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SCORE	TASK DESCRIPTION
5	A response at this level successfully selects the important information from the lecture and coherently and accurately presents this information in relation to the relevant information presented in the reading. The response is well organized, and occasional language errors that are present do not result in inaccurate or imprecise presentation of content or connections.
4	A response at this level is generally good in selecting the important information from the lecture and in coherently and accurately presenting this information in relation to the relevant information in the reading, but it may have minor omission, inaccuracy, vagueness, or imprecision of some content from the lecture or in connection to points made in the reading. A response is also scored at this level if it has more frequent or noticeable minor language errors, as long as such usage and grammatical structures do not result in anything more than an occasional lapse of clarity or in the connection of ideas.
3	A response at this level contains some important information from the lecture and conveys some relevant connection to the reading. (只抓到大點，無細節！以獨立寫作觀點來看，就好像只寫了段落主題句，之後的細節沒寫到!! 故切忌！不管是任何寫作，細節佐證→極重要!!)

- an important idea or ideas may be missing, unclear, or inaccurate;
- there may be unclarity in how the lecture and the reading passage are related
- grammatical mistakes or vague/incorrect uses of words may make the writing difficult to understand.

新第1套

1. 綜合寫作：除草劑使針葉樹木逐步死掉。

美國東北部一個社區公園突然發現一批針葉樹木 (Evergreen trees) 逐步死掉，懷疑是附近 Household 使用的一種新型除草劑 (Herbicide) 惹的禍。

閱讀：認為這些植物死亡，不是因為除草劑，主要理由：

- (1) 這種除草劑在放市場之前，經過政府機構詳細長達數年的測試，沒有問題。
- (2) uneven pattern：並非所有的針葉樹木受感染，還有好多其他種類樹木沒有問題。
- (3) 專家發現這段時間，氣候突然變化 (乾旱和高溫)，可能是因為氣候原因才導致樹木死亡。

聽力：認為這個除草劑是元兇：

- (1) 政府的測試主要是針對人和動物的安全測試，沒有太多對植物的。
- (2) uneven pattern 正好證實了除草劑對樹木的傷害，因為那些沒有被感染的樹木發現都是高處的，而低處的都被感染了。因為是流經附近社區的河流將除草劑帶到了公園裡這些樹木的根部。
- (3) 氣候變化應該是那些枯黃的老樹葉先死掉，事實上很多新綠的樹葉也掉落了

Background Knowledge: 找出来! 找出来! 它叫—Imprelis !

Evergreen plants are usually needle-shaped. The leaves and seeds are attached to the scales of a woody, braced cone. They are durable in a wide range of temperature. However, a new lawn weed killer, or generally addressed Herbicide is killing evergreen trees along with dandelions throughout Pennsylvania and many other states, according to a class-action lawsuit filed Monday. Tree owners started complaining several weeks ago about the mysterious browning of their evergreens, soon after landscapers applied DuPont's new Imprelis herbicide. In our article, it may be about Norway spruce and white pine.

Reading: Against such idea that Imprelis killed the evergreen trees

1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved Imprelis last year for commercial use in controlling dandelions, ground ivy, violets, clover and other weeds in lawns. The evidence is quickly piling up that Imprelis is attacking trees as if they are weeds." However, prior to really launching it to the sales in the market, EPA has done many experiences and no other damages were shown to the evergreen trees.

2. Uneven Pattern: The damage has been somewhat of a puzzle. Not all the evergreen trees are infected.

While some evergreens near Imprelis applications have experienced damage ranging from twisted and yellowed new growth to total brownouts, others haven't been noticeably affected. Therefore, such spotty injury might be related to the soaking spring, not this kind of chemical.

3. When Imprelis was first used last fall, USA experienced drastic weather changes, such as droughts and high temperature in alternation. such Imprelis injury also can be mistaken for other problems such as bugs, disease, lingering drought symptoms from last summer and branch-tip dieback when hot, bright conditions follow a cool, cloudy period. So, simply put, the withering phenomenon for the evergreen trees was caused by nature, not by human.

Listening: Pro the idea that Imprelis killed the evergreen trees

1. The major tests and experiments done by the government before this product launched the market are for humans and animals. That is to say, those experiments are testing the toxic to mammals rather than to the existing plants.

2. The uneven pattern turned out to be a great piece of evidence from which the evergreen trees damaged are in the low area of the Imprelis being in application, while other evergreen trees that are located in the higher areas are not affected much. So, the Imprelis is the major problem that caused the damage. The evidence showed that the river brought the residues of Imprelis down to the lower area, such as parks. The roots of the trees there absorbed the infected water source from the groundwater.

3. If the evergreen trees wither due to the reasons of drastic weather changes from the summer into the fall and winter, the old trees would suffer from it faster; however, there were in fact many new, fresh tree withering and foliage were dropping.

1. 獨立寫作：在經濟危機期間，政府在某些公共服務領域減少投入。

“妖獸”新題

在經濟危機期間，政府在某些公共服務領域減少投入。哪一個你認為政府應該花更少的錢？

(1) 教育；(2) 醫療保健；(3) 失業保障

英文版本：During economic crisis, the government tries to reduce money in certain public service area. Which one do you think the government should spend less money into?

(1) Education; (2) Health Care; (3) Support for Unemployed

解題：簡單的來說，政府經費不足時，必須要做出減低預算支出的決定，以下 3 個，哪一個是可以減少的呢？這 3 個選項，是經過設計的。要有實例 + 說服人細節

1 三個選項都要提到

1. Education: It is the process of receiving or giving systematic instructions and can be from one generation to another generation via experiences and prevailing common sense of a society. In other words, it is time-consuming, yet the result is not constant. However, it affects a country inside out in terms of morals, technology, ethics and of course happiness.

2. Health Care: Access to the health units and be treated properly should be the fundamental needs of every citizen. Besides, everyone will feel uncomfortable or become ill in all stages of life. Wholesome citizens are representative of the strong country in which people from all walks of life can fulfill their duties and perform excellently in their jobs, which are of essence for a country reaching internationality. It is expensive however and requires a great deal of money from the government

3. Support for unemployment: Stable incomes are the major source for supporting a family; with the income, families can support daily expenses, children's education fees, parents' retirement fees and fees for entertainment, which will make the economy prosper. With the support program implemented by the government, unemployed people can receive some monetary support, such as three to six month unemployment pension, tax reduction or utilities reduction. In addition, some local government gives out educational classes for those unemployed people for the smoother job hunting.

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→臨時換成 (1) Library; (2) Public Transportation; (3) Police

第 2 套

Sample Writing:

During economic crisis, the government tries to reduce money in certain public service area. Which one do you think the government should spend less money into?

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During the economic crisis, the government has to spend the money appropriately for making the country as well as citizen living on this land a wholesome place to live and to stay. Which field do I think the government should spend less money into? In my view, the Health Care is the field that the government can choose for saving more money for other prioritized matters.

To begin with, health care requires too much money from the government. In other words, if the government has only limited budgets, this field should be the one that government should spend less money into. As is known, government needs to spend millions on the treatment facilities, MRI machines and expensive medicines. However, only those people who are sick will use it; especially those in chronic illness. More money spent on this, yet only few people use it and it is costly. The same amount of money can be used to save the unemployed, educate the children and help more people in need in the society. Additionally, for those who really need the treatment, they can always pay more for their own ailments. It sounds like a small favor to the medical fee, yet it will help the government to save more money under the economic crisis. Besides, youngsters as well as most people will learn to do exercise, eat right in order to stay in good shape and condition since they need to pay much for themselves in this regard.

Secondly, health care support from the government will cause medical waste. To put it differently, when people know they are insured or in a condition when they do not need to pay much, they will usually use more of the medical facilities or take more medicines they require. Take my country, Taiwan, for an example. All the citizens are insured by the government and it has cost so much budget burden from the government. Many elders go to see doctors not because of their illness or necessary treatment, but mainly because they are lonely and they can make friends there with other elders. Some young children go to doctors and fake their illness for some pain-killers for future usage. Those are big waste from the government in the long run. During the economic crisis, the government should have patients pay some fee to ensure the equality of the fair distribution of the budgets. In order to shorten the economic crisis, government can save money by having hospital goers pay partly for themselves and use the money for those who are in desperately need of the medical resources.

Lastly, education and the support for unemployed are two major foundations for a strong country. Education is a long process of receiving and giving all kinds of knowledge, which has much to do with the future generations. If government spends less money on this, all the other money invested for this field will be interrupted. To be worse, all the elites, gifted persons along with people in the higher education will be somewhat suspended. This is definitely not promising for the government. In other words, education can be referred to as "software" of a country. If it is not running smoothly, the future of the country will be pessimistic. As for the support of the unemployed, if the government spends less money into it, the most basic unit of a society--family--will soon fall apart. Children do not receive decent education; adults do not learn skills and techniques for their profession; parents do not nurse their children. The adverse effects will hit the country in a jiff. The battered economy will then become worse. No active purchases made to the society and market relevant due to money constraint. How can the government tackle the economy crisis? How can people living in this country see the future?

All in all, among the three choices I am given, I would agree with the choice in which government can spend less money into the field of--Health Care. Of course, some people might think that without a healthy body, how can citizens work efficiently? However, everything is a tradeoff. The limited resources should be expanded the power to as many people as possible. Under the economic crisis, all the people living in this country should all cooperate and make some sacrifices for a better tomorrow.

新第2套

2. 綜合寫作：黃腿山蛙數量減少的原因。 201已考，刪除

閱讀: yellow-legged mountain frogs 數量減少的原因

- (1) 引進 nonative trout 導致，因為這種魚吃蝌蚪
- (2) 殺蟲劑 pesticides (3) fungal diseases

聽力:

(1) trout 100 年前就多地點引進了 (introduction happened before declined population of frog)，滅絕是 40-50 年的事，location 和 timing 都不對；

(2) 殺蟲劑順著水就流到山谷去了，但山頂的蛙數量同樣減少了，pesticides 污染的水，不可能從地往高流 100 多公里 (pesticide is at the downhill, but the frog is at the uphill)

(3) 蛙皮膚能分泌一種化學成分幫助抵抗這種 fungus (the skin of frog can produce chemical to protect them from infecting fungal disease)



Mountain yellow-legged frog

更改版本:Introduction:

The mountain yellow-legged frog was once the most abundant amphibian in the Sierra Nevada and Transverse Ranges of Southern California. Only a few decades ago, it was difficult to walk around many of California's alpine lakes without tripping over these diminutive "mountain gnomes." Today the hardy survivors of freezing, high-elevation winters are vulnerable to a host of modern threats, which have driven the frogs extinct in more than 93 percent of their old mountain homes.

Reading:

Amphibians are natural prey for many predators, including fish and birds, which is one reason they are considered important to any ecosystem. Usually, preys develop ways to avoid predators or identify safe places where predators are not abundant, which helps the prey continue to reproduce. The natural balance can be thrown off if humans introduce new predators to an ecosystem. The number of yellow-legged mountain frogs has brought to a harmful declining number in the local area.

1. Introduced fish species (Trout 鱒魚)

Trouts were introduced to lakes and streams throughout the Sierra Nevada in the late 1800s to increase recreational fishing in the area. The fish feed on tadpoles, a main prey item. The introduced trout have changed the distribution of several native species in the local ecosystems. After the removal of fish from several lakes, the frog reappeared and its populations increased. It then began to disperse to other suitable habitats nearby.

→ more to read on the same point

Around the world, humans have moved dozens of species of fish, crayfish, and even other frogs to lakes and rivers where they were once absent. In California's Sierra Nevada mountain range, private citizens and government agencies have carried trout into the back country and stocked lakes that once provided breeding habitat for mountain yellow-legged frogs. Scientists now believe that those fish, which eat eggs and tadpoles as well as the insects the frogs rely on, helped push the yellow-legged frogs from their habitat to the edge of extinction. In the Western United States and South America people have introduced large bullfrogs that are native to the Eastern United States. Those bullfrogs, once settled into their new homes, have been found to eat smaller native frogs and to generally take over the habitat of the native frogs.

2. Pesticides

Environmental pollution, including pesticides, is also considered a major cause of amphibian declines. A few characteristics of their physiology make amphibians directly vulnerable to poisoning from pollution. Adult and juvenile amphibians have permeable skin that allows gases and chemicals to quickly leach into their internal organs. Most lay eggs with a soft, jelly-like covering that provides little or no protection from the outside environment. And most eggs hatch into larvae or tadpoles that are vulnerable to contaminants in water. Frogs that have been reintroduced to water bodies cleared of fish have failed to survive due to such pesticide being widely used in that time. Pesticides are considered by some authorities to be a greater threat to the frog than the trout.

3. Fungal Diseases→Chytridiomycosis (兩棲類壺菌感染症)

This species is one of many amphibians affected by the fungal disease chytridiomycosis. Ample research has explored the biology of the fungus and how to prevent related amphibian declines. The fungus attacks keratinized areas of a frog's body. Tadpoles are not severely affected because only their jaw sheaths and tooth rows are heavily keratinized. Infection in a tadpole can be identified by changes in the pigmentation of these parts. Adults have keratin-rich skin and suffer worse infections.

In studies, well adult frogs exposed to infected frogs for at least two weeks developed the disease. Transmission takes longer in tadpoles, generally over seven weeks. Frogs may be predisposed to infection if their immune systems are weakened by other factors, such as pesticide. Studies indicate that *R. muscosa* is naturally more susceptible to the chytrid fungus than many other frogs to begin with.

Listening:

1. To begin with, the serious declining number of the yellow-legged mountain frogs is not due to the introduction of trout fish. This kind of fish had been happened before the declined population of frog as early as 100 years before. Besides, there were many places and spots that had been introduced such fish to the location. In other words, the visible frog population was observed only forty to fifty years ago and the declining location is also varied. So, it is clear that the introduction of trout is not the cause for the declining, for the location and timing are not all matching.
2. Secondly, if the pesticide is the cause of the serious declining in the population of the frog, we must be able to trace back the source of such pesticide. To put it differently, the pesticides used go to rivers or streams that are flowing downward, such as going to the valleys or the lower areas of the water at the downhill. However, in this case, frog population in higher lands and rivers is also decreasing drastically. The polluted water by pesticides does not go up from those polluted areas to the uphill that is estimated more than 100 kilometers. Therefore, the pesticides are not the cause of the declining for sure.
3. Thirdly, amphibians are great natural living beings. They live in a damp, dark and an environment full of bacteria and of course fungus. So, they have evolved to adapt to such inclement surroundings. The skin of frog can produce chemical to protect them from infecting fungal disease. They will not hurt by this natural thing imposed on their skins.

2. 獨立寫作：People should state their honest opinions.

Agree or disagree

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

通往“絲路”的方向~ Soliloquy

Some people are held the responsibility to be honest stating their opinions. Even though expressing one's honest opinions toward certain things may induce disagreement, it is inevitable for supervisors to fulfill such duty. To be more concise, in a company, what the ultimate goal is to improve and refine what is done and what will be done down the road despite employees feel frustrated and disparities occur during the process. For instance, the cellphone company is testing the products prior to selling it on the market. The people responsible for the products need to find out as many inferior functions or items as possible. They need to think on the consumer's side, rather than on that of the producers or designers. Being honest in stating what needs to be improved and where the working team can do better are of essence for people even though disagreements that against each other may emerge.

Food products, such as cakes, the customers can always let the bakery know what can be improved for the betterment as in the level of sweetness, portion and the price. Even though each customer has his or her own favor, yet people working in the bakery should all take the advice and try to come up with solutions. Those honest ideas and opinions may make the bakery feel annoyed or even disagreed. Besides, it is hurting to tell the seller what he or she sells, taking cakes for example, taste like cupboard, too sugary, or too expensive. However, the honest advice will make sellers refine their cakes and polish

the whole making process in order to stand out their products in the field. Thus, disagreement may appear when the honest statement is made, yet it will make people try to do a more promising job, which is certainly advantageous in the long run.

Nobody should hide their opinion. Sometimes the majority are just wrong. If nobody states a differing opinion, nobody will ever have to think. Things that could be better will never improve because everyone is drowning in agreeableness. For instance, a student studies very hard and he does not acquire good score in the subject, such as math or physics. When his friend finds out the situation and discovers that he thinks he already studies hard and he studies math and physics like geography and history subjects. It takes courage to speak honestly if you know the problem and state honestly that your friend does not study hard enough and people cannot study math and physics like history and geography classes. This hurts and may bring strong aversion toward you. However, if you still keep silent and do not express honesty, your friend will never obtain expected score and may end up feeling despaired. Therefore, people should always be honest even what they say offend people and generate disagreements from others.

反方寫法

Some people might say, "Honesty is the best policy." People should always be honest in their life and be consistent. However, if our honesty brings disagreements from people, it hurts more if we try to tell a while lie. For instance, your friend is going out for a job interview. Yes, he does not look perfect in his hairstyle, yet it is still tidy and clean. However, if we just state that he can look better if he goes to a hair salon and seek for suggestions from professional hairstylists; he may then lose his confidence for the interview and may keep paying attention to his hair distracting from the interview. He may hold different opinion from you, yet this has exerted certain level of influence in his performance. In other words, this will make him mentally feel unfavorable and chances are he will fail the interview. Actually, however, his hair is fine; just not perfect and this will not affect his interview of which it is his professional skills and job attitude are valued the most. The honest statement ends up hurting your friends being hired. Such disagreements are not strong, yet it affects and brings adverse consequences. Do we need to always be honest stating what we really think so? Does the disagreement incurred from such statement worth us confronting people? "Think twice" before we really just have the urge to be "honest" and ignore the consequences.

普通讓步段

Honesty is an essential component in healthy relationships even if it will cause disagreement. Admittedly, nothing is ever 100%. There are no harsh lines in between being honest and dishonest. Every decision needs to be logically and objectively addressed before being made. That is to say, if what we honestly say causes a disagreement that damages more than brings something better. Is being honest a virtue any longer? Do we address such things just to match our standard? Wouldn't it be better if we do not state honestly and this brings a great outcome? Whether or not there is Santa Claus to children is a good example. We can make children happy and content if we do not honestly state what we know. However I still believe that when facing a situation, the default mindset should always be

honesty. Speaking from experience thinking logically to weigh all the pros and cons leads me to believe that honest is truthfully the best policy.

讓步段 寫成一段→ 就是在反方的細節(即好處) 多寫一點

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新第3套

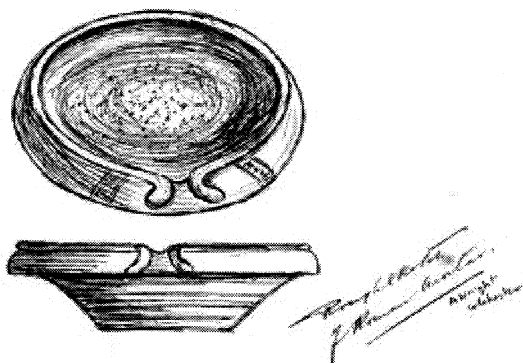
3. 綜合寫作：古希臘瓷盤的用途。

閱讀：出土了一堆古希臘 ceramic disk，盤底有紋飾，盤面沒有。猜想有三種可能的用途：

- (1) 作為 cooking pan，用來做飯； (2) 作為鼓 Drum； (3) 作為鏡子（盛水或者橄欖油）

聽力：教授一一反駁

- (1) 不可能是鍋，因為沒有燒灼的黑痕；
(2) 不可能是鼓，因為陶器的聲音不好聽，而那時候有更加悅耳的制鼓材料比如木頭；
(3) 不可能是鏡子，因為盛了水或者橄欖油之後，帶有紋飾的一面就會被藏在底下。



Background knowledge:

The fashioning and painting of ceramics was a major art in classical Greece. Native clay was shaped easily on the wheel, and each distinct form had a name and a specific function in Greek society and ceremonial in many purposes, such as vessel for wine, corn, oil, or honey or for cooking and decoration.

Reading:

There are three main functions for the ceramic disk recently unearthed. For those disks, the bottom part of the disk has special motifs and patterns, while the upper side of it is undecorated and plain.

1. Ceramic disk cooks more evenly than most metal pans that have heat lingered for a long period of time after heating up, making it ideal for this purpose—cooking. Besides, the contour of the disk looks like something that can retain water. Thus, the ceramic disk recently found can be used as a cooking pan for rice and other food that are best enjoyed warm.
2. For the shape of the ceramic disk, it is a cylindrical container with a flat top and bottom that it is a hollow frame enabling the sound to be produced. In other words, it is used as a musical instrument, such as a drum.
3. The ceramic disk can also be used as a mirror since it is flat on the surface and is not decorative on the top. Along with the hollow characteristic, it can be used as a holding utensil for olive oil or for water.

Listening:

1. The ceramic disk discovered in the recent time cannot be used as the cooking utensils or for anything related for this purpose. The shape does look like a utensil that can be used to retain water and other liquid; however, if this is the case, there should be cooking stains or burning marks on the surface of the disk. Yet, there are no traces of burning stains found. Thus, such disk is not used as cooking tools.
2. The ceramic disk cannot be used as a drum. It is hollow and can produce sound for sure, yet the quality is inferior. In other words, there are other materials that can be made for this “drum” purpose, such as wood that produces better sound and is lighter. No one will use ceramic disk to work as a music instrument due to poor quality and bad material it is.
3. It cannot be used as a mirror. The motifs on the bottom should be moved or hidden elsewhere. If it is a mirror, the pattern on the bottom of the disk will make things reflected from the mirror in an unclear way. Additionally, if the disk is mirror, why there are motifs and patterns made on the bottom, the art will be covered up by the liquid it holds. There is no reason to decorate the bottom part of the disk with the patterns and motifs.

Practice Here:

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3. 獨立寫作：The most important thing people learnt is from families。

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important thing people learnt is from families.

Definition of families:

1. A group of people who are related to each other, especially a mother, a father, and their children
2. Two or more people who share goals and values, have long-term commitments to one another, and reside usually in the same dwelling place.
3. 要點出 這價值觀是什麼!

What you need to know about this topic?

父母是他們的第一個老師，所以年輕的成年人傾向與聽父母的意見
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1. Family members can easily share what they have done in their lives
2. If you want your children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.
3. The sooner you treat your son as a man, the sooner he will be one. (William John Locke, British novelist)
4. Learn the concept of how to be responsible for the role they play.
5. Learn how to trust people and to be people whom people can trust
6. Learn how to love people and give out cares toward people

正文:

Families are people related to each other; mostly, they are living nearby or under the same roof. Do people learn the most important thing from families, or from other sources? To me, personally, I totally agree with the statement that the most important thing is learnt from families.

To begin with, families are the people we spend more time with in our early stage of life. People learn important things in the family since they are born in the same environment in which they spend time together sharing and talking to each other. For instance, when a child goes home from school, he or she meet his family first and talk with them about what happens at school. They learn important things from the responses from those family members, such as sense of responsibility, moral value, trust and concerns toward other people or about the world. By spending time together, families usually have the same values, behaviors and interests. Those important concepts in life will shape who they are and what they are for their goals in life. Families are thus the objects people learn the most important things from due to the quality time they spend with one another.

Secondly, people trust their families. With trust, people are prone to learn the most important thing via this means in the environment where they see each other more and learn from each other more. For instance, when people are young, they observe how people treat each other in a sincere way, such as

parents caring about their children in an unfailing way, siblings giving out true suggestions in hope that all things work out the best way, or seniors imparting their life experience to the younger generations. People learn the value of life and care under the same roof by osmosis. Families are those who they can trust and learn such values easily and firmly.

Admittedly, some people must hold the viewpoint that people learn the most important thing from other sources, not from families as from schools, from companies or from their friends along their life. They consider that people only learn when they leave home. Families are not people they hang out with even though they live together, thus they do not learn the most important things from them. However, those ideas are not correct. People spend most of their precious time with their families prior to leaving home and they trust each other for all the things happened. Aren't they learning the most important thing from families? The answer is definite. Families help set up their values of life and their personalities that people hold throughout their life and those are the most important things they can learn from families.

新第4套

4. 綜合寫作：基因改良蚊子。

閱讀：(Damn! 中文真少!)

有一種蚊子傳播一種疾病，科學家發明了一種基因改良過的蚊子和這種蚊子交配，導致後代有缺陷，減少這種蚊子的 popularity，可以預防疾病

聽力：有些人不同意，原因：

- (1) 蚊子數量下降，可能導致其他帶有同樣病毒的蚊子數量上升，其中可能包括一些有些可能有更厲害的病毒蚊子
- (2) 如果基因改良的蚊子咬人的話，傳到人的身上，對人體無益
- (3) 放出這些蚊子可能導致環境問題，可能會對其他物種產生影響，例子是種改良過的菜，但是菜周圍的蝴蝶數量減半



Background knowledge:

The solution harnesses the natural instincts of male mosquitoes to find females in the wild. Scientists have used genetic modification to create 'sterile' male insects which seek out and mate with females. After an engineered altered mosquito has successfully mated with a wild female, any offspring that result will not survive to adulthood, so the mosquito population declines.

Other key words: genetically modified mosquitoes or GM mosquitoes

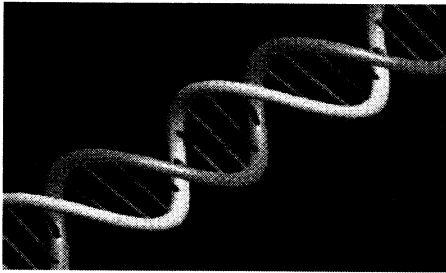
中文版:

儘管釋放的基因改造蚊子大多是不會咬人的雄性，但是其中仍有少數雌蚊。單從人體健康的角度來看，基因改造蚊子叮咬人類是否可能造成風險？沒人知道答案，因為 Oxitec 尚未進行任何長期的研究測試基因改造蚊子對於其他生物或人類的安全性。

佛羅里達大學學者指出，Oxitec 的實驗證據確實顯示此方法能有效控制病媒蚊數量，但目前不清楚能否有效控制疾病散佈；佛羅里達州醫用昆蟲學實驗室的羅尼波也說，此法要收到效果，需不斷釋出基改蚊。礁島群觀光城奇威斯特市居民擔心，釋出基改蚊可能傷害礁島群脆弱的生態環境，或將基因改造物質傳給人類。但專家表示，由於只有雌蚊會咬人，而此項實驗基因改造的只有雄蚊，無須擔心基改物質傳給人類。

TED 相關演說 (已幫你錄好了喔)

http://www.ted.com/talks/hadyn_parry_re_engineering_mosquitos_to_fight_disease.html



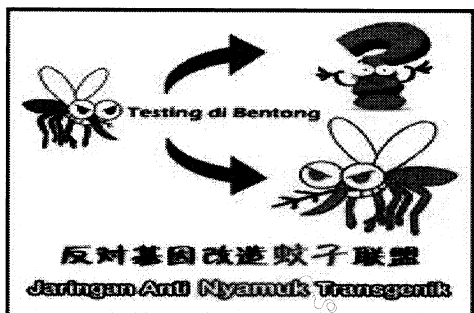
Reading:

The Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) is an environment-friendly, species-specific method of insect control, which has been described as “birth control for insects” SIT has been used very successfully in agriculture for over 50 years. SIT works by releasing sterile insects of a target species. The sterile males compete with the wild males for female insects. If a female mates with a sterile male then it will have no offspring, thus reducing the next generation's population. Repeated release of insects can eventually reduce the insect population to very low levels or zero and hence reduce the damage or spread of disease. SIT has been used very successfully in agriculture for over 50 years but is currently restricted by the need to irradiate the insects to sterilize them. For some species, for example mosquitoes, the dose required to sterilize the males also damages their fitness to the extent that SIT cannot be used effectively.

As wild female mosquitoes mate released engineered ‘sterile’ male, progeny will inherit the lethal gene and die. This method therefore suppresses the mosquito population without using any toxic chemicals. Furthermore, the sterile males actively seek out wild females to mate. This use of genetics means that the Sterile Insect Technique, which has been extremely successful in agriculture, can now be applied to mosquitoes that spread dengue fever.

整理:

1. It reduces a great number of mosquitoes on the targeted species fast.
2. Those engineered sterilized male will inherit the lethal gene and it passes down the gene to the next generation decreasing the number of the mosquitoes. Further, if one were bitten by a female sterile mosquito it would be exactly the same as a bite from a wild one.
3. This method is totally environmental friendly. Mosquitoes are dead without using any toxic chemicals.



Listening:

The DNA altered mosquitoes offer potential relief from malaria and dengue, which remain untreatable, unpreventable diseases in much of the developing world, there is still a lot of skepticism, mistrust and even fear of genetically modified organisms of any sort.

1. The sterile males will mate only with females of the same species, so there is no direct impact on other species. However, with the reduction of the targeted mosquito, other species of mosquito can increase greatly. Such mosquitoes can also carry diseases harmful to human beings. Or even worse, some species of mosquito may carry stronger virus that are fatal to human beings.
2. Even though only the female mosquito bite people for survival reasons, what will happen if the DNA engineered male mosquito accidentally bite people. Will that hurt and injure human beings in a new way? We still do not know.
3. By experiments, the GM mosquitoes only mate with their species, so it seemingly will not hurt the environment; however it will hurt other species. A recent news story reported that the monarch butterfly population is down by half in areas where Roundup Ready GM crops are doused with ultra-high levels of herbicides that wipe out the monarch's favorite milkweed plant.

4. 獨立寫作：學生一個學期內上應上很多課，還是只上三四門課。

JJ 中文版：學生一個學期內上應上很多課，還是只上三四門課，你認為哪種好

更改版：Which is better for university students? Taking many courses in one semester or taking three or four courses instead in one semester?

如何想

通往“絲路”的方向~ Soliloquy

食：內→ 食物、品質、人生、壓力、責任→

Less pressure enabling them to search for their interests

Henry William Gates

Mark Zuckerberg

Have more leisure time to know more people

Human network, know who they are and what they can do the best

Learn the major well because it takes time

Not just what's on the books but some extra research?

正文:

For university education, there are no definite answers regarding what is right and what is not right in terms of taking courses. Some people think that students can take as many courses as possible in one semester, while others think that they should do something else and take only few courses. In my opinion, I am more in favor of the latter—taking three to four courses in one semester instead.

To begin with, taking fewer courses in one semester enables college students to search for their interests. With fewer academic workloads from the courses students take, they can have more opportunities to take part in extracurricular activities so that they can meet new friends, learning from one another. Many great entrepreneurs, such as William Henry Gates met Steve Ballmer, who co-founded Microsoft as well as Mark Zuckerberg, best known as one of five co-founders of the social networking website—Facebook—met Peter Thiel who invested in the company. Had they taken many courses and spend most of their time in the academic work, they would not have opportunities for those great encounters. Besides, nowadays students go to university not for what they really like, but by demands of their parents or even simply follow their friends. So, if they take fewer classes in one semester, they will have plenty of time to look for what they really desire to take and learn in college, which is not just advantageous for their career, but also for their devotion on the academic work.

In the second place, by taking fewer courses in one semester, students can pore deep over their academic work. Undoubtedly, for college courses, it takes not much effort to simply pass the course; however, for a more profound level, if they yearn to learn the course in a more professional way, they must take extra time out for it. Thus, if students only have to deal with a workload within their power, they can spare more time study not just the textbook, but knowledge relevant to it. For instance, for English major, they can read novels related to the author introduced by the textbook; they can also use their time to take part in volunteer jobs in International English Teaching Program helping the poor to learn English or in YMCA, Young Men's Christian Association, to really practice the language in such social groups. For Tourism major or Finance major, students can try to join groups to help them learn the market and people that will help them connect what they learn at school to what really goes on in the society and in the world. Without taking too many courses, students can certainly study more, learn more and perceive more by using the time more appropriately.

Of course, college students taking as many courses as possible in one semester have many advantages. For one thing, they can graduate from school faster so that they can make use of the time saved looking for jobs while their classmates who take fewer courses are still working on their credits. For another, taking more courses in one semester means they really need to organize their schedules well without leading a college life full of parties, part time jobs or fooling around with no learning since average college students do not manage their time well. Nevertheless, college life is the time when students can explore their world other than books and take times out for interests outside books. Thus, I agree with the statement that taking few courses in one semester for college students is a more sagacious choice.

新第 5 套

5. 綜合寫作：防止鳥撞玻璃。

閱讀：現代都市裡 glass 越來越多，嚴重干擾鳥類飛行，有三個 solutions 可以防止 birds 撞到玻璃上。

- (1) 做 one-way-window (單一光線玻璃)，裡面看得到外面，外面的鳥看不到裡面。
- (2) 玻璃上畫圖案 (彩色的玻璃)，比如 stripes
- (3) 製造人工磁場，阻止鳥類向玻璃飛近

聽力：反對所有觀點：

- (1) 鳥以為是鏡子，同樣會撞上
- (2) 找縫隙撞到沒有顏色的玻璃上
- (3) 製造人工磁場導航在短距離沒效果。



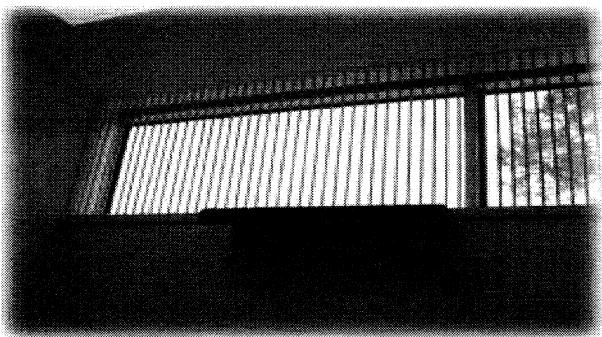
Background Reading:

An estimated 300 million to 1 billion birds die each year from collisions with glass on buildings, from skyscrapers to homes. Birds simply can't tell reflection from reality. Even if a bird flies away after striking a window, it may die elsewhere as a result of the collision.

1. There is an effect way to stop the collision of bird into the glass—that is to put stickers or other objects on the outside surface of the window. This is so-called the one-way-window where people from inside the building can see objects through the glass, while the birds from the outside cannot see through the glass, so it produces reflection just like a mirror and will thus avoid deadly collision. To put it differently, such glass appears transparent to our human eyes but are visible to birds.

2. Applying tape, film, paint to the exterior of the glass is also an effective deterrent against bird strikes on the windows, serving as visual barriers. Another similar ways to prevent bird crashing into the window is to apply visible markings to the outside of windows in patterns that the birds can see while requiring minimal glass coverage to keep your view unobscured. From a research, we know that most birds will avoid windows with vertical stripes or horizontal stripes spaced in a specific distance. This is very visible to the flying birds.

3. Magnetic fields: Some bird deterrents emit a magnetic field to disrupt birds' geomagnetic orientation and encourage them to avoid flying toward the area. When birds fly nearby the areas that are magnetic applied, they sense it quickly by nature and will avoid hitting the glass or window.



Listening:

1. Millions of the birds die every year flying into windows, because they cannot tell reflections from trees, plants and sky. Covering the glass with a one-way transparent film that permits people on the inside to see out, but makes the window appear opaque on the outside seems like a great idea. However, birds will still bump into the glass since they still look like the scenes in nature. The window is reflecting the surrounding habitat, and birds can't tell the difference, so this kind of visual barrier still not work because birds cannot distinguish it.
2. The visual barriers on the glass seem protective to birds since they can see such barrier. However, for the stripes, it still has left some space that is not covered up by stripes. Further, not all the painted or taped glass is covered with colors. In other words, birds still collide with glass that is transparent or non-colored.
3. Birds can sense magnetic fields for sure; however, this is not effective at protecting birds from window collisions. Why? When flying birds sense the field, it is too late for them to stop. To put it differently, this magnetic field method cannot stop birds hitting the windows or glasses in a short distance. They sense the field and will still collide with it no matter how.



5. 獨立寫作：工作輪調可以增加工人滿足感。

更改版: Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Workers would be more satisfied if they have various kinds of work to do during workday instead of doing the same job all day long.

Satisfaction undoubtedly is one of the most essential factors for people from all walks of life to continue making the best out of themselves. What would be more satisfied for them—having various works to do during the workday or doing the job all day long? In my perspective, I think workers would be way more content if they have a variety of works to do during the workday.

To begin with, by doing various works under a working day, workers can gain more working experience in their trade. Having more works to do means they are of importance in what they are doing in the profession. This is a demonstration of having one's professional skills or know-hows practiced and performed, which brings enormous satisfaction to the workers. As a good case in point, if a server working in a fast food restaurant only has one thing to do—taking orders, it makes him feel unwanted

and tedious in this job. Will that bring satisfaction to people? Will this make people set up their mind to improve themselves? The answer is definitely a NO. By having various kinds of works to do, workers learn through those works, being stimulated for thinking more. They can gain more experience and learn more things in the trade, which is priceless and it makes people satisfied.

In the second place, doing a variety of works in a workday enables workers to acquire professional knowledge in a faster way. Workers need more work to do in order to find out what they are unfamiliar with and what they excel at. For things they are not adept in, they can work harder since people have more opportunities to know this part through working more with different works. For the things that they are good at, they can maintain the skills and pass them down to other people or teach others who are not doing as good. Besides they can make great use of the time to improve their professional knowledge or techniques in a more rapid way as in the example of tourist guides, hotel receptionists who need more works to do to gain their expertise. Dealing with people is not easy and simply. This is a fulfillment of work in a professional way that will certainly bring satisfaction to people.

On the contrary, doing the same job all day long for a worker makes them gain experience and their professional knowledge in a slower pace. All workers need a variety of works to locate their weakness or inferiority in their jobs. For example, if a server works in a coffee shop who only does table cleaning job, he or she cannot learn how to deal with customers asking other services, such as the ingredients of the meal; he or she cannot learn how to make coffee or food. Doing the same job all day long makes people feel like a robot repeating things mechanically, which will certainly not bring out the sense of satisfaction. Who wants to work like a soul less robot? Additionally, this kind of job is just a "job" not a career on account of the fact that the worker will lack of enthusiasm and passion to do better and try their limits.

Things always have two opposite sides; some people must say that doing the same job all day long makes people focused only on such job. As a proverb says "Practice makes perfect." Doing the same job in a repeated way will spark new ideas or make people more professional since they do only the same job and will be more familiar with it for better improvement and this is also a fulfillment of jobs that brings great satisfaction. However, this is not true for most occupation. We are all human beings and we need a variety of works in order to learn, to try and to challenge, pushing ourselves to see how far we can go. Satisfaction itself can only be led out via a variety of works being performed rather than doing the same job all day long.

新第 6 套

6. 綜合寫作：煤灰污染。

coal ash 的污染很嚴重，需不需要 new、much stricter regulations on handling and storing coal ash。

閱讀：不需要

- (1) 相關的 regulation 已經存在，要求 company to use LINER on the ponds 啊什麼的。
- (2) 擔心新的嚴格的規定，會讓人們不敢再買 recycled coal ash。
- (3) increasing cost. 電費會漲十倍，大眾會不接受。

聽力：需要

- (1) 原本的規定只要求 company 在新的 ponds 上用 liner, old ones are not required, 所以現在 old ponds 還是會產生許多 coal ash, 會進入地下水，最後污染飲用水。
- (2) professor 舉了 mercury 的例子：在 mercury 的問題上也有很嚴格的 regulation, 但是人們依然在買 recycled mercury for over 50 years。
- (3) 電費確實會漲到多少多少 billion, 但是平均到人頭上，每個人的電費就只漲了 1% 而已。It is not a big price to pay to have a cleaner environment。

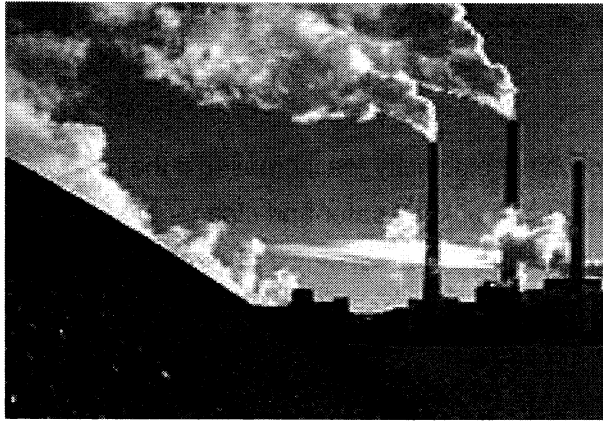


Background:

Coal ash, the toxic remains of coal burning in power plants, is full of chemicals that cause cancer, developmental disorders and reproductive problems. It poisons our water and kills fish and wildlife. Thus, do we need new or much stricter regulations on handling and storing coal ash?

Reading: We do not need that

- 1. We have set up regulations for the coal ash pond already; for example, companies need to use liner or closures to the pond to prevent hazardous chemicals reaching our drinking water sources and the protection is good enough.
- 2. New regulations scare buyers for the recycled coal ash.
- 3. Increasing the price of the coal would bring up the cost of electricity fee. The estimated increase for it will be ten times higher, which is not acceptable to the citizens.



Listening: We need stricter regulations for coal ash

The new EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) data confirms that we are just beginning to realize the threat coal ash dumps pose to drinking water supplies and the health of nearby communities. Thus, we do need a stricter law for regulating coal ash.

1. The regulation we established for coal ash ponds are just for the newly built ponds. In other words, the old ones are not regulated by the regulations. Thus, those old ponds will still contaminate our ground water and our drinking water will also be affected greatly in the end.
2. Coal ash contains a lot of poisonous chemicals, such as arsenal, mercury that are deadly for lives. Take mercury for an example. We have set up strict laws for the use of mercury since it is highly fatal to not just humans, but all living beings in the environment. However, still, people have been buying recycled mercury for over 50 years. Therefore, strict laws or regulations are not the cause making people not buying the item.
3. Indeed, if we increase the cost of coal, the electricity fee will be billions of dollars increased; however, this is not targeting only on certain individuals. In other words, the increased fee is evenly distributed to all the people using it. The price increasing is only one percent. So, it is not a big price to pay to have a cleaner environment.

Sample Writing:

This topic is about whether or not we should enact stricter laws or regulations on handling and storing coal ash since it pollutes our environment greatly. The reading and listening contents hold the different view on this issue.

Firstly, the reading says that the government has set up regulations for coal ash, such as building up liner to prevent it goes to our ground water; however, the listening indicates that the regulations are only valid for newly built storages or coal ash ponds. Thus, for the old storage places, it will still pose threats to our environment.

Secondly, the lecturer says that people will still make purchases on recycled coal ash even though the regulations are made stricter which is opposed to what the reading expresses. Besides, the speaker gives out an example to the concerns that people will not buy the coal ash, which is the cited case in the

listening—mercury. This is a high fatal element, yet with strict regulations, people are still buying it for over 50 years.

Thirdly, according to the speaker, there will admittedly have electricity fee increased if the price of coal is also increased. However, this is not a big deal if people can enjoy a safer and cleaner environment. For the increased price, it is even up by all the people using it, so there will only a one percent increase on the electricity fee. Yet, the reading says the fee will be augmented for as ten times as it originally is. Thus, the reading and the listening contents are contradictory on whether a stricter regulation should be practiced for the storage of coal ash.

6. 獨立寫作：過去老師比現在更受重視。

思考方向：

1. 通往“絲路”的方向~ Soliloquy

食：內→ 食物、品質、人生、壓力、責任→

衣：外→ 外觀、社會地位、冒險、競爭→

住：家人、社區概念、國家、環境→

行：交通、效率、方便性→

育：休閒教育(如：閱讀習慣、圖書館)→

樂：休閒活動(如：運動場、公園、科技、網路、媒體、行動電話)→

兩個類似題目：

(A) Agree or disagree with this statement: Teachers were more appreciated and valued by the society in the past than nowadays.

(B) Agree or disagree with this statement: Teachers are appreciated and valued nowadays not as much as they were before.

Teachers in all cultures play an essential role in the society. They are those people who are closely associated with a great number of young students in motivations. (背景寬) Through time, they are all appreciated and valued by our society for what they have been doing to educate the youth who are the future leaders in all fields in the country. (背景窄 題目字全出現) Were teachers more appreciated and valued by the society in the past than nowadays? (問號一句) In my opinion, with the development of the world, my standpoint to this statement is a firm "Yes." (超級清楚的立場)

食: 內→ 食物、品質、人生、壓力、責任→

Firstly, the role the teachers played in the society in the past is more complex. In other words, they did not just focus on the subject they taught in the class, but were also viewed as moral and hard working role models. In the past time, parents did not receive high education and were busy making money, so they relied on schools a lot for not just their academic purpose, but moral values build-up as well. Students were asked by teachers to behavior well in due manners in the classroom and the attitude they held to their duty as a student. (論 已清楚解釋 TOPIC SENTENCE 和 本文的關係) For example (再來一個 SPECIFIC 細節(證)→ 一看就知道剛剛的論是何意; 托福重視這個部分, 但也可以直接寫這個部分而跳過 "論", 即"論" "證"一起寫。以中間段來說, 多變化, 不要只用同一種。), a student might be asked to respect each other and learn how to socialize with people they did not like. If students were naughty and did not do their homework, teachers had the right to discipline them or to even punish them for rectifying their wrongdoings. Multi-roles teacher played, they did not just impart academic knowledge to students, but teach them opportune manners for the society they were to participate later on. Thus teachers in the past time were much appreciated and valued than those nowadays who focus mainly on the class.

老師的思維方向:

衣: 外→ 外觀、社會地位、冒險、競爭→

行: 交通、效率、方便性→

Secondly, present teachers have too many tasks to carry out in their profession. (批評反方立場 →是正向的喔! 也就是"正方。" 想一下, 政治人物為什麼要批評反方人物呢?) Teachers living in our time have too many tasks to complete since our society has become more complicated. For example, teachers need to continue their extra education or diploma for higher payment and position. Teachers, living in our competitive world, need to write papers or do research in order to outstand in the academia for their tenure(終身教職). To be worse, many teachers work only part time; their major profession is the CEO or large company counselors. In other words, they focus more on their own affairs, not the affairs of students or schools. With little or limited time spared, teacher-student relation is just like machines that operate only when they are there in the class. How can they be valued and appreciated with our society? How can they do so much to students as teachers in the past did? Teachers nowadays simply have too many things to do in their own private life; they do not care much about how the student behave in the class as long as they hand in the homework and pass the exam; they think students can do whatever they want since their shared time involving each other is limited. Thus, they are not appreciated and valued by our society as much.

住: 家人、社區概念、國家、環境→

Thirdly, teachers living in the past (比較法 托福很多題目都是兩個元素, 說自己的好, 在同條件下, 反方有多不好) were more connected into the schools as well as the communities. In the past, teachers usually worked in one school and lived nearby. Often, they were people growing up in the neighborhood when they were young. Thus, they could stay longer after class and had office hours with students more often. At the present time, teachers usually teach in several schools by the subject they lecture. After the

class, they need to either go to other schools or simply leave for their chores. Schools only pay them by classes or by hours, so they have lesser school commitment compared with teachers living in the past. Our society value and appreciate more about people who can devote themselves more to the school and the community. When the school or community need assistance, such as adult education programs or student club guidance, teachers in the past could readily be there and help out. Thus, they were more valued and appreciated by the society for their commitment to the neighborhood.

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Admittedly, some people may think that teachers living in our time are more valued and appreciated. (讓步段→ 反方的好處。立場是和你的觀點正相反) For example, they do not just focus much on the academic work, but also link what they teach to the concerns of job or career for students as the employment rate is declining. In addition, due to the knowledge exploration era, teachers in our time need to constantly update themselves with the latest technology, theories or knowledge; in other words, they are taking extra efforts to make what they teach perfect for students. However(抓回來正方), most teachers juggle many work in their profession. Their time is limited and divided for students owing to the poor economy. Thus, they are not as much appreciated and valued as those teachers living in the past.

Although there are some sensible points in the issue of the teachers living in our time much more appreciated and valued than those in the past, I still hold my standpoint that teachers living in the past are considered more appreciative and valuable for the role they play is more complicated and for they are more dedicated to their school and community. (立場 可用現在式 表事實!)

新第7套

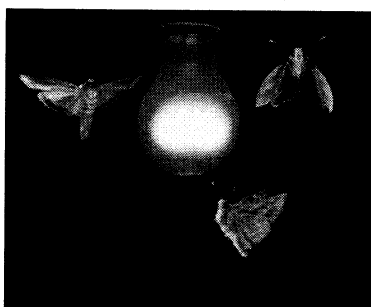
7. 綜合寫作：飛蛾撲火。

Three theories to explain why moths often fly towards artificial lights.

閱讀：

- (1) 飛蛾有本能，在 avoid predator such as frogs 的時候會 fly towards the moon，所以 moth 遇到 predator 的時候，看到 light 以為是 moon 就飛過去
- (2) 花在夜間會反射出比周圍亮的光，Moths often fly to flowers so they can suck the nectar (吸花蜜) from flowers. So when artificial light is on, they think it is the light from flowers.
- (3) 光源周圍的溫度高，Moths fly to artificial light because they want to heat themselves.

聽力：教授一一反駁。(請看整理)



Reading:

- (1) Why are moths attracted to light? This behavior suggests that moths use the moon as a primary reference point and have the ability to calibrate their flight paths as the Earth's rotation causes the moon to move across the sky. In other words, when they are facing the predator such as frogs, they will fly towards the moon as their instinct to avoid them. Thus, flying towards to the artificial light, the moth might deem such light source as the moon and fly to it as biological drive for safety. So a moth's attraction to an artificial light or to a fire could be related to this biologic reaction. The moth wasn't "expecting" to actually get to "the moon" (the light source) or to be able to fly above it, so confusion results.
- (2) In the pitch dark night, the flowers can reflect the moon light in the surface, which makes them glow and look brighter in the environment; moths often fly to flowers so they can suck the nectar from flowers. They often hover near the flower and flap their wings hard while they sip the nectar. So when artificial light is on, they think it is the light from flowers.
- (3) Moths balance heat in the day time, while in the night time, when, especially in mountainous areas, the temperature drops, they need to heat themselves up and keep warm. Hence, moths fly to artificial light because they want to heat themselves.

Listening:

- (1) Moths circle around the artificial light and even collide into each other when they fly. They also fly much longer than necessary, even long after the predator is gone. So the instinctive behavior relating to predator is not sound. Besides, if the moon theory is valid, moths would only be flying upwards towards the light source above rather than circling.
- (2) Moths detect the presence of flowers because they can detect the CO₂ that these flowers release, not because there is light around the flower. It has been found that moths can detect the kind of flower and the richness of the flower from the amount of CO₂ that these flowers release. Since artificial light does not release any CO₂, the "flower theory" is also flawed.
- (3) If the "heat theory" is reasonable, then moths would be flying towards some types of light more than others. For example, they would fly into florescent light much less because florescent light is cold and it does not generate much heat for them. But on the contrary, moths prefer to fly into florescent light rather than other warmer lights.



Sample Answer:

The reading and the listening content are holding different perspectives about the theories on the explanation why moths fly towards the artificial lights.

To begin with, the reading indicates moths fly towards the moon out of instinct trying to avoid their predators, such as frogs. Yet the lecture says this is not logical for they fly longer and simply just cycle the light source and not fly above. Besides, when the warning sign of predator is gone, they still do such behavior.

Secondly, the speaker indicates that moths fly to the flowers because they can detect the CO₂ amount released from the flowers, not because of the glow reflected by the flowers from the moon in the dark. Besides, artificial lights do not ooze such CO₂ thing, yet the moths are still rushing to chase the light. However, the reading argues that moths fly towards the light due to the simulation of flying to the flower that glows and brighter in the environment so they can get the nectar there.

Lastly, moths fly to artificial light due to the fact that they want to heat themselves from the cold night. Likewise, the listening passage refutes this point denoting moths would fly into florescent light much often, yet florescent light is cold and it does not generate much heat for them. They do not like to fly to the light source which, in comparison, is warmer. Hence, the content from each source is totally opposing.

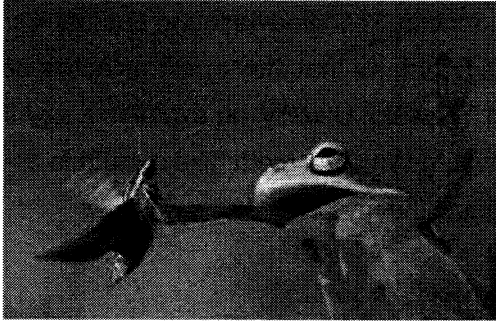
Background knowledge for this phenomenon in Chinese:→ 之前閱讀也考過同主題

為什麼飛蛾會撲火？一般有兩個解釋。

【解釋一】：科學家經過長期觀察和實驗，終於揭開了「撲火」之謎。他們發現飛蛾等昆蟲在夜間飛行活動時，是依靠月光來判定方向的。飛蛾總是使月光從一個方向投射到它的眼裡。飛蛾在逃避蝙蝠的追逐，或者繞過障礙物轉彎以後，它只要再轉一個彎，月光仍將從原先的方向射來，它也就找到了方向。這是一種「天文導航」。飛蛾看到燈光，錯誤地認為是「月光」。因此，它也用這個假「月光」來辨別方向。月亮距離地球遙遠得很，飛蛾只要保持同月亮的固定角度，就可以使自己朝一定的方向飛行。可是，燈光距離飛蛾很近，飛蛾按本能仍然使自己同光源保持著固定的角度，於是只能繞著燈光打轉轉，直到最後精疲力盡而死去。

【解釋二】：許多昆蟲，只在夕陽西下，夜幕降臨後才飛行於花間，一面採蜜，一面為植物授粉。漆黑的夜晚，它們能順利地找到花朵，是「閃光語言」的功勞。夜行昆蟲在空中飛翔時，由於翅膀的振動，不斷與空氣摩擦，產生熱能，發出紫外光來向花朵「問路」，花朵因紫外光的照射，激起暗淡的「夜光」回波，發出熱情的邀請；昆蟲身上的特殊構造接收到花朵「夜光」的回波，就會顫波飛去，為花傳粉作媒，使其結果，傳遞後代。這樣，昆蟲的燈語也為大自然的繁榮作出了貢獻。因此，夜行昆蟲大多有趨光性，「飛蛾撲火」就是這一習性的真實寫照。另外，其實飛蛾主觀上也不是想死在火焰裡面，是由於其複眼的構造使其以一個螺旋角度圍繞火飛行的時候逐漸接近最後造成撲火。

飛蛾撲火，其實飛蛾只是保持自己的飛行方向與光源成一定角度，隨著它不斷的飛，它要不斷變化角度的，而軌跡也逐漸靠近光源，就好像蚊香的形狀一樣，繞著光源飛，並且半徑逐漸縮小，最後接觸光源，如果不幸是繞著火苗飛，那麼……並不是徑直撲向光源的。



Background knowledge for this phenomenon in English:

1. 月光

Some entomologists believe moths zoom toward unnatural light sources because the lights throw off their internal navigation systems. Moths didn't evolve around bright lights, after all; they evolved at a time when all the light on Earth came solely from the distant sun, moon and stars. In a behavior called transverse orientation, some insects navigate by flying at a constant angle relative to a distant light source, such as the moon. But around man-made lights, such as a campfire or your porch light, the angle to the light source changes as a moth flies by. This confuses it. "The thinking is that they become dazzled by the light and are somehow attracted," said Jerry Powell, an entomologist at the University of California, Berkeley, who specializes in moths.

This theory runs into some problems, however. Light bulbs may be new on evolutionary time scales, but campfires have been around for about 400,000 years. Wouldn't natural selection have killed off moths whose instinct tells them to go kamikaze every time they feel blinded by the light? Furthermore, moths may not even use transverse navigation. "I'm dubious of the idea that they're using moonlight as an orienting device in the first place," Powell told Life's Little Mysteries. "That would probably only be done by species that migrate — in that process they might use the moon in some way. But that would not explain why the 50 or 70 percent of moths that are small and don't migrate would also use moonlight to navigate."

A completely different theory was first put forth in the 1970s by Philip Callahan, an entomologist then working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Callahan discovered that the infrared light spectrum emitted by a candle flame happens to contain a few of the exact same frequencies of light given off by female moths' pheromones, or sex hormones. Callahan had previously discovered that the pheromones are luminescent — they glow very faintly. In short, male moths are attracted to candles under the false belief that they are females sending out sex signals. "The male moth is highly attracted to and dies attempting to mate with the candle flame," Callahan wrote in a 1977 paper in *Applied Optics*.

This hypothesis has its holes, too. According to Powell, ultraviolet light is far more attractive to insects of various kinds, including moths, than infrared light is. And there's no reason why UV light should remind moths of sex; it doesn't contain the same wavelengths as their glowing pheromones. Entomologists have found that moths are less attracted to artificial lights during the week of the full moon than they are during the new moon week, and this observation sparked yet another theory. "People used to say you don't capture many moths with UV lamps at the time of the full moon because they're all flying toward the moon," Powell said. "But that's ridiculous, because they can't carry on their life cycles if they're flying to the moon."

And indeed, the notion has been proven incorrect. "A study done in Scandinavia found out that it's not that they aren't attracted to lights as much when the moon is bright, it's that they aren't as active during that time because the light doesn't drop off as much at night," he said. Usually, he explained, nightfall and darkness trigger moth activity. So no hypothesis holds water. Why is a moth "like a moth to a flame?" For now, the question must remain one of life's biggest little mysteries.

2. 月光+採蜜

What would a summer evening be without moths? They flutter around our campfires and beat their powdery wings against our lampshades. They congregate by streetlights and frequent torch-lit garden parties. But what is it about the lamp on your porch that moths find so irresistible? Is it the warmth? The pleasing glow? Why are moths attracted to light? According to Mike Saunders, the answer is simple: They're not. "Moths often use the moon to orient themselves during night flight," explains Saunders, a professor of entomology at Penn State. In visual terms, the moon appears at "optical infinity," i.e., far enough away that the rays of light it reflects toward Earth are parallel as they enter a moth's (or a human's) eye. This constant makes an excellent navigational tool. "Using the moon as a reference, moths can sustain linear flight in a given direction."

But technology has been unkind to the moth. "Artificial lights seem brighter than the moon," Saunders notes, "and moths end up orienting to them even though the artificial light is not at optical infinity." The moon remains safely out of reach, but a candle or lamp is a different story. As the moths get closer to the light, their ability to triangulate is thrown off. "As to why moths tend to remain close to a light source once they have reached it, Saunders speculates that the poor creatures simply tire themselves out. "If they spend significant time circling the light, they may exhaust themselves, quit flying, and rest on nearby objects."

Some researchers have suggested that, having reached a brightly lighted spot, a nocturnal moth is tricked into thinking the sun is out, and settles in to sleep. Another theory holds that candle flames emit wavelengths similar to those of female moth pheromones, attracting male moths intent on romance. Yet another attributes the moth's fondness for light to the search for food. Most moths are nocturnal, and many feed on the nectar of flowers, which often reflect ultraviolet light. They may mistake artificial ultraviolet light for a potential food source. "It is certainly possible that night-blooming flowers are detected by moths as a function of reflected moonlight," says Saunders. But nocturnal moths have other means of finding their nighttime meals, he adds. "Recent research indicates that the moth is capable of detecting high levels of CO₂ being emitted by flowers. It is believed that these high CO₂ levels signal increased metabolic activity in the flower, which may tip off the moth to the presence of nectar."

While these explanations may account for some light-seeking moth behavior, the vast majority are drawn to light due to navigational snafus, says Saunders. "One caveat," he notes, "is that there are many, many species of moth. Not all moths are nocturnal fliers, and maybe there are moths out there that are genuinely attracted to lights. But in general, it's just not true."

7. 獨立寫作：教育的目標。

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important goal of education is to teach people how to educate themselves

一連串的問題：非常“海灘”發短音的題目!!

教育的本質是什麼呢？教育的最重要目的是什麼呢？我們受教育最重要的需求是賺錢還是讓世界變得更美好？教育是一個連續的過程，最重要的目標是教導人們持續教育自己讓個人的目標實現嗎？教導自己教育自己有何好處呢？

這個議題廣，可看作是優點，因為不是考 GRE 或 GMAT，故只要道出是何種學習並站在正方不犯大邏輯錯誤即可 as in the definition of “education.”

→ The imparting and acquiring of knowledge through teaching and learning, especially at a school or similar institution

"After all, what is education but a process by which a person begins to learn how to learn?" (Peter Ustinov Dear Me 1977)

→以托福角度，我們是要舉出“具體例子”來佐證正方觀點。想一個領域吧！教育重要是受教育(學習)那個階段，還是因為那個階段的啟發而使自己不斷學習教導自己從犯錯中學習、更正、檢討，以達到終生的自我教育或自學的過程？

→當學生不知如何回答時，可多把題目字寫出以期待不偏題。

As a Chinese old adage goes, “Giving people fish, we can only feed them one meal; by teaching them how to fish, we feed them a lifetime,” for education, the most important goal is not just lying on the period when people are being educated as in school, but on how to motivate them to learn more. Thus, in my perspective, being able to teach people how to educate themselves continuously should be the most essential destination of education.

To being with, education is a process of leaning and self-teaching for the most appropriate ways of each individual. In other word, education should not just be confined to the learning itself. This is limited and is not catering to the potential of each individual. For example, when students are learning math at school, they cannot just learn and follow the rules or skills from teachers. Instead, they should learn how to figure out the process of the rules being formulated in essence. Teachers teach at school, while students are being inspired to teach themselves by their own way and altitude. Maybe the promising result cannot be reached in a short time, yet the most important goal of education has reached—self-teaching—. One day, the student can understand the difficult formula by referring to more data relevant. Thus, education is to make learning takes place by inducing the self-teaching process.

Secondly, if people are not taught how to educate themselves, education can be a standstill/stalemate. With the era of the Internet arriving, all the data and information are being updated too fast. Take medicine for an example. Some drugs are introduced to new patients for specific purpose; they are proved potent in this minute, yet in the next minute, they are recalled due to certain complications attached to them. If the education of medical school aims at teaching students to self-educate

themselves as the most important goal, they can continue the search and further the formula of the drug. This is beneficial to all the human beings. On the contrary, if the goal of the medical education is not focusing on motivating people to teach themselves for the betterment, future doctors are just acquiring the knowledge of today and following the rule from the previous generations. This is a complete motionless process and the drug would not be improved saving more lives.

Thirdly, most great achievements are done by the process of self-teaching. In other words, the most important goal of education should be to prepare, for instance, children for life, nourishing the potential in every child so that each may connect and contribute his or her unique ideas and abilities to society, such as the invention of antibiotics, alternating current, short as AC, nutrition supplements, environmental-friendly garments and so forth. Those special characteristics of idea are brought about by the most important goal of education—teaching people how to educate themselves, not just in learning from a fixed way, but in testing, in experiencing and in trying for their own need and interest. Thus, such education will then achieve a world never before known—starting a great chapter of human history.

Admittedly, education is broad and some people might think that the most important goal of education should be only be restricted to the category of teaching people how to educate themselves in their likings. Education should be an empowering process that allows and guides learners to develop their passions, critical thinking, compassion, and orientation towards wisdom and towards the world in which we live. Namely, the most important goal of education should be boundless and not limited only to teach people how to educate themselves. The most significant goal of education is to make people the best people they can be, to be passionate about life, to be able to help others, to ponder over questions and so on. Nevertheless, we are living in a world of reality of which we need to make constant efforts to make things perfect and this cannot be conquered by being encouraged by education that teaches people how to educate themselves; how to improve themselves by the self-learning process; and how to actively learn new things for their ultimate goals. Thus, I agree with our statement. Education, after all, is a process of self-searching and self-teaching.

新第8套

8. 綜合寫作：如何提高太空船安全。

Spaceship 在宇宙空間中會遇到 debris，怎樣降低太空中無數的 debris 與 spaceships 相碰撞的危險。

閱讀：文章提了三種方案

(1) tracking 這些 debris。

(2) 用一種 metal，在 spaceships 的外部建造 shield，用以抵禦 debris 的相撞。

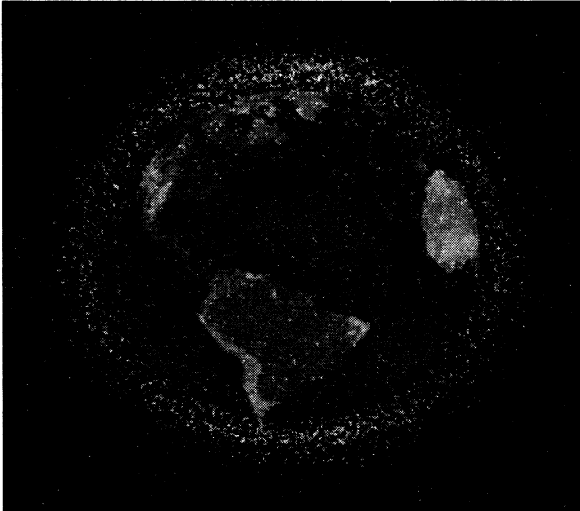
(3) laser broom 給掃走。

聽力：教授逐一批駁，

(1) 只能追蹤到大的 piece，小的一樣很有毀滅性，且無法追蹤。

(2) 會加重飛船重量，需要更 powerful 的 rocket，需要更多的能量來建立防禦罩。

(3) laser broom 有可能會被用於建造軍事 weapons，用在太空中造成 controversial。



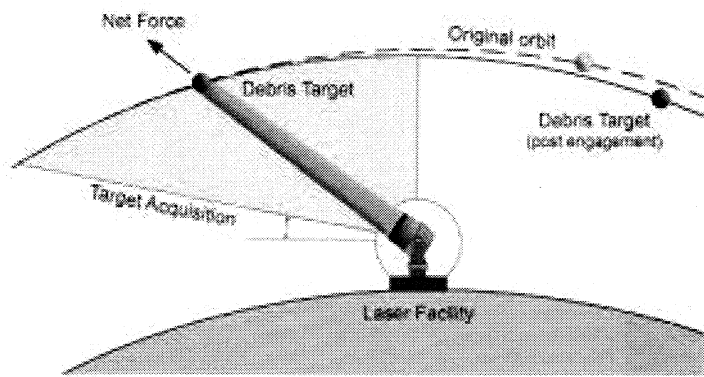
Reading:

1. The scientist can try to track the orbit of the debris or space junk. By tracking them down, usually with a regular orbit, spaceship can predict the possible collision beforehand protecting the safety of spaceship.
2. By constructing a field outside the spaceship with a special metal that endures temperature, spaceship can be protected in the collision.
3. Using the laser broom method, such as the military utilize in their mission, this sweep out the debris in the way and will protect the spaceship from collide with numerous debris and space objects with efficiency.

Listening:

The consequences of meteoroid and debris impacts on spacecraft can range from small surface pits due to micrometer-size impactors, via clear hole penetrations for millimeter-size objects, to mission-critical damage for projectiles larger than one centimeter.

1. For protecting spaceship colliding with debris, tracking debris is not a sound idea. Only larger space objects can be catalogued and tracked; only these can be avoided through active measures or by evasive maneuvers. Smaller, catalogued objects can only be defeated by passive protection techniques
2. By mimicking the natural protective environment of the Earth, the researchers try to use a metal field as a powerful deflector shield. However, the amount of high-temperature metal required to protect a large vehicle like the Space Shuttle Orbiter would have been very heavy and entailed a severe penalty to the vehicle's performance. We need to develop more powerful rocket to deliver the spaceship to the space. The challenge is harder for us. Thus, this consumes more power and also would possibly be disturbing all the way.
3. A laser 'broom' intended to clear space junk out of the orbit path to protect the spaceship is not working. However, this is breaching international treaties preventing the use of laser weapons in space, some people suspect the technology of being linked with missile defence projects. So it is too controversial.



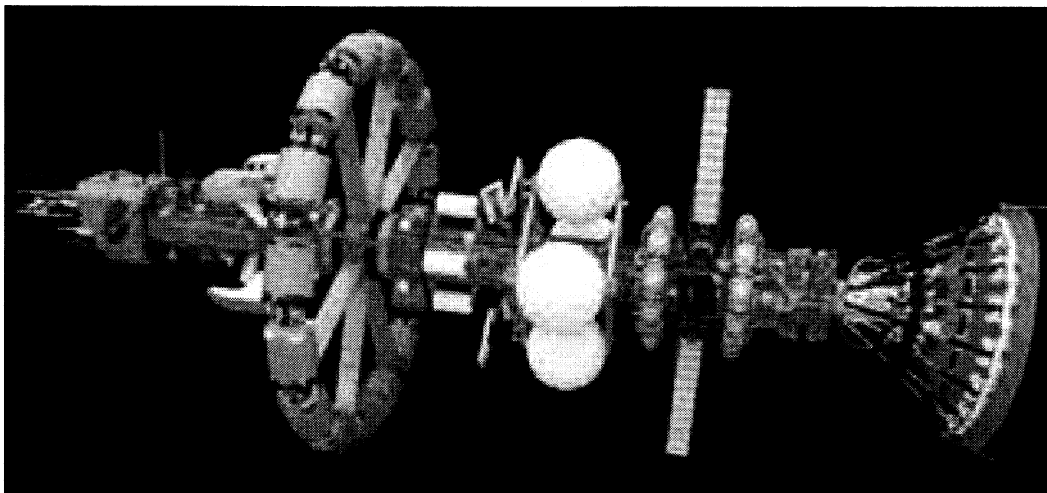
Sample Answer:

The topic—how to protect airspace from hitting the debris—, the listening content and the reading passage hold a different stand on the protecting effect and result.

First of all, the lecturer says that tracking the debris does not generate high successful rate because only larger space debris or objects can be really tracked and recorded, yet smaller objects are still harmful, many are destructive, to spaceship. The reading however indicates that the spaceship can track the debris and avoid them for a safe navigation.

Secondly, the reading shows that building a metal shield outside the spaceship can help protect it from the debris. However, the listening content says this kind of special metal will only increase the weight of the spaceship, which makes it more awkward in operation; besides such powerful deflector shield entails more energy for the construction stage. This cause more trouble than its worth.

Thirdly, the lecturer says that laser broom is too controversial to be used in the space. For such laser broom, it can be used in the military concern, which violates the international agreement, although it may be an efficient way to clear up the debris in the way of the spaceship. The reading only concerns about efficiency of the issue, not about other issues that may breach the space treaties. All in all, the content of the two sources is contradictory in the approach for assisting the spaceship a safe journey.



8. 獨立寫作：教育對老年人一樣重要。

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Is it just as important for older people to study and learn new things as it is for younger people too?

“Live and learn” as the proverb goes. In terms of learning new things, it is not concerning the matter of age. We, young and old, should all try to learn new things in this rapid change era. For young people, they expose to the new world every day and they automatically acquire new things, while for older people, they may not update themselves with this world by going out or socializing with a lot of people in the society, yet they should still try to study and learn new things as it is like younger folks.

First of all, everybody needs a life of quality. This issue does not only lie on people at a younger age, but on older people who might have their own routine of life as well. Take the Internet as an example. Young people grow with the age and the utilization of the Internet has been fused into their life. They communicate with their family, friends with emails or through LINE, which is a type of new communication application software allowing people to make free messages. They shop by using the Internet or buy tickets via it, which usually offer great discount. Some schools even require their students to submit their work by the electronic form. For older people, undoubtedly, they still need a good connection with the new world. They also need to have a close communication with their family or the club they participate. For instance, their grandchildren might be studying or living abroad, they can learn to use Facebook to “friend” their grandchildren and to exchange messages or to share pictures. Additionally, they can also try to learn to browse the information about medical knowledge, news or even their favorite daytime dramas. Thus, older people should still learn and study new things to facilitate the quality of their life.

Secondly, learning is a continuous life-long process that can be enriched by the experience. Human beings, young and old alike, all have devoted themselves to learning something in their life seriously. Whether they are performing this for their interest, for their profession or even for their duties, they need to constantly update themselves for making sure the subject is not obsolete. New discoveries are made every day. A case in point, a chemical compound used in refrigeration was considered a new technology few decades ago and it greatly helped the world to store food in an inexpensive way; however, if older generation of scientist did not continue to learn and study new things, they could not have discerned that it is actually detrimental to the ozone depletion causing global warming effect. It is of importance for them not just to sit on their laurels for what have been made, but to learn and study new technology, new science and new perspectives of the knowledge to further their work, which can also be improved by their experience. Young people learn new things due to their mobility in the society for survival, while the older people learn new things to keep abreast of the new world and further their knowledge. What they do is both vital to the world.

Admittedly, some people may think that it is not a priority for older people to learn new things. They can simply just live in their comfort zone and use their old ways of living in their life. For one thing, they may have made contributions to the world and that will be enough. For another, they do not need to compete

with people from all over the world in this global village under the fierce competition for a job. Learning or studying new things might be overwhelming and a burden to people their age. Those statements however are misleading and erroneous. For instance, firstly, the comfort zone needs to be updated. It is highly inconvenient to write a letter to someone and wait for days in reply. It is exhausting and time-consuming to travel overseas by boat than by airplane. Maybe they do not need to compete with people for a job as younger people do, yet they learn and study new things for a more decent life and for improving what they have been doing in the betterment of all mankind.

新第 9 套

9. 綜合寫作：逆戟鯨 (Orca) Iceberg。

在阿拉斯加和俄羅斯看到的逆戟鯨 (Orca) 是不是同一隻 (就是科學家稱為 Iceberg 的逆戟鯨)。

閱讀：科學家們 2000 年和 2010 在兩個相隔 1500 Mile 的地方發現一隻逆戟鯨，這個動物正常情況下是黑色帶有少許白色斑點，結果兩次發現的是全白色的，這個發現非常神奇。但是科學家們仔細分析了，說這兩個東西不是同一物種，並從三個方面給出了分析。

- (1) 輕微的顏色差異：第一次非常白，第二次微白；
- (2) 相隔太遠：兩次相隔了 1500mile，他們在岸邊不會走這麼遠；
- (3) 年齡估計：第一次估計是 20 歲，那就意味著第二次得要 30 歲，科學家表示不太可能。

綜上所述，這兩個物種不是同一個。

聽力：教授的觀點是認為他們是同一個物種，從三點分別駁斥了這些科學家的觀點

- (1) 這個生物生活的地方會長藻類 (algae)，這個藻類不同季節的生長情況不太一樣。不同季節會對這個動物的顏色有一定的影響，有可能白還是不白時候是被這個藻類覆蓋了。
- (2) 這個生物按生活習性分為兩類，一類是 hunting，一類是 fishing，有可能被發現的是 fishing 的，它待在冰上，隨著冰漂移 2000mi 也是很容易，所以在這兩個地方發現同一個是很有可能。
- (3) 年齡有可能被預估錯誤了，這個生物到 20 歲以後就沒啥變化了 (獨家知識源：猜測有提到背鰭)，20 歲和 30 歲長得很像的。科學家認為是 20 歲，萬一是 25 呢？所以年齡預估這事不靠譜。

綜上所述，教授認為，很有可能是同一個物種

中文新聞：<http://www.ettoday.net/news/20120424/41405.htm>

影片：<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jToz9MVVvk>

Reading: (Different species of whale orca are spotted by the scientists.)

Orca is a species of Killer whales that are starkly black that when you see an all-white one. It's pretty amazing. Scientists have spotted an extremely rare all-white adult orca off Russia's coast and are wondering if it's the same animal photographed by scientists in Alaska in 2000 and 2010 — or if there is more than one. The two sighting spots for the adult orca are 1,500 miles away from each other. Thus, with all evidence, the all-white adult orca being seen is a whale of different species.

Firstly, the color is different; for the first spotted whale, it is completely white, yet for the other whale, it is grayish white.

Secondly, the distance between the two sightings is around 1,500 miles, which is too far away for the same whale to swim along the coastal area.

Thirdly, in the first sighting on the whale, from the size of its dorsal fin, it suggested that it was at least 20 years old. This was happened in the year 2,000. For the second sighting in 2010, it would be 30 years old for the whale, which is not possible and rare.

Listening: (YES, the two sightings of the whale are the same species of all-white whale.)

Firstly, the feeding areas of the all-white orca are usually abundant of algae. As is known, the color of algae varies according to different reasons. In other words, the whale's skin color can be affected by the color of algae that are grown in different seasons. Thus, we are still talking about the same species of whale orca, but the skin color is changed or covered by the algae. The skin looks different in color, but the true color is actually unchanged.

Secondly, all-white adult orca can be divided into two types. One is addressed "hunting type" another one is just called fishing type that feed on fish by "flowing" on the water. So, With the drifting of ice bergs, such fishing type whale can something move with the ice bergs for 2,000 miles in an easy way. The distance of 1,500 miles between the two documented sightings is not much of a difficult thing for them.

Thirdly, the whale's age can be deceiving. To put it differently, the scientist guessed the age of the whale by the fin, which seems right; however, the fin cannot accurately tell the difference for a whale that is 20 years old or a whale that is 30 years old. With this fact, what if the whale was 25 years old when it was spotted and guessed as 20 years old. So, the "fin" theory is weak.

Sample Writing:

The topic being discussed is about whether or not the same species of all-white whale orca spotted in two different places. The arguments in the both material are opposing.

To begin with, from the reading, it says that the skin color of whale is changed from white to greyish white; thus, there is no way the same species is spotted. However, from the listening, it indicates that the feeding ground of such whale is full of algae that can affect the color of how the whale looks like. To be more specific, the algae's color varies based on seasons. So, the whale just looks different in color, yet they are still the same in the skin color.

Secondly, this all-white creature can be divided into two types of whale—the hunting whales and the fishing whales—. The latter can move around flowing with ice bergs for food, which is fish. From the reading, it says that 1,500 miles for the two sighting spots are too far way, yet the listening says, for the fishing type whale, drifting 2,000 miles is not too difficult.

Thirdly, it may be a misleading observation for telling the age of the whale. From the reading, it says, the

fin revealing the age of whale for the first sighting is 20 years old, so the second time would be 30 years old, which is not possible; however, for the listening, it is not easy to accurately distinguish the age by observing the fin. Besides, 20 and 30 years old of a whale may look similar in the observation of the fin. In other words, the whale spotted twice is the same species. Therefore, the reading and the listening contents are contradictory.

9. 獨立寫作：學生的成績應該由許多小作業評量。

題目一： It is better to give students grade based on many short assignments instead on one or two long assignments. Use specific reasons and examples (based on your knowledge or experience) to support your answer.

題目二： Some students prefer to have their final grades determined by numerous small assignments, whereas others prefer to have their final grades determined by only a few large ones. Which do you prefer and why?

題目三： Some students prefer a grade that is based on many short assignments, while others prefer a grade based one or two long assignments.

Which one do you prefer?

中文整理： 有些人認為成績應該由許多小 assignment 的成績綜合，有些人認為應該 1-2 次大成績。寫出自己的觀點，並給出案例和分析。

Sample Writing:

The issue of "grade" cannot be overemphasized among students as well as teachers. Students attending schools are usually setting their goals of obtaining high grades, which can be deemed as the reward of their diligence performed in the learning process. Some students prefer the grade being determined by many short assignments, while others prefer it being based on one or two long assignments. Personally, I would choose my grade is based on many short assignments, rather than being decided in one or two long assignment.

To begin with, for students, one of the best methods to evaluate their understanding about the coursework is through many short assignments. Learning is a process, not something that can be reached in the shortest time possible. Even the brainiest kids often encounter learning problems. Thus, if students' grade is based on many short assignments, they can read and study more often on the scope the assignment sets. In other words, they can find out their weakness or problems via many assignments and work out those problems. Some subjects, such as math, chemistry or physics, are based on gradual comprehension of the rudimentary knowledge. If students do not solve their questions, they may have hard time understanding the lesson.

Secondly, it is more efficient for teachers to give out feedback. With many short assignments practiced, students can frequently receive the feedback from teachers who can therefore give out step-to-step answers or guidance to each student. Each short assignment provides stimuli to students who can

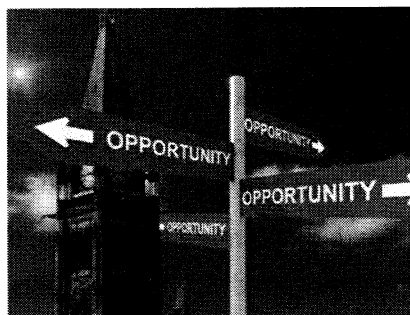
definitely learn better at school. On the contrary, if students' grade is based on only one or two long assignments, students cannot receive timely feedback from teachers. There would be tons of questions revealing from students who only acquire their grades from one or two long assignments. Exhausted, teachers would be dealing with so many questions in one go, which will decrease the efficiency of learning as a whole. Additionally, due to less evaluation, teachers might not be sure about the fact that students perceive the subject he or she teaches. Thus, the outcome will not be as promising as frequent short assignments do.

(自曝其短) With many short assignments, students, admittedly, will feel bothered and annoying that they might end up doing slacking work for all the short assignments. Even if students are all seriously about those short assignments and make all the efforts to achieve high score, they will feel constant pressure for the frequent submission of assignment. However, assignments divided into shorter ones enable students to gradually learn the subject little by little. They might fail a few times, yet they can make it up by studying industriously. Besides, teachers can always help out in the process of their learning and adjusting the level for the course based on students' grades. The advantages far outweigh the petty shortcomings.

In order to provide the best learning approach to students in terms of giving grades, teachers are debating over whether or not they need to give grades based on many short assignments or on one or two long assignments. To me, apparently, I prefer the grades given in accordance to many short assignments. The major goal for young students is to learn in a process when they can adjust their learning steps and strategies based on many smaller assignments, not on just one or two that determine their academic performance.

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(反方好處) Admittedly, if teachers give out the grade based on one or two long assignments, students can be more seriously and focused since they know the assignment is of importance. Moreover, students can embark on activities or sports they are fond of. For young students, there are many things they need to experience and learn in this life. This is somewhat true; however, if students are given grades upon one or two long assignments, they will be nervous about the assignment submission day and worry about if they do the assignment in the correct way. Hence, I am still in favor of the statement that it is better to give students grade based on many short assignments instead on one or two long assignments.



大綱提取範例(一)

獨立寫作

Should children spend most time playing and studying or required to help the family with household chores like cooking and cleaning? 我的立場→ 要幫忙做家事

Today, there are more and more parents paying attention to the quality of a childhood education. Should they spend most of their time playing and studying or help their family with household chores? As far as I am concerned, I take the side of the fact that children should be involved with the household chores, such as cooking or cleaning, for children's growth in many aspects.

First of all, household chores, as a kind of extra education, can teach children important life skills that cannot be learned in school. These practical skills, such as cooking and cleaning, will practically prepare children for their future independent lives. Take myself as an example, at the time when I studied abroad for my bachelor degree in Australia, poorly cooking skills really brought me a lot of inconvenience, and it even affected my health because I often just made instant noodles for meals. When I was suffering from the distasteful dishes I made, one thing came into my mind; that is, if I become a mother one day, I will definitely let my children more involved with household chores in spare time and teach them more practical life skills like cooking. Those things cannot be learned at school, thus parents should require children to do those household chores to equip themselves with knowledge other than their academic work.

Outline:

1. doing household chores can teach children important life skills that cannot be learned in school.
(Topic Sentence)
 - a. cooking and cleaning, will practically prepare children for their future independent lives.
 - b. At the time when I studied abroad, poorly cooking skills really brought me a lot of inconvenience, and it even affected my health because I often just made instant noodles for meals.
 - c. If I become a mother one day, I will definitely let my children more involved with household chores and teach them more practical life skill like cooking.

Secondly, household chores can bring about a good relationship between parents and children for the reason. In other words, such interactive activities for parents and children help them to cooperate with each other. Considerably, the preparation before dinner as well as the cleaning up after dinner could be good family activities for the children to join in with their parents. As assistants to their parents, helping, for instance, to set up the dinner table, getting the ingredients ready for cooking or washing dishes after dinner, all give the younger generation an opportunity to work on tasks with their parents as a team. This mutual experience can help them establish a good tactful understanding with their parents. The more they participate with household working, the more they will understand the hardships of their parents, and realize how precious the time they spend with their parents is.

2. household chores can bring about a good relationship between parents and children. (Topic Sentence)
 - a. the preparation before dinner as well as the cleaning up after dinner could be good family activities for the children to join in with their parents.
 - b. to set up the dinner table, getting the ingredients ready for cooking or washing dishes after dinner, all give the younger generation an opportunity to work on tasks with their parents as a team.
 - c. The more they participate with household working, the more they will understand the hardships of their parents, and realize how precious the time they spend with their parents is.

Admittedly, some people must think that we are living in a very competitive era that children should spend most of their time doing something that can be more "visible," such as studying their academic subjects for a better score, learning an instrument or doing community work for the experience of leadership or communication skills, which are beneficial for their future study, school application and future career. However, I do not think so. Doing household chores is beneficial for children's extracurricular lives from two different perspectives: it can provide practical knowledge in terms of life skills to children as well as it can improve relationship between children and parents. Taking into account of all these factors, I reach to the conclusion that children should help with household chores.

3. Admittedly, we are living in a very competitive era that children should spend most of their time doing something that can be more "visible." (Topic Sentence)
 - a. studying their academic subjects for a better score, learning an instrument or doing community work for the experience of leadership or communication skills
 - b. those are beneficial for their future study, school application and future career.

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大綱提取範例(二)

獨立寫作

網路版: 是否同意政府不應該給藝術家 (musician, filmmaker, artist....) 任何 financial support

更改版:→ Do you agree or not agree that government should not provide any financial support for musicians, filmmakers and artists?

Without art what will become of this world? Life would be duller or better because government does not have to spend money on it and then use such amount of budget on other items such as education or health for a government.(都談到 題目!) To me, personally, I think government should provide the financial support for musicians, filmmakers as well as artists for sure.我的立場: 要補助藝術

Stance: To me, personally, I think government should provide the financial support for musicians, filmmakers as well as artists for sure.

To begin with, art is educational and resourceful to people in the country. This is why our government should subsidize it. Arts are a unique and effective form of teaching empathy, critical thinking, and inter-personal skills. In addition, it is advantageous for people, especially young students, to learn logic and spatial concepts through paintings and music. For example, when students are producing art, they need to think of an object in mind. How the object is presented in regard to the real size, such as a building, a vehicle, or a person's face. Three dimensional aspects would be processed through the human mind for a perfect presentation of the art work, which will help students to advance not just their hand-eye coordination skills, but a big facilitator for the development of science and math. In addition, art can help us think and understand ourselves as individuals, as a nation, and as human beings. Thus, the government subsidy of the arts allows a greater diversity of work to flourish, for the benefit of all who live in our country.

Outline:

1. Art is educational and resourceful to people in the country. (Topic Sentence)
- a. When students are producing art, they need to think of an object in mind. How the object is presented in regard to the real size, such as a building, a vehicle, or a person's face.
- b. Three-dimensional aspects would be processed through the human mind for a perfect presentation of the artwork, which will help students to advance not just their hand-eye coordination skills, but a big facilitator for the development of science and math.

Secondly, art improves civic life and makes citizens find a channel to release their pressure. The purpose of the government is to make people live delightfully in a carefree environment. Through supporting music related activities, such as symphony, concerts or vocal performances from overseas, citizens can enrich themselves with those art forms, which are usually too expensive for most citizens and without the support of the government, the average citizens can never be stimulated by such activities. By supporting filmmakers, more independent directors will be keen on making non-mainstream movies saving our culture and teach more people beautiful things, such as documentaries about the local tradition, such as the life of the bald eagle as an indigenous species.

Those things are not just entertaining, but also provide a channel for most people to have another chance to view the world with a different perspective, releasing pressure accumulated in the fast-paced urban life. Without government funding and support, the arts in this country could easily languish.

Outline:

2. Art improves civic life and makes citizens find a channel to release their pressure. (Topic Sentence)
- a. Through supporting music related activities, such as symphony, concerts or vocal performances from overseas, citizens can enrich themselves with those art forms
 - b. By supporting filmmakers, such as documentaries about the local tradition, such as the life of the bald eagle as an indigenous species.
 - c. Those things are not just entertaining, but also provide a channel for most people to have another chance to view the world with a different perspective, releasing pressure accumulated in the fast-paced urban life.

Irrefutably, entertainment is a want not a need. More money should be spent on healthcare, children, senior citizens, security and education, which are the true responsibility of a wholesome government. Art is subjective, "Why should I fund a stranger's taste for the arts?" Popular art will be paid for and if an art form is not popular then people who like the art form must fund it. Why should the majority pay their hard earned money on art that they don't appreciate? However, this is not all true. If we see everything through the angel of materialism, we will not provide free environment for the whole citizenry in a way of enlightenment and inspiration. What the government should do is to provide a channel for all citizens rich or poor alike, to create a platform for the average to get access to. The art is not just at face value, but a symbol of fairness for education, entertainment. Thus, government should still support the art for its citizens.

Outline:

3. Entertainment is a want not a need. (Topic Sentence)
- a. More money should be spent on healthcare, children, senior citizens, security and education
 - b. Art is subjective, "Why should I fund a stranger's taste for the arts?" Popular art will be paid for and if an art form is not popular then people who like the art form must fund it. Why should the majority pay their hard earned money on art that they don't appreciate?
 - c. The art is not just at face value, but a symbol of fairness for education, entertainment.



How to give out examples?

- Poor
- Most people
- Course/Education
- Most Jobs
- Excellent
- Students/ young people/
- Law, art, science, painting
- Lawyers, bookstore keepers, teachers

精選大範圍獨立寫作（共 13 題）

1. Do you agree or disagree? Playing sports gives important lesson on lessons of life learning.

Whether or not people can learn lessons of life by playing sports is a subject of intense controversy. Playing sports is for relaxing and moving around for fun, as some people may assert, yet others do not think this way. Everything in life should have a purpose that enables us to learn and to ponder. To me, personally, I strongly believe that playing sports enables people to learn essential lessons of life.

First of all, playing sports is a good opportunity for people to learn communication and negotiation skills. Most sports require teamwork and cooperation, which are essential lessons we need to learn in our life. For example, in the case of a football match, players on a team need to talk about their strategy of winning and their tactics. This whole sport is all about the process of developing their communication and negotiation skills. In a word, whether on the field or on the drawing board, sports help people acquire and polish interpersonal skills, which can be acquired and learned through sports. In life, we all need such skills to achieve success since we are living in a world of great diversity and most people have their unique opinions toward different issues. Only through effective communication and negotiation can people settle differences and collaborate with, for example, colleagues from various cultural backgrounds and opinions. Taking part in sports significantly contributes to the formation and practice of the skill that are essential on the lessons of life.

Last but not least, playing sports helps people deal with mental stress as well as building wider viewpoints to life issues and problems. The most important lesson in life is how to live a life to the fullest and deal with mental stress with a promising outlook. That's exactly what sport activities provide. Most young people have a heavy workload and due to intense competitiveness in school and in career alike. They also have to worry about losing jobs or getting sick from inferior immune system that stress causes them. Some people cannot fall asleep though they are sleepy at night. Some people even need sleeping pills to fall asleep. Sport activities, proved by scientist, help people forget about worries in life and regain composure by releasing certain hormones physically. In addition, when we play sports we sometimes win and sometimes lose. We can apply such attitude to life when we do not enter, for example, our ideal schools, locate decent jobs etc. By playing sports we can know what we need is to make constant efforts, not regretting on those pessimistic occasions. Accordingly, when people are suffering from undue stress, playing sports is the most effective and convenient way of getting rid of stress and gaining new perspectives on life.

Some people certainly may think that playing sports is all about physical training and skill learning. It has nothing to do with learning lessons for life, which is way too serious. It should be a time of fun and leisure. However, this is not that easy and people need to think and act together in cooperation. Thus, I am strongly in favor of the view that playing sports is a good way of learning the important lessons and skills in life. It helps people gain a foothold in the workplace and get rid of stress.

2. Do you agree that the professional athletes such as the football player and basketball player deserve high salaries to be paid?

Last two decades have witnessed a significant improvement of professional athletes' salaries, for instance, some celebrated basketball players such as Kobe and James are able to earn nearly 50 million dollars per year. However, whether these athletes deserve such extraordinarily high salaries is always controversial. Though a myriad of people deem that the salaries these athletes get is higher than their real contributions, as for me, I hold the standpoint that it is reasonable for them to receive such exorbitant salaries.

First of all, when it comes to economic progress, compared with common careers, there is no denying the fact that professional athletes play a substantial role in promoting the economy. For one thing, when some famous professional athletes participate in a match, they are able to attract thousands of spectators all over the world watching this match, helping the government make huge profits from selling tickets. For another, professional athletes endorsing a product also contributes to the company making more profits. According to a survey conducted by Harvard University, after Kobe and James became spokespersons for Nike, the sale of shoes made by Nike increased by 30 percent. In light of this, professional athletes deserve high salaries since they contribute to the huge economic progress of the products they endorse.

Furthermore, they endure a great deal of pressure from training in the whole process of becoming a professional athlete. Just as an old saying goes: no pain, no gain. In other words, it is by ceaseless efforts that professional can achieve such glorious success, which is another reason for them to deserve high salaries. To become a professional athlete, he or she is forced to get up early from a young age to do exercise, to eat special diets to keep his or her figure and to sacrifice relaxation time to watch videos. Besides, in the process of training and matches, most of them get injured several times, which may even cause permanent harm to their health. For example, as one of the most successful basketball players in the world, Kobe everyday spends nearly 16 hours on watching videos, doing shoot-around exercises and discussing strategy with the coach, which is the key to his success. In the aggregate, considering great efforts and lots of injuries, professional athletes deserve such high salaries.

Last but not least, the story and success of professional players also motivate youth to get rid of obstacles and achieve success, which explain why professional athletes deserve such decent salaries. Not all professions have the power to bring people's attention and inspire them. As is known to all, the youth is the hope of our future and when the young generation feels motivated, they will spare no efforts to pursue their dreams. Those great athletes all passed the difficult time in order to play as a professional player in front of everybody. This will teach and inspire youngsters for matters in which they need to work harder, to plan out decent training time and never give up their goal. Therefore, since many professional athletes inspire many young people pursuing their dreams, they deserve high salaries.

Certainly, some people may think that athletes do not deserve such high salaries. Many other professionals are working as hard as they do. The salary should be saved for ticket reduction purpose or improving the sports center. However, I still think that they deserve such a high salary for they bring profits, work arduously and inspire thousands of people.

3. Agree or disagree: to solve the problem of present and future, it is necessary to understand the past.

Just as the saying goes: take history as a mirror and look forward into the future, relying on past experience and studying from the past is always regarded as the best method to make decisions and solve current problems. However, as for me, in most cases, understanding the past is indeed necessary and beneficial, while in some special conditions, past experience and history play little role in helping us get rid of obstacles. → What do you think as a reader?

To begin with, understanding the past is extraordinarily necessary in improving the efficiency to solve the problems of the present and future. For example, in our studies, we always ask advice from senior students, whose experience can help us improve studying efficiency. From our past experience, we are able to master our study habit and know the best studying period in a day, which is instrumental in improving our grades. Besides, by understanding past experience, we are able to avoid a myriad of mistakes, which might cause disastrous results. As it is known to all, in the first industrial revolution, to improve productivity and pursue fast economic development, the British sacrificed the environment for economic relevant progress, which resulted in serious pollution. According to this history, every country should keep a balance between the economy and ecology rather than develop economy blindly. In light of this, in most cases, understanding the past is useful in aiding us to solve current and future problems.

Admittedly, some people may say that understanding the past may not solve the problem of the present and future, for the problems occurring or to be occur are different. When people meet some problems that have never before occurred, understanding the past is not necessary while being innovative is the only solution. For instance, in 2003, a serious disease, SARS, killed thousands of lives all over the world. Since SARS was a new disease that had never occurred before, relying on past experience was undoubtedly not beneficial. When SARS emerged initially, many doctors told patients to take some regular medicine which was effective in the past, but many of them, however, died in the end. Finally, it is a brand new medicine and treatment that helped people get rid of this disease. Furthermore, in some particular circumstances, relying on the past simply will lead to serious mistakes. Before Plank proposing quantum mechanics and Einstein proposed his relativity theory, many scientists simply applied Newton's theory to the movement of microscopic particles, which however was wrong in the direction. Thus, sometimes relying on the past will cause serious mistakes. + 拉回正方 However, people still rely on the knowledge accumulated in the past time for putting forth the hypothesis to test, to try and to break the tradition. Thus, it is still necessary to understand the past for all the coming challenges now or in the future.

From the above discussion, we can conclude safely that understanding the past is necessary for sure. Even though human beings are living in a big world where we do not know what is going to happen. However, understanding the past is like a mirror for the present and for the future. Therefore, I firmly agree with the statement.

4. Do you agree or disagree? For successful development of a country, should a government focus its budget more on very young children (5 to 10 years old) education rather than on universities?

High education quality has a significant relationship with the countries' future and development. However, the issue that whether government should focus more of its budget on young people's education or university education has caused heated debates. To my perspective, I hold the viewpoint that focusing more funds on university education is a wiser choice.

First of all, compared with university education, primary education is not as costly. As we all know, for primary education, the main cost is hiring qualified teachers, purchasing teaching devices and paying for utilities, which in fact is not a big cost. University education is totally different. Universities not only need to pay for professors and devices, but to invest in science research and build libraries, which is impossible to achieve without government investment. Besides, advanced research takes a series of steps and follows a strictly supervised sequence. In other words, those precious data or discoveries can be shared with our government. This is a win-win situation for sure.

Secondly, each education system has a major channel to acquire budgets. In other words, when it comes to the source of fund, primary schools, in my country, do not just obtain their fees mainly from the government, but also the local businessmen and companies, while universities depend mainly on the government investment. To improve awareness and publicize the image, many entrepreneurs donate money to build primary schools or set up scholarships for the future elites. For universities, however, as mentioned above, since they need a large amount of investment for facilities or improvements, regular companies cannot afford such investment. Under this circumstance, government investment is the only way out. According to a survey by my country, Taiwan, more than 80 percent of primary and secondary schools receive monetary support from local businessmen, while not many universities receive donation from companies. In light of this, government investment is the only source of university education while primary schools can get outlay from other sources.

Last but not least, considering the different role in a country's development, it can be seen easily that universities are more substantial than primary schools. What is the aim of university education? Besides developing more talents in different areas, universities also shoulder the task of promoting country's science and technology level, which is the core of a country's competitiveness. In universities, there is much scientific research, which requires lots of money and support. In contrast, since students in primary schools can only learn some basic knowledge, it is worthless to invest large amounts of money on them. For instance, in America, government invested more than 5 billion dollars to its top 10 universities research, which is one of the most important reasons for America's prosperity. Therefore, universities deserve more investment than primary schools.

Admittedly, government investing more on the children education must have its merits to some extent. It will help children to get a head start in education and expect a smooth studying process down the road. This is of course promising; however, when the government is facing its "precious" budget issue, I still think the best way is to invest more on the higher education.

5. Do you agree or disagree? The most important characteristic of a political or business leader is the ability to be responsible for mistakes.

What is the most important characteristic for a political or a business leader? Is that the ability of taking full responsibility for the mistakes committed? Or it is based on other characteristics, such as being honest, or having the courage to lead the specific group for a resourceful era? As for me, I hold the viewpoint that the most essential characteristic of such leaders is to possess the faculty of taking the responsibility for mistakes.

Firstly, leaders can inspire people in the same group for the sense of responsibility as well as bring timely correction for the mistakes. To put it more exactly, when a business leader admits the mistakes in front of his employees and is willing to tackle it, he or she not only corrects the mistake in time, but sets a positive example to employees of being honest, giving employees the nerve to face the difficulty. This behavior will bring the awareness of facing obstacles, be it intentionally or unintentionally, and learning to take the responsibility for the betterment of all other relevant policies or projects for either business leaders or political ones. In addition, by taking the responsibility for the mistake, leaders will be more conscious and heedful of their behaviors or style of thinking when, for example, making policies or negotiating with other firms. As a result, the organization or citizens will be stronger and really benefit from the mistakes.

Secondly, leaders can really bring the true advantage for either employees or citizens with such characteristic. For political leaders, if they can have the ability to take the responsibility for mistakes, it, in essence, means they are honest with what they do. When it is not right or being considered a mistake, the political leaders are willing to adjust and make corrections for the benefits of most people. For example, the plan for establishing a dam that is close to a mountainous area; however, it will hurt nature there as well as people living in the vicinity who are relying on this natural area. After further evaluation, if that place is not appropriate for a dam, the leaders are to take the responsibility. Even though money has been spent and plans have been made, it is a mistake and leaders should have the "guts" to take full responsibility and accept criticism. So, this is the most important characteristic for a political leader. On the same line, such characteristic also applies to business leaders who can also correct and stop wasting time or money if the strategy is not working out.

Admittedly, some people may think that other characteristics, such as integrity, the ability of carrying out a project or even the ability of talking are also of the greatest importance. However, as we know, everyone makes mistakes. It is not the behavior itself that will make a great leader stand out, but the ability to try to make things better; to me, it is the heart that is set to take the full responsibility of a mistake—this is above integrity or performing a task, but to set a good example for other leaders as well as people working for them.

6. Do you agree or disagree? Movies and televisions should always show audiences that the good people are being rewarded and bad people are being punished.

Some people believe that movies and television are simply leisure pursuits and they are not real, while others, such as educators claim that children will be negatively influenced if bad people are rewarded while good people are being punished. As for me, I hold the viewpoint that this depends on the type of movies.

First of all, for science fiction films, it does not matter if the good guys or bad ones do not receive what they should be treated under the common morality. To be more clear, as we all know, when directors design science fiction films, they focus on their predication of future science and science's impact on our lives. Under this circumstance, even if good people are punished while bad people are rewarded, they can also still be regarded as excellent movies if they attract a large group of viewers. For example, in the Star Wars movies, one of the most celebrated science fiction films, many outstanding people with good virtues died in the end and evil people won wars many times. In the aggregate, science fiction movies do not need to show viewers good people being rewarded and bad people being punished.

Moreover, when it comes to documentaries, it should follow the common morality. In other words, such genre relates more to people's lives and will influence by osmosis more people. Why? Documentaries aim at reflecting the real world currently or in the past, so directors just need to describe the true world. For instance, in a famous Chinese teleplay about the Ming Dynasty, the director showed us a dark world. In the teleplay, many righteous secretaries were killed by a fatuous king while obsequious secretaries always got promotions, which is the reality of Ming Dynasty. Due to being faithful to historical facts, this teleplay received lots of praise. Therefore, documentaries only need to reflect the truth instead of beautifying the world.

Last but not least, in terms of educational movies and teleplays, they had better show audiences that good people are rewarded and bad people are punished. That is, the main purpose of such movies or televisions is to educate, which will help build up the internal perspective toward life. When children are small, especially those who are under the age of three, they are easily influenced by the outside world and provided they see a movie that advocates good people being punished and bad people being rewarded, they may maintain that it is unnecessary to become a nice person. According to a survey conducted by Harvard University, children who see a movie that advocates wrong values are more likely to commit a crime in the future. In light of this, educational movies or programs should show children that good people are being rewarded while bad people are being punished.

Certainly, some people might comment that movies and televisions are for fun; why do we take it so seriously? Yet, since not everyone can have the righteous views on what they see and hear, the surest way of making movies is to consider the public morality and make the content more favorable to all the audiences by purposes such as documentaries and educational movies are more on the reality while the science fiction movies do not need to show good people being rewarded while bad people are punished.

7. Do you agree or disagree? It is better to work with your own computer and telephone at your home than work in your company's office.

版本一

The global world of work has seen radical changes in recent years, among which telecommuting, or working from home, stands out as the most remarkable brainchild of this technological age. An increasing number of people choose to complete their work at home and communicate with their offices using computers or telephones. While this may seem like a better option for workers and their employers, there are a number of drawbacks lurking behind the benefits of this development.

A major disadvantage is that telecommuting blurs the line between your leisure time and your work. For most people who work in the office, they have fixed office hours, for example from 9AM until 5PM. Anytime outside of that period, except for some rare occasions when they have to work overtime, is considered free time or family time. However, when people start to work from home, they may feel unable to escape their work or separate their life at home from their work. They may start to check their work email first thing in the morning, or they may work late into the night. And because getting to work is so easy without having to commute to the office, they may actually be working longer hours than their office counterparts.

Another disadvantage is that the quality of work may suffer because of the reduced face-to-face interaction with other employees or supervisors. An important element in the successful operation of a company is effective communication between co-workers. This communication is not simply making a few telephone calls or sending a few emails. It involves face-to-face discussions, brainstorming, persuasion or even arguments where innovative ideas and strategic decisions are created. This kind of work atmosphere can never be created in a home environment no matter how sophisticated the technology is.

Finally, once people start working away from the office, there is a decreased sense of working for an institution but instead an increased sense of working for a task or a product. Therefore, workers may feel less loyal to a company and more inclined to change jobs or work part-time or on contract, as long as it can provide reasonable pay and a flexible work schedule. Working in the office, on the other hand, often gives people a sense of belonging, a feeling that they are part of a larger group.

Apart from the disadvantages already mentioned, there are also drawbacks including loneliness, isolation, the initial high cost of setting up, domestic distractions and interruptions etc. Therefore, this modern, seemingly attractive mode of working is actually not as efficient and rewarding as working in the office.

版本二

As human society has developed, methods of working have evolved for increased efficiency. Today, many people maintain that the traditional mode of working in an office does not fit the demands of modern life. Many people prefer working at home using computers and telephones. However, working in an office has irreplaceable functions and definite merits.

First, working in an office environment benefits people by allowing them to focus their energy. The environment in which people perform activities is of importance. For example, studying is often most efficient when it occurs in class, running is often faster on an athletic track, and driving is more rapid on a highway. These are all highly relevant to the environment. Similarly, work tends to be more efficient and professional in an office setting. People typically feel that they should do work when they are in an office surrounded by colleagues. In contrast, when working at home, people experience less pressure to perform. The environment at home makes people more relaxed, thereby reducing the efficiency of work.

Second, working in an office makes communication among coworkers more efficient. Communication is a significant aspect of working cooperatively for the profit of the company. By communicating in person at work, one can form relationships and receive important information. Relationships and information are crucial to a person's career. When interacting face to face in an office, people have opportunities to gain critical information about their trade and market that they would not have if they worked at home where the environment permits them to use their own computers and telephones in communication; however, it is not that efficient when compared with talking to each other face to faces.

Moreover, working in an office is convenient and can cut down on unnecessary expenses. An office has a full set of working accommodations, such as printers, Internet access, air conditioning and many others. Workers can use any appliance they need in an office, whereas if they work in home, they may have to buy their own equipment, pay for the Internet and phone bills. In this way, working at home wastes money and resources. Additionally, professionals in some fields cannot buy their own equipment. For example, doctors cannot buy all the tools they need. Therefore, working in an office is convenient.

Admittedly, it cannot be denied that working at home has certain advantages, such as being able to create a cozier working environment or keeping one's own privacy for doing things. However, when compared with working in an office, it has more drawbacks. Working after all is not "living," so home is definitely not a good place for people to work.

8. Children should only play sports for fun, or play sports in competition or contests?

Coins have two sides, so do all the issues that of course include our statement—should young children play sports just for fun, leisure activities or for a more serious one. Some people recommend that children should only play sports for fun, yet I find this point of view shortsighted and my viewpoint is—competition and contests are indispensable factors for children doing such activities. .

First of all, competition is what motivates children to make fast progress as well as to develop a better mindset for life. In other words, a competition or a contest means it includes “win and lose.” Winning makes children feel good for themselves; that is why they will make all the effort possible to keep this feeling after they win, or learn something out from their failures. They are still young and they need to learn this matter as early as possible. Take tennis for instance, if a group of children play just for fun, they may stay equally low-level at it, being satisfied with the situation or even not doing such sports and turn to more sedentary activities, they should thus play sports for a competitive purpose. Through competition, however, they start to study why somebody wins and others do not and consequently try to figure out how to get ahead and prevail over others. Avid as they are, they will improve their skills, develop strategies and become physically stronger. Even if they lose, they know it is a part of life.

Moreover, playing sports should include competition for maintaining the “fun” purpose. When competition is not involved, “fun” itself fades away. A vivid example is, if a child does not care about the outcome of a game, he or she would soon feel tired of, such as, throwing the ball again and again into a basket, or waving the racquet against a wall all day. Think about playing card games without the factor of winning and losing! Participants would feel bored because it is indeed tedious. For young children, this situation will strike even faster. In most conditions, lack of competition is the fastest way to make a sport boring. This principle is true even with those forms of individual sport, like running. If young children run just for moving around” from one place to another place, they will soon find it uninteresting and will try to do something more fun such as video games or watching TV. On the contrary, some young children may still have fun by simply just running around. Yet such feeling will not last long. When they discover something more fun, they switch to that] thing. Besides, if the sports are not treated in a serious level as in a competition or a contest, young children may hurt themselves by improperly straining their undeveloped muscles causing permanent damage physically and mentally.

Certainly, some people may think that we should not limit children in everything. In other words, they should play sports only for fun. Why? Sometimes competition brings inappropriate conflict and depression when children lose; that impact might make them dispirited for their other work. However, to my mind, playing in forms of competition and contests is of no doubt the better choice for children. After all, children can have fun at many things and when doing sports they should do it in a competitive manner.

9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A job with more vacation time but lower salary is better than a job with high salary but less vacation time.

版本一

As the old saying goes, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." To me, I think, "too much" work and less "vacation time" will make a person depressed in the long run. "More money" seemingly sounds perfect in terms of the occupation, yet it should not be based on "less vacation time" of which I think is more important for a job.

First of all, people have to spend much time to be with their families. Namely, safe and comfortable at home, people must treasure their families. Take Tom, one of my thoughtful friends, for example. Although he does not have a high income from his job, he has plenty of time to stay with his family. The family is a supporter of him in everything, job included. Whenever he is frustrated by his work, he finds a solution by playing with his children; he feels peaceful and hopeful again. What is more, he can involve himself in the precious growing time with his children, be with them in both happy and sad times. This cannot be replaced by salary. Accordingly, it is more meaningful for men to be with their families rather than earning a great amount of money.

In addition to accompanying each other in the family, human beings require reading in order to nourish their minds. That is, we can have the ability to find out the answers to problems by reading. As the saying goes, "Today a reader; tomorrow a leader." Since people have more vacation time, they can read books to their liking and increase personal knowledge for future challenges. With this, we are able to color our lives and to enhance our working performance. On the contrary, a job with more money, yet less vacation time will make people feel exhausted and uncomfortable. The person cannot accompany his family much nor can he read much. This is adverse in the long run. Thus, more vacation time in a job enables one to read which means more for a happy life.

Last but not least, it is worthwhile for people to take their time to interact with their community. In other words, we need to spend much time to maintain the relationship between folks in the same area and this is only made possible when someone has more vacation time in their daily life. As we all know that human beings are the most vital constituent of a society, so the most significant thing to our lives is communication. As Confucius, a Chinese sage, once said, "All for one; one for all." Even though someone cannot make lots of money, he/she can still be accommodating. Individuals can share their knowledge and professional skills to help one another through community works, such as free English classes or cooking classes or even law consultation. A job with more vacation time certainly allows people to perform such acts for a better tomorrow.

With certain, a job with more salary, but less vacation time also has its merits to some extent. For one thing, people can save more money and have a superior financial cushion for life. For another, they can afford more material things they enjoy, such as fancy cars, big houses and so on. Yet, I still think otherwise. To me, it seems that the more leisure time people take, the better life quality is possessed, after all.

版本二 (This is not a good piece of TOEFL writing)

In the past, people always worked, because they were too poor. It led to many social problems. For example, children felt lonely, because their parents were working. Nowadays people are richer than before, so I agree that a job with more vacation time is better than a job with a high salary but less vacation time. The following are my reasons and examples.

First of all, vacation time is important to improve the relationships within the family. During the working day, parents usually have no time to be with their children. During vacation times parents can spend all of their time with their children. They can go travelling or play games together, and they will have more things to talk about. For example, when I was a child, I liked our New Year vacations very much, because my family and I could be together and play table games.

Second, a vacation is good for everyone's health. Many researchers say people should not work for too long a time without taking a holiday. People who always work without taking a vacation may have many health problems. I think health is the most important thing. Without health, although we have a lot of money, we still cannot do anything. Therefore, I would rather choose a job with more vacation time than a job with high salary.

Finally, I think people should live for happiness. On vacation, people can be relaxed and feel happy. For instance, going abroad, swimming in oceans or shopping, are the things people really want to do, and many people earn money to do those things. Therefore, if people choose a job with less vacation time, they will have no time to do the things they really want to do. Taking a vacation is also good for working. After having had their vacation, people usually have more energy to work. Hence, the way to work happily is to choose a job with more vacation time. (325)

10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: All high-school students should take basic economic courses.

There is no such thing as a free lunch, so goes the saying. Many students however leave school without any idea of how to manage their money. They arrive at college or start a job with the clear belief that the world does owe them a living; in other words, a free lunch or a lunch that comes forever as their beloved parents provide. From my perspective, it is without dispute that high schools should teach basic economics.

To begin with, they can develop the concept of money at this early stage of life for the proper basic finance. Basic economy teaches people how to manage money and how people should look at it. As the good saying goes, "Money makes the world go round." To be more concise, the earlier those young students learn about the basic knowledge of economy, the more opportunities they will have to practice this and correct concept. For high school students, all have financial support from their parents and do not know much about where this hard-earned money comes from. So, they may use up all the money they have on video games or buying their friends meals. With such mindset formed, they will be ignorant of the basic facts that the great management of money is to spend not all of it, but just certain portion and save the rest for future use, such as overseas study, buying books or even travelling down the road. A good investment this is and youngsters should learn about such fundamental knowledge starting from high schools.

Secondly, basic economic courses enable youngsters to avoid being a debtor. Warren Buffett, addressed the God of investment, once said, "I spend all the dimes in something that I need to, and save all the pennies for investment." With early economic courses, high school students can learn monthly balance sheet and know what they can do and what they cannot do to make their ends meet. Most young men however do not follow this, but the ideas of buying things on an impulse or making purchase of high-end products on their credit cards. To be more exact, they spend the money on their "demands" not on their "means." If they form such spending habit by not perceiving much regarding on how they are in debt, they need to pay a lot of money to the bank for interest. In addition, with owing money to the bank, they need "instant jobs" to support their monthly payment as well as living expenses. Thus, they might end up leading an unsatisfactory life even though they have graduated from prestigious schools. Why? They need the job to pay those fees immediately despite disliking it so much. An early economics course thus will help them break such vicious conundrum in the fledgling stage of their life.

Conversely, it is argued that teaching economics may make high school students try to be independent at such early age. That is, the concept of basic economic courses is to teach children to save money and spend the money they have with decent management. With such notions, high school kids may try to take part time jobs to earn money for their needs since their parents do not always give them lots of money for their life. In such a modern world imbued with various attractions, they need money, in their own interpretation, to help connect themselves to their peers and to the world as we can see modern

kids have Smartphones, I-Pods, fancy cars and so forth. This kind of pursuit will distract them from concentrating on their academic studies. They may use all their precious time doing part time jobs for this reason. Not many young men can resist such charms of modern attractions. However, this situation may go too far. Many young men can still make good use of their allowance and still have lots of friends. They know the basic knowledge of economy, so they can save money for this trend, not being diverted from their academic studies. (這一段 多寫的 是把讓步段 寫成一段)

Overall, it is my contention that a basic understanding of personal finance cannot be ignored in high school. Are we to leave our young people blundering in the dark, and sometimes making serious mistakes, all because our schools have ignored a basic element of everyday life? If not, all high school students should initiate such economic classes as soon as possible. (Words: 732)

11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is better to choose a university whose graduates have good job opportunities than a university who has famous professors.

1 To choose a university that facilitates graduates to have favorable job opportunities or not to: That is the question. It is true that choosing the right university is a significant decision when young people consider their educational path. As far as I am concerned, a university with famous professors is superior.

2 Firstly, students can be highly enlightened by the famous professors in the universities. World-class professors—leading experts in their fields—offer the opportunity for a truly enriched university education that will have profound influence on those youngsters who are going through a new chapter from high schools to university levels. For instance, my professor, Dr. Wang, a famous professor in the museum field in Taiwan, possesses the capacities that know not only how to guide students to explore the world of related academia but also able to stimulate students' interests and how to discern problems and solve them. Under her leading guidance, our classmates and I performed very well and were enlightened to go for further studies with passion. Thus, it is famous professors that make young people desire to learn more, try more and challenge more for a bright future.

3 In addition, a university with prominent professors can attract excellent students all over the world. Not only do students learn from their famous professors, but other elite students who are enhancing the whole academic pool as well. For instance, leading schools like Harvard and Yale are ranked at the top in the world by their reputable professors. Owing to those prestigious professors, a myriad of intelligent students try all they can to enter these schools in order to learn from one another in this superior learning environment that is shaped as a beneficial circle. With moreover the guidance of such professors, students compete with each other in locating the best answers, challenge each other for over complicated problems and questions and stimulate each other to learn more and contribute more. This working environment will also introduce well-established social network for a more promising

learning and career. In the medical field, such environment will create innovative medicine or treatment methods that can heal the sufferers. In the business domain, they can find a way in which people can spend less but gain more. In the field of education, they will know how the human mind functions and develops all their potentials. Accordingly, it is sensible for students to choose a university that has acclaimed professors who can bring more gifted students to the school and learn from one another.

4 It goes without saying, of course, that some people might proclaim that college students should be more occupation-oriented and find out what they love to do in the early stage so they can prepare for it and be in contact with such environment. Under the high-unemployed rate, young students should go to schools that prepare them for the future professions and connect them to the real world where they can practice what they really learn from schools. This may sound justifiable in the first glance, yet for high education, such as college and university, the aim of which should not focus on preparing students for better job opportunities. This will make them selfish and only cater to the job market. The purpose of high education is to induce each student's potential in the fields and challenge oneself for as better as they can perform. With such a concept, our world will, with time, become a place more advanced. Besides, higher education receives a great deal of money from our government; it should not set its goal in only helping graduates regarding the "job level" issues. (多寫的 反方的立場)

(如同學是以這一個反方為正方的，可加入這個作者→ 2.→ Robert Kiyosaki, the author of --The rich Dad and Poor Dad--. He once said, "If you want to be a teacher, you need to hang out with teachers. In such environment, you can therefore learn the tips..." This is true to the decision for students when choosing a university. If they can choose a school that can help the graduates more job opportunities, their chances of success will augment for the reason that they are in the surroundings of their trade and professional.)

5 In conclusion, great learning environment leads to great outcomes and renowned professors in this regard are keys to such surroundings. They are famous because they have contributions to what they are doing; therefore, they know what the world needs and how to make more contributions via the student body in leading them, in guiding them and in stimulating them to do excellent in their majors. After all, as a good saying goes, "An investment in Knowledge pays the best interest." Yet, one step further, I said, "An investment in famous professors pays the best interest

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12. Do you agree/disagree that the most important problems affecting our society today could be solved during your lifetime?

Predicating the future is notoriously difficult. However, I disagree with this statement and think that it is not difficult to foretell that the most important problems affecting our society today cannot be solved within our lifetime.

First and foremost, poverty cannot be eradicated within our lifetime. Poverty has existed since the beginning of civilization and generations of people have declared war on poverty; however, despite all the effort, many people around the world still have trouble getting access to basic necessities of life—even in the most developed and affluent countries like America, there are still approximately 39.8million people, according to Natural Journal, a world-wide renowned academic journal, living below the poverty line, let alone the less developed countries like Ethiopia where about 44 percent of the population is chronically or at least periodically food insecure that leads to diseases and inferior living conditions as in a vicious circle. Worse, because of climate change and economic crisis, more families are suffering from famine and hunger that are seen growing worldwide. Such important poverty problems have been tackled by countries all over the world but to no avail

Besides, wars, big or small, will plague the world for a considerably long time and will not be solved in our life time. Why? Let's first analyze why wars exist. People fight against each other because they harbor different opinions over religion, state boundary, or, because people scramble for dwindling natural resources like oil and clean water. Considering the truth that it is difficult for people of different religions to live in peace, and natural resources are becoming dwindled, it is next to impossible to eliminate war. Such essential problems affect our society on a great scale. People do things beneficial for themselves first as a priority. With only limited resources underground, but populations increasing worldwide, countries would start wars for these available resources or for other reasons such as to dominate the world.

Last but not least, environmental deterioration is a knotty problem that cannot be solved in the next several decades. Even worse, we have reasons to believe that environmental degradation is likely to go from bad to worse. As we all know that economic growth in developing countries is so fast that it puts great strain on the global environment. Take India for example. The economy is growing by 9% annually which means that much energy like coal and oil are burned, emitting more and more pollutants. Besides, various wastes and contaminated waters are recklessly discharged from plants and factories. What's more, a booming economy puts money in consumers' pockets so we, together, can witness an increasing number of private cars driving on the roads, resulting in tainted air by fumes from those cars. As all developing countries have a desire to rapidly build a strong economy in a relatively short period, I see little hope that our fragile environment will improve and our problems can be solved.

In conclusion, the world is filled with too many prickly problems that deserve our attention. Some can be solved, others can be controlled and still other cannot be dealt with since human beings, in essence, are doing things for themselves first based on their own priority. Thus, I do not see eye to eye with the statement that the most important problems affecting our society today could be worked out during my lifetime. To achieve an affluent, peaceful and desirable life, we still have a bumpy and long road to go.

13. University students should not be required to attend classes. Instead, they should be able to receive credits through a final test or paper.

The benefits of attending classes:

1. Learning from peers. For example, when they do presentations, students can learn from the work of elite students, either in the PowerPoint designs, or in the comprehensive content demonstrated. Besides, they can learn how to present themselves in front of people, which is essential to students at college level from which they need to learn to express themselves clearly as the art of speech, including body language, gestures, speaking tonalities and so on. By attending classes, they can learn from one another and stimulate one another for perfection.

2. Learning cooperative work:

A final test or a paper is usually individual work. Yet for the future challenges down the road, college students need to learn how to group with other people in a concerted work. Due to their future career, they need to learn this skill to make the project more powerful combining the advantages of others as a whole. For example, in music class, they can present the lyric with various music instruments, such as pianos, recorder, and lute together with a to-be tenor who can sing in high pitch for the complete presentation of the work. In history class, some students can pore over the history part; some students can take the responsibility of the "legend part" relevant and this will make the history project intriguing and attractive. With such great content, other students need to present the content with clips, music or even PowerPoint slides. They can learn more via attending classes. By doing so, they will discover more interesting facts about what they are doing. Taking exams is just what are said in the books and it is more on the rote-learning part.

3. They can make friends with same interests as well as those with various backgrounds from different majors. To be success, it is not all about books or tests, but social network. Attending classes, they have more chances of meeting different people and they have more time to talk and to understand each other. For example, students who love math may find someone their kind; students who enjoy reading and writing fictions can know they are not alone and become good friends; students who enjoy cooking may find someone who also loves doing this. They can all learn from one another. For high education, it is the intention that young students discover the world in diverse ways for a preferable future. Taking only exams or doing a paper for certain subjects for success or leading out one's potential is not possible. Students need more than just taking credits through such ways. We have many college students who graduate from prestigious school are not employed. Do they have earned all the credits? Aren't they eminent?

The benefits of receiving credits only through exams or paper:

1. Exams and papers are the best way to know if college students learn properly. The best way of assessing what students learn from college is through exams or paper. When students are in the college level, what they learn is all specialized skills or knowledge. It is through textbooks that they can learn the best since those academic sources are proved and censored by professors. This process can be better facilitated by saving time not attending schools. Highly-motivated students can always finish what the

professor says and read and do research. Whether or not they are “on the right track” of the learning process, exams and paper will reveal. In addition, if students are not motivated to the subjects, they do not learn well even they are forced to go to schools attending the class.

2. Save more time pursuing what they love for life. College students have many skills to learn which are not only bound in the academic work, such as socializing, exercising, doing part time job in their major relevant and so on. As we all know that not all the subjects are interesting and important to students. Being an academically specialized student, he or she has to spend more time on the subjects he/she likes and wants to do more research. So for such subjects, it is wise if they can just take the test or do the paper to receive credit without attending the class. With the time saved, they can dwell on subjects they enjoy and study more. In this modern world, societies prefer experts to those people who know everything, but mater of none.

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