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超五星级补充:

1

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?

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 be based on many short assignments, rather than being decided in one or two 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 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 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.

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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(反方好处) 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 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 assignment.

2

Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Governments have done enough to educate the people the importance of a balanced lifestyle and healthy eating

A balanced lifestyle healthy eating are essential things for a government to develop and advance that they are deeply relevant for a great nation to be. In my country, I think my government is not doing enough to educate its citizens to keep a balanced lifestyle and to eat healthily.

Firstly, the government emphasizes more on the development of economy than a sound lifestyle. To be more concise, it always makes attempts to boost the growth of economy trying to prove that my country is a great one and people living on this land are happy and content. However, economy progression is not a sound indicator to this regard due to the fact that people are expected to harder and to sacrifice their spare time in order to fulfill the anticipation of the company and the government. A balanced life means people do not just work for their career or jobs, but for their pleasures, for their hobbies and for their family. In the society, conversely, people are educated to use all their time to work diligently at the expense of anything in their life. A so unbalanced lifestyle it is that people are under pressure, such as construction workers needing to finish building projects as fast as possible so that they can earn more money; students trying to ace the test so that they can earn more time for their tests by sacrificing the time of exercising and spending time with their friends and family. Hardly do they take a rest to lead a balanced life because they are not educated to do so for a better living.

Secondly, the government tends to ignore the fast development of unhealthy chain store. The food industry has a tremendous influence on the issue of healthy eating. However, it is so powerful that this great empire spends millions of dollars on advertisement, medial, movies or even on schools, for they are sponsors of certain school activities. So, most of the people are not educated well enough to eat a diet that is beneficial and wholesome to their physical condition. What they are “educated” instead is to eat in a fancy place and get (用这个是要表不轻蔑之意) their meals as fast as possible as in chain fast-food restaurants. As know that fruits, vegetables and water are essential elements for a healthy eating habit, yet the government seldom educates us to consume those things in our daily life; instead, unhealthy chain stores are taking the hand of the government in educating us what seems right to eat due to the ignorance of the rampant development of ill-nourished food industry.

Admittedly, some people may still think our government has done its role of educating citizens to eat healthy and keep a balanced life. For instance, in the school, students are taught what nutrients are vital to our physical condition and some of the governmental organizations, taking Healthy and Sanitary Department example. It is holding some activities to teach citizens what to eat to keep in a good shape and live healthily. However, to me, this is not enough. Greasy food

and sugary beverages are still sold in the school due to its high profits. Salty food, high carbohydrate diets and fried products are not a rare sight when people go to supermarkets or when they turn on the TV or read the magazines.

In conclusion, even though my government is trying its best to educate people to eat right in some aspects, this is not sufficient and not effectual. The government is still trying to focus more on the development of economy and people are still bombarded with the advertisements of the food industry, so people eat by the “trend,” rather than by the “nutrition facts” from food. Hence, I think my government is not educating their people enough concerning a balanced life and a healthy eating concept.

3

Do you agree or disagree with the statement that it is a waste of money for government's fund to space travel or space exploration?

Some people say that exploration of outer space has many advantages; other people feel that it is a lot of money and other resources. Which view do you agree with? Use specific reasons and example to support your answer.

Throughout the history of mankind, humans have always been eager to explore the world and pace around us. Many developed countries have been funding the research programs aiming at developing and improving the technology for space exploration. On the other hand, some people disagree with this view and think that the government should aim at improving the quality of life and providing the basic necessities of needs to people “on earth” for a more practical fund application. The question, however, on whether or not money should spend on space exploration is a controversial one. I believe, given all the troubles in today's world, spending money on space exploration is a total waste for many reasons.

First, space exploration projects require billions of dollars to carry out the research. In other words, training astronauts, and developing specialized human and robotic spacecrafts. Typically, each project tend to last for many years with no guarantee of completeness, accuracy and results that can be advantageous to mankind, during which billions of people on earth have been struggling day and night only to earn the very basic necessities of life, as people living in Thailand and India. Worse, a great many of young kids are not receiving quality education due to lack of fund from the government. Qualified teachers, school facilities as well as books in the library are seriously in deprivation. For the long run, this phenomenon will be adverse to a nation for all respects. These things, in my opinion, are way more significant to the “outer space exploration.”

Secondly, governments should spend more money to help this world Put aside domestic issues, we can easily discover people living in poverty and famine all over the world when we turn on the TV. For instance, we can see and in many media resources about the hunger in different areas. By spending more money in supporting the hungry people with food, and helping them to find their food resources, we can assist those people with their basic needs. With such help, they can embark more on their duty. If they are students, they can study more assiduously, expecting them to make contributions to their country. If they are construction workers, they can work better with more strength to complete the infrastructure of their nation without worrying about their basic needs. The money saved from the investment of outer space can also be utilized in education of which it is the foundation of a country. This is what our government should fund and make it prosperous On the contrary, if government spends the money on this uncertain outer space exploration, a great number of people can be hungry; some countries cannot be built and

developed in a proper way; and children cannot receive decent education—those things are ensured while the money spent on the exploration of outer space is shaking and “far-away.”

Lastly, it is much more important to solve the mystery of several severe or life-threatening diseases of the world rather than solving the mystery of universe spreading through limitless space. It is shocking to read, tens of thousands of people are dying of cancer every year around the world. In many cases, patients died either due to lack of funds or there was no research for the specific tumor available at the time. In addition to that, we don't even have discovered the cure of AIDS. All of these people could be given a chance to live if adequate funds and research were available. For the sake of space exploration spending billions of dollars is not worth in comparison to human life. Irrefutably, some people may think that our government should not be short-sighted and it is not a waste to spend money on the exploration of outer space. It helps to find new habitations for human beings because our earth is becoming more and more uninhabitable because of the population explosion.

Although we have tried various means to relieve the burden of overpopulation, such as the building of skyscrapers and the practice of birth control, the problem is growing increasingly serious. However, there are more things that should be prioritized for the betterment of our country. The best way, I think, is to focus our eyes on something more urgent down to earth in our society.

In conclusion, given all the troubles in the world aforementioned, it is not worth to spend the money to space exploration. Governments, especially in developed countries, should fund research projects aiming at facilitating the people in desperate need. If necessary for such exploration, each space research project should be critically evaluated with respect to its impact on human beings in terms of pragmatism. However, still, I agree with this statement- it is a waste of money for government's fund to space travel or space exploration, Governments, after all, should rank things according to its importance and urgency and people's basic needs fit that category much undoubtedly.

超五星级题目:

1

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

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

To begin with, children can relieve stress built up in their daily routine. Young children are under all kinds of pressure today. For instance, going out earlier in the day time, they start their hectic day immediately upon arriving at school. Tests, homework, presentations and math questions await them to solve. Even though doing exercise can be a great relief for them to be temporarily away from this intense routine, many of them are just hoping they can do something they enjoy at this precious moment—their spare time. They may just long to watch their favorite cartoon, or to read comic books to channel the pressure accumulated in their daily life. Only through embarking on things children enjoy can they ease their stress for the forthcoming challenges in the future time.

Secondly, children can know themselves better if they are not pressed to do things in their spare time. In other words, children can explore the world more through different activities they enjoy doing. By spending more time to do whatever they want in their spare time, children can search the world to their own liking. For instance, if students like to cook, they can do this immensely in their spare time. They can then find out if they can actually cook or just want to cook. By cooking, they can know themselves better on things they are adept at or things they are clumsy at. Through actually involving in an activity they aspire to, they can perceive what kind of people they are. Cooking takes time and patience; it is not just a process of mixing ingredients together and cook. Children can better understand themselves through the whole process. This is not something that will be tested in school; however, young children can learn things in a more relaxing way. Besides, whatever they do, they enjoy themselves because they are not forced to do things they dislike.

In contrast to my stand for this topic, some people may think that children need to be regulated to do things since their time is limited. They need to manage to perform well in their academic work, while they also need to do exercise to keep them in shape. Those considering children need to be pushed to do things deem that most children do things purely for happiness and for fun as they are the big follower of the addressed term — "pleasure principle." Otherwise stated, if they are not forced to do something, they will just end up wasting time surfing on the Internet, sleeping all day or simply just fooling around.

Nevertheless, I still do not think children should be pushed to do things only related to school and sports in their spare time. Firstly, school and sports already take up too much time in their daily life. Even though those are of importance for sure, they still should spend more time to do whatever they want. Secondly, the definition of "spare time" is the time left from what they should do as students, so the time is not plenty. Children need to take a rest in their spare time by either doing things they can feel relaxed or trying different things they like for understanding themselves better. We never know the potential of a child if we just constrain them from doing things we think

advantageous to them. This is definitely not education and it will coerce not just the development of children, but the whole human race in the long run.

2

If a city has given the money to investment, which options do you prefer listed in the following:

1. Build a public garden to provide quiet environment to benefit all; 2. Built a sports field for students in high school which doesn't have its own.

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

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

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

can also benefit themselves with this option. One step further, they can also learn the knowledge of various plants.

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

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

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

For me, the most important factor when choosing a place to live is that the area contains many shops and restaurants. I like to meet different people during my everyday routine, which isn't easy to do if you live somewhere isolated. I also like to see new products and feel like I'm connected to

the current culture. Finally, I want to be able to show any guests a good time when they visit my neighborhood.

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

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

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

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

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

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

It's quite rare that people become wealthy all on their own. Maybe they took out loans to help start their business. Maybe they received scholarships or financial aid to help pay their way through law school. If they invented a product, their initial customers were graciously taking a chance on an unknown enterprise and helped secure the inventor's bright future. Nobody achieves financial success in a bubble. Other people help in both direct and indirect ways. That's why the wealthiest people should be the most generous when it comes to charity and giving to others. They personally know how much a small act of generosity can transform someone's life for the better.

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is also difficult to fail drastically at cooking. Yes, you can accidentally burn bread or add sugar to your stew instead of salt, but the negative results are still minor. At worst, you end up throwing the meal in the trash. The negative consequences of failing at auto repair or managing personal

finances can be much more severe. Somebody could wire their engine incorrectly and cause it to catch fire, resulting in hundreds of dollars in damages. They could invest a large amount of cash in a risky stock, losing a lot of money in the process. Even adults often go to professionals for such matters. Forcing teenagers to gain a rudimentary knowledge of auto repair or personal finance might be frustrating and even a little risky if they get into difficult situations that they're not equipped to handle.

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

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

五星级题目:

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

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

Topics that were discussed in school used to be more straightforward. Whoever was doing the teaching would take the point of view of their own culture (and the culture of his or her students). For instance, American schools used to teach that the explorers who discovered America, like Christopher Columbus, were brave and admirable.

American schoolchildren were made to feel simply good about themselves and their country's history. That must have been easy to teach! But these days, we are so much more sensitive to the stories of other cultures. Teachers have to consider the feelings of the native people that the explorers mistreated and killed, to begin with. With any historical lesson, it is now normal for teachers to sympathize with the oppressed, the women, and the people that for centuries had no voice. And the beliefs of other cultures and countries are explored just as much as the customs of one's own country. This is a good thing, certainly! But it is more complicated and takes a lot more time to teach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

However, some individuals contend that ancient buildings are extremely precarious owing to the kind of materials that were used in constructing them. According to the critics of old buildings, modern buildings are properly designed and well constructed using durable building materials. Nevertheless, some modern constructions are not friendly to the environment due to the nature of the materials used in constructing them.

Modern buildings are also considered to be more comfortable since they are furnished with nice fittings.

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

【此题 2 月 1 日已命中，不要再看】 4 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement. Movies and television have more negative effects than positive effects on the way young people behave.

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

sample answer:

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

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

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

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

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

6 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In the past young people depended on their parents for making decisions. Today, young people are better able to make decisions on their own.

I agree that young people today are better able to make decisions on their own, because they have more knowledge, experiences, and resources. Therefore, when compared to young people in the past, today's young people do not depend as much on their parents to help them to make decisions. They know how to make many different types of decisions, they have had experience in going through decision making processes, and many resources are available to help them make informative decisions on their own.

First of all, young people have a strong background knowledge on how to make many different types of decisions, such as how to choose their own style of clothes, the kind of foods they like, what movies they prefer, who should they trust to be their friends, and what books they like to read. Making day to day decisions gives young people skills and experiences to use in the decision making process. The decision making process requires considerations before making a final decision.

Next, the experiences that young people have in going through the decision making processes helps them to determine the pros and cons of their choices. A process is a way of thinking and doing something to achieve the desired results. For many young people, they like to have input

into the possible choices available to them. Participation in a decision making process validates young people's ability to make decisions on their own.

Finally, when examining the resources that young people can access today, compared to years ago, young people today can get information and advice with a call or a click. The Internet has numerous websites that provide details about decisions that young people are most interested. For example, they can learn how to apply for college, how to get scholarships and grants, what are the best schools for their major interest. Getting the latest up-to-date information and facts available ensures that young people can make timely decisions on their own very quickly.

All in all, the evidence strongly supports my position that young people are in a better position to make decisions on their own, because they have more knowledge, experience with the decision making process, and tons of resources online and offline that can assist them in making informed decisions alone without depending on their parents. While some decisions that young people made in the past are still left up to them today, the important thing is that young people are more empowered to decide for themselves.

7 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In the busy and crowded world today,

we should not expect people to be polite to each other.

(此题和第一重点里“是否无论如何不应该粗鲁对待他人”相似，不过思路细节还是有些不同)

Sample essay (303 words, 5 paragraphs)

As a traditional virtue, politeness gets little attention nowadays. As people are becoming occupied by other concerns, many see polite greetings as more dispensable than ever before. However, I maintain that politeness is not outdated and that we should always be polite to others.

People are paying less attention to polite greetings than in the past for various reasons. Along with changing social and political attitudes, people are becoming busier; in these circumstances, good manners sometimes seem like a waste of time. Traditionally, Chinese people considered it friendly to talk while eating and to keep shaking hands for a long time when greeting.

Although these behaviors still make individuals appear more hospitable, recently these conventions have been ignored because they take a long time to observe. In order to save time and energy, people have dispensed with several good but time-consuming manners. Although one could argue that certain boring and intricate greetings should be abandoned, basic politeness is not outdated. For instance, when we meet strangers at work or school, shaking hands for a long time wastes precious time; however, a simple and cheery hello is necessary to express friendship. Similarly, talking while eating sometimes prohibits people from concentrating; a simple gift may be equally effective at communicating the same message.

Furthermore, politeness is beneficial in many ways. Being polite is conducive to developing intimate friendships. A warm greeting upon meeting a friend, a heartfelt apology upon doing something wrong, and an expression of thanks when others offer help are all gestures that promote friendship. Conversely, receiving polite treatment from others brings a merry heart. An important aspect of the modern world is cooperation; politeness and cooperation are inseparable.

In summary, although certain boring and complicated greetings have become outdated and should be abandoned, politeness has not become irrelevant and offers numerous advantages.

8 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Society benefits more from works of great artist than from political leaders

Version1:

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

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

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

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

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

Version2:

Our society is composed of many aspects that affect people living in this community. Each individual can be viewed as a cog in this big machine-the society-. Great artists bring esthetic contributions to people for their spirits under this competitive society, while political leaders set up the rules and standards for people residing in the same community or country. Who has the

greater influence in our society? To me, personally, I do not agree with the prompt and think that political leaders benefit our society more than great artists do.

To begin with, political leaders withhold more political resources that can make a big difference to the society. To be more exact, they are the people elected by citizens and are empowered by those people to carry on national welfares. For example, we are living in a society of economic instability. People lose jobs easily and they are forced to keep up with the increasing living expenses. It is political leaders who can change the law and use the national fund to come to their aid, not the great artist. When people are in need of medical care, it is political leaders who can enact policies to help those who have trouble paying the bill or design a program to assist those people to pay off their bill later and go under the treatment at present. For the issue of education-the most fundamental unit for the greater development of country-, political leaders can also use their power to bring the awareness of the public to help out, such as donating money, contributing books or places for poor kids to receive education. None of these can be achieved by great artists.

In the second place, political leaders can gather peopled will in a wider range. Throughout history, when the society is rife with corruption, injustice or the disparity of the rich and poor, political leaders can serve to the performer and pioneer of the society. For instance, in America, African Americans were the underprivileged group; in other words, there were injustices for them to, for example, seek for employment, fair treatment in social benefits or welfare. Leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. can accumulate the will of more people and take it to the legal level, making swe African Americans are protected by the law and have the liberty to pursue their happiness on this land. Another example can be seen from Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States. He saw the injustice of the slavery system and fought for the right of slaves, who should also be considered the citizens in the US. Assassinated, Abraham Lincoln benefited the society in a great range that affects generations of generations. Another great example is Bill Clinton who led America to a great stability in economy with his diplomatic skills and perseverance. Thus, the way those political leaders benefit the society is irreplaceable and way profound than that the artists can do to our society.

As to the other option—great artists—to our topic, they of course benefit our society a lot. For instance, art work really help people relieve the pressure their daily life and work bring to them. In addition to relieving stress, great artists, like Beatles calming people down with their songs and giving hopes to those who are in depression and who are in times of difficulty. Our society becomes more peaceful and people have the power to look at the bright side of unfavorable conditions and be optimistic. Those are great benefits. However, in terms of "greater benefits, by comparison, I would still choose political leaders because they are more accessible to the nation's resource and they have more power to convene the public to reform for a better tomorrow for all.

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(此题 4 月 12 日已考, 不用再看)**10 Some people have ambitious dreams and keep following them, but other people always focus on realistic goals and try to achieve them. Which do you think is better?**

11 School should be more focused on improving facilities (libraries, computers, or labs) for students than on hiring famous teachers.

For the school budget distribution, it is of essence to invest the money on the field that will benefit the most people, students and schools alike. Some people think that it is the responsibility of school to focus more on the improvement of facilities that students can frequently use when they are at schools such as libraries, computers or labs. In my opinion, however, I consider that schools should hire famous teachers as their emphasis for many reasons.

To begin with, students can be motivated more if schools focus more on hiring famous teachers. It goes without saying that if students are guided by experienced teachers in what they learn, they can feel more inspired to perform things; for instance, if students delight in physics or chemistry, they can be advised to read something more or watch certain channels, such as National Geographic, Discovery Channel, Animal Planet that can complement their school work. A famous teacher always knows what other aspects of the knowledge can best motivate students longing to learn more by themselves. Even though students do not like the subjects, such as math or music, they can still try to learn and know more rather than giving up on those subjects. Famous teachers have experienced the same learning course that the students are going through right now and those teachers can always have a way to make what they teach absorbed and understood. Thus, if schools are focusing more on this session, more students will be encouraged to learn more and exert themselves more on their main duty-being a student.

In the second place, famous teachers can assist students who have various understanding of the subject. A famous teacher not only knows how to motivate students, but also instills remarkable ideas into their students who have different questions or troubles with the subject they learn. Most importantly, teachers can be reached at school for those things face on face. A good case in point, when college students cannot understand how the formula of math comes from, a renowned professors can always be reachable at school and can provide ideas and knowledge to students' problem based on their different levels of the knowledge. Since they talk face to face, students can still raise questions during the process and professors can guide them into discovering the answers. On the contrary, if school focus more on improving school facilities, students may find the answer all right via computers or laboratories, yet they cannot have other problems solved providing they have more questions in, for example, math or chemistry during the process. To impart knowledge, a human is better than a machine or non-reacting method. A famous teacher can always give out questions for students to ponder based by their intelligence; a famous teacher can always make tedious principles or theories of physics or math understood by giving students ideas and proper assistance. Thus, hiring famous teachers should prevail over improving school facilities.

Some people, of course, will hold such opinion that advanced facilities of a school is conspicuous to students when they choose schools. Thus, school facilities should be focused more, not the teachers. Almost, for example, all prestigious schools, such as Ivy League schools in the United States, or LSE, London School of Economics in UK, invest a great deal of money on the facilities.

A good library is a great place for students to check out books for reference; a great computer room enables students to use the advanced technology for their study; a great lab allows students to do innovative experiments for their research. Nevertheless, these factors weigh considerably less when it comes to the quality and quantity of famous teachers who can pass on knowledge with their experience, with students' learning situation as well as with encouraging students to learn more and to not just try to find out the answers, but to learn and to create during the process. Those things can only be employed by an experienced teacher. Therefore, hiring famous teachers for a school should deserve the attention, not the improvement of the facilities.

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

Sample writing:

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

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

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

for the paper work. Thus, schools can cooperate with current company and ask them to provide internship with present students. This will facilitate students to learn more not just on their academic work, but also the practical work they might encounter down the road.

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

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

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

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The main role of a university professor is to educate students rather than to do research.

Sample writing:

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

First of all, the research could have great importance in the real world and could one day lead to real breakthroughs. In other words, the research done by professors in the college environment can result in great contributions to the society, such as to the medical world, like a cure for cancer or a solution to global warming. As is known, in order to solve problems big or small, a series of

research needs to be observed and performed by professional people who are based on the academic work. College professors are those who have PhDs and performed and practiced tons of experience in the field relevant, thus they should focus mainly on doing research, which could make a big difference to the world rather than students in the school. Besides, they are working in the school, so they are provided a great environment to focus on their research and meanwhile they can also inspire students for the future study. It, therefore, seems fair that a professor should spend more time doing research than giving lectures to students.

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

Admittedly, some people may think that professors should not just focus on doing research; for example, they are “teacher” by definition who should spend more time on the education part. True indeed, this is a cogent argument; however, we are talking about colleges or universities in this regard. To put it differently, students in this level are more self-motivated and know what they want in their studies.

Professors should not play the role of “teachers” who merely teach as what their teachers in high school do; instead, professors should play the role of “instructors” who instruct students when they have problems along their self-study path. Besides, too much “teach” may bring about the dependence of learning that makes students only search for the right answer. As we all know that education is not all about doing “the right thing,” but trying to think independently and making mistakes and learning from those mistakes as a whole. It should, therefore, be given precedence over teaching for the role of professors and they should be allowed to focus more on their research.

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Some people argue that using cleaner energy (such as, Solar power or wind power) to protect the environment is a better idea even though the cost is higher, but some people say the traditional energy sources such as coal and oil are less expensive. What is your suggestion?

Sample Writing:

A cleaner energy utilization is always welcoming in the perspective of sustainable management. It helps us reduce the level of pollution in all aspects; however, for the perspective of economy, it is cheaper to use conventional energy, such as coal and oil. To me, personally, concerning the environmental situation, which matters our generations of generations, I would agree with the statement that using a cleaner energy is more beneficial.

Firstly, using cleaner energy enables human beings to protect our environment in a reusable way. In other words, cleaner energy does little or no damage to the environment. Solar energy, wind energy, or water energy are all from nature, which indicates their environmental friendly property.

If mankind tries to make use of them, we can save natural resources for our offspring. For instance, some solar-powered cars use and store sunlight in the daytime and people can drive cars at night without concerning about lack of sunlight. Some traffic lights and street lamps are also capable of using sunlight as their energy source, which saves a lot of electricity and protect our environment. Some admittedly may say that it is more expensive to use them due to our technology for such energy is not fully developed; however, we cannot completely consider things via the value of material. Besides, we need to use more of such cleaner energy to develop and accumulate our technology and know-hows in this field.

A more striking viewpoint for me to support the use of cleaner energy is that it also affects social development in the long run. Compared with the polluting and scarce nature of traditional energy, cleaner energy is considered as the most promising energy in the future owing to its beneficial properties. Once we, human beings, can successfully master this sustainable energy, we can bring a lot of job opportunities to our society where the employment rate is not promising. To put it differently, an increasing number of people will start study the usage and collect useful data to, for instance, develop solar-powered cars and other vehicles. Maybe one day, this cleaner energy will be cheaper than the traditional energy. Even though it costs a lot to study the cleaner energy, it will save lots of unnecessary efforts and money in the future. Contrarily, if we are short-sighted and use the traditional energy, one day such energy will fall short of. Maybe before that, our global warming effect will be aggravated and this is evenly more costly since we need to protect our homes and family. The cost to clear up the effects brought about by burning cheaper energy is immeasurable. Are we saving money for the long run? No, we are not.

Last but not least, traditional energy is not only detrimental to our environment, but also to all creatures living on earth. To be more concise, some traditional energies such as coal and oil have been exploited by people for a really long time, and the left content of coal especially is so little that people can continue use coal not longer than hundred years. In addition, burning fossil fuels release plenty of carbon dioxide which worsens climate warming ; sulfur dioxide which leads to the formation of acid rain, which are damaging our building, plants and animals alike in the forest. We are all living in the same place --earth --in a shared eco-system. Maybe humans do not feel the harm too much now, yet one day when all other creatures are in trouble survival, it is too late for us to takes measures. Thus, we cannot simply just think on saving money for the energy usage.

Irrefutably, some people may say that we need to concern more about saving money and use the traditional energy. The earth is big and once we save the money, we can use such saved money to help the poor or fund the school. Maybe one day, we will figure out a way to heal the earth if traditional energies really worsen our environment. This viewpoint however is too optimistic. We will not save money for the long run if we continue employing traditional energy to do the benefits of human activities. For a short period of time, it may look prosperous since money is save, yet for a long term, we are not gaining any benefits because we are hurting our mother earth for our selfish needs. So, are we going to live on this planet for long? Are we saving resources to our children and grandchildren? Yes, the answer is positive. Thus, using cleaner energy (such as, Solar power or wind power) to protect the environment is a better idea even though the fee is higher. We after all only have one earth.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

In order to help high school students learn the sense of responsibility, it is necessary for them to do household work after school.

Sample Writing:

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

To begin with, high school students can learn more about things that are not taught at school. Doing household work after school enable s young students to know what their parents are doing for them. For some high school kids, what they are told to do is to study and attain a good score for a prestigious school. This viewpoint makes them narrow-mind about the world. Doing the dishes, for example, makes young children aware that it is not an easy job. Keeping the living room clean or doing the laundry enables them to appreciate what their parents do for them; in turn, they will care about other people more. Those things are not typically taught at school. By learning these household chores, they can also learn the sense of responsibility if they cannot finish things on time or in a tidy way. Needing to learn the basic way of doing those things, they can learn to be responsible for their own chores and their study at school. When such sense of responsibility is learned in the young age, they will be more passionate to fulfill their jobs in the future. They know this is their responsibility and they need to take care of it no matter how.

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

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

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is important to know what is happening around the world, even if it does not affect your personal lives.

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

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

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

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

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

Agree or disagree: It is better to for colleagues or classmates to communicate in person than through emails

or telephones in order to do a project.

Human beings are gregarious animals and this makes us progress in a fast speed in all aspects in our modern society. Communication plays a key role along this process that determines whether or not the work being cooperated together is successful. However, there are many channels to make this communication sound, such as through emails or by telephones or simply doing it face-to-face. In my opinion, personally, in order to do a project well, I would agree with this prompt and think that communicating in person is the preferred way for this purpose.

In the first place, it is more effective for people to work things out when they can talk to each other in person. For a project, it means it is teamwork and team members need to work together in an effectual way in communication. A good case in point, when students are grouped for doing, for instance, their geography project, they need to meet up for outlining what country is the best for their project, what specific physical features of this country would be and who can be responsible for PowerPoint; presentation, who can search for suitable clips for better demonstration. All those detailed items need to seek for agreement. If they can communicate in person, they can work out their differences at that moment without waiting for replies as is required if they communicate through emails. Even though telephones enable people to talk to each other real time, yet they cannot pinpoint the problems by looking at the details together. In other words, it is time-consuming to reach an agreement for a project. Thus, only through communicating in person can a project be carried out in the most promising way possible.

Secondly, people can team more and advance project by communicating face-to-face. When people work together in person, they can see each other, hear each other and learn from all the team members. To put it differently, their ideas or thinking can be stimulated via the process of discussing their project together. This is also a great way of learning from each other for their future cooperation and presentation. To illustrate, a group in a company is trying to design the contour of a cellphone, when everybody is presenting for the discussion meeting, team members can refine their original thinking regarding how the design should be by hear everybody's ideas. Such ideas can lead to more ideas that make the design a best concerted work of everybody. On the contrary, if they communicate through telephones, all the team members might have difficulty talking to each other at the same time and this greatly diminish the chance of brainstorming and learning from each other.

Communicating through telephones or emails easily causes conflicts and misunderstanding (批評反方)Take multi-national projects for example. Team members cannot meet up face-to-face for communication due to the distance and time. Such cross boundary cooperation usually result in conflicts by only communicating with each other in the way of telephones and emails. Even they agree with each other on the phone or in the email, yet what they think is right might turn out not what they expect. Through emails, they can only interpret from words and texts. Through telephone, they can only understand each other by description of items or how they think about their projects without really meeting each other. Based on Scientific American, team members can

convey themselves better by facial expressions, gestures and on-the-spot response. Therefore, for doing a project well, communicating with each other In person can best achieve the goal of the project with opinions of the team members.

As opposed to this statement, some people, admittedly, may think that they can still do a project in an effective way thought only the communication by using telephones or emails. For colleagues and classmates, they have cooperated for many times and have developed some kind of trust and effectual way of working together. They do not need to discuss in person to reach an agreement with accuracy. Besides, when they have problems or doubts, they can always call each other and target those problems together again. This is true, however, in a world where everything should be concise and clear within a limited working time, colleagues or classmates should always meet up in person and settle the thing down together and make sure everything is agreed without misunderstanding. Thus, I am still in favor of this statement and consider that it fs better to exchanges ideas and to convey their thoughts in person in order to do a project with the best outcome.

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

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

When people are making purchases for "big ticket" items, such as cars or even houses, they must have so many factors that affect their final decision. Those factors may come from the influence of "word of mouth" from their friends or colleagues, or advertisement from newspaper or TV, or recommendations from a store salesperson and so forth. Each of the factors does influence people's finial decision since the big purchase is not something trivial.

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

Secondly, recommendations from the media enable people to create the opportunity of demand. Information sources from, for example, newspaper or TV actually all make attempts to catch

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

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

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

也有一些回忆版本表述为：

【题】 Which factor influences you the most when it comes to a major purchase:

1) recommendations from your friends or colleagues; 2) information from media; 3) salesman in the market

题型分类：对比题论证角度：原因挖掘观点选择：让步

开头：朋友同事的推荐影响最大。（话题引入+他人观点+明确立场+过渡）

When people plan to buy something that costs a great deal of money, they will think twice before making the final decision. Factors that will affect the decision might be recommendations from friends and colleagues, information on media and words of salesman in the market. Among all those factors, I believe that what friends and colleagues say play the most important role in helping us with the decision-making. I am going to elaborate my point of view in the following paragraphs. (75 words)

中间段 1 :同事朋友比较靠谱。（主题句+说理论证+细节例子）

My first reason is that friends or colleagues⁵ words are reliable. When offering recommendations for us to make a purchase, friends and colleagues are highly unlikely to lie to us about the quality of the goods while TV commercials and salesmen will try to convince customers to make the deal by any possible means out of commercial purposes. Imagine that I want to buy a car, a salesperson probably recommend me an expensive car that is beyond my purchasing power. Conversely, if I have a friend who is a car-lover, he will guide me to buy a car with a high quality-price ratio. (103 words)

中间段 2：朋友的建议能给我们完整的信息。（主题句+说理论证+细节例子）

In addition, friends or colleagues⁵ recommendations provide us with complete information about the product, which is beneficial for making a wise decision. When friends or colleagues can recommend us something, they must have bought or tried this product so that they have a deeper understanding of the features of the product including its quality, price and value. In this sense, their advice is very helpful for our decision. For example, I am very satisfied with the computer that I have bought recently. Except for its reasonable price, the performance far exceeds my expectation. It is attributed to the recommendation from my friend-Jack, who has already bought one before. (109 words)

让步段：当然，朋友和同事的推荐也不一定全部正确，因为其中或许有他们的个人偏好，并不适合我们，但是比起销售人员或电视广告的商业性而言，朋友同事的推荐还是值得参考的，但是最后还得自己做决定，也不能盲从。（承认漏洞+堵漏）

Admittedly, I am not saying that recommendations from friends and colleagues are absolutely correct. They may involve their personal preferences when buying the goods, and therefore what they recommend to us may not be totally appropriate for our own situations. However, as long as we can fully realize our true needs and stop following others⁵ footsteps blindly, there will be nothing to worry about. (63 words)

结尾：重申观点+归纳理由/升华主题

In conclusion, when it comes to a major purchase, I prefer to turn to my friends or colleagues for recommendations or advice. It is not only because their words are more reliable but also because

四星级题目:

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

In our society, we work to earn money to make our life happier and make our goals accomplished. Either we try to make our life wealthy or try to seek for the public recognition; we all know that we need to work hard to earn them. For sure, many factors in this process affect our thoughts and behaviors toward this issue played in our life. Will we still work harder if we only receive public recognition without money being paid? To me, I am for the statement.

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

Secondly, some people target on making our world a better place to live for generation. For example, paper recycling volunteers, they work for the wholesomeness of our earth, which is much recognized by the public. They know if they contribute what individuals can do for the concept of sustainable management, they can help our earth, nature as well as our environment for a better living place, not just for themselves, but for all the people on this planet. Such public recognition is way more pivotal than the value money can bring. The public respect those people who do it merely for our environment, not for their private means. Thus, they will still work harder to keep the public recognition because it is meaningful public acknowledgement that is highlighted merited.

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

They simply do not do it for money, but for the happiness of all the people living in the same community. The world, after all, still needs some dreamers to make it a better place. Thus, I agree with the statement for sure.

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

Opinions vary as to whether car or airplane has exerted a greater impact on our society. Some people believe that the car exerts greater effect, for without a car many of us cannot go to school and office. Others believe that it is airplane that makes long distance travel available, thus impacting the whole world in unthinkable ways. Although there is some element of truth in both arguments, I believe that the automobile is more useful and necessary than the airplane.

Admittedly, the advent of airplane realized the flying dream of human beings, which indeed serves as an inspiration and motivation. In other words, thinking that men can fly in the sky gives people courage and confidence when doing other demanding and difficult things. Besides, Airplane has significantly facilitated international travel and global business, thus accelerating the process of globalization. However, after further consideration, I still believe that the automobile has had more effect on the society because of the following reasons. (weixin:laoxikou)

First, generally speaking, cars are affordable. We can buy a car for thousands of dollars, but we have to pay millions to get a plane and even an airplane ticket can cost thousands of dollars. Last summer I went to New York with my families and we spent 40000RMB on tickets alone. Even people from developed countries find it difficult to afford airplane tickets, not to mention those poor people from developing countries. So a large number of people actually do not have the flying experience. But the automobile is inexpensive and it is not easy to find a person who has never ride on a bus.

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

But without a car, many people can only stay near our offices and schools, eat local and monotonous food. Life would be dull and difficult.

Considering the above analysis, we can draw the conclusion that although the plane has its own merits and influences, these merits and influences are less than those of cars. Cars are inexpensive and can better meet our everyday demands.

A world without planes is a world without luxuries, but a world without cars is a world deprived of necessities.

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

I, in some ways, agree with this statement. Technology certainly makes information easier to access and research. Yet, as technology gets more and more comprehensive in what it can accomplish, we become more and more dependent upon it. Tasks become less straightforward and yes, in many cases, more complicated than they would have been.

Take, for instance, the act of getting directions to a new place. Fifteen years ago, we would take out a map of our town or the surrounding areas, examine it, and then write down step-by-step

directions for how to drive to our destination. Sometimes it was even as simple as memorizing the route. It would take a few minutes, but once it was done, it was quite easy to carry out.

Today, many people immediately look to their GPS system in their car instead. This technological innovation is meant to make the whole navigation process smoother, but can be riddled with distracted driving and glitchy machinery that can't find specific addresses or suggests routes that don't make sense. After hearing the grating GPS voice tell you about an upcoming turn three or four times in a row, you start to wonder if the hassle is worth it.

Similar issues arise when people have internet access on their cell phones. If out and about with a friend and wanting to grab some lunch, instead of just heading into a nearby restaurant and seeing what they have to offer, there can be internet searches for restaurant reviews and minutes of scrolling through prices and menu offerings, slowing everything down and disrupting the spontaneity of the moment.

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

4 Agree or disagree? There is no reason to be impolite (rude) to another person. Use specific examples and reasons to support your statement.

In Japan, people bow their heads as a sign of being polite. In Germany, men kiss each other's cheeks in demonstration of the same. No matter how big or small, acts of politeness form a huge part of our lives. As much as possible everyone wants to be always polite. But should this always be the case?

The golden rule states that we should treat others the way we want them to treat us. Thus, most people, through the course of their day-to-day interactions with other persons, strive to be polite. However, I believe there are always exceptions to the rule. Would you still be polite to someone who is trying to rob you? Would you still be polite to your boss who always humiliates you in the office even if there's no reason to?

Respect begets respect. The same can be said as well for politeness. In our efforts of showing to the world that we are indeed good individuals, we sometimes tend to forget that being polite should not be easily dispensed. There is such a thing as personal respect. How can other people realize that you are a person who should be respected if you readily accommodate them even if they're not treating you the same way? If this happens to me, I would certainly show a limited but definite level of impoliteness, not because I am really like that but because I deserve to be shown politeness too.

Let's look at the big picture. 1984, a novel by George Orwell, depicts an abusive, certainly impolite, government composed of well, impolite officials. The reason they came to power is quite simple. The citizens were very gullible to the former's propaganda and advances. Cut the long story short,

an act of unnecessary politeness lead to the fall of that society's standards and existence. If only people in that novel had been "necessarily" impolite. In reality, this is certainly also the case. Look around us. Many are suffering from problems that, in one way or another, were brought by being polite at all times—unfair job opportunities, rude neighbors, opportunistic friends.

At the core of every person, I sincerely believe that every man regardless of creed, status, or nationality, has a universal concept of what constitutes politeness. It is but fair to say that we should effectively respect and be polite to ourselves prior to being polite to others. That being said, under applicable situations like the ones stated above, there is a time and place that being impolite to another person is necessary.

5 Do you agree or disagree that: Spending time alone is the truly best way to relax the stress.

I agree with this idea. Although being with others is enjoyable when you're already in good spirits, it can be exhausting when you are stressed out. On the other hand, when you are by yourself, you are free to truly do nothing and let yourself unwind. You can also focus on your own particular little pleasures, rather than shared activities that might not reduce stress very much. Finally, when you're alone, you are given the quiet atmosphere necessary to organize your thoughts and plans.

When you are around others, especially friends, you feel an obligation to keep actively doing things. Rarely do people just sit in silence together! Maybe you go shopping with your friends a lot or go to the park down the street whenever people visit. Even if you're just sitting and talking with your friends, you are engaging with them. You're thinking, listening, reacting, speaking, telling stories. Normally, this is fine and enjoyable. But if you're extremely stressed out after a hard day at work or school, it can be burdensome. Interacting with someone takes energy. If you're already exhausted and frazzled, it doesn't help things.

Alone, you don't feel this requirement to be energetic and fun. You can take a nap. You can meditate. You can lay on your couch and count all the ceiling tiles above your head—it doesn't matter! You can truly relax and try to recuperate from whatever has been stressful. Additionally, you can choose lazy activities that are particular and comforting to you. Even watching a movie is different when you're alone. There's no agreeing or compromising on what to watch. You can watch three cartoon movies in a row, if you want, and eat chocolate ice cream while you do it. No one is watching you. If it makes you feel less stressed, do it! Any silly little thing becomes a welcome relief.

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

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

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

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

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

This loss of knowledge over long summers has even further negative effects on the part of the teachers. Teachers, at the start of the new school year, often notice that their students have forgotten their lessons from the previous year. To be able to move forward, the teachers have to repeat what they have taught previously. This could lead to an endless cycle of learning something, forgetting most of it, being reminded, over and over and over. Cutting short long vacations, giving students no opportunity to forget, is therefore very conducive towards more effective teaching. Some people might argue that studying for 11 months of a year may be too stressful for students, so they need to break away from school for 2 or more months to relax, 'taobaoID:zhuxugame0725' and to develop an interest in non-academic subjects such as music and painting. However, they don't have to do so continuously over two or more months completely away from school.

There is always time after regular school hours like late afternoon periods, or during the weekends, when students can enjoy the fun of exploring something different. That's why I believe that a school year lasting eleven months would be a good idea. The very long summers where students forget information would be avoided. This would mean that the autumn lessons wouldn't be just reminders of old, forgotten information. The school year would therefore be more productive. It would be heavily-focused on new information, getting to the students faster and sinking-in better.

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

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

First, foreign movies and TV programs widen our horizons, helping us to establish friendships with foreigners. Movies and television shows offer a great deal of information about culture and history, showing us many things about the world outside our own country. I like watching American movies and TV series very much. I meet many foreigners who have the same hobby. By talking about American movies on the Internet, I have made many foreign friends. While chatting with them in English, I improve my language skills. In this way, I find that foreign movies and TV programs benefit me much more than domestic movies and TV programs.

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

I find movies and TV programs in our country to be very boring at present, in that many stories in movies are meaningless and TV programs simply imitate foreign TV programs at lower quality. According to a survey by China Daily last month, nearly seventy-five percent of film experts feel that the storylines of domestic movies are nearly identical to the plots of movies from the last century, making the films so boring that viewers become sleepy. Moreover, about ninety-three percent of citizens who responded to the survey stated that there is not any movie or TV program that has a creative story. These results show that people in China believe that movies and TV programs made outside the country are more interesting than those made inside the country.

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

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

8 Drivers should pay a fee to be allowed to drive on the city streets during the time when there is the greatest amount of traffic.（本题与综合写作卷中的 **congestion pricing** 这道题有一定关联，可以一起准备，甚至参考这道综合写作机经中的理由）

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

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

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

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

In conclusion, I believe that charging a congestion fee to drivers in certain areas of the city is an idea with a lot of merit. Drivers needing to regularly cross into a congestion charge zone would switch to public transportation, which helps the environment. The local government would be aided by the fees and perhaps be more lenient toward other minor vehicle violations. And the neighborhoods within the congestion charge zones would become cleaner, quieter, and more inviting, leading to increased shoppers and more money being put into the local economy.

**9 In times of an economic crisis, in which area should the government reduce its spending?
1. Education 2. Health Care 3.Support for the unemployed 130202NAW2**

sample answer:

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

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

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

Finally, reducing spending on health care would not have immediate, drastic effects like the other choices would. If you cut funding for schools, within weeks there would probably be more junk food in the cafeterias and fewer music classes and plans to lay-off some teachers. The orders for newer computers would be cancelled, and so on. And unemployed people would immediately go into panic mode, not knowing how they were going to pay their next bill or get enough food for the next month. But if people can either keep their government healthcare if that's all they have or switch to their healthcare at their job, nothing is really disrupted there. Paperwork gets shuffled but the day-to-day stays the same.

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

10 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? We should state our honest opinions even though other people may disagree with them. 130302NAW2

sample answer:

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

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

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

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

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

11 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teachers were more appreciated and valued by the society in the past than they are now. 130406NAW2

sample answer:

I agree that teachers are not as appreciated by society today as they used to be. Parents are not as respectful toward them, class sizes are larger and more unruly than ever, and the desire that schools have for higher test scores makes personal lesson plans not that important.

It used to be that when a parent got a note from their child's teacher or talked with a teacher during a conference, they listened very closely to what was said and respected it. Even if the news about the child was negative, the parents would take it in stride. They would then relay that information to their child, like it was the word of a judge. "Mrs. Carter says that you've been disrupting your math class a lot. Do you want to explain yourself?" "Mr. Brandt told me about you trying to cheat on your history exam. You're grounded for the next three weeks." But now, it seems, parents spoil their children so much that they often can't bear to hear anything bad about their precious little angels. Rather, they'll get angry with the teacher and demand some sort of punishment for him or her. It's ridiculous, because teachers are just trying to do what's best for everyone involved. But they get lashed out at.

It's well known that teachers don't make that much money for how much work they do. But the day-to-day situation is just getting worse, because average class sizes are continuing to increase. That means teachers are still making a small amount of money, but they're dealing with more kids, more headaches, and more conflicts every single day.

Finally, teachers used to be able to mold their lesson plans more closely to their own passions about certain subjects. If an English teacher loved the works of John Steinbeck, maybe she could have her students read two of Steinbeck's novels and then write an essay comparing them. It would make the kids learn and the teacher would have a genuinely good time reading the essays. While stuff like that can still happen sometimes, more and more it seems that teachers are at the mercy of standardized tests. Schools become extremely concerned about how well their students are going to score on nationwide tests, so they strongly emphasize that teachers focus on subjects the test will cover. Suddenly that English teacher can't teach Steinbeck. She has to focus on whatever the school wants her to.

That's why I think teachers are not valued as much as they used to be. Parents don't respect them nearly as much, class sizes keep increasing despite low pay, and standardized tests make lesson plans lose their fun.

12 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Workers would be much happier if they are doing different types of tasks during their workday than doing the same task.

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1. The worker will get bored easily if he keeps doing the same type of task for a long time. This will further create risk of making mistakes or even physical injuries if the person keeps the same body gesture for a long time. 130412NAW2
2. By contrast, doing different types of tasks makes the work more enjoyable. For example, after a period of physical task the person can do some mental task.
3. By doing a variety of tasks a person can develop skills in different areas. This can help the person with his or her career development because the worker has more skills to apply for a greater range of jobs.
4. By doing a variety of tasks a person can also meet different people and develop a large network of friends. These friends can often provide valuable help not only in the worker's life but also career.

13 Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important things people learn are from their families.

sample answer:

Opinions vary widely from person to person, or at different stages of life for any individual, whenever it comes to the topic of what are the most important things and how to gain them. There might be too many things for anyone to acquire and cherish in a single lifetime, but to me, what I hold most essential is one's capacity to love and to shoulder responsibilities. These two qualities are initially shaped and later influenced to a large extent by one's families.

It is true that we gain an abundance of skills and knowledge at school or outside the family setting as we grow older, but the ability for us to love, not merely ourselves but our family members, friends, strangers or even our enemies, originates in our families. Weixin:laoxikou If we grow up in a loving environment, seeing how our parents live out, rather than simply talk about, their love and care for each other, for their parents, siblings, neighbors, community members on a daily basis, we would find it natural to do the same as adults. Being considerate and empathic may lead us into a richer life with greater humanity and commitment in a modern mechanized society.

Then there is responsibility. Being responsible is a highly desirable personality in today's fast moving and increasingly complex world. Everyone prefers to be friends with, to do business with, or to marry someone who is responsible. The sense of responsibility, however, is not something

that can be taught. It is, in my opinion, like a family tradition that is passed down from an older generation to the next. When we were still young, we observed our parents or elder brothers and sisters dealing with people and situations in responsible ways and we learned to do the same until it becomes our habit.

That being said, I do not mean that we learn nothing or little out of the family; what I am saying is that though we benefit greatly from different learning, it is our families that turn us into both loving and responsible individuals.

14 Question: The most important goal of education is to teach people how to educate themselves. 130614NA

sample answer:

There is no issue more important than education. Each parent or teacher wants to produce the smartest student. But what is the standard of a good education? By answering this question we should first of all look at the ultimate purpose of education. Most people would agree that the passing of knowledge is the main goal of education. Indeed this is important but what's more important is the ability to get this knowledge on one's own, even without teachers, i.e. to educate oneself.

Learning is a life-long process. A person starts learning the moment he is born, and we continue to learn even when we are old. So we are learning every minute, and everywhere. But teachers cannot be with you all the time. You have to learn how to learn by yourself when no teacher is available. If you possess this self-learning ability, then you have the freedom to learn what you like, anywhere, anytime. I think you will feel more powerful and life will be more fun if you have this freedom of knowledge. Apparently, school education should equip students with this power – the skill of self-learning.

Secondly, the development of modern technologies in education means that anyone can be a teacher for himself or herself. With abundant information on the Internet, it is not necessary to go to the classroom and read those boring textbooks. However, there is a problem here. If there is too much information, then sometimes people get confused. They get lost in a sea of information and do not know where to start. Therefore school education should take this into consideration and start teaching students how to design their own learning plans and how to make the best use of modern technologies to learn, such as iphone and ipad. Students equipped with this skill will no doubt have a much better chance to become competitive individuals in this society.

Finally, learning is a highly individualized process. Each person has his or her own way of learning, and there is nothing right or wrong about it. But the most important thing is to find the most suitable way to learn, a way that can realize one's own potential, or weakness, and sometimes it is difficult to achieve this in a traditional classroom where many students are being taught the same knowledge in the same way. I think the best education should be to teach students how to realize

their own potentials and let the students choose their own learning path. In this way, each student becomes the best teacher so the learning progress will be much faster.

As Confucius once said “Give a person a fish, and you feed him for one day. Teach him how to fish, and you feed him for a life time”. Indeed, the most important goal of education is not to stuff knowledge into students’ head, but to teach them how to make the best use of their brain to get the most useful knowledge. This will benefit their whole life.

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

sample answer:

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

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

There is also the chance that some of the other students could start to get a skeptical view of the teacher’s abilities if the mistake was blatantly pointed out. Even if it was just a small mistake, like saying a king was born five years earlier than he really was, different people’s perceptions can vary wildly about such errors. A couple students could repeat the incident to their friends, saying that the teacher doesn’t seem to know much about his or her own subject. Gossip and unfair reputations can sometimes begin in such ways and I wouldn’t want that.

However, it is still important that the teacher is made aware of his or her mistake so that they don’t continue teaching it to more students. Taobao id: zhuxugame0725 Nicely mentioning it to them after class is the best option. My tone will immediately seem more friendly and conversational rather than confrontational, hopefully making the teacher more receptive. All he or she would have to do is discreetly change that small part of the lecture for the next class and the problem would be solved, to everyone’s benefit.

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

三星级题目:

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

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

Firstly, it is excellence that one achieves in the job that secures the position. A low-paying job does not always guarantee the stability. If an individual works in a high-paying-unsecure job and works extra hard, he or she will more likely to accomplish perfect performance in the job. Thus, his or her performance will eventually lead this job to a more secure situation. This way the person end up with a stable job that pays a lot. Besides, some people may actually enjoy the challenges and risks of losing their job. These are the people who welcome changes in their lives. On the other hand, stable jobs may kill our gifts of human imagination and creativity.

Admittedly, some people have to take stability into consideration when they choose a job. Because they need the stable incomes to pay bills and support their families. A secure job, although it does not pay much, can make sure that an individual is able to make ends meet at the end of the month. However, money is not the only criteria of happiness. If someone is really interested in an area he/she should definitely find a job in that field even though that means he/she risks the chances of losing that job. For example my uncle works in the stock market. His job is highly unstable, especially nowadays during the economic crisis. But my uncle loves this job and nobody or nothing can persuade him to quit. He is willing to take the risks of being unemployed as long as he is doing something he loves right now.

In conclusion, as far as I'm concerned, having a low-paying secure job is no better than to have a high-paying unstable job.

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

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

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

Second, people seem to be generally happier when they are able to visualize the things in their environment. Having something pretty to look at generally aids in improving the overall happiness level. For example, if someone is depressed, being able to see a lovely painting or drawing will

instantly give them a better feeling, and sometimes a sense of hope. The government should be able to support artists who work to make their environment more comfortable and creative.

Third, an even more important reason for the government to support artists is because we have too many “starving artists” who are extremely talented, but who can’t find regular day jobs like other professions. Therefore, their income is often very sporadic, and unpredictable, so it’s really difficult to budget and make a decent living. The word “starving artists” evokes images of artists who are “dying”. However, what’s really happening is that “art itself” is slowly dying. Therefore, governments can save art and the artists with support that stimulates the environment and the economy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 The food we eat today are healthier than the food we ate in the past.

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

If you look at any food label today and read the ingredients list, you are bound to see words you have no idea how to pronounce. Even more, you don't have the slightest clue what they are. These are chemicals and preservatives. They do a range of things—make food last longer while it sits on the shelf, make flavors stronger, make the production of the food cheaper and easier. But really, they are entirely unnatural. They help the food companies, not the people who actually eat the food. Putting them in our bodies day after day cannot be healthy! Food, of course, didn't used to contain such chemicals. ' taobaoID:zhuxugame0725 'Their ingredients were solely what we had in our kitchens.

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

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

That's why I think that our food is less healthy than it was in the past. So much of it is filled with chemicals and preservatives. So much of it is pre-packaged instead of being cooked at home. And even the natural ingredients, like salt and sugar, are overloaded into the foods for the sake of flavor, to the point of being unhealthy.

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

'A wise ruler should gather opinions from all sides', this is an epigram from ancient Egypt. For most people, especially the good leader, harmful to be a maverick in decision making process, on the contrary, it is essential for him to consult others before he make any important decisions and take his members' felling into account for their function in the whole project.

First of all, an effective leader should attempt to make his members or employees that they are part of the decision making process, otherwise, the company usually will get a severe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In these shaky economic times, where jobs can sometimes be hard to find, I think that people are going to appreciate any work that they can get. Quitting your job to spend more time at home might not be a realistic or appealing option. There won't be any guarantees that you will easily get a job again when you need to. So I think most people will keep their heads down and just gratefully accept any work that they can get.

Finally, the world is generally more compassionate than it has been in the past. There are so many charities and non-profit organizations out there that are very easy to find and volunteer for. It has become almost expected to devote some of your spare time to helping others. This doesn't have to be a daily or even a weekly event. But it is a part of many people's lives and I think it will continue to be. And it is a form of work, rather than leisure. There just isn't any payment involved.

That is why I think people will have leisure time in twenty years. Based on current trends, hobbies will become mixed with business, regular jobs will not be discarded willingly, and increased volunteer time will mean increased work for the average person.

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

Concerning the merits of non-printed books, such as electrical books will preponderate over the superiority of printed books which are wildly used by students at present, I agree with the statement that students will not use printed books any more in two decades from now on.

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

Furthermore, it is undoubted that in order to produce paper books, we will cut down considerable trees, thus causing environmental issues, such as global warming. Meanwhile, the procedure of processing lambers will also lead to effluent pollution. ' taobaoID:zhuxugame0725 'From a recent statistic report from our government, the area of forests in China is reducing by a rate of two percent every year. However, we still continue to cut down trees to make paper books, thus causing an unimaginable detriment to our environment. In contrast, the using of e-books will avoid destroying amounts of forests. Hence, it is a wiser choice to use e-books for student in the future.

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

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

8 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Getting advice from friends who are older than you is more valuable than getting advice from friends your same age.

Although friends of all ages can of course give good advice depending on the situation, I agree that generally the more helpful advice comes from friends who are older. They have probably experienced similar things to what you are going through, they have experienced more than you have, and they have the benefit of hindsight and putting things in proper perspective.

If you have a friend who is a few years older than you, there is a good chance they've dealt with something similar to whatever your problem is. If you're twelve and nervous about going to your first school dance, your fourteen year-old cousin can tell you what to expect. If you're thirty and considering buying a house, a friend who is thirty-five and has gone through the whole process can help you. Meanwhile, someone who is your own age would probably be just as confused as you, since they haven't experienced these things either.

Not to mention that friends who are older than you have had similar experiences, plus more experiences in their longer life! They might bring up things that you never would have considered from your limited position. They can tell you of various jobs they had been they were your age, various types of people they dated and how that turned out, various places they went to. They could offer up some really helpful information that wasn't even on your radar before.

Finally, friends who are older than you have the wonderful benefit of hindsight. They are distanced by time from the events they're telling you about. Therefore, they can understand them more clearly. Even if you have a worldly friend who is your own age and dealing with lots of interesting things, his or her advice may not turn out to be the wisest. He or she doesn't even know yet how everything will turn out. But an older friend can tell you, "That seemed really fun, but I regretted it so much later, " or "I wish I had done that!" Everything is in perspective, which makes their advice that much more helpful.

In conclusion, I think friends who are older than you end up giving better advice. They have likely experienced what you're dealing with, they've dealt with more than that, and their advice comes from a place of wisdom, looking at everything in perspective.

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

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

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

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

For another, besides being a telescope for the outside world, television is also a microscope for our inside world. It uses a vivid method to show us the humanism, and make us to think about ourselves at the same time. Every day we watch TV for news and plays. The characters of them and the way these persons treat the staffs and affairs around them, making us to ask ourselves. Am I just like the miser in the movie? How would I deal with my dishonest friend? And could I be a brave man like the hero I admire? All of these questions can enhance our understanding of humanism and make us to be better.

Even though telephone makes a small world for us, it can't compare the whole university television shows to us. Taking into account of all these reasons, we can reach the conclusion that television plays a more important part in human's lives than telephone. If we didn't have the telephone, we lost some of our friends far away. However, losing the television, we would be lost in the complicate world.

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

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

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

Secondly, although faced with most of the currently existing environmental problems, efforts of individuals could fade, we should realize that most of the environmental problems render as the accumulation of individual ignorance towards environment and as long as we as individuals all stop our environment-unfriendly actions can we form strong power to prevent the deterioration of the environment. As we can see today, many policies of environmental protection are advocated and the sense of protecting our environment is being imparted to individuals. For examples, in order to decelerate the declining of our water resource, various kinds of water saving methods are applied for household and industry. What's more, self-conscious individuals are pay more and more attention to the energy saving in order to reduce the usage of fossil fuels and prevent the trend of global warming. And lots of organizations of individuals are trying their best to spread the

advocacy of environment protection. Therefore in front of the environment problems individuals are really capable of doing something.

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

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

11 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Patience is usually not a good strategy. We should take action now rather than later. (121208CNW2=110827NAW2)

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

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

In the business world, a little patience is necessary to achieve a target. For example, it is better to do extensive market research before launching a new product, instead of charging into the unknown. It takes patient discretion to recognize the right moment to seek a raise in salary, rather than impulsively demanding one. The quick and innovative can make fortunes overnight, but the patient hold on to their fortunes.

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

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