shortage of places where they can engage themselves for exercising. The best places for them are the sports field built within the proximity of the school. I do not deny those benefits and viewpoints. However, there are many places where those young kids can go to release their pressure and build up good relationship with people, such as gyms, parks or even paths along rivers or mountains. It is the question of whether those young people long to do it or not. Furthermore, a city should spend the money on the places where they can do more good to people. The investment in the public garden is a decent choice that can—benefit all the people, provide more choices for meeting people in their leisure time and augment the city revenue for more merits of the city. Undoubtedly, if the city is considering the best investment from the two options stated, it is definitely not a decent choice for building up sports fields for high school that does not have their own, after all.

3

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? All school teachers should be required to take courses every five years to update their knowledge. 20120114CN

Nowadays, at the information era, the updating rate of knowledge is becoming so fast that even every day there are new theories discovered. People intend to study continuously, in order to follow the new discoveries and inventions. Therefore, some people strongly recommend that teachers should take courses every five years to update their knowledge. In my opinion it is quite necessary for teachers to do so, because it could help them improve themselves and be more qualified to teach students.

First of all, taking courses regularly helps teachers to improve not only their academic

knowledge but also their teaching skills. As the old saying goes that, "It is never too late to start to learn". Each person should make lifetime-learning as his long-term plan regardless of his occupation or age. So the teachers should take courses purposely to improve their teaching methods, and to learn from other excellent teachers. For example, during the learning process in the course, teachers can be good friends by talking about the unique solution to cope with tough students addicted in internet, alcohol or even drugs. And by exchanging each other's techniques, dealing with problematic students is no longer a headache.

Second, it is also a necessary requirement for a responsible teacher to update his knowledge for the sake of students. Teacher is a very special occupation. Its mission is to transfer knowledge to the next generation. If the knowledge the teachers acquired is out of use, how can the students be taught well. Moreover, a wide range of knowledge is the symbol of a good teacher, so he can arouse the students' interests to some boring fields like history and biology. The responsibility a teacher burdens demands the endless learning.

Last but not the least, updating knowledge is necessary for some kind of teachers, such as teachers in the university. Teachers in the university not only teach students professional knowledge, but also direct students how do some researches. Researchers must follow the newest theories and discoveries in the academic field. Updating knowledge helps them keep competitive, it is more than requirement and responsibility. Maybe a number of teachers can become professors due to their advanced expertise.

In conclusion, as is known to us, teachers stand right in the forefront of acquirement of the ever-updating knowledge. In order to improve themselves, teach students better and even do their researches better, teachers should take courses every five years to update their knowledge and polish their skills.

4

If your teacher says something incorrect in a class, what will you do? 1. Interrupt your teacher right away 2. Keep silent 3. Correct your teacher after class

If my teacher says something incorrect during class, I think it is best to correct the teacher after class. To begin with, I wouldn't want to embarrass my teacher in front of the other students. I also wouldn't want the other students to potentially doubt my teacher's credibility, when the incorrect remark was probably just a small mistake. At the same time, it's important to ensure the teacher is aware of their mistake and is able to remedy it.

It is unnecessary and slightly rude to interrupt your teacher during class if he or she says something incorrect. They could become embarrassed and flustered at being corrected in such a public setting. Even if my intentions were good, teachers are only human. They have egos. They could even be angry with me because it seemed like I was undermining their authority as an educator.

There is also the chance that some of the other students could start to get a skeptical view of the teacher's abilities if the mistake was blatantly pointed out. Even if it was just a small mistake, like saying a king was born five years earlier than he really was, different people's perceptions can

vary wildly about such errors. A couple students could repeat the incident to their friends, saying that the teacher doesn't seem to know much about his or her own subject. Gossip and unfair reputations can sometimes begin in such ways and I wouldn't want that.

However, it is still important that the teacher is made aware of his or her mistake so that they don't continue teaching it to more students. Nicely mentioning it to them after class is the best option. My tone will immediately seem more friendly and conversational rather than confrontational, hopefully making the teacher more receptive. All he or she would have to do is discreetly change that small part of the lecture for the next class and the problem would be solved, to everyone's benefit.

That's why I believe that privately correcting a teacher after class when they make a mistake is the best choice. They are not publicly embarrassed, other students aren't made aware of the mistake, and the teacher is still able to remedy the error for future classes.

5

When choosing a place for living, which factor is the most important one for you? 1. Living in an area not expensive, 2. Living close to relatives 3. Living in an area with many shops and restaurants.

For me, the most important factor when choosing a place to live is that the area contains many shops and restaurants. I like to meet different people during my everyday routine, which isn't easy to do if you live somewhere isolated. I also like to see new products and feel like I'm connected to the current culture. Finally, I want to be able to show any guests a good time when they visit my neighborhood.

It's enjoyable for me to be able to meet many different people during the day. I don't want to make my coffee in my kitchen; I want to go to a coffee shop down the street and say good morning to the friendly people that work there. I want to stop by a bookstore after work and chat with the owner or fellow customers about what books they've been reading lately. Even walking down the sidewalk in a busy part of town can provide some fascinating interactions. That's why living in such a neighborhood is important to me. I'm sociable and wouldn't be able to thrive in an empty neighborhood without much going on.

Connected to this, I like to be aware of all the newest products and items available out in the world. It's quite exciting to be able to walk down my own block and see the latest fashions in store windows. I don't like feeling like I'm out of the cultural loop, so living in a solely residential neighborhood just wouldn't work.

When friends and relatives come to stay with me, I also like to show them a good time. My best friend and I will shop for shoes. I'll take my dad out to try to find the spiciest restaurant we can. I love providing them with fun options for their visit, instead of having no clue what to do. Living in an area full of shops and restaurants makes this very easy.

That's why I always prioritize finding a place to live that is surrounded by shops and restaurants. I love daily encounters with several different people, which happen at such places of business. I make a definite attempt to stay updated on current products and culture. And finally, I want my

guests to have an exciting and fun time when they visit

6

A high school has decided that all students must take a class in which they learn a practical skill. School administrators are trying to decide whether to hold a class in cooking, managing personal finances or auto repair. Which do you think the school should require students to take? Why?

I believe that the high school should require its students to learn cooking as a practical skill. Of the three options, cooking is the skill most likely to be used on a regular basis. It is also the simplest and least risky, whereas the managing of personal finances and auto repair can often require the help of professionals. Finally, cooking classes would be the most interactive and likely capture the attention of the students more than the other two subjects.

Cooking is a practical skill that is immediately useful. High school students could literally go home after school and prepare dinner for their parents, based on what they learned in class. Of course, as the students become adults and move out on their own, the ability to cook will be even more appreciated in their day-to-day lives. The difference between microwaveable food, full of salt and preservatives, and a hearty home-cooked meal is quite noticeable. The simple fact is that human beings eat food every day and knowing how to cook food is endlessly beneficial. While being able to manage personal finances or repair an automobile are also useful skills, they aren't necessarily ones that will be used frequently or consistently. Some people don't own their own car or even have a driver's license. Many students don't have a regular income, so managing finances could seem like an abstract concept that they're not ready for. But everyone can connect with the idea of being able to prepare a nice meal for themselves and others.

It is also difficult to fail drastically at cooking. Yes, you can accidentally burn bread or add sugar to your stew instead of salt, but the negative results are still minor. At worst, you end up throwing the meal in the trash. The negative consequences of failing at auto repair or managing personal finances can be much more severe. Somebody could wire their engine incorrectly and cause it to catch fire, resulting in hundreds of dollars in damages. They could invest a large amount of cash in a risky stock, losing a lot of money in the process. Even adults often go to professionals for such matters. Forcing teenagers to gain a rudimentary knowledge of auto repair or personal finance might be frustrating and even a little risky if they get into difficult situations that they're not equipped to handle.

Cooking classes also seem that they would be the most interactive and engaging for high school students. Meals can be prepared in groups and then tasted by the entire class. Creating interesting and tasty dishes could actually be a fun activity, letting the students both compete in a friendly way and assist each other. Fixing cars or considering finances, on the other hand, are activities that more or less happen alone. While some students would surely enjoy them, others would be quite bored.

That's why I believe that it would be best for the high school to teach cooking as a practical skill, rather than auto repair or managing personal finances. Cooking is endlessly useful in daily life, it is the most difficult activity to botch, and the classes would likely be the most interactive and fun for students across the board.

7

People should state their honest opinions even though they know others ,will disagree with their views.

I agree that it is a good thing to state our honest opinions, even though others may disagree with us. You're never going to please everyone, so you might as well say what you truly feel. Sometimes when you speak your mind, you find that you set off a chain reaction of others standing up and supporting you. Finally, hiding your true voice can cause deep personal frustration and unhappiness.

No matter what, you're never going to please everyone with what you say. Even if you try to be blandly pleasant and non-offensive all the time, someone is going to disagree with you. It's just human nature. Our opinions and personalities are so varied and complex. You say you think the weather is nice today? Someone will respond that it's too cold. You think cats are cute? Ew! Someone thinks they are bratty and mean animals! If there is always going to be disagreement no matter what, you might as well say what you truly think. You'll feel better. Don't worry about offending people; it's unavoidable! Go ahead and say you think your town's mayor is out-of-touch, if you think it. Or that personalized license plates are tacky or that the latest hit pop song is annoying, or whatever! Speak your mind.

Also, the positive aspect of this is that sometimes, when you speak up about something, others will be inspired to do the same. They could have just been too shy or scared before. For example, a parent could write an open letter to the local newspaper, saying that the speed limit is way too fast near a popular park where lots of kids play. Maybe a lot of other parents had thought the same thing and worried about their children's safety, but had never said anything because they didn't want to start trouble. Encouraged by the open letter, they could then write their own letters of support and work to eventually get the speed limit lowered. The key was that first parent speaking his or her mind, making others feels safe to do so too.

Not speaking honestly is also just bad for the soul. People can begin to feel depressed and frustrated if they censor themselves and don't speak their minds. They feel as if their voice doesn't matter, so they must not matter either. They shouldn't hide their own thoughts and opinions.

Yes, it is important for people to be honest and speak their minds, regardless of what others think. You can't please everyone anyway, you could inspire others to speak out as well, and hiding your thoughts is unhealthy and damaging.

8

DO you agree or disagree with the statement : It is important for people to understand events happening around the world even though it will not affect our daily lives.

1 It is important to know what is happening in the world, even if you think it does not affect your personal life. In reality, it is impossible for an individual to remain unaffected by world events. As effective global citizens, we must be aware of world issues and take responsibility for ourselves, one another, and the earth.

Our awareness of the world helps us shape our lives instead of letting life happen to us. We are all part of a single global community now, thanks to the Information Age that brought us together. Consequently, the number of inter-government organizations is on the rise. The G8 (The Group of Eight), NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization), SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation), UNWTO (United Nations World Trade Organization) and IMF (International Monetary Fund) to name a few, meet yearly to discuss issues that impact every global citizen. We are wise to know the discussion topics and take part in influencing the decisions.

As human beings, our responsibility is toward our shared humanity. We rely indirectly on one another for survival. We benefit from understanding the issues that underlie conflict and war. It is the only way to creatively imagine possible solutions. Humans must collectively move from the traditional principle of conquering to a new principle of cooperating. Doesn't every human being start as a baby without malice in his heart? Doesn't every parent want food, water, shelter, and a better life for her children? Doesn't each of us have personal dreams and ambitions? We must embrace our basic human similarities. Seven billion people live on Earth. Either we live cooperatively, or we die divisively.

Earth sustains humanity, so it is our duty to protect it. In our current economic system, many people are destroying the earth for monetary gain. Nutrient pollution in the ocean, rising carbon dioxide levels in the air, and jungle deforestation endanger the delicate balance of life on Earth. Multinational companies threaten our food source permanently with genetic engineering. The present rate of destruction cannot continue uninhibited. Eventually, Earth will no longer be able to sustain life.

Don't think that you can turn your gaze from the events of the world and continue with your happy life. The drama of world events will unfold with or without your awareness. Directly or indirectly, world events have an effect on everyone. The real question is what are you going to do about it.

2

As the technology advances, the world is getting smaller that everything is interconnected in this global village. Understanding events occurring in this world, thus, is not just important, but essential, providing it will not affect our daily lives. Some people may have a different perspective toward me; however, in my opinion, events happening around the world are of importance to everyone living in this globe whether or not they are affecting our daily life.

Firstly, world economy is heavily connected to each country. To be more concise, for some people, they may think what is happening in, for example, Russia, is not affecting them at all since it is far away from their countries, such as Taiwan, Thailand or Japan. Nevertheless, if Russia is economically punished by the European countries due to political issues, can the economy of Asian countries remain promising and stable? People buy mutual funds, stocks or natural gases which are based on the worldwide investing regions. It may seemingly look unimportant to our life, yet all the countries will be affected sooner or later. Moreover, for investors, the knowledge of worldwide events, such as crude price in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, contributes to better decisions on their future investment. Therefore, in a world of globalization, it is certainly important for people not to be ignorant of what is happening about this world.

In the second place, people can more opportunities to help each other. Some events happening around the world are indeed not very influential, but people are suffering. As a world citizen, we need to understand what is going on in this world and know what we can do to help each other for a better tomorrow. By understanding the famine problem in African, we can donate money to charities like Red Cross or World Vision. By reading the news about the torrential rain, Tsunami or earthquakes in certain countries, we can provide them with what we can to mitigate the pain the sorrow. For sure, those events do not affect people living far away in other counties, yet we can help each other by understanding those events; besides, as the proverb goes "What goes around comes around," we do not know what is happening in the future and maybe we will be in need of assistance when those mournful events occurring in our own country. Moreover, we can learn from those events happening in other countries and make preventions prior to such natural disasters take place.

Admittedly, living in this highly competitive world should be efficient since modern people have too much to learn that they need to be focused on things affecting them in daily life. In addition, if we all try to understand everything happening in this world, our life will be so distracted as there are so many things taking places every second and everywhere. In other words, we need to have the faculty to sort out important information affecting us and meaningful to us. However, the knowledge of human beings is limited and we are not sure if something not affecting our life really does not affect us down the road. When we feel the event can affect us, it might be too late to react. Hence, in my strong opinion, it is no doubt for everybody to learn about events happening around the world even though it will not affect our daily lives. The world is small and things are complicated in connection, after all.

9

Some jobs can pay high salaries but require employees to leave their family and friends. Other jobs pay few salaries but allow employees to stay with family and friends. Which job do you

prefer and why? 20111119NA

10

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Society benefits more from works of great artist than from political leaders. (130928NA)

I agree with the notion that society benefits more from the work of great artists than from political leaders. Art can be so pure and immediate, whereas political leaders can take months or even years to make decisions. Artists can capture small and beautiful moments of humanity, with no real agenda, whereas politicians naturally have an agenda and can have their true feelings stifled by trying to please their voters. Political leaders can also cause a great deal of harm to society at times, whereas artists rarely do.

It is very easy for society to benefit from art. There are thousands and thousands of paintings, films, books, and other artistic creations freely available to people at any given time. These artworks can inspire, delight, shock, and inform people about the world with a certain immediacy and intimacy. They can aid people in discerning what qualities in life they value the most. It may sound simplistic, but many people really do grow and better themselves through exposure to art. Politicians, on the other hand, can be extremely slow to act. Certain laws can be beneficial to society, of course. But it can take months or years to enact laws, with a large amount of voting and bickering along the way. A person could experience countless pieces of art before a political leader did something that directly affected them.

Art also does not require a political agenda. Some of the most stirring artworks are ones that simply study characters or show snippets of human life, allowing us to feel whatever we may. On the other side of things, politicians by nature are going to have an agenda they are trying to push. Furthermore, the things they tell the public can be untrue or simply insincere attempts to win votes. It can be disheartening to hear a political leader give a speech on something you are passionate about, such as the environment or healthcare, and realize the politician only seems to suddenly care about this topic because there is an election coming up. Politicians seem to repeatedly toy with our emotions in this way. At least with the work of artists, we know they are saying what they mean. Our positive reactions are based on something solid and genuine.

Finally, when political leaders do turn their words into actions, there can sometimes be dire consequences. Politicians can declare war, cut funding that helps the poor, and many other awful things. They can hurt society in real, substantial ways. Art, for all the influence it can have on people, very rarely does actual harm.

That's why I believe society benefits more from the work of great artists than from political leaders. Art is consistently available and can help people formulate their ideas about the world, unlike the somewhat stifled political system. Politicians can be conniving and always have an agenda to push, where art is more pure. And the actions of politicians can have horrible real life consequences, where art rarely hurts people in such a way.

11

Children should spend most of their time studying or playing; they shouldn't be required to help the family with household chores.

In the past in many countries, children were valuable workers. For example, they helped in the family business in order to bring in money. Just a couple of generations later, attitudes have changed. Now children are hardly expected to work at all. Modern children often don't even do chores. This is sad because I think that they are missing something if they don't help out at home. Sharing in household tasks benefits children of all ages.

First of all, household tasks build skills. Very young children learn motor skills and classification skills when they pick up their toys and put them away. Talking about how to do things helps them learn to analyze situations. Older children learn skills they'll need as an adult. Cleaning and cooking may seem dull, but knowing how to do them well makes life a lot easier. How many young adults leave for college unable to do their own laundry or cook anything besides a frozen microwave dinner? It's amazingly common.

When everyone in a family helps out, the family is happier. Nowadays it's common for both parents to work. When they come home, they have more work to do. Life is stressful and there's no time for fun. By sharing household tasks, everyone gains. Children can help their parents with simple tasks such as picking up their own rooms, putting away their own laundry, starting dinner occasionally, or taking care of younger siblings. Then the family can relax together, and parent won't feel like servants to their "couch potato" offspring.

The most important thing children learn from helping with household tasks is responsibility. Handling everyday tasks teaches organization and time management skills. Children learn that chores have to be completed before they can play, or before they get their allowances. Children who understand that effort pays off will be more successful later in life.

Kids should not work all the time. A happy life needs balance. But if they can successfully handle tasks at home, they will handle life better too. They will know the satisfaction of doing a good job, be involved in family life, and become more confident and responsible adults.

12

If you need to discuss upsetting or controversial problems with others, you will use e-mail or text messaging, OR use the telephone or voice-messaging. 或者 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? If you need to discuss upsetting or controversial problems with others, Using e-mail/text messaging is better than using telephone/voice-messaging.

When I need to talk about a problem that might be upsetting, I prefer to use e-mail or text messaging to express myself. I have three main reasons for this preference.

First, I am an extremely sensitive person. I tend to see every tiny expression and nonverbal behavior as embodying special meaning. Even a glimpse of something can bother me for a long

time. When I must communicate about something upsetting or controversial, I like to use e-mails or text messages so that I am not bothered by people's reactions. If I cannot see how others are responding, I can remain focused on the problem and stay in the best condition to solve it.

Moreover, using written forms of communication such as e-mail and text messaging to discuss upsetting things allows people to pour out feelings that they are too embarrassed to state directly. At one time, I had problems with a friend in senior high school. He had helped me with mathematics since we were freshmen. This became a problem when his girlfriend entered my class. In order to avoid his girlfriend misunderstanding our relationship, he stopped talking to me and broke off our tutoring. I fell into deep sorrow. I was aware that it was necessary to have a deep conversation with him; otherwise, I would lose a friend. However, the words in my heart were hard to speak directly to him. I wrote a three-page letter and told him everything I thought. The letter saved our friendship. After that experience, I understood that writing can help resolve upsetting and controversial situations.

Finally, writing down ideas and opinions can be the best way to avoid conflict and misunderstanding. When people talk about upsetting and controversial issues, they are easily excited and then easily become involved in arguments. Solving problems by exchanging opinions and ideas through written words can prevent conflict from happening. One of my neighbors once dropped a note to me saying that my bicycle shouldn't be parked in front the driveway. The note was contained in a very lovely envelope, which was so sweet that I could not say no to his request, although it is a shared driveway and I have the right to park my bike there.

In conclusion, although we now live in a busy world where time is precious, it is better that we slow down and relax for a minute, think about what we are going say, try to write them down in words and then communicate the messages to others.

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If you're going to make a big purchase (such as, a car or a house...), explain how the following three sources

of information influence your decision.

- (1) Recommendations from friends or colleagues.
- (2) Recommendations from the media (for example, newspaper, TV,...)
- (3) Recommendations from a salesperson in a store.

When people are making purchases for "big ticket" items, such as cars or even houses, they must have so many factors that affect their final decision. Those factors may come from the influence of

"word of mouth" from their friends or colleagues, or advertisement from newspaper or TV, or recommendations from a store salesperson and so forth. Each of the factors does influence people's final decision since the big purchase is not something trivial.

Firstly, recommendations from friends or colleagues win my trust. As we all know that friends or colleagues are those people we socialize with, so we will place more trust on them. Since the big

purchase should find trust source in order to make the final decision in an objective way. Besides, for instance, when friends or colleagues recommend me, it usually means they have the experience using the same products and are able to provide their sincere opinions for more considerations for my purchase. For instance, when i was trying to buy a car, my friend suggested me to locate my need first. I had no idea about it because I just wanted the feeling of owning a car like everybody did. After talking to him, he suggested me to buy a Toyota, which was not that expensive and durable. If I decided to sell it, it would not be too difficult since people love this type of car. Trusting my friend, I bought the car and I made a right choice. Thus, recommendations from either friends or colleagues are more trustworthy and people believe them more.

Secondly, recommendations from the media enable people to create the opportunity of demand. Information sources from, for example, newspaper or TV actually all make attempts to catch people's eye in a short time trying to create the need for viewers. To clarify, for big purchases, if I do not have the need, I would not pay much attention to it. If the newspaper or TV try to make people know they are selling houses, they either write down or say all the benefits and advantages in the shortest form possible, maybe with an exaggerating way. Buyers will be attracted at that moment due to the flashy punch lines or embellished facts about them and think about buying the item whether they really need it or not. Another example is TV Shopping channels. The host acts as a friend of us or an inspector of the product for us in selling things. Sometimes we just do not need such big purchase, such as fancy cars or jewelries, but due to the benefits being overstated, we try to persuade ourselves to buy them. For example, maybe the big ticket items can increase the value over time or it is a must for a modern person to own such fancy vehicles. The demand will be created from this information source.

Thirdly, recommendations from a salesperson in a store make people feel the item more real. In other words, when we go to a store, we can really feel the item we are trying to buy and we can ask questions on the spot. For example, if I long to buy a car, the salesperson can tell me all the knowledge about the car, some of which I might not aware. This gives me more information to make my final decision. Perhaps, they might not be as genuine as my friends or colleagues in the product, but I can ask questions and touch the item and generate more questions for my final decision. On the contrary, if I just read the newspaper or listening TV about it, I can only sort out the information that has been selectively and intentionally released by the seller. For a big purchase item, I think people need to be as cautious as possible and really feel the item in order to make their final decisions.

In conclusion, whatever people try to buy, they need as much information as possible before they make their final decision. Especially for big purchases, which are more costly and if folks do not gather enough information and buy things on an impulse, they can end up losing money and gaining things not in their favor. As the proverb says, "it is never sorry to be mindful."

Some people suggest that using a cleaner energy to protect the environment is better, but some people say the traditional energy sources such as coal and oil is less expensive, what is your

suggestion? 20130927NA

1 In my opinion, traditional sources of energy such as coal and oil should be replaced by cleaner and more sustainable energy sources such as wind and solar power. Clean energy may appear more costly in the beginning, but when one considers the dangers and safety issues for coal and oil workers, potential loss of life, and the limited supply of coal and oil, it's clear that a cleaner, more environmentally friendly source of energy should allow for continued enjoyment of our outdoor environment.

Although our society has been mining for coal, drilling for oil and natural gas, there are considerable hazards and safety issues. Since mining is done thousands of feet and even a couple of miles beneath the surface, strong, dependable, and safe equipment is required to protect the workers. Another point to consider is that workers are largely confined in small sections with limited light and air. A few years ago, an unfortunate incident happened in South America in the country of Chile and is a prime example of just how dangerous this type of work can be. Almost three dozen miners were trapped beneath a collapsed portion of the mine. Together they worked as a team to conserve food, keep clean, calm, and hydrated until they were miraculously rescued about two months later.

The potential loss of life must be factored into the equation when we consider whether the benefits of continued use of traditional energy sources are worth the risks to workers. The loss of even one worker is devastating to the employer, co-workers, families and friends. It is not just the loss of a worker. It's the loss of a husband, father, brother, uncle, or friend. Therefore, if using clean energy sources is substantially safer, sustainable, and better for the environment, then the choice is clear.

While there seems to be an endless supply of fossil fuels such as coal and oil, it has taken perhaps thousands or millions of years to form. One day society will have to deal with dwindling supplies of traditional energy sources because they are irreplaceable. So, it would be in society's best interest to begin using clean energy, a viable and sustainable energy alternative.

In conclusion, I maintain my opinion that regardless of the cost savings of using traditional energy sources such as coal and oil, the dangerous, unsafe, and unhealthy work environments, and the loss of lives does not justify relying solely on these sources. We should begin a gradual transformation from our huge reliance on coal and oil to clean energy.

2 The resource is a frequent discussing topic for all generation. Generally, we can divide the resource to two parts: traditional resource and new resource. Traditional resource refer to coal and soil. Solar energy and geothermal energy are regarded as new resource. Some people propose to use a cleaner energy to protect the environment, while others think traditional energy is less expensive. From my point of view, we should both use view energy and traditional energy.

Firstly, new energy such as solar energy is environmental friendly, but expensive, because new energy is plenty, renewable and contains low level of carbon, it has less pollution. Solar water heater is widely use today, but also it has limitations that it cannot use in the rainy days. What's more, new energy is more expensive than traditional resources. For poor family, traditional resources is more financial beneficial for them

Secondly, traditional energy is less expensive, but contaminated. Traditional energy is widely used and produced. Coal and oil is probably the most familiar resources for us. Coal and oil is widely

used in all kinds of industry. And traditional energy is relatively cheap. But it also has its limitations. The biggest disadvantage is its contamination to the environment. Greenhouse effect, acid rain and photochemical smog are all caused by the overuse of traditional resources. Also the exploitation of traditional resource is dangerous. Every year, there are mine accidents because of the excavation of coal.

According to the two previous points, new resources and traditional resources have their advantage and disadvantages relatively. So my opinion is to use the two resources both. For example, in the downtown, to reduce the air pollution, the government should encourage people to now resources. In some field of industry like heavy industry, coal can still be used. We cannot say we should totally abandon the traditional resources because of it pollution. In some areas, traditional resource is more efficient than new sources, and new sources have a long way to go. Scientists should develop new ways to reduce the cost to meet people's expectation.

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It is necessary for high school students to do household work after school because this can give them a sense of responsibility

1. In the past in many countries, children were valuable workers. For example, they helped in the family business in order to bring in money. Just a couple of generations later, attitudes have changed. Now children are hardly expected to work at all. Modern children often don't even do chores. This is sad because I think that they are missing something if they don't help out at home. Sharing in household tasks benefits children of all ages.

First of all, household tasks build skills. Very young children learn motor skills and classification skills when they pick up their toys and put them away. Talking about how to do things helps them learn to analyze situations. Older children learn skills they'll need as an adult. Cleaning and cooking may seem dull, but knowing how to do them well makes life a lot easier. How many young adults leave for college unable to do their own laundry or cook anything besides a frozen microwave dinner? It's amazingly common.

When everyone in a family helps out, the family is happier. Nowadays it's common for both parents to work. When they come home, they have more work to do. Life is stressful and there's no time for fun. By sharing household tasks, everyone gains. Children can help their parents with simple tasks such as picking up their own rooms, putting away their own laundry, starting dinner occasionally, or taking care of younger siblings. Then the family can relax together, and parent won't feel like servants to their "couch potato" offspring.

The most important thing children learn from helping with household tasks is responsibility. Handling everyday tasks teaches organization and time management skills. Children learn that chores have to be completed before they can play, or before they get their allowances. Children who understand that effort pays off will be more successful later in life.

Kids should not work all the time. A happy life needs balance. But if they can successfully handle tasks at home, they will handle life better too. They will know the satisfaction of doing a good job, be involved in family life, and become more confident and responsible adults.

2. The sense of responsibility is of essence for any people at any age. Without it, people will just lost the passion for learning more things and extend one's strength to go further. To high school students, they are still at their early stage of life, so if they can cultivate the sense of responsibility at such age by learning from household work after school, they can achieve their goals easier down the road.

To begin with, high school students can learn more about things that are not taught at school. Doing household work after school enable s young students to know what their parents are doing for them. For some high school kids, what they are told to do is to study and attain a good score for a prestigious school. This viewpoint makes them narrow-mind about the world. Doing the

dishes, for example, makes young children aware that it is not an easy job. Keeping the living room clean or doing the laundry enables them to appreciate what their parents do for them; in turn, they will care about other people more. Those things are not typically taught at school. By learning these household chores, they can also learn the sense of responsibility if they cannot finish things on time or in a tidy way. Needing to learn the basic way of doing those things, they can learn to be responsible for their own chores and their study at school. When such sense of responsibility is learned in the young age, they will be more passionate to fulfill their jobs in the future. They know this is their responsibility and they need to take care of it no matter how.

Secondly, doing household work can motivate young students to do better things in the future. Research has shown that motivation is related to whether or not students have opportunities to be autonomous and to make important academic choices. Having choices allows children to feel that they have control or ownership over their own learning. This, in turn, helps them develop a sense of responsibility. In other words, doing household chores, students have to learn various chores that are not common to them apart from their academic work at school. By finishing assigned household work, they feel a sense of fulfillment, which is something like they have achieved something they set up as schedule. This is a process of learning the sense of responsibility. For instance, bigger successes of life are accumulated by numerous smaller successes. During their completing household work, such as mopping the floor or recycling, they will feel motivated to do learn more and do better. Each time they finish what they are assigned by their parents; each time they feel the sense of responsibility being learned. The feeling of completing things will help students gain not just sense of responsibility but confidence, which is also essential to their life. In addition, participating in household chores enable young students to share time and effort with their family, during which they also learn to observe how other people deal with difficulties. This can help high school students learn the way how things are tackled.

Certainly, some people may say that students should focus more on their school work instead of household work, which should be done by their parents. Besides, even though high school students excel at those chores, they cannot go to renowned schools because of this. Even though they are doing it after school, high school students are under academic pressure and they need to make better use of their time working on their school learning. However, without doing household work, young students do not know the role they are playing in their family. Having a great performance in school is just something they need to do for themselves. They cannot only focus on their own things. Rather, they should all be participating in household work for learning the sense of responsibility no matter they like it or not. This is a great training for young kids because when they leave school or leave their family, they also need to do things that they do not like. With the practice of doing household work, they can gain such knowledge through the demonstration of sense of responsibility. Thus, high school students no doubts should learn to do household chores after school, so that they can learn the sense of responsibility.

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Some people think that the important role of university professors is to do research, others think the main role of them is to educate students. What is your opinion? 20121118CN

Professors play an essential role in higher education. Students are motivated and inspired by renowned professors who are proficient in their field. However, they also are engaged in various work such as educating students. Doing research or cooperate with either the school or the enterprise. The more things they do, the worse efficiency they might have toward every work. As for our topic, what is the main role of a university professor over the issue of education students or doing research? To me, personally, I think professors should focus more on doing research than education students.

First of all, the research could have great importance in the real world and could one day lead to real breakthrough. In other words, the research done by professors in the college environment can result in great contributions to the society, such as to the medical world, like a cure for cancer or a solution to global warming. As is known, in order to solve problems big or small, a series of research needs to be observed and performed by professional people who are based on the academic work. College professors are those who have PhDs and performed and practiced tons of experience in the field relevant, thus they should focus mainly on doing research, which could make a big difference to the world rather than students in the school, besides, they are working in the school, so they are provided a great environment to focus on their research and meanwhile they can also inspire students for the future study it, therefore, seems fair that a professor should spend more time doing research than giving lectures to students

In addition, if professor's research was successful it could benefit the university and the students in two ways. First, the university would be able to receive grants and funding to continue with further research. This money would help the university improve their research could improve their research facilities, which would benefit the students who use these facilities. Secondly, recognition of the research would improve the reputation and standing of the university. Which is something that would also benefit the students who studies there by association, such as Ivy league school in the US. Moreover, a professor who continues to do research is more aware of recent developments and is kept at the forefront of the field, which will eventually benefits college student in the long run. The professor is also more likely to be a more enthusiastic teacher because they will be excited about the new discoveries they are making and be eager to share this enthusiasm with the students they teach, who in turn will also learn the spirit and methods performed by the professors at the same time.

Admittedly, some people may think that professor should not just focus on doing research. For example, they are "teachers" by definition who should spend more time on the education part. True indeed. This is a cogent argument, however, we are talking about colleges or universities in this regard. To put it differently, students in this level are more self-motivated and know what they want in their studies. Professors should not play the role of "teachers" who merely teach as what their teacher in high school do, instead, professor should play the role of "instructors" who instruct students when they have problem along their self-study path. Besides, too much "teach" may bring about the dependence of learning that makes students only search for the right answer. As we all know that education is not all about doing "the right thing." but trying to think independently and making mistakes and learning from those mistakes as a whole. It should, therefore, be given precedence over teaching for the role of professors and they should be allowed to focus more on

their research.

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Do you agree or disagree: college and universities must do a better job of preparing student for the workplace.

We are now living in a global village where competition is fierce. Some people then consider that colleges and universities should do a better job of preparing students for their future workplace. However, not all the people agree with idea since this is too occupation-oriented for higher education. To me, personally, I am in favor of the former idea which is also the stand prompt consents.

Firstly, colleges and universities need to help students to know what they are adapt at for their future career. Most of them need to seek for a job right after they graduate from college or universities, thus schools undoubtedly need to prepare them for their jobs in a more serious way. Locating what student needs or inspiring the interest of students are important tasks for higher education. For instance, universities should offer more courses that allow students to explore what kind of field they are appropriate so that they can spend more time working on the specialty during their college years. Besides, schools can also provide more information about what jobs are related to their major. A good case in point, some students love the language of “English”, so they choose to study in English major that requires students to read a lot of literature of English. However, the job opportunities in the society do not need people who read a lot of literature of English. However, the job opportunities in the society do not need people who read a lot of literature, but people who can speak the language or who can teach the language and use the language in the daily life. Thus, if the school can help such preparation, college students can take more courses relevant for their future career in advanced, a head start for the career preparation is always inviting to the students as well as the school.

Secondly, pure academic studies have a gap to the reality of the requirement that the workplace requires. It goes without saying that colleges and universities are the foundation of academic work that leads to the advancement of the work in all aspects. Without it, human knowledge cannot be accumulated in a solid foundation. However, not everybody goes for further studies and becomes a scholar after college. Thus, it is of importance for schools to help students of preparing for their workplace. A good case in point is that. Many students do not fully comprehend what they learn in school having anything to do to their future job. What they are doing is just like playing a game on paper according to the schedule, not on the real world. A chemist can know knowledge about chemistry well, yet for the future workplace, they need a chemist that can help them solve, such as questions about poor crop yielding or water quality from the steel company. Moreover, universities should provide students with more career directions prior to their leaving universities, such as an education-majored student can also be a tour guide or a museum interpreter. Schools should also equip them with the skills they need to do the job, not just academically teach students for the paper work. Thus, schools can cooperate with current company and ask them to provide internship with present students. This will facilitate students to learn more not just on their

academic work, but also the practical work they might encounter down the road.

Thirdly, colleges and universities fail to impart the knowledge of life students need for their future job. What I define as knowledge of life here refers to teamwork and time management, which are so essential in student for their future workplace. In spite of the fact that colleges and universities do prepare students to some extent with these skills as in the group activities of study group or school project, it does not to do a good job for preparing them to really focus on the importance of such. For example, in the workplace, what matters are cooperation and teamwork in the group along with the limited time utilized for carrying on a project? For students, they usually finish their shares in a study group and wait for others to join them as a group. However, in the workplace, every individual is seen as a significant “cog ” of the whole machine. If the members do not finish the work, others will not wait for the outcome, but will try to help out as a team in the time the boss requires.

Lastly, schools need to prepare students how to present themselves in the best way possible for the future workplace. At school, students spend their mainly time on their studies, in the library or discuss school courses with other students. Not fully aware of the job market, students sometimes feel frustrated in their first step to job pavement. The school does help them to make a preparation for a job interview as in dressing nicely, skills for resume and the forth; however, this is not sufficient. Job hunting also includes the negotiation of proper salary, how to make a better impression than other applicants and the mindset new employees should hold toward their first, say, and five years of career life. In addition, schools should well inform student of companies in the market on what they expect for their future employees or seminars between students and future employers. By doing so can colleges and universities better assist students with their future work.

In conclusion, high education, such as colleges or universities, should not just aim at academic work and only encourage to study. Admittedly, students should spend most of the time in their academic work, yet this should better be cooperated with schools that are aware of what the real world Is for students’ future workplace. A better preparation, after all, is the key to success.

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Agree or disagree: one can learn a person through the books he/she read or movies he/she watched.
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People often say that you can tell a lot about a person from his or her interests.

One of the best ways to learn about people is through the types of movies and books they enjoy.

First, if you know what kinds of books or movies a person likes, you can learn about his or her interests. For example, if a person's favorite movie and book genre is science fiction, you know that she is interested and knowledgeable about technology and science. If you meet somebody who loves watching French films, you can guess that he knows French and is probably a Francophile of some sorts. Knowing somebody's interests is a way you can know somebody better.

Also, you can discern an individual's personality from the types of movies and books he or she prefers. Depending upon the genre, you can tell if a person is serious or humorous. My brother, for example, is one of the funniest people I know. One look at his movie collection and you can tell that he has a good sense of humor. Name any major comedy from the past twenty years, and chances are that he has the DVD. My sister, on the other hand, is very creative and artistic. One look at her DVD rack or bookcase and you can tell she thinks outside the box. She definitely has the strangest collection of interesting books and creative movies.

Finally, you can learn about person based on the books and movies he or she likes, because knowing somebody's interests is a good way to have a conversation with a person. I travel a lot, and I often strike up a conversation with passengers sitting next to me on the train or plane by talking with them about books and movies. Usually the conversation starts with small talk about the latest movies or current books we are reading. Then we go into a more detailed conversation based on some shared ideas about a certain movie or book. Through this conversation, which was started by talking about movies and books, I can learn more about a person.

There are many ways to get to know somebody. Knowing a person's interests is a way to understanding their personality and it also helps facilitate conversation between people. One of the easiest ways to learn about a person is to know about their taste in movies and books. (400 words)

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In the busy and crowded world today, we should not expect people to be polite to each other.

Life brings people in convoluted relationships together in a crowded world in which they are almost never alone. The issue at hand is whether they should be polite to each other in such a world. Some people disagree that being polite is necessary; they believe that due to the great challenges in the world, they need a more efficient way to communicate than engaging in redundant and time-consuming conversation. Although acknowledging that the world is crowded and busy, I believe that whether we should be polite to each other should not be based on

efficiency. Instead, it should be based on consideration of the fact that being polite is the key to maintaining increasingly intricate relationships.

Politeness can act as a recipe or a panacea for reconciling many embarrassing occasions. It is because of the complexity of our relationships that we must maintain harmony by being polite instead of using direct, often impolite words. Here is a compelling example from *Big Bang Theory*, a popular American miniseries. Sheldon, an exceptional and extremely smart person, often firmly holds to his own position about a particular idea or event and tries to explain it as sparingly and tersely as possible without considering his effect on others. He thinks his way of speaking will solve many problems very quickly in both his professional and personal life. However, he always fails to do so in either. In the workplace, he opposes the ideas of many equally smart scientists so penetratingly and straightforwardly that others come to treat him as a didactic and pedantic nerd. In this case, his impoliteness prevents him from both spreading his ideas and from being accepted by others. His impoliteness has an even worse impact on his social life. By insisting that every explanation be analyzed scientifically and explaining his results without benefit of euphemism or politeness, he increasingly loses true friendships and the approval of the people in his orbit. Therefore, it is safe to say that being impolite does not expedite the process of comprehension and problem solving but rather leads to the deterioration of relationships.

Being polite can be a boon to not only others but also to oneself, as politeness has been found to be related to happiness and health. According to the VOA Health Report, the United States is now suffering an increase in the death rate due to heart disease. Analyzing data regarding every patient in treatment for the disease in nearly 60% of all US hospitals, the study found that 90% lived in environments in which they were not comfortable and 70% had often quarreled with their family and colleagues in early life. These huge percentages indicate that those who do not have good attitudes toward life and their surroundings, which may be expressed in their being impolite, are at higher risk of developing heart disease. weixin: tfxxxwx

Imagine if this trend continues: What doom it will bring to us! Why not keep a bright heart and just converse calmly and politely? To make the melody of life euphonious and to make us vigorous and exultant, we could do worse than to expose ourselves to politeness. In short, politeness is benevolent. Only if we are polite to others can we feel the warmth of life.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In order to attract good students, a university should spend a lot of money funding social activities.

I disagree with this. The high quality of classes, professors, and lessons should be the focus for attracting good students to universities. It's rare that students choose colleges based on social activities. Also, university clubs and other social organizations usually do their own separate fundraising anyway. Weixin: tfxxxwx

When good students are researching colleges, they certainly want to know that the classes are high quality. These are kids who have studied hard and excelled throughout high school. They like learning. They want to know that for the next four years, they will continue to learn and be excited and challenged by their teachers. For the majority of college-bound students, this is their priority. Therefore, assuring them that they will get an excellent education is the best way to attract them. Also, I don't think many students are thinking about a college's social activities when they are choosing which school to attend. Once they get to college, sure, they can delve into clubs and such.

But students are so stressed out about everything else when they are first applying, like whether they'll live in the dorms or how much tuition costs. I don't believe campus social activities are at the forefront of their thoughts. Is it really that big of a deal if the dances have a live band instead of a local DJ? Or if there are five different environmental clubs? These things are secondary. Throwing money at them won't necessarily bring in good students.

Finally, it seems irresponsible for a college to spend a lot of money funding social activities when typically campus clubs and organizations do their own fundraising. Bake sales and car washes and other fundraising activities have worked well enough so far! The university itself should stick to official business, like paying professors and staff members. It would be a shame if their salaries got cut because some of the college's funds were re-routed to pay for social activities. It would just harm the school instead of helping it.

That's why I don't think universities should start spending a lot of money on social activities, in order to attract good students. Hard-working students care the most about their education, clubs and activities are not their priority when choosing a college, and social activities work fine funding themselves anyway.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teaching is harder than it was in the past.

I agree that teaching is harder now than it was in the past. There are multiple viewpoints and cultures that have to be considered, it's harder to keep the attention of contemporary students, and some schools do not have enough money to properly teach certain things.

Topics that were discussed in school used to be more straightforward. Whoever was doing the teaching would take the point of view of their own culture (and the culture of his or her students). For instance, American schools used to teach that the explorers who discovered America, like Christopher Columbus, were brave and admirable. American schoolchildren were made to feel simply good about themselves and their country's history. That must have been easy to teach! But these days, we are so much more sensitive to the stories of other cultures. Teachers have to consider the feelings of the native people that the explorers mistreated and killed, to begin with. With *any* historical lesson, it is now normal for teachers to sympathize with the oppressed, the women, and the people that for centuries had no voice. And the beliefs of other cultures and

countries are explored just as much as the customs of one's own country. This is a good thing, certainly! But it is more complicated and takes a lot more time to teach.

It is also harder to keep the attention of students these days, with so much technology everywhere. In class, they can sneak peeks at their cell phones and text their friends. If they are college students in a lecture hall where laptops are allowed, they might be playing games on their computer rather than taking notes. Students doing their homework on their computer can find the internet to be a distraction.

But technology can also be a problem if there isn't *enough* of it. The world has come so far in the world of science that a school can greatly suffer if it doesn't have the proper equipment. What if a biology class can't afford microscopes? What if a video editing class can't afford the latest editing programs? It can be difficult to keep up and that must make teaching harder.

Teaching is more difficult today than it was in the past because things are more complicated. Many different viewpoints must be taught, technology can distract students, and yet a lack of proper technology in the classroom can disadvantage students.

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Some people have ambitious dreams and keep following them, but other people always focus on realistic goals and try to achieve them. Which do you think is better?

“Ambitious, bold and daring” vs. “realistic, reasonable and practical”. These two sets words, although quite opposite in meaning, are often both used to describe successful people and their positive characters. However, it is difficult for a person to possess both sets of qualities at the same time, so we should, according to our own personality or circumstance, choose one way or the other when we are setting and trying to achieve a particular goal.

We need to set goals grand enough to challenge ourselves. If we don't have to push ourselves beyond our current limits to reach our goals, we are not really achieving anything. To truly be successful, and reach our true potential, we must constantly push ourselves to move outside of our “comfort zone”. To have ambitious dreams like “I want to become the next president” is nothing wrong because even if it is extremely unlikely to achieve that, we will be more consciously paying attention to and gradually learn, in the process of chasing this unrealistic dream, the necessary skills and qualities that are required to become a president.

However, if our goals become too ambitious and cannot possibly be achieved, then they become discouraging and meaningless and that's why we sometimes need realistic goals either. Imagine you earn a monthly income of \$10,000. Now, if you set a goal of earning 10 times that amount the next month, without success of course, but keep setting this same goal again and again, you will finally get very disappointed. Instead, you should be more realistic by, for example, setting a target of earning a certain percentage more at a reasonable time frame, which will make your goal much easier to achieve and you will be happier and much more forward driven.

So there are reasons for being either ambitious or realistic. The important thing is that we should have a clear goal in life. Goals provide us with a fulfilling purpose. Without goals, our lives become meaningless.

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you agree or disagree : Technology designed to make people's lives simpler but make people's lives more complicated.

I, in some ways, agree with this statement. Technology certainly makes information easier to access and research. Yet, as technology gets more and more comprehensive in what it can accomplish, we become more and more dependent upon it. Tasks become less straightforward and yes, in many cases, more complicated than they would have been. Take, for instance, the act of getting directions to a new place. Fifteen years ago, we would take out a map of our town or the surrounding areas, examine it, and then write down step-by-step directions for how to drive to our destination.

Sometimes it was even as simple as memorizing the route. It would take a few minutes, but once it was done, it was quite easy to carry out. Today, many people immediately look to their GPS system in their car instead. This technological innovation is meant to make the whole navigation process smoother, but can be riddled with distracted driving and glitchy machinery that can't find specific addresses or suggests routes that don't make sense. After hearing the grating GPS voice tell you about an upcoming turn three or four times in a row, you start to wonder if the hassle is worth it. Similar issues arise when people have internet access on their cell phones. If out and about with a friend and wanting to grab some lunch, instead of just heading into a nearby restaurant and seeing what they have to offer, there can be internet searches for restaurant reviews and minutes of scrolling through prices and menu offerings, slowing everything down and disrupting the spontaneity of the moment.

Of course, GPS systems and smart phones and other such technological devices aren't horrible. They can be very useful. But when they start to become overused, reached for constantly without even consciously thinking about it, it can be problematic. We complicate our days with typing things in, pushing buttons, staring at tiny little screens a little too much. Why not trust our instincts and our environment a little more? Why not just walk or drive down the street with confidence, read road signs, head into a restaurant with no preconceived notions? We might be pleasantly surprised at what we find! I think once the technology is set aside until it is truly needed, we're able to think and act with much clearer minds.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important for the government to spend money on new buildings than to preserve historic or traditional buildings and homes.

Over the years, several changes have been made in the architectural field. In this case, architects have been able to come up with new construction styles which are more sophisticated than the ancient ones. Modern architectural designs have led to the construction of skyscrapers which are preferred to the old traditional buildings. This leaves us with the question of whether governments should utilize more resources in maintaining modern buildings than the ancient ones. In my view, governments should encourage the preservation and restoration of traditional buildings because of the following reasons.

Ancient buildings depict the history, culture, and traditions of a country. This is because traditional buildings remind people about their origins and the experiences they have had over the years. Consequently, a country can lose its history if it does not preserve ancient buildings, which act as historical evidences. By preserving the traditional buildings, it will be easier to maintain cultural values in future generations. Traditional buildings also help foreigners to learn more about the historical background of a given country.

Ancient structures enhance the natural beauty of cities; hence, making them distinct and attractive. Besides this, such structures often serve as landmarks especially in busy places. Moreover, the unique features of ancient structures spur tourism activities, and this benefits a country economically. The traditional buildings can also serve as museums which can create employment opportunities.

However, some individuals contend that ancient buildings are extremely precarious owing to the kind of materials that were used in constructing them. According to the critics of old buildings, modern buildings are properly designed and well constructed using durable building materials. Nevertheless, some modern constructions are not friendly to the environment due to the nature of the materials used in constructing them. Modern buildings are also considered to be more comfortable since they are furnished with nice fittings.

In conclusion, the urgent needs to preserve ancient structures in areas of the world where they are poorly managed cannot be overstated. The government should not neglect the old structures because they help in maintaining a county's cultural heritage.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In the modern world, we should never be impolite to another person.

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It may seem too strong a statement to accept that one should never be impolite to others in the society today. With the mounting stress of life, people tend to fuss over trivial things, talking or behaving in a bad manner, at work or at home. Or they may be easily provoked, getting into

quarrels or even fights with strangers. However, there is no reason for us to be rude to another person as it contributes to / is conducive to neither business nor human relations.

As a rule of thumb, politeness plays a big part in the business world. Anyone working in sales or service industries knows its value in reaching out for / tapping new areas or retaining customer loyalty. Even if one fails to make / secure a deal, being polite helps to build up a professional personal image and a positive business tie, hence opening up more opportunities for a company in a highly competitive, impersonal environment as ours.

In addition, / Business aside, politeness serves as a stepping-stone to a stronger human relation. At the beginning of any relationship, it is hard to let down one's guard and go deeper with each other. Being nice is, at its very least, a sign of good manner and respect for the other. It also creates a pleasant / amicable atmosphere for casual chatting or serious / weighty talks / conversations. In brief, courtesy is one of the unwritten rules for human to cultivate / foster their relations, without which life would be miserable, if not entirely impossible / unlivable.

In contrast, being rude / nasty, with cursing or scolding, never works under any circumstance. When one is controlled by anger / in a rage and dumps it onto / vents it out to whoever happens to be around, their remarks or behaviours may get them nowhere but to provoke or hurt others. As a result both sides may make decisions based on their emotion rather than reason, thus failing to get their work done efficiently, and disturbing the harmony of their relations. Even when one is provoked, there is no excuse to be rude because a mature cultured person should not be swayed by how others treat him / her.

It is true that / Admittedly, courtesy cannot resolve all the problems, especially those for which no easy solution is available. But being rude definitely / invariably ruins things and relations. To get things done, most of the time what matters is not what one says or does, but how / the way he or she says or does it. Only by being polite to each other can we stay composed and focused, think better and work out what is the best for all.

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Agree or disagree: Movies and TV programs made in your own country are more interesting comparing to movies and programs made in other countries.

Conservative people sometimes hold the opinion that entertainment from their own country is the best because they find it easiest to understand. Others hold the opposite view. I find movies and TV programs made in foreign countries more attractive than those made in my own country for several reasons, which I will outline below.

First, foreign movies and TV programs widen our horizons, helping us to establish friendships with foreigners. Movies and television shows offer a great deal of information about culture and history, showing us many things about the world outside our own country. I like watching American movies and TV series very much. I meet many foreigners who have the same hobby. By talking about American movies on the Internet, I have made many foreign friends.

While chatting with them in English, I improve my language skills. In this way, I find that foreign movies and TV programs benefit me much more than domestic movies and TV programs.

Second, watching foreign movies and TV programs contributes to a better understanding and appreciation of other countries' culture and history. By watching National Treasure, I learned about the history of the United States. By watching The Mummy, I gained information about Egypt. By watching Roman Holiday, I learned new things about Italy.

I find movies and TV programs in our country to be very boring at present, in that many stories in movies are meaningless and TV programs simply imitate foreign TV programs at lower quality. According to a survey by China Daily last month, nearly seventy-five percent of film experts feel that the storylines of domestic movies are nearly identical to the plots of movies from the last century, making the films so boring that viewers become sleepy.

Moreover, about ninety-three percent of citizens who responded to the survey stated that there is not any movie or TV program that has a creative story. These results show that people in China believe that movies and TV programs made outside the country are more interesting than those made inside the country.

In conclusion, movies and TV programs made in other countries help viewers to widen their horizons, establish friendships with foreigners, and gain a better understanding and appreciation of other countries' culture and history.

For these reasons, I believe that foreign entertainment is much more interesting than domestic entertainment.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The car (automobile) has had greater effect to society than the airplane has to.

Opinions vary as to whether car or airplane has exerted a greater impact on our society. Some people believe that the car exerts greater effect, for without a car many of us cannot go to school and office. Others believe that it is airplane that makes long distance travel available, thus impacting the whole world in unthinkable ways. Although there is some element of truth in both arguments, I believe that the automobile is more useful and necessary than the airplane. Admittedly, the advent of airplane realized the flying dream of human beings, which indeed serves as an inspiration and motivation. In other words, thinking that men can fly in the sky gives people courage and confidence when doing other demanding and difficult things. Besides, Airplane has significantly facilitated international travel and global business, thus accelerating the process of globalization. However, after further consideration, I still believe that the automobile has had more effect on the society because of the following reasons.

First, generally speaking, cars are affordable. We can buy a car for thousands of dollars, but we have to pay millions to get a plane and even an airplane ticket can cost thousands of dollars. Last summer I went to New York with my families and we spent 40000RMB on tickets alone. Even people from developed countries find it difficult to afford airplane tickets, not to mention those poor people from developing countries. So a large number of people actually do not have the

flying experience. But the automobile is inexpensive and it is not easy to find a person who has never ride on a bus.

The second point to note is that the use of cars can be more intimately connected with our daily life. Trucks transport vegetables and meat to places where there are not enough food to meet the demand of the local people. What's more fire engines are indispensable for a city too. School buses and commuter buses are also necessary in order for a modern society to run smoothly. The list goes on and on. In short we can afford to live without airplane, but we cannot imagine what a world would be like where there is devoid of cars. Without planes we can search on the Internet for information, use skype to meet our friends and families, take ship to travel to another country. But without a car, many people can only stay near our offices and schools, eat local and monotonous food. Life would be dull and difficult.

Considering the above analysis, we can draw the conclusion that although the plane has its own merits and influences, these merits and influences are less than those of cars. Cars are inexpensive and can better meet our everyday demands. A world without planes is a world without luxuries, but a world without cars is a world deprived of necessities.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The best way to truly relax and reduce stress is to spend time alone.

I agree with this idea. Although being with others is enjoyable when you're already in good spirits, it can be exhausting when you are stressed out. On the other hand, when you are by yourself, you are free to truly do nothing and let yourself unwind. You can also focus on your own particular little pleasures, rather than shared activities that might not reduce stress very much. Finally, when you're alone, you are given the quiet atmosphere necessary to organize your thoughts and plans. When you are around others, especially friends, you feel an obligation to keep actively doing things. Rarely do people just sit in silence together! Maybe you go shopping with your friends a lot or go to the park down the street whenever people visit. Even if you're just sitting and talking with your friends, you are engaging with them. You're thinking, listening, reacting, speaking, telling stories. Normally, this is fine and enjoyable. But if you're extremely stressed out after a hard day at work or school, it can be burdensome. Interacting with someone takes energy. If you're already exhausted and frazzled, it doesn't help things.

Alone, you don't feel this requirement to be energetic and fun. You can take a nap. You can meditate. You can lay on your couch and count all the ceiling tiles above your head—it doesn't matter! You can truly relax and try to recuperate from whatever has been stressful. Additionally, you can choose lazy activities that are particular and comforting to you. Even watching a movie is different when you're alone. There's no agreeing or compromising on what to watch. You can

watch three cartoon movies in a row, if you want, and eat chocolate ice cream while you do it. No one is watching you. If it makes you feel less stressed, do it! Any silly little thing becomes a welcome relief.

There is also the benefit of not having any distractions or noises to bother you when you are alone. You can sit down, take a breath, and organize your muddled thoughts. You can think over your workday or recent assignment and contemplate how everything is going. If you need to make a change in your routine or set a new goal, you can plan it while you are alone and in a nice quiet space. This can potentially decrease your stress levels in the future. The key is getting that moment of calm and clarity.

That's why I think that, yes, the best way to relax and reduce stress is to spend time alone. You do not have to force yourself to keep up with the energy levels of others, you can be as silly as you want in order to relax, and you have enough quiet and solitude to gather your thoughts and plan your next steps.

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you agree or disagree with the following statement? People care more about public recognition than about money. Even if no more money is given, public recognition can still make people work harder.

或者 Company should use public recognition, not money to reward hard working.

In our society, we work to earn money to make our life happier and make our goals accomplished. Either we try to make our life wealthy or try to seek for the public recognition; we all know that we need to work hard to earn them.

For sure, many factors in this process affect our thoughts and behaviors toward this issue played in our life. Will we still work harder if we only receive public recognition without money being paid? To me, I am for the statement.

To begin with, it is a realization of one's self-actualization. Without a doubt, we all work to make money and this need makes us work harder. However, for some people, money is not everything no matter if they have a lot or do not have much. For instance, an affluent businessperson can donate money to the needy, such as orphans, medical research or education. Do they want something, especially monetary gains in return? No, they do this even though they are not paid; they receive appreciation from those being helped, they are delightful when they see patients receiving better treatment or students obtaining better education. They help people to possess a better life as they are. This is not evaluated by money and they will still work harder to make other people feel learned and hoped again during the process.

Secondly, some people target on making our world a better place to live for generation. For example, paper recycling volunteers, they work for the wholesomeness of our earth, which is much recognized by the public. They know if they contribute what individuals can do for the

concept of sustainable management, they can help our earth, nature as well as our environment for a better living place, not just for themselves, but for all the people on this planet. Such public recognition is way more pivotal than the value money can bring. The public respect those people who do it merely for our environment, not for their private means. Thus, they will still work harder to keep the public recognition because it is meaningful public acknowledgement that is highlighted merited.

Undeniably, we cannot live without money and material things to support our life. Some people may think that money is the lure to make people work harder, rather than public recognition. In psychology, human beings do something for a purpose. Customarily, we do it for receiving more money in the security of our own life so we can buy luxurious cars, garments or big mansions. To some people, the demand of such desire is the way to make them work harder. Earning public recognition is just an invisible or intangible thing that exists only in one's dreams. However, for a great number of people, they still care more about public recognition over whether money is given and those people still work hard to make them feel respected, wanted and valued by the society. They simply do not do it for money, but for the happiness of all the people living in the same community. The world, after all, still needs some dreamers to make it a better place. Thus, I agree with the statement for sure.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students could receive a better, more efficient education if they spend 11 months a year studying.

In most countries around the world, students study at school for less than 10 months of a year, enjoying the remaining 2 months mostly as a long summer vacation. This, in my opinion, is a less efficient educational system for the students. Students who take very long summer vacations tend to forget what they have previously learned. This means that when school starts again, much time is wasted on refreshing the memories of the students. Ending this cycle with shorter summers results in a stronger, more productive school year.

When students have long summer vacations and only attend school nine or ten months out of the year, they tend to forget their lessons. This is especially true of older students, who are learning more difficult subjects such as high-level math and world history. The numerous summer weeks drift by and students just laze around and have fun, giving little thought to school. Bit by bit, the equations of algebra start to become hazy. The details of World War I become muddled. However, if summer break is just a month long and the students attend school the other eleven months of the year, their brains will retain far more information. They're given just enough time to relax and then get right back to work. A two or three month summer break is dangerously long, which is unnecessary and damaging.

This loss of knowledge over long summers has even further negative effects on the part of the

teachers. Teachers, at the start of the new school year, often notice that their students have forgotten their lessons from the previous year. To be able to move forward, the teachers have to repeat what they have taught previously. This could lead to an endless cycle of learning something, forgetting most of it, being reminded, over and over and over. Cutting short long vacations, giving students no opportunity to forget, is therefore very conducive towards more effective teaching.

Some people might argue that studying for 11 months of a year may be too stressful for students, so they need to break away from school for 2 or more months to relax, and to develop an interest in non-academic subjects such as music and painting. However, they don't have to do so continuously over two or more months completely away from school. There is always time after regular school hours like late afternoon periods, or during the weekends, when students can enjoy the fun of exploring something different.

That's why I believe that a school year lasting eleven months would be a good idea. The very long summers where students forget information would be avoided. This would mean that the autumn lessons wouldn't be just reminders of old, forgotten information. The school year would therefore be more productive. It would be heavily-focused on new information, getting to the students faster and sinking-in better.

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Drivers should pay a fee to be allowed to drive on the city streets during the time when there is the greatest amount of traffic.

I agree and believe that charging drivers a congestion fee for driving in certain busy areas of the city is a rather good idea. The inconvenience of the fee will force people to rely on public transportation more, which is better for the environment. Money earned from the fees will aid the local government and perhaps be less annoying to drivers than other driving citations. Businesses within the congestion charge zones would also benefit from a more pleasant daily environment, their shops being easily accessible to pedestrians and not adjacent to honking, dangerous cars.

First of all, this policy is tremendously helpful to the environment and local air quality. For those who would have to pass through a congestion charge zone on their route to work or school, being required to pay a fee twice daily would be an irksome inconvenience. There would be an endless succession of notices, deadlines, and payments. Most people wouldn't stand for it and instead would opt to take public transportation, such as the bus or subway. This obviously would reduce traffic congestion. And by doing so, exhaust emissions being released into the air from numerous automobiles would also be reduced.

The local government would also be assisted by a congestion fee, as it would be the one receiving the money collected. Of course, drivers never like fees or tickets of any kind. But perhaps, if the income from congestion fees was steady enough, other minor driving and parking violations would not be so strictly enforced because money was not so vital of an issue for the local government. The quotas would already be filled for the week or the month. It seems drivers would

prefer the constancy of congestion fees to the frustrating surprise of a questionable parking ticket. Finally, the neighborhoods and businesses inside the congestion charge zones would become much more pleasant, benefiting customers and business owners alike. With less cars clogging up the roads and zooming around haphazardly, those areas would become more pedestrian-friendly. The general atmosphere would also improve, with decreased horn honking and exhaust fumes. Everything would be quieter and relaxed. Both locals and tourists would likely be drawn to these neighborhoods, resulting in an economic upswing.

In conclusion, I believe that charging a congestion fee to drivers in certain areas of the city is an idea with a lot of merit. Drivers needing to regularly cross into a congestion charge zone would switch to public transportation, which helps the environment. The local government would be aided by the fees and perhaps be more lenient toward other minor vehicle violations. And the neighborhoods within the congestion charge zones would become cleaner, quieter, and more inviting, leading to increased shoppers and more money being put into the local economy. inflict irreparable mental or physical harm on children. However, generally I believe that encouraging children to do their work independently is the best way to help them become confident, responsible adults in the future.

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你同不同意，尽管现在很多国家 countries 重视环境问题 environmental problems(such as pollution or global warming) 但是环境情况 environmental situation 在未来不会有太大改善。

或者 The environmental issue is too complex to be handled by the individual. Do you agree or disagree.

It is not deniable that we human beings are midgets in front of the powerful giant--nature. And often when environment changes greatly, we can do nothing but just bear it. However, I disagree with the over-pessimistic point of view in the topic, and for my part, I also do believe that individuals absolutely are not the ones who can not do anything when faced with environment problems. And I hold this point of view for the following reasons.

Firstly we have to admit that sometimes as human beings, our power is still too limited to solve the environmental problems. As we all know, environmental problems are not the phenomenon of single cause, which on the contrary consist of many comprehensive and complex factors. For example, some regional climatic change which has terribly influence people's life could probably involve many reasons such as the air pollution, local over-deforestation or other inappropriate human activities. When one day we realize that this disaster is their "masterpiece", the recovery of the local environment has become the mission that is beyond people's ability.

Secondly, although faced with most of the currently existing environmental problems, efforts of individuals could fade, we should realize that most of the environmental problems render as the accumulation of individual ignorance towards environment and as long as we as individuals all stop our environment-unfriendly actions can we form strong power to prevent the deterioration of the environment. As we can see today, many policies of environmental protection are advocated and the sense of protecting our environment is being imparted to individuals. For examples, in

order to decelerate the declining of our water resource, various kinds of water saving methods are applied for household and industry. What's more, self-conscious individuals are pay more and more attention to the energy saving in order to reduce the usage of fossil fuels and prevent the trend of global warming. And lots of organizations of individuals are trying their best to spread the advocacy of environment protection. Therefore in front of the environment problems individuals are really capable of doing something. ~~weixin:tfxxxwx~~

Last but not least, with the roaring development of the scientific technology, many environmental problems which used to be complex are now within the ability of human beings. And since individual understand the cause of some environmental problems, those problems are no longer complex as they used to be for individuals. For instance, in the past, we have no idea that the ozone layer were becoming thinner and thinner, even until the hole appeared, we still felt that we could do nothing to stop it. Nowadays with the advancement of the science, we know what causes the problems and by advocating that Freon should no longer be used, we can stop this trend.

To sum up, although sometimes environmental problems are really too complex to solve, we can still try our every of effort to fight against them. And with the development of the science, we can deal with more and more environmental problems which used to be impossible mission for us.

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是否同意政府不应该给艺术家（musician, filmmaker, artist....）任何 financial support

The government should support artists who contribute their skills and talents to improve their community. In my view, art is a necessity for a better quality of life. So, if the government supports artists whose works promote a better quality of life, then our environments will be more beautiful, people will be happier, and we don't have to worry about „starving artists“.

First of all, let's take a look at our environments. If we look outside, we can see so much beauty that accompanies nature. Skilled artists have built sculptures, painted pictures, and drawings that signify the advancements of civilization, and tell a rich story of a culture's history. These artifacts will become an invaluable part of the history that will be passed down to generations later. Thus, the beauty that is built today will be honored tomorrow. It's not just the beauty; it's how we feel when we look at beauty. The good thing about art is that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Second, people seem to be generally happier when they are able to visualize the things in their environment. Having something pretty to look at generally aids in improving the overall happiness level. For example, if someone is depressed, being able to see a lovely painting or drawing will instantly give them a better feeling, and sometimes a sense of hope. The government should be able to support artists who work to make their environment more comfortable and creative.

Third, an even more important reason for the government to support artists is because we have too many “starving artists who are extremely talented, but who can't find regular day jobs like

other professions. Therefore, their income is often very sporadic, and unpredictable, so it's really difficult to budget and make a decent living. The word "starving artists" evokes images of artists who are "dying". However, what's really happening is that "art itself" is slowly dying. Therefore, governments can save art and the artists with support that stimulates the environment and the economy.

Finally, imagine a world without art. That would be a world with no beauty, and no happiness. That would be a world starving for art. Therefore, to keep our environments beautiful, whether inside or outside, on the floor, wall, or ceiling, it's imperative that government provide some much needed support for artists who often labor long for little pay. To enable artists to share their gifts and talents and to contribute to the betterment of the community, government support of artists should ensure that we never have to live in a dull, colorless, and shapeless world.

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Agree or disagree: Most people do not count on the government for help because they think that it is always better to either do things on their own or to ask for help from their family.

As individuals, we are confronted with a variety of unexpected problems. Sometimes these problems can be easily solved. Sometimes they are too difficult to cope with due to the limited resources an individual has. As a result, government intervention is required to assist individuals who require help in areas like health care, disaster relief and public works projects.

Health care requires support from the government. The inferior hospital facilities, increasing drug prices, and disappointing service from doctors and nurses require government regulation. Without rigorous policies to address hospitals and medication, patients suffer from poor health care. Recently, the Chinese government slashed the maximum retail price for more than 1,200 types of antibiotics and circulatory system drugs. This important health reform by the government significantly reduces the financial burden of patients as well as their families.

Similarly, communities that suffer large-scale disasters, such as the recent earthquake in Japan or flooding in China, require aid from the government. Although friends and family of disaster victims can contribute to recovery, it is difficult for these victims to access adequate food and water. Only through support from the government can victims obtain necessities such as drinking water, drugs and tents, etc., and rebuild their shelters.

In addition, construction of some public areas like streets, parks, and highways requires support from the government because they require tremendous amount of investment. Public facilities offer benefits to all citizens; however, common people and their families cannot build parks or roads even if they want to. With the help of the government, communities can find patrons for public facilities and enjoy the benefits of these facilities.

It is any government's responsibility to enable its people to have a safe, healthy and enjoyable quality of life. Therefore, a government should offer as much help as needed, and solve the problems that common people cannot. Such problems include the improvement of health care, tremendous disasters, and construction of public facilities

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Agree or disagree: 20 years from now, people will have more leisure time (free time) than they now.

I disagree with this. I think society is moving in a direction where people will be busier and working more than ever in the future. People will have more options to turn their passions into businesses, jobs and careers will be more appreciated, and people will feel more compelled to help others in their spare time.

Work and leisure used to be quite separated. Imagine someone in the 1950s, for example. They would come home from the office, put their slippers on, and watch some television in the evening. Maybe on the weekends they would do some woodworking in the backyard, building bird houses and end tables for fun. But in today's world (and looking ahead to the future), it is so much easier to make businesses out of our hobbies. If you are good at building bird houses, why not sell them online and get some recognition and money for your talent? If you think you have a good knowledge of wine, why not start a blog where you review the local vineyards? People still have fun, but the internet helps their spare time and hobbies to be a little more productive.

In these shaky economic times, where jobs can sometimes be hard to find, I think that people are going to appreciate any work that they can get. Quitting your job to spend more time at home might not be a realistic or appealing option.

There won't be any guarantees that you will easily get a job again when you need to. So I think most people will keep their heads down and just gratefully accept any work that they can get.

Finally, the world is generally more compassionate than it has been in the past. There are so many charities and non-profit organizations out there that are very easy to find and volunteer for. It has become almost expected to devote some of your spare time to helping others. This doesn't have to be a daily or even a weekly event. But it is a part of many people's lives and I think it will continue to be. And it is a form of work, rather than leisure. There just isn't any payment involved. That is why I think people will have leisure time in twenty years. Based on current trends, hobbies will become mixed with business, regular jobs will not be discarded willingly, and increased volunteer time will mean increased work for the average person.

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you agree or disagree with the following statement: the effective leader tries to make others feel they have been part of a decision.

'A wise ruler should gather opinions from all sides', this is an epigram from ancient Egypt. For

most people, especially the good leader, harmful to be a maverick in decision making process, on the contrary, it is essential for him to consult others before he make any important decisions and take his members' felling into account for their function in the whole project.

First of all, an effective leader should attempt to make his members or employees that they are part of the decision making process, otherwise, the company usually will get a severe consequence. For example, when running the government, officials need to consider experts and the masses" thinking before they make any crucial decision. In the 80th of the last century, some local governments in east of china made a big decision to built up many chemical factories to facilitate the development of local economy, without hearing the opinions of environmental experts and local people who had opposite views, after several years, many serious environment pollutions appeared such as air pollution, water pollution and wastes and gas discharged from those plants caused thousands of fishes died, badly hurt patients by chemical disease and even the sky became more and more darkness, which had an severe influence jeopardizing our society and living condition.

Moreover, a good leader keeping their worker or cooperation opinions in mind and make them feel themselves as an important factor to decision making process can raise working efficiency and lead a project or a plan to succeed more easily. For instance, on a TV program, I saw a competition between two teams in constructing building models which impressed me a lot. They are required to finish the work in an hour and which team the less time cost been the winner , first group was creating models independently by each members and another group work together and the leader listened to everyone' opinions during making decision process and they find the best way to achieve the goal which cost minimum time. At last, the second group won the championship easily.

Finally, an effective leader with consideration and foresight not only can make his company more competitive power, but also it can receive his employees' respectability and affection. David Chen was the CEO of a computer sales company in Shanghai, and he treated his workers as his family members. When he wanted to make important decisions, he preferred to receive all the workers' views and take every possible the decision may bring out into account for all his employees which made him succeed in computer sales regions and his workers once claimed that 'they were very lucky to work here and this is a matter of pride for himself because their boss's consideration and reputation" in an TV interview.

According to the argument discussed above, we can get a conclusion that an effective leader should try to make others feel that they are part of the decision making process.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In twenty years from now, students will not use printed books any more. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Concerning the merits of non-printed books, such as electrical books will preponderate over the

superiority of printed books which are wildly used by students at present, I agree with the statement that students will not use printed books any more in two decades from now on.

To begin with, it is indisputable that e-books are more convenient than conventional printed books in most aspects, such as explicit catalogs, appreciable information and fast access of searching. For example, if we would write a paper, we needn't search all kinds of reference in the library or buy lots of related paper material in book store. With advantages of e-books, such as a disc including an on-line electrical library, we can find adequate related stuffs for the paper. Additionally, such e-book has an explicit breakdown which helps us find what we required quickly. Hence, more and more students are willing to use e-books instead of printed books.

Furthermore, it is undoubted that in order to produce paper books, we will cut down considerable trees, thus causing environmental issues, such as global warming. Meanwhile, the procedure of processing lambers will also lead to effluent pollution. From a recent statistic report from our government, the area of forests in China is reducing by a rate of two percent every year. However, we still continue to cut down trees to make paper books, thus causing an unimaginable detriment to our environment. In contrast, the using of e-books will avoid destroying amounts of forests.

Hence, it is a wiser choice to use e-books for student in the future.

Finally, although e-book is a worldwide trend, admittedly, traditional printed books could not be completely replaced by e-book in a short period. However, with the rapid improvement of high-technology, our society will finally become a fully digital epoch. So, e-book, rather than printed books, is an indispensable learning material for students.

Judging from what I mentioned above, e-book will bring us more convenience than printed books. In addition, it will not lead to serious environment issues. Therefore, it is obvious that student would not use printed books, but e-books as studying stuff anymore in twenty years from now on.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In order to succeed in doing a new job, the ability to adapt oneself to the new environment is more important than the excellent knowledge of this job.

A competent employer always matches the expertise of the employees with the work they will do. However, certain skills employers look for have nothing to do with particular job competencies. These skills indicate development potential and are favored over *knowledge* level. One of these skills is adaptability. An adaptable employee thrives on change and can work independently or collaboratively. Adaptability is more useful in the workplace than specialized knowledge.

Employees must be able to meet the rapidly changing priorities of the companies they work for. Employers are hiring fewer people to do the same amount of work. Workers rotate among jobs within the company and take on additional projects. Multi-tasking, working flexible hours and changing locations are common workplace demands. Employees cannot afford to cling to tasks specific to their area of expertise, no matter how essential. It diminishes their value when compared with similarly skilled, but more adaptable workers.

Today's workers must be capable of working independently to accomplish goals assigned to them. Employers are focused on outcomes. They don't have the time or the desire to micromanage employees. They expect their employees to solve problems, to self-direct, and to accomplish tasks autonomously. Having specialized knowledge makes employees valuable only if they can innovatively apply it in original ways that benefit the company.

Employers hire people who are likable and can work within a group. Collaboration is essential to increased productivity. Those who are open to new ideas work well on project teams or on committees. Their adaptability fosters creativity. Employees who cannot effectively communicate their specialized knowledge add little value.

In the knowledge-based economies of the world, there are far more available workers than positions. The best job candidates will have mastery over their area of expertise, but more importantly, they will eagerly demonstrate their adaptability. They will be able to work independently or collaboratively; they will embrace change and enjoy success.

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High salaries with high risks of losing a job or low salary and secure job. Which would you prefer?

Stability and salary are people's main concerns when they try to choose a job. The way I see it, there is no way that a low-paying-secure job is better than a high-paying job that is easy to lose. My reasons to support my opinion are given below. weixin:tfxxxwx

Firstly, it is excellence that one achieves in the job that secures the position. A low-paying job

does not always guarantee the stability. If an individual works in a high-paying-unsecure job and works extra hard, he or she will more likely to accomplish perfect performance in the job. Thus, his or her performance will eventually lead this job to a more secure situation. This way the person end up with a stable job that pays a lot.

Besides, some people may actually enjoy the challenges and risks of losing their job. These are the people who welcome changes in their lives. On the other hand, stable jobs may kill our gifts of human imagination and creativity. Admittedly, some people have to take stability into consideration when they choose a job. Because they need the stable incomes to pay bills and support their families. A secure job, although it does not pay much, can make sure that an individual is able to make ends meet at the end of the month. However, money is not the only criteria of happiness. If someone is really interested in an area he/she should definitely find a job in that field even though that means he/she risks the chances of losing that job. For example my uncle works in the stock market. His job is highly unstable, especially nowadays during the economic crisis. But my uncle loves this job and nobody or nothing can persuade him to quit. He is willing to take the risks of being unemployed as long as he is doing something he loves right now. In conclusion, as far as I'm concerned, having a low-paying secure job is no better than to have a high-paying unstable job.

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Do you agree that telephones are playing a more effective role than television in people's life.

Some people argue as if it is a general truth that telephone has greater influence on people's lives than television. But to be frank, I can't agree with this statement. There are numerous reasons why I hold no confidence on it, and I would only explore only a few primary ones here.

Before my demonstration, I have to admit that both telephone and television are the greatest inventions during human history, the reason is that both of them improve our lives and broaden our view. However, what makes them different for us is their function. Telephone is a method we connect with each other, while television makes us to communicate with the whole world. As we comparing the whole world with any individual, we can make our conclusion about which changes our lives obvious without any doubt. However, I still want to mention some further explanation. 微信: txxxxwx

For one thing, if we comparing the outside world to a huge school for us, television must be the best tutor for our learning process. For instance, it shows us documentary of Yellow Stone National Park and Amazon to incentive our interested in geology. At the same time, it helps us to look back to the Revolution War and Civil War. These historic moments make us a real part of our history.

For another, besides being a telescope for the outside world, television is also a microscope for our inside world. It uses a vivid method to show us the humanism, and make us to think about

ourselves at the same time. Every day we watch TV for news and plays. The characters of them and the way these persons treat the staffs and affairs around them, making us to ask ourselves. Am I just like the miser in the movie? How would I deal with my dishonest friend? And could I be a brave man like the hero I admire? All of these questions can enhance our understanding of humanism and make us to be better.

Even though telephone makes a small world for us, it can't compare the whole university television shows to us.

Taking into account of all these reasons, we can reach the conclusion that television plays a more important part in human's lives than telephone. If we didn't have the telephone, we lost some of our friends far away. However, losing the television, we would be lost in the complicate world.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The food we eat today is much healthier than in the past.

I disagree with this. Our food today is packed with way more harmful chemicals than in the past. People used to cook at home more often, making meals from scratch. Food today also contains an overload of unhealthy ingredients, in portion sizes that are too large.

If you look at any food label today and read the ingredients list, you are bound to see words you have no idea how to pronounce. Even more, you don't have the slightest clue what they are. These are chemicals and preservatives. They do a range of things—make food last longer while it sits on the shelf, make flavors stronger, make the production of the food cheaper and easier. But really, they are entirely unnatural. They help the food companies, not the people who actually eat the food. Putting them in our bodies day after day cannot be healthy! Food, of course, didn't used to contain such chemicals. Their ingredients were solely what we had in our kitchens.

However, the unfortunate truth is that people don't cook at home as often as they used to. They don't have the patience. In the past, when meals were cooked at home, we knew exactly what was going into them. Everything was fresh and wholesome. But now, it is way too easy to grab some microwavable dinners at the store or some instant noodle packs. They're faster to cook, but contain a lot of nasty and mysterious stuff.

It's not just chemicals and preservatives, either. We've become spoiled when it comes to flavors in this modern age. We want our candy not just sweet, but extremely sweet, with way more sugar per serving than is healthy. Our canned soups are ridiculously salty. Our meats are rich and fattening. And portion sizes are huge! Simply put, we're eating mass quantities of food that contains too many unhealthy elements.

That's why I think that our food is less healthy than it was in the past. So much of it is filled with

chemicals and preservatives. So much of it is pre-packaged instead of being cooked at home. And even the natural ingredients, like salt and sugar, are overloaded into the foods for the sake of flavor, to the point of being unhealthy.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is easier for parents to raise children today than it was 50 years ago.

Raising children is definitely one of the most challenging things in the world. From the time babies are born, parents have the responsibility to properly feed and educate them. Considering every aspect of raising children, I firmly believe that it is much easier for parents to take care of children nowadays than 50 years ago.

First, compared with parents 50 years ago, parents nowadays have relatively easy access to information about how to raise a child. 50 years ago, books about raising a child are scarce and computers can only be found in government offices and big companies. However, as technology and book industry develop quickly, we can buy books, magazines and scan websites that provide comprehensive, practical and expert child health and parenting information and activities covering children of different ages. For example, my neighbor just gave birth to a baby and she did not know how to do baby massage. I searched on the internet and found tips about performing baby massage. Some articles even well-illustrated and are equipped with videos, which are more vivid and explicit than words. My neighbor quickly learned how to massage her baby.

Second, children are vulnerable to various diseases. In the past, many diseases were incurable and even mild diseases like the vitamin deficiency may cause sufferings. However, in the 21st century many diseases die out because of the advances in modern medicine. Besides, the environment nowadays are hygienic, which means that children are less likely to be attacked by infectious diseases.

Last but not least, with the development of economy, parents nowadays are more likely to raise children with both strong body and strong mind. In the past, children can hardly fill their bellies, let alone go to school to receive education. Now, things have changed completely. The living standard is much higher than that of 50 years ago, which means that parents now can not only supply their children with sufficient and nutritious food to eat, but also have abilities to provide them mental food. For example, my grandparents told me that many babies born in the 1960s were starved to death because of food scarcity. Although parents were working very hard, they still could not earn enough money to buy daily necessities.

From the above analysis, I believe that abundant information, coupled with advanced modern medicine and prosperous economy, make it easier for parents nowadays to bring up children.

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Patience is not a good strategy, we should take action now rather than later.

In the process of growing up, we have learned that patience is a virtue, believing that good eventually comes to those who wait. However, society values instant and automatic. Fortune favors the bold, the decisive, and the risk-takers. So is patience still a valuable quality that we should learn and cherish? Absolutely. Patience can still serve us in our personal lives, the business sector, and the sports world. It is reason in the midst of chaos.

Our personal lives present us with all kinds of exciting possibilities that require patience. Being patient can allow us to think more carefully before deciding what we need, or what suits us. It can help us in small ways, like avoiding an impulse purchase or staying calm while waiting in lines. Patience can also save us from our own bad decisions, like getting married before thinking it through. There is nothing wrong with being spontaneous as long as we don't become rash.

Finally, patience can also be a powerful mental tool in sports. It's an effective strategy when confronting a tough opponent. In football, for example, often the offensively aggressive team does not win. The team who has built a solid defense and patiently waits for the perfect counterstrike opportunity prevails. A popular tee shirt reads, —Offense wins games, but defense wins championships.

In a modern society that values instant and automatic, patience has a place. It is virtuous; it guides you to take the right action in the right moment. Use it to weigh important decisions in your personal life. Make prudent business and investment decisions and save money. Win championships!

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The more money people have, the more they should give away to charity.

I agree with the idea that the more money people have, the more they should give to charity. People usually require the help of others to become wealthy in the first place and therefore should be especially eager to give back to the community. Even people with small or moderate incomes will often make sure they give a little, so it only seems right that people with higher incomes should give a larger amount of money. Finally, at a certain point, owning large sums of money seems gratuitous and unnecessary. Being generous with cash can ease the mind and make one feel more fulfilled in life.

It's quite rare that people become wealthy all on their own. Maybe they took out loans to help start their business. Maybe they received scholarships or financial aid to help pay their way through law school. If they invented a product, their initial customers were graciously taking a chance on

an unknown enterprise and helped secure the inventor's bright future. Nobody achieves financial success in a bubble. Other people help in both direct and indirect ways. That's why the wealthiest people should be the most generous when it comes to charity and giving to others. They personally know how much a small act of generosity can transform someone's life for the better.

Additionally, many people donate to charity even if they themselves are not exactly wealthy. They'll give five or ten dollars to a charity when they can spare it because they want to feel they are helping in some fashion. If a wealthy person could just as easily donate a hundred dollars or a thousand dollars or more, they absolutely should do so. It would make very little difference to them but to the people benefiting from the money, it would be greatly appreciated.

Being generous also can make one feel quite at ease. It's not a good feeling to be selfish, hoarding your money away like a miser. Wealthy people who cut off their funds also seem to be cutting themselves off from the rest of the world. Once you have enough money to be comfortable, any excess cash just seems unnecessary and odd. I think that wealthy people who truly give generously to charity will feel more fulfilled and even peaceful, knowing they're helping their fellow man to the best of their abilities.

In conclusion, I absolutely think that the more money people have, the more they should give away to charity. People with a lot of money were probably assisted by others during their rise to success, so they should feel compelled to give back. When kind-hearted regular citizens are generous enough to donate small amounts of money, it only seems correct that wealthy citizens donate even more. Lastly, selfishness makes one feel isolated, but this burden is lifted when charity is given freely to those who need it.

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Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is as important for older people to study or learn new things as it is for younger people.

For old people, survival in today's constantly changing world seems to be a challenge; to study new things would be an overwhelming burden, a great source of stress and anxiety. Yet it is essential for the old to keep learning new things, just as the younger ones do, to keep their heads well above the water. It is something they cannot do without.

First, the simple job of exploring and discovery may bring joy and fun into people's life, despite age. We as human beings are inherently inquisitive, always curious about unfamiliar things around us. In seeking answers to the unknown, our curiosity is satisfied and our intellectual mind stimulated. This makes our life more exciting and fun, which the old needs no less than the young. That is why many people, when they get old, begin to learn a new skill such as painting, or playing a musical instrument. In doing so they have made their life more varied, more challenging and thus more interesting and fun.

Apart from being fun, it is also a must that the old people should constantly learn new things because otherwise they will be marginalized by the world they live in. It is not uncommon to hear

older people complain about their loss of contact with the world of their children, about failing to understand what today's young people are doing. In the cross-generation communication, it requires efforts on the part of both sides to make the move. Younger people need to be more patient and understanding to keep the old company while older people need to be more receptive to new ideas, notions and practices. By learning how to use twitter, facebook, or wechat, for instance, and the amazing things they can achieve with the newly acquired skills, the old may get to know better what the young are doing, and thus feel more connected to the world beyond their immediate circle.

For old people, who have seen and gone through many episodes of life, it is not undesirable to have a thought of rest, pausing "to smell the rose". However, ceasing to move onto new things does not necessarily bring about the long-expected peace in mind; rather, it may deprive them of the simple joy of exploring and discovery, and it may make themselves feel like strangers in such a rapidly changing world.

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In times of an economic crisis, in which area should the government reduce its spending? 1. Education 2. Health Care 3. Support for the unemployed

I think that during an economic crisis, the government should reduce its spending on health care. It's a tough choice, but I think cutting back on health care would cause the least damage compared to the other options. Many people still have the option of receiving health care through their jobs, education and support for the unemployed would crumble without government assistance, and cutting back on health care would have the least dramatic effect at the start.

Although there is health care through the government, many people are still able to receive health care from their employer. Therefore, cutting back on health care in some areas wouldn't cause an immediate disaster. Those who have the option to get health care at their jobs could switch and begin doing that. People in more dire situations, meanwhile, could continue to receive assistance through the government. It wouldn't be ideal, but it would be manageable for most of the population. And it would reduce government spending, because they would be providing health care to less people than they were before.

It would be different if the government reduced spending on education or support for the unemployed. Those are two areas that are highly regulated and funded by the government. If all public schools suddenly provided a cheaper education, all that would happen is the kids would suffer. It's not realistic that they would all move to private schools, paying out of their own pocket. Many people can't afford that. And government assistance is the main thing that helps the unemployed stay on their feet. The alternatives for them are terrible. They would have to beg, steal, or starve otherwise. Support from the government is absolutely vital for them.

Finally, reducing spending on health care would not have immediate, drastic effects like the other choices would. If you cut funding for schools, within weeks there would probably be more junk food in the cafeterias and fewer music classes and plans to lay-off some teachers. The orders for newer computers would be cancelled, and so on. And unemployed people would immediately go

into panic mode, not knowing how they were going to pay their next bill or get enough food for the next month. But if people can either keep their government healthcare if that's all they have or switch to their healthcare at their job, nothing is really disrupted there. Paperwork gets shuffled but the day-to-day stays the same.

That is why I think the government should reduce spending on healthcare in an economic crisis. The field is open enough that many people can still receive non-government healthcare through work, education and unemployment support are very dependent upon the government, and reduced healthcare would not have immediate negative effects.