**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.

**147) 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 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.

1. 承认 a、大众是国家的主要群体，意见主流。At first blush the speaker’s claim might appear to have considerable merits. After all, 国家的一个重要责任就是要是提高人民的生活水 平，保证人民的 general welfare，不论是物质上(materially)，还是精神上(mentally);b、 统治者、艺术和科学的成就建立在幸福基础上，幸福是实现这一切的前提;c、人民幸 福是终极追求，是所有学科发展的目的。例如，基因工程的发展，治疗疾病。反面:战 争时期，难以发展科学艺术。2. 但是，还有其他衡量标准，比如科学家、艺术家的水平，a、一个国家的人民的 general welfare 与其统治者、艺术家或科学家的 成就是密不可分的。科技改变生活，袁隆平的杂交水稻(hybrid rice)，解决了人们的饥荒，艺术陶冶情操(lift the human spirit)。例:达芬奇;爱因斯坦。文学作品鼓舞人们，

例如红岩。

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

**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.**

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.

**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.**

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.

1. 承认 a、大众是国家的主要群体，意见主流。At first blush the speaker’s claim might appear to have considerable merits. After all, 国家的一个重要责任就是要是提高人民的生活水 平，保证人民的 general welfare，不论是物质上(materially)，还是精神上(mentally);b、 统治者、艺术和科学的成就建立在幸福基础上，幸福是实现这一切的前提;c、人民幸 福是终极追求，是所有学科发展的目的。例如，基因工程的发展，治疗疾病。反面:战 争时期，难以发展科学艺术。2. 但是，并不矛盾 a、一个国家的人民的 general welfare 与其统治者、艺术家或科学家的 成就是密不可分的。科技改变生活，袁隆平的杂交水稻(hybrid rice)，解决了人们的饥

荒，艺术陶冶情操(lift the human spirit)。例:达芬奇;爱因斯坦。文学作品鼓舞人们，

例如红岩。

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.