**94) The effectiveness of a country's leaders is best measured by examining the well-being of that country's citizens.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

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Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

**28) The surest indicator of a great nation is represented not by the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists, but by the general welfare of its people.**

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**127) The surest indicator of a great nation is not the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists, but the general well-being of all its people.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

**113) Claim: The surest indicator of a great nation is not the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists. Reason: The surest indicator of a great nation is actually the welfare of all its people.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

**145) The general welfare of a nation's people is a better indication of that nation's greatness than are the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists.**

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3. 结论:对国家强大与否的判断标准仍需讨论，简单断定某一方面具有决定性是不明智的。如果将两者结合，则得到的答案会更准确

**120) Claim: The surest indicator of a great nation must be the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists.**

**Reason: Great achievements by a nation's rulers, artists, or scientists will ensure a good life for the majority of that nation's people.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

**85) Some people believe that in order to thrive, a society must put its own overall success before the well-being of its individual citizens. Others believe that the well-being of a society can only be measured by the general welfare of all its people.**

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

**121) Some people claim that you can tell whether a nation is great by looking at the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists. Others argue that the surest indicator of a great nation is, in fact, the general welfare of all its people.**

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

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… The greatness of a nation lies in whether the material and spiritual needs of its people are met. what is "welfare"? For their part, welfare is often indicated by healthy care, job, retirement, education, safety, the quality of living, the quality of environment, the cultural richness and so on. For every large country like China, India, and the United States, there is a small state like Suriname, Tuvalu, and Seychelles. Most of the small states, known as microstates, have populations below 300,000(est. 2009). Because they have tiny populations, the states cannot spread the fixed costs of government or business over a large number of people—that is, they cannot achieve economies of scale in the same way that larger states can. Those country can not be called a great nation since their people are still suffering privation and myriad hardships. In sum, welfare is the provision of a minimal level of well-being and social support for citizens without current means to support basic needs.

the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists could reflect the greatness of a nation. The achievements of rulers, artists and scientists will contribute to the welfare of its people, sometimes directly, sometimes indirectly through a general uplift in activity, interactivity and prosperity. In the economics field, Bill Gates, the founder of the CEO and the chief software architect of Microsoft, devotion to the software design and innovation, and subsequent determination to give back through charitable organizations, makes him inspirational to people everywhere; in the scientific field, Albert Einstein, the most influential physicist of the 20th century, is a true science hero, not only because of his genius and physics theories, but also because of his philosophy and compassion for the universe and its creatures; in politics, Lincoln is remembered for his vital role as the leader in preserving the Union during the Civil War and beginning the process that led to the end of slavery in the United States. To sum up, the feature of a society could be recognized by analyzing their heroes.

…other standard could also be a standard to measure the greatness of a contrary. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has always been the principle of national accounts aggregates. It represents the sum of all value added created by the different branches of the economy for one year. Chinese political thinkers take into account both military factors (known as hard power) and economic and cultural factors (known as soft power). Hard power is a theory that describes using military and economic means to influence the behavior or interests of other political bodies. Soft power is the ability to obtain what one wants through co-option and attraction. In sum, instead of focusing on the well-being of citizens or the achievements of elites, there are more comprehensive indicators to analyze the greatness of a country.