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Independent Writing

Part 1

Test Requirement For Independent Writing

Development 内容发展

Human rater:

内容充实，有理有据

在主题句的控制下，能够不断提出新的具体的内容去支撑主题句

E-rater:

话语元素的长度

Step 1: 主题句

Step 2: 解释拓展主题句

Step 3: 比较对比论证

Step 4: 例证

Step 5: 小结

Organization 结构组织

Human rater:

分段，段落之间有衔接

unity, progression, and coherence

避免：离题、冗余、思维跳跃

E-rater:

话语元素的数量

过渡词的使用

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Para. 1: Currently, there is a widespread belief that 其他观点. From my perspective, however, 明确自己的观点.

Para. 2: In the first place, 主题句. 解释拓展主题句. 对比论证. 例证. 小结.

Para. 3: Furthermore, 主题句. 解释拓展主题句. 对比论证. 例证. 小结.

Para. 4: In conclusion, 再次强调自己的观点 due to / because 理由一 and 理由二.

Para.1: Currently, there is a widespread belief that 原 statement 的绝对观点. From my perspective, however, it is an overstatement to claim so.

Para.2: Admittedly, 原 statement 去掉绝对词之后存在一定的合理之处. 解释其合理之处. However, to consider XX to be the best/only XX is a piece of overemphasis, for there exist other XX, which are as good as, or even better than XX. / which can also lead to ...

Para.3: In the first place, 其他一.

Para.4: Furthermore, 其他二.

Para.5: In conclusion, 小结.

Para.1: 明确自己的选择 A.

Para.2: Admittedly, B 和 C 也还不错. 解释. However, 相比之下, A 更好.

Para.3: A 的优势 1.

Para.4: A 的优势 2.

Para.5: 小结

Para.1: 明确自己的选择 A.

Para.2: 为什么选择 A.

Para.3: B 的必要性.

Para.4: C 的必要性.

Para.5: 小结

Language Use 语言使用

Human rater:

用词恰当, 语法准确, 语意清晰, 句式多变

E-rater:



Use this *Writer's Handbook* as a guide to help you write better essays in English. It covers the following topics:

- **Grammar:** explains key grammar rules and gives examples.
- **Usage:** explains important usage rules and gives examples.
- **Mechanics:** describes the basic mechanics rules and gives examples. Mechanics includes spelling and punctuation.
- **Style:** discusses key aspects of effective style.
- **Organization and Development:** gives advice about the writing process and the development of all parts of an essay.
- **Advice to Writers:** discusses different types of essays.
- **Revising, Editing, and Proofreading:** explains what to do in each stage of improving your essay.

- 复合句
- 三大从句
- 非谓语动词
- 三种基本句型

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- 三种基本结构
- 句式的灵活变化

词汇表达的积累

越来越:

a growing number of +可数名词复数

increasingly + adj./adv.

接触各种思想/经历:

be exposed to various ideas/experiences

接触社会:

come into close contact with the society

获得成功:

achieve success

影响学习/工作:

interfere with one's study/work

满足要求:

meet the demand/requirement of

解释某现象:

explain/account for the phenomenon

对……很好的了解:

have a good/better understanding/appreciation of

把某因素考虑进去:

take ... into consideration/account

学习知识/技术:

gain/acquire/obtain knowledge/skills

交流经验/知识:

share experience/knowledge

阻碍了发展:

impede/hamper the development of

重视:

attach much importance to

强调:

place much emphasis on/upon

把注意力集中在:

concentrate on

献身于:

devote/dedicate to

科技的发展:

the development of science and technology

社会的进步:

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the advance of modern society

生活节奏的加快:

the quickening pace of modern life

国有经济的提高:

the growth of national economy

人民生活条件的改善:

the improvement of people's living condition

开阔眼界:

broaden one's horizon

进入社会

leave school and work in the society

Part 2 Hot Topics

话题一: 社会生活

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

In twenty years people will spend less time cooking and preparing for food.

参考思路:

I agree

1. People have to spend more time on their work every day;

参考思路:

I agree

2. The development of catering industry enables people to enjoy food without having to cook by themselves.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

People spend too much money on their pets even though there can be other good ways to spend money.

参考思路-1:

I disagree

1. pets are crucial to some special groups like old people;

参考思路-1:

I disagree

2. pets can bring happiness and laugh to the host;

参考思路-1:

I disagree

3. pets enable people to cultivate the sense of responsibility and love.

参考思路-2:

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I agree

1. The money spent on pets could help those people who are still under famine and poverty;

参考思路-2:

I agree

2. The money spent on pets could be donated to those people who have diseases;

参考思路-2:

I agree

3. The money spent on pets could be donated to control the environmental issues.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Children can benefit in important ways from taking care of animal pets.

参考思路:

I agree

1. pets can bring happiness and laugh to children;

参考思路:

I agree

2. taking care of pets can help children develop responsibility.

Some people always follow their dreams even if the dreams are ambitious. Some think we should focus on achieving realistic goals. Which do you think is better?

参考思路:

Ambitious dreams

1. ambitious dreams lead people to a better and more satisfying life;

参考思路:

Ambitious dreams

2. ambitious dreams motivate people to obtain progress in a long time;

参考思路:

Ambitious dreams

3. challenging goals propel our society to move forward.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is better for people to have friends who are intelligent than to have friends who have a good sense of humor.

参考思路-1:

I agree

1. intelligent friends help people solve various problems in their life;

参考思路-1:

I agree

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1. intelligent friends help people to make progress.

参考思路-2:

I disagree

1. having humorous friends helps reduce the pressure in our life;

参考思路-2:

I disagree

2. having humorous friends may enlarge our social circle.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

In order to succeed, it is better to be like others rather than different from everybody else.

参考思路:

I disagree

1. being different from others brings creativity and innovation;

参考思路:

I disagree

2. being different from others helps people find the most suitable way for themselves.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is as important for older people to study or learn new things as it is for younger people.

参考思路:

I agree

1. learning new things shortens the generation gap between older people and younger people;

参考思路:

I agree

2. learning new things plays an important role in practicing the thinking of the old and is beneficial for their health.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

In the past people were more friendly than they are today.

参考思路:

I agree

1. the quickening pace of life and busy work make people less friendly in daily life;

参考思路:

I agree

2. the fierce competition makes people less friendly in their work;

参考思路:

I agree

3. modern technology leads to the callousness of modern people.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The advice from grandparents has no use for their grandchildren because the world changed a lot during the past 50 years.

参考思路:

I disagree

1. the advice from grandparents works well when children run into frustrations in life;

参考思路:

I disagree

2. grandparents' suggestions are really worth considering in terms of getting on with people.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is often not a good thing to move to a new city or a new country because you will lose old friends.

参考思路:

I disagree

1. moving to a new city or a new country will not lose old friends because of modern technology;

参考思路:

I disagree

2. moving to a new city or a new country offers us opportunity to make new friends.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Students should take at least a year to work or travel before beginning college.

参考思路:

I agree

1. A gap year to work or travel helps students discover what they truly love and prepares them for the future study;

参考思路:

I agree

2. A gap year to work or travel enables students to cultivate some essential personalities and to know more about the society.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Although science and technology will continue to improve, the most significant improvement for the quality of people's lives has already taken place.

参考思路:

I disagree

1. Big cities are still plagued by traffic jams;

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参考思路:

I disagree

2. the environmental degradation is aggravated;

参考思路:

I disagree

3. there is a decreasing level of communication and trust between people.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The ability to maintain a small number of friends for a long time is more important to happiness than the ability to make new friends easily.

参考思路:

Both are important

1. Old friends can provide more effective assistance;

参考思路:

Both are important

2. New friends can broaden our horizons and bring fun to our life.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

As modern life becomes more complex, it is essential for young people to have the ability to plan and organize.

参考思路:

I agree

1. To plan and organize helps young people to have a clear goal and avoids arbitrary and impulsive decisions;

参考思路:

I agree

2. To plan and organize helps young people to make full use of all the resources.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

In the modern world, we should never be impolite to another person.

参考思路-1:

I agree

1. in family, being polite contributes to a harmonious family life;

参考思路-1:

I agree

2. in workplace, being polite facilitates cooperation among workers;

参考思路-1:

I agree

3. in social life, being polite enables people to make more friends.

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参考思路-2:

I disagree

Under some certain circumstances, it is necessary to ignore politeness;

参考思路-2:

I disagree

1. in case of emergency, people may ignore politeness;

参考思路-2:

I disagree

2. when facing criminals, the police may not be polite.

Some people prefer to buy technological devices as soon as they are available on the market, while other people prefer to wait. Which do you prefer?

参考思路:

I prefer to wait

1. it will cost too much money if we buy a technological device as soon as it is available;

参考思路:

I prefer to wait

2. new products always have some bugs or deficiency in function;

参考思路:

I prefer to wait

3. new products lack users' feedbacks.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Parents should allow children to make mistakes and let them learn from their own mistakes.

参考思路:

I agree

1. Making mistakes and then learning from them helps children to accumulate valuable experience;

参考思路:

I agree

2. Making mistakes and then learning from them helps children cultivate a good personality.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The way a person dresses is a good indication of his or her personality or character.

参考思路:

I disagree

1. the clothes a person wears may not be chosen by himself/herself;

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参考思路:

I disagree

2. people, especially young people, are easy to be influenced by the fashion and the majority.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

People will feel happier if they have fewer possessions.

参考思路-1:

I agree

1. They do not have to manage too many things, which will make their lives easier and happier;

参考思路-1:

I agree

2. They will not have the pressure about the loss of possessions.

参考思路-2:

I disagree

1. more possessions can improve people 's living conditions;

参考思路-2:

I disagree

2. more possessions can raise one 's social status;

参考思路-2:

I disagree

3. more possessions help people realize their dreams.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Nowadays, neighbors depend on each other less than the people in the past.

参考思路:

I agree

1. the quickening pace of life and busy work make people communicate less with their neighbors;

参考思路:

I agree

2. the development of science and technology makes people depend less on their neighbors;

参考思路:

I agree

3. the style of modern buildings keeps people from communicating with neighbors.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

People who keep their room neat and organized are more likely to be successful in the future.

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参考思路:

I agree

1. keeping one's room clean and organized brings an effective daily life;

参考思路:

I agree

2. keeping one's room clean and organized helps a person develop patience;

参考思路:

I agree

3. keeping one's room clean and organized helps a person cultivate a habit of emphasizing details.

话题二：学校教育

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

All university students should be required to take basic science courses even if it is not the field of their study.

参考思路-1:

I agree

1. Basic science courses help university students know common sense about how the world works;

参考思路-1:

I agree

2. Basic science courses help develop students' logic thinking;

参考思路-1:

I agree

3. Basic knowledge learnt in science courses could be useful in their daily life.

参考思路-2:

I disagree

1. Basic science courses may be not useful for some students;

参考思路-2:

I disagree

2. Taking basic science courses may interfere with the major courses of the students;

参考思路-2:

I disagree

3. Taking basic science courses may occupy students' time used for social activities.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

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University students should be required to take history courses no matter what field they study.

参考思路-1:

I agree

1. History courses helps students have a better understanding of the society as well as the world;

参考思路-1:

I agree

2. History courses help students develop the ability of critical thinking;

参考思路-1:

I agree

3. History courses can bring a sense of national pride and belonging.

参考思路-2:

I disagree

1. History courses would put more academic pressure on students;

参考思路-2:

I disagree

2. A required history course would lead to unnecessary cost for parents and students.

Some people think that it is an important part of a child's education to go on a field trip(for example, museums), other people think a child's time is better spent learning in a classroom at school. Which do you think is better?

参考思路:

going on field trips

1. going on field trips broadens children's horizons;

参考思路:

going on field trips

2. going on field trips enables the students to study actively and positively.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Teachers should be paid at least as much as doctors, lawyers or business leaders are paid.

参考思路:

I agree

1. high salary attracts more outstanding professionals to work as teachers;

参考思路:

I agree

2. high salary makes teachers more enthusiastic with their job.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

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These days children spend more time in doing homework or participating in organized activities related to school or sports. However, they should be given more time to do whatever they want.

- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 1. spending time on homework and relative activities ensures the effectiveness of children's spare time;
- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 2. spending time on homework and relative activities provides students with opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge to practice.

Which is better for children' education: 9-month study and 3-month break or 3-month study and 1-month break?

- 参考思路:
- 3-month study and 1-month break
- 1. the 3-month study and 1-month break mode is helpful for students to adjust between coursework and rest ;
- 参考思路:
- 3-month study and 1-month break
- 2. the 3-month study and 1-month break mode helps teachers dynamically update their knowledge based on feedback of students from the previous quarter.

Which one is the most important for teacher of high school:

- 1. The ability to help students plan for their future;**
- 2. The ability to find the students who need help most and help them;**
- 3. Teach students how to learn outside the classroom.**

- 参考思路:
- the ability to find those who need help and help them
- 1. Helping students solve their problems could improve students' interest in studying;
- 参考思路:
- the ability to find those who need help and help them
- 2. Helping students solve their problems can improve the education quality of the school.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

All school teachers should take courses every five years to update their knowledge.

- 参考思路:

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- I agree
- 1. taking courses every five years can help teachers catch up with the updated information;
- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 2. taking courses every five years can help teachers effectively design the class;
- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 3. Updating knowledge has positive effect on teachers' personal development.

话题三：工作

When you want to discuss things with other people? Which one do you prefer? Use e-mails and text-message or telephone and voice message.

- 参考思路-1:
- **telephone and voice message**
- 1. Telephone and voice message offer quick response;
- 参考思路-1:
- **telephone and voice message**
- 2. Discussions through telephone and voice message are more effective.
- 参考思路-2:
- **e-mails and text-message**
- 1. E-mails and text-message are more convenient;
- 参考思路-2:
- **e-mails and text-message**
- 2. E-mails and text-message are easier to be recorded;
- 参考思路-2:
- **e-mails and text-message**
- 3. E-mails and text-message are more accurate.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is better for colleagues or classmates to communicate in person than through emails in order to do a project.

- 参考思路:
- communicate in person
- 1. communicating in person is more effective than emails;

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- 参考思路:
- communicate in person
- 2. communicating in person can receive instant responses and is thus quicker than emails.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is better to finish a project completely and then do another project than to do two or more projects at the same time.

- 参考思路-1:
- I agree
- 1. People will concentrate more attention when focusing on the same projects;
- 参考思路-1:
- I agree
- 2. completing one project after another gives people a sense of achievement;
- 参考思路-1:
- I agree
- 3. It will foster the ability to arrange the priority of various projects and make the right decision.
- 参考思路-2:
- I disagree
- 1. Doing two or several projects at the same time can improve working efficiency;
- 参考思路-2:
- I disagree
- 2. It can exercise people's ability of working under huge pressure.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is important to have rules about the types of clothing that people are allowed to wear at work and at school.

- 参考思路-1:
- I agree
- 1. restricting the types of clothing makes employees feel in unity and helps create a unified work environment;
- 参考思路-1:
- I agree
- 2. restricting the types of clothing can enhance the image of a company or a school;

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- 参考思路-1:
- I agree
- 3. restricting the types of clothing can keep people, especially students from keeping up with the Joneses.

- 参考思路-2:
- I disagree
- 1. Uniforms of working places or schools destroy the individuality of people;

- 参考思路-2:
- I disagree
- 2. The rules about the types of clothes would not be helpful to create a relaxing and vivid mood for studying or working.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

People who develop many different skills are more successful than people who focus on one skill.

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 1. More skills can help people win more opportunities to get promoted;

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 2. More skills enables people to make more friends and to build more connections.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

An effective leader should try to make others feel that they have been part of making a decision.

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 1. Making others take part in making a decision can improve and perfect the decision;

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 2. Making others take part in making a decision can uplift employees' sense of responsibility and enhance team cohesion;

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 3. Making others take part in making a decision can raise work efficiency and avoid digressions.

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话题四：政府政治

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

In order to attract more tourists, government should improve the safety by hiring more police rather than improve the appearance by improving the old buildings and streets.

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 1. improving old buildings helps preserve old culture;

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 2. improving the streets makes it convenient for tourists.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is a waste of money for government to spend money on space travel or space exploration.

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 1. space exploration might bring benefits for us to search for new energy resource;

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 2. space exploration aims to improve the level of technology.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It's important for the governments to provide money for things that are beautiful and not just for things that are practical.

- 参考思路:
- **I agree**
- 1. Beautiful things could help release the working pressure and enhance the efficiency of work;

- 参考思路:
- **I agree**
- 2. Artist exhibitions could improve the taste and civilization of people and make the society more harmonious.

话题五：文化/娱乐/休闲

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Playing sports teaches people important lessons about life.

- 参考思路:
- **I agree**

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- 1. Sports require people to try their best in what they are doing;
- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 2. Sports teach people to follow the rules in a competition;
- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 3. Some group sports help us learn team work from an early age.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Movies and TV programs have more negative effects than positive effects on behaviors of young people.

- 参考思路-1:
- I agree
- 1. TV viewing takes away time from concentrating on academic study;
- 参考思路-1:
- I agree
- 2. Young people are copying violence in movies and TV.
- 参考思路-2:
- I disagree
- 1. Movies and TV programs are excellent ways for teenagers to learn about the outside world;
- 参考思路-2:
- I disagree
- 2. Movies and TV programs teach the young many valuable lessons in a more interesting way.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It's better to relax by watching a movie or reading a book than doing physical exercise.

- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 1. Physical exercise contributes to people's health;
- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 2. Physical exercise helps people develop the spirit of cooperation;
- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 3. Doing physical exercise offers opportunity to make more friends.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

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

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 1. The familiar language and cultural background makes movies made in my country more interesting;

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 2. The advanced film technology in my country makes movies more interesting.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

In 20 years from now on, students will not use printed books any more.

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 1. Electronic books are more convenient than printed books;

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 2. Electronic books are less expensive than printed books;

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 3. Electronic books are more environment-friendly than printed books.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is more fun to see a movie in a cinema (theater) with other people than see a movie at home.

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 1. seeing a movie in a cinema is more immersive and enjoyable;

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 2. seeing a movie in a cinema offers us chances to share our emotions with others.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Only movies that can teach us something about real life is worth watching.

- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 1. comedies and cartoons can make people get relaxed after a whole day's study and work;

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- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 2. science fictions provides people with creativity as well as imagination;
- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 3. scary movies allows people to experience the excitement of horror under a safe circumstance.

话题六：商业广告

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

For any business to be successful, it must spend a lot of money on advertising.

- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 1. Advertising may lead to unhappiness and unsatisfactory for consumers;
- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 2. Quality and reputation are more important for business to be successful.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Today people cannot buy products based on information in the advertisements because advertisements are less honest than before.

- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 1. advertising provides necessary information for consumers;
- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 2. people now are more scrupulous when deciding what to buy;
- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 3. governments are enacting relevant laws to regulate advertisement behaviors.

话题七：环境健康

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Some agriculture methods damage the environment, but providing the food for the increasing number of population is more important than protecting the environment.

- 参考思路:
- I disagree
- 1. protecting the environment can optimize our living environment;

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- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 2. protecting the environment can realize the sustainable development of natural resources;

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 3. protecting the environment is also beneficial for our future generations.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

To increase economic growth, the government should ignore environmental concerns.

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 1. protecting the environment can optimize our living environment;

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 2. protecting the environment can realize the sustainable development of natural resources;

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 3. protecting the environment is also beneficial for our future generations.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The food we eat today is much healthier than in the past.

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 1. The overuse of pesticides and fertilizers makes food today not healthy;

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 2. The widespread junk food makes food today not healthy;

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 3. The food additives make food today not healthy.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Even though many people from different countries care about environment problems (pollution and global warming), the environmental situation can not be improved in the future.

- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**

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- 1. the air pollution and global warming can be improved by reducing the number of vehicles and using clean energy;
- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 2. the water contamination can be improved by regulating the factories;
- 参考思路:
- **I disagree**
- 3. the solid waste pollution can be improved by garbage classification.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is important for government to protect wild animals and areas for the future generation.

- 参考思路:
- **I agree**
- 1. protecting wild animals and areas is essential for ecological balance;
- 参考思路:
- **I agree**
- 2. protecting wild animals and areas may enable our future generation to have a better understand of the nature.

Part 3 Sample Essays

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

In twenty years there will be fewer cars in use than they are today.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

题目类型: 普通结构; 事实类; 古今对比类

话题分类: 环境/健康 科学/技术

出现年份: 2006.10.08

难度: Level 3

- ✦ 古今对比类话题相关关键词:
- ✓ education
- ✓ lifestyle
- ✓ culture background
- ✓ personality
- ✓ technology
- ✓ environment
- ✓

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普通结构

- Para.1 明确自己的观点
- Para.2 In the first place, 自己观点的理由一. 解释理由一. 例子. 小结.
- Para.3 Furthermore, 自己观点的理由二. 解释理由二. 例子. 小结.
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- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 1. There will be other types of transportation tools in our society.
- Subway, Mobility Scooter

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 2. Government will enact some laws and regulations to limit the number of cars.
- Environmental contamination

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 3. People in twenty years will focus more on environmental protection.

Sample Essay

The invention of automobiles has ended the time of horse and cart and embarked on the new era for people's mobility. With the help of cars, people could travel to farther places and move around easily. However, the booming of autos seems to be ended due to environmental risks, energy crisis as well as serious traffic congestions. Therefore, I note that in 20 years there will be fewer cars.

First and foremost, the number of cars will shrink in the future because of the serious air pollution. Air pollution has become one of the greatest headaches for human beings, as it has been reported that an increasing number of people living in cities suffer from the lung cancer, which is closely related the wasted gases from vehicles.

According to the statistics from the municipal government of Beijing, the past decade has witnessed the jumping number of cars, about 20 million cars in the city. Surprisingly enough, the number of victims of lung illnesses has also rocketed by 40 percent.

In order to clean the air, the government of Beijing has taken some measures to address the problem, such as limiting the number of cars. In the year of 2014, the government has reduced the number of cars by 10 percent. If this goes on, there would be fewer cars in cities with the purpose of improving the air quality.

Secondly, the intensifying energy crisis will limit the number of vehicles, too. Currently, fossil fuels, the non-renewable energy, still take the main part of energy sources for vehicles, and one day, those will be depleted.

Take China as an example, about 80 percent of cars are motivated by gas and other fossil fuels in 2014 and oil in China may only last for 10 years if there are no new and big mines found. Although there exist some renewable energies, such as solar power, or wind power, most of them are not as practical as the fossils, some of which are restricted to weather fluctuations.

The effort to find reliable energy sources has not been successful so far. In order to have a sustained development of cars, governments will have to limit the number of cars in 20 years.

In addition, another factor to cut the quantity of vehicles is traffic jams. It is not uncommon to find that traffic congestion has been so severe that people have to spend extremely long time on the way of commuting. For example, last month I went a business trip to Beijing.

In the rush hours in the morning, it took me more than 2 hours and a half to get to my destination and I had to spend another hour and a half back to my hotel. What is worse, the residents in Beijing have to suffer the long commuting journey nearly every day. If this happens, life in cities could be tougher than before. In order to reduce the traffic congestion, city governments of Beijing have taken the policy of limiting the car numbers and developing the public transportation.

In conclusion, based on the reasons discussed above, I believe that there will be fewer cars in the future.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Teachers were more appreciated and valued by society in the past than they are nowadays.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

题目类型：普通结构；事实类；古今对比类

话题分类：学校/教育

出现年份：2013.12.15

难度：Level 3

✦ 古今对比类话题相关关键词：

- ✓ education
- ✓ lifestyle
- ✓ culture background
- ✓ personality
- ✓ technology
- ✓ environment
- ✓

普通结构

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- Para.4 In conclusion, 再次强调自己的观点 due to / because 理由一 and 理由二.
- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 1. The tradition in the past requires people to respect teachers;
- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 2. The teacher in the past was the only source of knowledge.

Sample Essay

Currently, there is a widespread belief that modern society attaches more appreciation to teachers. From my perspective, however, teachers were more appreciated and valued in the past.

In the first place, the tradition in the past requires people to respect teachers. In the past, teachers were equal to parents, for they not only imparted knowledge but also cultivated children's personality. Moreover, children had to live with the teachers in most cases, which, to some extent, provides more opportunities for teachers and students to communicate with each other. As children had a deeper understanding of their teachers, they would show more respect and appreciation.

By contrast, students spend less time with their teachers and they may only gain knowledge from their teachers; thus, teachers exert a smaller influence on students and get less appreciation.

For example, my grandfather still always talks about his teachers in his childhood and he tells me when his teachers were still alive, he and his classmates often visited them on holidays. My grandfather really shows a great respect to his teachers. However, I do not place too much value on my teachers and never visit them on holidays. Even some of my classmates always avoid meeting teachers in the street, let alone to say hello to the teachers.

Compared to the modern society, the tradition in the past demands a greater respect and appreciation for teachers.

Furthermore, the teacher in the past was the only source of knowledge. In the past, there were few reference books and other resources. The only way to understand the obscure text and to learn the method to solve problems is to attend class and listen to the teacher carefully. At that time, teachers were the embodiment of knowledge. Therefore, it is easy to understand why people respected teachers in the past.

In contrast, more reference books and materials are available in modern society, and students can even use the Internet to search the information they need. In such a sense, the importance of the role of teachers wanes.

For instance, compared to my grandfather, who only relied on his teachers to gain knowledge, I

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acquire knowledge in a variety of means, including newspaper, magazines, television and the Internet. If one of my teachers does not teach well, I can take advantage of the Internet courses. Since modern students have access to more choices of source of knowledge, they may respect their teachers less.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Workers are more satisfied when they have many different types of tasks to do during the workday than when they do similar tasks all day long.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

题目类型：普通结构；事实类；对比类

话题分类：工作/成功

出现年份：2013.04.12 NA

难度：Level 4

普通结构

- Para.1 明确自己的观点
- Para.2 In the first place, 自己观点的理由一. 解释理由一. 例子. 小结.
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- Para.4 In conclusion, 再次强调自己的观点 due to / because 理由一 and 理由二

- 参考思路：
 - I agree
 - 1. Workers will get bored easily if they keep doing the same type of task for a long time;

- 参考思路：
 - I agree
 - 2. By doing a variety of tasks a person can develop skills in different areas.

Sample Essay

Currently, there is a widespread belief that workers should do similar tasks all day long to improve the efficiency. From my perspective, however, during the workday, workers will be more satisfied if they have a variety of tasks to do.

In the first place, workers will get tired easily if they keep doing the same type of task for a long time. As is known to all, people will become tired and lose efficiency if they concentrate on the same thing for a long time, for their brains cannot have a rest. This will further create risk of making mistakes or even physical injuries if the person keeps the same body gesture for a long

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time.

By contrast, different types of tasks provide workers with the opportunity to shift their minds and make them less tired during the work.

For example, my brother, Jeff, used to complain that he felt the efficiency decreased as time passed during the workday. Jeff is a computer engineer in a big company and he used to spend a whole day sitting in front of his computer to write the codes and check them. Such repetitive work made him bored and he could not focus on his work after several hours. When the executive of the company found this problem, he changed the work mode.

Now, Jeff does not need to spend the whole day in front of his computer; he has other tasks to do, such as helping with the workstation outside, talking with the clients and so on. This makes Jeff more satisfied and he never complains his job again.

Furthermore, 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. In modern society, a person with several skills is easier to achieve success.

In contrast, if a worker always does the same thing, he/she may lose many opportunities to be promoted as long as there is someone better than him/her.

For example, my cousin, Jackson, works in a big company after graduation and his daily work involves a lot of things, including arranging the conference, negotiating with other companies, drawing the market plan for the department and so on. Thanks to the valuable experience he accumulates in those different tasks, he has been promoted to be the sales manager.

While one of his classmates, Tom, working in another company, still works as an ordinary clerk, as Tom only does the same task every day and does not have any advantage to compete with others. It is evident that different tasks offer workers various skills and help them to succeed.

In conclusion, workers are more satisfied when they have many different types of tasks to do during the workday due to the avoiding of tiredness and the skills gained from those different tasks.

Imagine that you are in a classroom or a meeting. The teacher or the meeting leader says something incorrect. In your opinion, which of the following is the best thing to do?

- **Interrupt and correct the mistake right away**
- **Wait until the class or meeting is over and the people are gone, and then talk to the teacher or meeting leader**
- **Say nothing**

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

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题目类型：三选一；价值判断

话题分类：学校/教育

难度：Level 5

- 参考思路：
- Wait and talk
- 1. It avoids interfering the consistency of the class/meeting;

- 参考思路：
- Wait and talk
- 2. It also shows respect for the teacher/leader.

Sample Essay

When the teacher or the meeting leader says something incorrect, I prefer to wait until end of the class or meeting and then talk to the teacher or meeting leader rather than interrupt and correct the mistake right away or say nothing.

In the first place, the waiting and talking approach avoids interfering the consistency of the class or meeting. Usually, the teacher or the leader deliberately designs the whole class or meeting; what comes first and what follows is prearranged. Therefore, the teacher or leader may control the pacing of the class and fulfill the informing task in the assigned time.

However, if the teacher or leader is interrupted, he/she has to spend some time explaining or correcting, which may take quite a long time and destroy the schedule. As a result, the consistency of the class or meeting will be interfered with and the efficiency of the class or meeting will be low.

For example, last semester, my teacher, Johnson, made a small mistake in his mathematic class when solving a function problem. Tom, my desk mate, quickly found out the mistake and reported it to Johnson, so it took Johnson some time to identify the mistake and make an explanation to us. Though the mistake was settled, the class was not so consistent and we did not have enough time to finish the test paper we were going to revise that day.

However, if Tom could wait and talk about it later, it would be much better for us to have a consistent class without interruption.

Furthermore, the waiting and talking approach also shows respect for the teacher or the leader. As is known to all, teachers are considered as the academic authority in the school and leaders are of course the sign of power in a company. When being questioned or even challenged in the public, for instance, being pointed out the mistake they may have in class or during the meeting, teachers or leaders may feel disgraced and may consider their authority may be lowered.

Besides, pointing out the mistakes in the public also adds pressure to the teacher or leader, which

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can be seen as rudeness. On the contrary, talking it to the teacher or leader later may be more appropriate because it not only saves face for the teacher but also shows our respect.

According to the latest survey conducted by Peking Universities among many teachers and leaders in several major cities, both teachers and leaders prefer discussing the mistake after class or meeting because they feel they are respected and their authority is not challenged in front of too many people.

In conclusion, I would like to choose the waiting and talking method due to the consistency of the class or meeting as well as the respect for the teacher or leader.

Some people believe that when busy parents have a lot of time to spend with their children, the best use of that time is to have fun playing games or sports. Others believe that it is best to use that time doing things together that are related to schoolwork. Which of the two approaches do you prefer?
Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

题目类型：普通结构；价值判断；对比类

话题分类：社会/家庭；学校/教育

出现年份：2013.11.09

难度：Level 4

普通结构

- Para.1 明确自己的观点
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- 参考思路：
 - to have fun playing games or sports
 - 1. Spending time playing with children helps parents build a close relationship with their children;

- 参考思路：
 - to have fun playing games or sports
 - 2. Spending time playing with children is beneficial to children's growth;

- 参考思路：
 - to have fun playing games or sports
 - 3. Parents may give false guidance to children when helping them with their schoolwork.

Sample Essay

Currently, there is a widespread belief that parents should spend time doing schoolwork with

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their children when they have time. From my perspective, however, it is better for parents to have fun playing games or sports with their children.

In the first place, spending time playing with children helps parents build a close relationship with their children. As is known to all, the fierce competition in modern society forces parents to devote more time and energy to their work; thus, they do not have much time communicating with their children. As a result, the generation gap between parents and children becomes larger due to the lack of interaction.

By spending time having fun with their children, parents may communicate more with their kids in a pleasant and relaxing environment, which contributes to establishing a close relationship between them.

For example, I was raised up by my grandparents because both of my parents work in another city. I have little opportunity to stay with them, so I even feel strange when meeting them. When my parents realized this, they spend every weekend playing with me.

Maybe sometimes I play basketball or soccer with my father and sometimes I play badminton with my mother. After some time, I feel more close to my parents and our relationship gets better. It is evident that playing with children contributes to the good relationship between parents and kids.

Furthermore, spending time playing with children is beneficial to children's growth. Teenagers have already gained the theoretical knowledge from the teachers at school, and by playing with their parents, they may learn more valuable things that cannot be acquired in class, which is essential for their future development.

For instance, last month I played the badminton with my parents and our neighbors. At first, I always missed the shuttlecock and was depressed; after some rounds, I decided to give up. While my parents told me I should not give up so easily; instead, I should find out the problems and try to solve them.

After a short discussion, I realized that in doubles, I always paid little attention to my teammate and thus the inefficient cooperation led to my failure. My parents told me the importance of teamwork and encouraged me to try it again. I soon picked up my confidence and enjoyed the little competition.

This experience has influenced me a lot and every time I come across difficulties, I will remember what my parents told me: 'When life gets hard and you want to give up, remember that life is full of ups and downs, and without the downs, the ups would mean nothing.' Thanks to playing with my parents, I really learn a lot of lessons about life.

In conclusion, it is advisable for parents to play with their children if they have spare time due to the close relationship built in the process and the life lessons they impart.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

In the past, young people depended too much on their parents to make decisions for them; today young people are better able to make decisions about their own lives.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

题目类型：普通结构；事实类；古今对比类

话题分类：社会/生活

出现年份：2012.10.27

难度：Level 2

✦ 古今对比类话题相关关键词：

- ✓ education
- ✓ lifestyle
- ✓ culture background
- ✓ personality
- ✓ technology
- ✓ environment
- ✓

普通结构

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- 参考思路：
- I agree
- 1. rapid development of the Internet makes it easier for young people to gather information for decision-making;

- 参考思路：
- I agree
- 2. parents now attach more importance to cultivating children's ability to think independently.

Sample Essay

In the past, young people only had limited rights to handle their own lives since their parents made all the decisions for them. Yet with the appearance of the Internet and the awareness of most parents, young people today have more rights and a better ability to make their own decision.

In the first place, rapid development of the Internet makes it easier for young people to gather

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information for decision-making. The Internet can provide almost all the information people need, and with the valuable information got from the Internet, adolescents have the ability to make more considerate decisions than they used to.

In contrast, parents acted as the only source of information for young people, for no other information was available, which made young people depend too much on their parents.

Take my experience for instance. I used to make a perfect family party plan by searching and collecting useful information on the Internet. I learnt from other successful plans online and took key factors into full consideration, such as the weather, financial budget, transportation, the health condition of my grandmother, etc.

This party plan makes my parent believe I have the ability to decide by my own and since then I was given more chances to make decisions independently.

Furthermore, parents now attach more importance to cultivating children's ability to think independently. Thanks for the new education concept, a growing number of parents believe that the core of education is the promotion of comprehensive quality and more of them realize that it is important to build children's confidence and independence.

This realization makes parents respect young people and to turn the decision over to children. Besides, the school today offered various courses and the children now are educated in a more well-rounded way than before. Parents do feel powerless to make all decisions for their kids.

For example, my cousin, Jack, has been encouraged to make most decisions on his own. His parents, who have read lots of books on child growth, believe that only by training Jack to be independent at a young age can he achieve success in the competitive society.

Moreover, sometimes they also find it difficult to give any valuable suggestions for Jack's study, since they are not the experts of all the fields. How can parents decide which English dictionary should be bought when they know nothing about English?

In conclusion, the situation is much better than it used to, in which parents build trust on their kids and kids are able to decide by themselves.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The opinions of celebrities, such as famous entertainers and athletes, are more important to younger people than they are to older people.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

题目类型：普通结构；事实类；对比类

话题分类：社会/生活

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出现年份: 2014.04.12

难度: Level 4

普通结构

- Para.1 明确自己的观点
- Para.2 In the first place, 自己观点的理由一. 解释理由一. 例子. 小结.
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- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 1. compared to older people, young people always imitate what they are exposed to;

- 参考思路:
- I agree
- 2. young people pay more attention to the popular culture and are influenced more by the opinions of celebrities.

Sample Essay

The media and publications in modern society are replete with the opinions of celebrities. When people turn on TV, open a magazine or on the way to the subway or bus, they can find quotations from famous entertainers and athletes almost everywhere. Although these are exposed to all ages of people, I firmly believe that the opinions of celebrities are more important to younger people than they are to older people.

In the first place, compared to older people, young people always imitate what they are exposed to. Young people are not psychologically mature and therefore, they easily believe and rely on what they believe to be good or right. In contrast, older people have already developed their own way of life and thinking, and thus not easily to be influenced by the outer factors.

This can be seen by the clothing they wear. When choosing clothes, older people have their own taste, so in most time, the clothes they wear are always of the same style. While young people quickly change the style of their appearance, most depending on the advertisement made by celebrities such as singers or movie stars.

For example, many boys would like to choose the shoes that are recommended by NBA stars such as Michael Jordan and LeBron James, simply because those stars praised the quality of the shoes. Many young people even imitate the behaviors or the appearance, like the hairstyle of the pop stars. Those behaviors will never occur to older people.

As is known to all, young people spend quite a long time every day on their Twitter, Instagram or Facebook, where they can come across more updated information, including the opinions of celebrities. As we have mentioned above, when believing the opinion is good or true, young people are easily affected by it.

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Furthermore, young people pay more attention to the popular culture and are influenced more by the opinions of celebrities. Compared with older people, whose information source is often confined in newspapers or TV news, young people have more access to Information through various devices, such as the computers and cellphones.

For example, when Apple company released its new product, iPhone 6s for example, many celebrities may show their new phone on the social network and give their comments on the fantastic functions of the new phone. When young people saw these pictures and comments on the Internet, they were eager to possess an iPhone 6s just as those celebrities did, although their cellphones still worked well.

According to the sales data of the electronic market, most iPhone 6s were bought by young people instead of the old people. Many old people, however, even do not have any understanding of what iPhone is because they seldom pay attention to such information.

In conclusion, younger people are more influenced by the opinions of celebrities than old people due to their ages and their access to the popular culture.

Integrated Writing

Part 1

Test Requirement For Integrated Writing

综合写作考查技能

1. **Note taking:** 学生在阅读和听力过程中应该有效记录重点信息，这些信息在接下来的写作任务中将起到非常重要的作用。
2. **Outlining:** 合理规划笔记形成提纲可以帮助考生有逻辑地组织信息，并能够帮助考生将阅读信息和听力信息有效联系起来。
3. **Summarizing:** 针对 230-300 字左右的两篇文章，考生不可能记录所有的信息，所以考生需要去筛选重要的信息进行总结，最终完成写作。
4. **Paraphrasing:** 考生在写作过程中不可以照抄阅读中的原句，听力中的句子考生也不可能完全记录下来，所以考生需要用自己的语言去表述相关信息。
5. **Citing:** 综合写作不要求考生给出任何自己的观点，所有的内容都是引用阅读和听力中的信息。
6. **Connecting/Linking:** 恰当地使用连接词或词组可以使得文章更加连贯。考生需要使用一定的连接手段将听力中的有效信息和阅读中的主要信息联系起来，最终完成写

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作。

综合写作的评分维度

Accurate development:

- ✓ How well you select important information from the lecture.
- ✓ How well you present it in relation to relevant information from the reading.

Organization:

- ✓ Write in paragraphs
- ✓ Use transitions
- ✓ Avoid redundancy

Language use:

- ✓ Sentence structure
- ✓ Word choice
- ✓ Vocabulary
- ✓ Use of grammar

参考模板

- In the lecture, the professor is skeptical about the idea of the reading passage that 阅读材料中的观点. The professor argues that 听力中的反驳。
- In the reading passage, 阅读材料中的论据 1. On the contrary, the professor says that 听力中的反驳理由 1.
- The professor then opposes reading's idea that 阅读材料中的论据 2. The professor states that 听力中的反驳理由 2.
- Finally, the professor disproves the reading's idea that 阅读材料的论据 3. The professor points out that 听力中的反驳理由 3.

Reading

3 min

Summarize the main idea of each paragraph

In the 1950s *Torreya taxifolia*, a type of evergreen tree once very common in the state of Florida, started to die out. No one is sure exactly what caused the decline, but chances are good that if nothing is done, *Torreya* will soon become extinct. Experts are considering **three ways to address the decline of *Torreya***.

The first option is **to reestablish *Torreya* in the same location** in which it thrived for thousands of years. *Torreya* used to be found in abundance in the northern part of Florida, which has a specific **microclimate**. A microclimate exists when weather conditions inside a relatively small area differ

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from the region of which that area is a part. Northern Florida's microclimate is very favorable to Torreya's growth. This microclimate is **wetter and cooler** than the surrounding region's relatively dry, warm climate. Scientists have been working to plant Torreya seeds in the coolest, dampest areas of the microclimate.

The second option is to **move Torreya to an entirely different location**, far from its Florida microclimate. Torreya seeds and saplings have been successfully planted and grown in forests **further north**, where the temperature is significantly cooler. Some scientists believe that Torreya probably thrived in areas much further north in the distant past, so by relocating it now, in a process known as **assisted migration**, humans would simply be helping Torreya return to an environment that is more suited to its survival.

The third option is to **preserve Torreya in research centers**. Seeds and saplings can be moved from the wild and preserved in a closely monitored environment where it will be easier for scientists both to protect the species and conduct research on Torreya. This research can then be used to ensure the continued survival of the species.

Summary of the reading passage

1. three ways to prevent the decline of Torreya.
2. reestablish Torreya in the cool and wet microclimate in the same location.
3. move Torreya the further North area.
4. preserve Torreya in research centers.

Listening

- Find out the relevant information that refutes the idea in the reading

You've just read about three ways to save Torreya taxifolia. Unfortunately, **none of these three options provides a satisfactory solution**.

About the first solution-reestablishing Torreya in the same location-that's **unlikely to be successful**, because of what's happening to the coolest dampest areas within Torreya's **micro-climate**. These areas are being **strongly affected by changes in the climate of the larger region**. This could be because **global warming has contributed to an increase in overall temperatures** in the region or because **wetlands throughout Florida have been drained**. Either way, many areas across the region are **becoming drier**, so it's **unlikely that Torreya would have the conditions it needs to survive** anywhere within its original Florida micro-climate.

Now about the second solution, relocating Torreya far from where it currently grows. Well, let's look at what happened when humans helped **another tree, the black locust tree**, move north to a new environment. When they did this, **the black locust tree spread so quickly that it killed off many plants and trees in the new environment, and some of these plants and trees were**

themselves already in danger of becoming extinct. So assisted migration can have unpredicted outcomes for the new environment.

Third, research centers are probably not a solution either. That's because the population of Torreya trees that can be kept in the centers will probably not be able to resist diseases. For a population of trees to survive a disease, it needs to be relatively large and it needs to be genetically diverse. Tree populations in the wild usually satisfy those criteria but research centers would simply not have enough capacity to keep a large a diverse population of Torreya trees, so trees in such centers will not be capable of surviving diseases in the long term.

Details of the lecture

1. none of the solutions is satisfactory.
2. the microclimate has been affected by the climate change of the large region. Global warming lead to the increase of temperature in this region and wetlands throughout Florida have been drained. Therefore, the areas are becoming drier and are no longer suitable for Torreya to survive.
3. when another tree was move to a new environment, it spread quickly and killed many endangered plants and trees. Therefore, assisted migration may have unpredicted outcomes for the new environment.
4. when kept in the research center, Torreya trees cannot resist diseases. In order to survive diseases, the population of Torreya trees should be large and genetically diverse, which cannot be achieved in research centers.

写作示例

In the lecture, the professor is skeptical about the three ways to prevent the decline of Torreya in the reading. The professor argues that none of the solutions is satisfactory.

In the reading passage, Torreya can be reestablished in the cool and wet microclimate in the same location. On the contrary, the professor says that the microclimate has been affected by the climate change of the large region. Global warming lead to the increase of temperature in this region and wetlands throughout Florida have been drained. Therefore, the areas are becoming drier and are no longer suitable for Torreya to survive.

The professor then opposes the reading's idea of moving Torreya to the further North area. The professor states that when another tree was moved to a new environment, it spread quickly and killed many endangered plants and trees. Therefore, assisted migration may have unpredicted outcomes for the new environment.

Finally, the professor disproves the reading's idea that Torreya can be preserved in research centers. The professor points out that when kept in the research center, Torreya trees cannot resist diseases. In order to survive diseases, the population of Torreya trees should be large and genetically diverse, which cannot be achieved in research centers.

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Part 2 Practice for the Integrated Writing

Reading - 1

3 min

Summarize the main idea of each paragraph

Many consumers ignore commercial advertisements. In response, advertising companies have started using a new tactic, called "buzzing." The advertisers hire people, buzzers, who personally promote (buzz) products to people they know or meet. The key part is that the buzzers do not reveal that they are being paid to promote anything. They behave as though they were just spontaneously praising a product during normal conversation. **Buzzing has generated a lot of controversy, and many critics would like to see it banned.**

First, the critics complain that consumers should know whether a person praising a product is being paid to praise the product. Knowing this makes a big difference: we expect the truth from people who we believe do not have any motive for misleading us. But with buzzing what you hear is just paid advertising, which may well **give a person incorrect information about the buzzed product.**

Second, since buzzers pretend they are just private individuals, consumers listen to their endorsements **less critically** than they should. With advertisements in print or on TV, the consumer is on guard for questionable claims or empty descriptions such as "new and improved." But when consumers do not know they are being lobbied, **they may accept claims they would otherwise be suspicious of.** This may suit the manufacturers, but it could really **harm consumers.**

And worst of all is the harmful effect that buzzing is likely to have on **social relationships.** Once we become aware that people we meet socially may be buzzers with a hidden agenda, we will become **less trustful of people in general.** So buzzing will result in the **spread of mistrust and the expectation of dishonesty.**

Listening – 1

- Find out the relevant information that refutes the idea in the reading

Hi, my name is Bill. Um, I was talking your professor in the subway about the great phone service that I was using. And it turned out we're both interested in marketing. So he asked me to talk in his marketing classes. You see, I am a buzzer, part time, you know. During the day, I'm a student just like you. Now, I read that piece attacking buzzing, it is really **misleading.** How would it describe buzzing leading a lot, and gives a wrong impression?

First, it makes it sound like buzzers don't tell the truth about the products they're buzzing. That's not true. How buzzing works this. **Companies find people who use their products and who really think product is good.** So buzzing is not like ordinary advertisement where an actress is paid to read some lies. Um, yes, I get paid for telling you what I am thinking, but you **get the truth from**

buzzers. I really do think my phone service is great. That is why the company hired me.

Second, the reading makes it seem that when a buzzer talks to someone, the person believes whatever they hear from the buzzer. Not true. In fact, the opposite is true. People I talk to **ask a lot of questions about the products** I buzz, that is about the price, service and how long I used the product. **If I don't have good answers, they won't buy the products.**

Finally, if you believe what you read, buzzing will destroy civilization, that is stupid. **If a product is bad, the company can't recruit buzzers.** So what you get from a buzzer is not only **sincere** but is likely to be **about a good product.** If you try the phone service I use, you're gonna love it. So people who try buzzed products are going to have a good experience. So end up **being more trustful and open up to people.**

Reading - 2

3 min

Summarize the main idea of each paragraph

In the United States, it had been common practice since the late 1960s not to suppress natural forest fires. The "let it burn" policy assumed that forest fire would burn themselves out quickly, without causing much damage. However, in the summer of 1988, forest fires in Yellowstone, the most famous national park in the country, burned for more than two months and spread over a huge area, encompassing more than 800,000 acres. Because of the large scale of the damage, many people called for replacing the "let it burn" policy with a policy of extinguishing forest fires as soon as they appeared. **Three kinds of damage caused by the "let it burn" policy were emphasized by critics of the policy.**

First, Yellowstone fires caused tremendous **damage to the park's trees and other vegetation.** When the fires finally died out, nearly one third of Yellowstone's land had been scorched. Trees were charred and blackened from flames and smoke. Smaller plants were entirely incinerated. What had been a national treasure now seemed like a devastated wasteland.

Second, the park **wildlife was affected as well.** Large animals like deer and elk were seen fleeing the fire. Many smaller species were probably unable to escape. There was also concern that the **destruction of habitats and the disruption of food chains** would make it impossible for the animals that survived the fire to return.

Third, the fires **compromised the value of the park as a tourist attraction,** which in turn had **negative consequences for the local economy.** With several thousand acres of the park engulfed in flames, the tourist season was cut short, and a large number of visitors decided to stay away. Of course, local businesses that depended on park visitors suffered as a result.

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Listening - 2

- Find out the relevant information that refutes the idea in the reading

Actually fires are natural part of ecological cycle and their role is not just destructive but also creative. That is why the **"let it burn" policy is fundamentally a good one**, even if it sometimes causes fires of the 1988 Yellowstone fire. Let's look at what happened after 1988 Yellowstone fire.

First, vegetation. As you might imagine, scorched areas **were in time colonized by new plants**. As a matter of fact, the plants in Yellowstone became **more diverse** because the fire created an **opportunity** for certain plants that could not grow otherwise. For example, **areas where the trees have been destroyed by fire could now be taken over by smaller plants that needed open, unshaded space to grow**. And another example, **seeds of certain plants species won't germinate unless they're exposed to very high levels of heat**. So, those plants started appearing after the fire as well.

It's a similar story with the animals. Not only did their **population recover**, but the fire also created **new opportunities**. For instance, the **small plants** that replaced trees after the fire **created an ideal habitat for certain small animals** like rabbits and hares. And when rabbits and hares started thriving, so did some **predators that depended on them for food**. So, **certain food chains actually became stronger** after the fire than they were before.

And last, fires like 1988 Yellowstone fire would be a problem for tourism if they **happened every year**. But they **don't**. it was a very **unusual combination of factors** that year, low rainfall, unusually strong winds, accumulation of dry undergrowth that caused fire to be so massive. **This combination has not occurred since and Yellowstone has not seen such a fire since 1988. Visitors came back to the park next year and each year after that.**

Reading - 3

3 min

Summarize the main idea of each paragraph

Genetic modification, a process used to change an organism's genes and hence its characteristics, is now being used to improve trees through genetic modification. It is possible to create trees that produce more fruit, grow faster, or withstand adverse conditions. **Planting genetically modified trees on a large scale promises to bring a number of benefits.**

First, genetically modified trees are designed to be **hardier than nature trees; that is, they are more likely to survive than their unmodified counterparts**. In Hawaii, for example, a new pest-resistant species of papaya trees has been developed in response to ring spot virus infections that have repeatedly damaged the native papaya tree population. Planting the genetically modified papayas has largely put an end to the ring spot problem.

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Moreover, genetically modified trees promise to **bring a number of economic benefits** to those who grow them. Genetically modified trees tend to grow faster, give greater yields of food, fruit, or other products and be hardier. This allows tree farmer to get faster and greater returns on their farming investment and save on pesticides as well.

Finally, the use of genetically modified trees can **prevent overexploitation of wild trees**. Because of the growing demand for firewood and building timber, many forests around the world are being cut down faster than they can be replaced. Introducing genetically modified trees, designed for fast growth and high yield in given geographic conditions, would satisfy the demand for wood in many of those areas and save the endangered native trees, which often include unique or rare species.

Listening - 3

- Find out the relevant information that refutes the idea in the reading

Sure, there are some benefits to plant genetically modified trees, but, are these trees as really great as they first sound? When you examine the subject firstly, **there are some serious problems and costs associated with genetically modified trees**.

First, genetically modified trees may be resistant to one particular condition. But that **doesn't necessarily ensure their survival**. You see, **a typical non-modified trees' population is genetically diverse**. That means that for most threatening conditions, or climate, whatever, there will be **at least some individual trees of any given species of tree that are resistant**. So **even if most of one kind of trees are killed, those few resistant trees will survive and ensure the survival of that species of tree**. But **genetically modified trees are genetically much more uniform**. So if they're exposed to an environmental challenge they have not been designed for, they all die. So **if the climate changes, the genetically modified trees will likely to be completely wiped out**.

Now as to the second point, **they're hidden costs** associated with genetically modified trees. You see, the company that genetically modify the tree can **charge tree farmers more for its seeds** than un-genetically modified trees would cost. Also, as you've grown the tree, you can't just collect the seeds and plant the new tree for free. **By law, you have to pay the company every time you plant**.

And finally, genetically modified trees might actually **cause even more damage to the local wild trees**. You see, **genetically modified trees often grow more aggressively than natural trees do**. And, genetically modified trees are typically **planted among natural trees**. As a result, **the genetically modified trees outcompete the native trees for resources, sunlight, soil, nutrients, and water, eventually crowding out the natural trees**.

Reading - 4

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Summarize the main idea of each paragraph

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Ethanol fuel, made from plants such as corn and sugar cane, has been advocated by some people as an alternative to gasoline in the United States. However, many critics argue that **ethanol is not a good replacement for gasoline for several reasons.**

First, the increased use of ethanol fuel **would not help to solve** one of the biggest environmental problems caused by gasoline use: **global warming.** Like gasoline, ethanol releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere when it is burned for fuel and carbon dioxide is greenhouse gas: it helps trap heat in the atmosphere. Thus, ethanol offers no environmental advantage over gasoline.

Second, the production of significant amounts of ethanol would dramatically **reduce the amount of plants available for** uses other fuel. For example, much of the corn now grown in the United States is used to feed farm animals such as cows and chickens. It is estimated that if ethanol were used to satisfy just 10 percent of the fuel needs in the United States, more than 60 percent of the corn currently grown in the United States would have to be used to produce ethanol. If most of the corn were used to produce ethanol, a substantial **source of food for animals** would disappear.

Third, ethanol fuel **will never be able to compete with gasoline on price.** Although the prices of ethanol and gasoline for the consumer are currently about the same, this is only because of the help in the form of tax subsidies given to ethanol producers by the United States government. These tax subsidies have cost the United States government over \$11 billion in the past 30 years. **If the United States government were to stop helping producers in this way, the price of ethanol would increase greatly.**

Listening - 4

- Find out the relevant information that refutes the idea in the reading

Ethanol actually is a good alternative to gasoline, although you just read three reasons why it's not a good alternative, **not one of these three reasons is convincing.**

First, the increased use of Ethanol fuel **will not add to global warming.** It's true that, when Ethanol is burned, it releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, but as you read, Ethanol is often made from plants such as corn. Well, **the process of growing the plants counteracts this release of carbon dioxide.** Let me explain. **Every growing plant absorbs carbon dioxide from the air** as part of its nutrition. So **growing plants for Ethanol production actually removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.**

Second, large scale production of Ethanol doesn't have to reduce the sources of food for animals. That's because we can **produce Ethanol using cellulose,** cellulose is the main component of plants' cell walls, and you'll find most cellulose in those parts of plants that **are not eaten by animals.** So, since we can produce Ethanol from the plant parts that aren't eaten, the amount of animal feed that is available will not be reduced.

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Third, in the future, **Ethanol will be able to compete with gasoline in terms of price.** It's true that government subsidies make Ethanol cheaper than it would normally be, but this support won't always be needed. **Once enough people start buying Ethanol, Ethanol producers will increase their production of Ethanol.** Generally, **increased production of products leads to a drop in its price.** So the price of Ethanol will go down as more of it becomes available. Studies show that, **if Ethanol production could be three times greater than it is now, the cost of producing a unit of Ethanol will drop by forty percent.**

Reading - 5

3 min

Summarize the main idea of each paragraph

Populations of the yellow cedar, a species of tree that is common in northwestern North America, have been steadily declining for more than a century now, since about 1880. Scientists have advanced **several hypotheses explain this decline.**

One hypothesis is that the yellow cedar decline may be caused by insect parasites, specifically the cedar bark beetle. This beetle is known to attack cedar trees; the beetle larvae eat the wood. There have been recorded instances of sustained beetle attacks overwhelming and killing yellow cedars, so this **insect is a good candidate for the cause of the tree's decline.**

A second hypothesis attributes the decline to **brown bears.** Bears sometimes claw at the cedars in order to eat the tree bark, which has a high sugar content. In fact, the cedar bark can contain as much sugar as the wild berries that are a staple of the bears' diet. Although the bears' clawing is unlikely to destroy trees by itself, their aggressive feeding habits may critically weaken enough trees to be responsible for the decline.

The third hypothesis states that **gradual changes of climate** may be to blame. Over the last hundred years, the patterns of seasonal as well as day-to-day temperatures have changed in northwestern North America. These changes have affected the root systems of the yellow cedar trees: the fine surface roots now start growing in the late winter rather than in the early spring. The change in the timing of root growth may have significant consequences. Growing roots are sensitive and are therefore likely to suffer damage from partial freezing on cold winter nights. This **frozen root damage** may be capable of undermining the health of the whole tree, eventually killing it.

Listening - 5

- Find out the relevant information that refutes the idea in the reading

Unfortunately, we still don't know what's killing the yellow cedar, **none of the explanations discussed in the reading is adequate.**

First, the cedar bark beetle. Well, the problem with this explanation is that **healthy yellow cedars**

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are generally much more resistant to insect infestation than other tree species. For example, the bark and leaves of yellow cedar are saturated with powerful chemicals that are poisonous to insects. So, healthy cedars are unlikely to suffer from insect damage. So, how can we explain those dead cedars that were infested with beetles. In those cases, the beetles attack trees that were already damaged or sick, and would've probably died anyway. So, the beetles are not the fundamental cause responsible for the decline of yellow cedars.

Second, although bears damage some trees, they're not the cause of the overall population decline. Yellow cedar population's been declining all across the northwestern coast of North America both on the mainland and on islands just off the coast. There were no bears on the islands, yet the islands cedars are still in decline. Since the decline occurs with and without bears, the bears cannot be responsible.

And finally, the theory about roots suffering from frost damage, well, the reading passage forgot to take one factor into account. Many more trees are dying at lower elevations where it is warm than at higher elevations where it is cold. If freezing damage were responsible for the decline, we could expect to see more trees dying in the cold weather of higher elevations. Instead, more trees are dying in the relative warmth of the lower elevations. So, although the climate change may have made the cedar roots more sensitive than it used to be, this isn't what's killing them.

Reading - 6

- 3 min
- Summarize the main idea of each paragraph

Animal fossils usually provide very little opportunity to study the actual animal tissues, because in fossils the animals' living tissues have been largely replaced by minerals. Thus, scientists were very excited recently when it appeared that a 70-million-year-old fossil of Tyrannosaurus rex (T. rex), a dinosaur, might still contain remains of the actual tissues of the animal. The discovery was made when researchers deliberately broke open the T. rex's leg bone, thereby exposing its insides to reveal materials that seem to be remains of blood vessels, red blood cells, and collagen matrix.

First, the breaking of the fossilized leg bone revealed many small branching channels inside, which probably correspond to hollows in the bones where blood vessels were once located. The exciting finding was the presence of a soft, flexible organic substance inside the channels. This soft substance may very well represent the remains of the actual blood vessels of T. rex.

Second, microscopic examination of the various parts of the inner bone revealed the presence of spheres that could be the remains of red blood cells. Tests showed that the spheres contained iron—a material vital to the role of red blood cells in transporting oxygen to tissues. Moreover, the spheres had dark red centers (substances with iron tend to be reddish in color) and were also about the size of red blood cells.

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Third, scientists performed a test on the dinosaur leg bone that showed that it **contained collagen**. Collagen is a fibrous protein that is a main component of living bone tissue, in which it forms a so-called collagen matrix. Collagen (or its chemical derivatives) is exactly the kind of biochemical material that one would expect to find in association with bone tissue.

Listening - 6

- Find out the relevant information that refutes the idea in the reading

As much as we would like to have the remains of actual dinosaur tissue, there are sound reasons for **being skeptical of the identifications made in the reading**.

First, **the soft, flexible substance** inside the bone channels **isn't necessarily the remains of blood vessels**. It is much more likely to be something else. Like what? You might say. Well, long after an organism is died, **bacteria** sometimes colonize hollows, empty areas in bones, like the channels that once held blood vessels. When bacteria lived inside bones, they often **leave behind traces of organic material**. What the researchers in the reading are identifying as blood vessels might just be **traces of soft and moist residue left by bacteria colonies**.

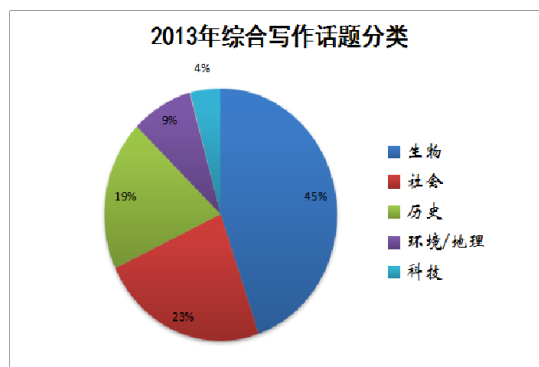
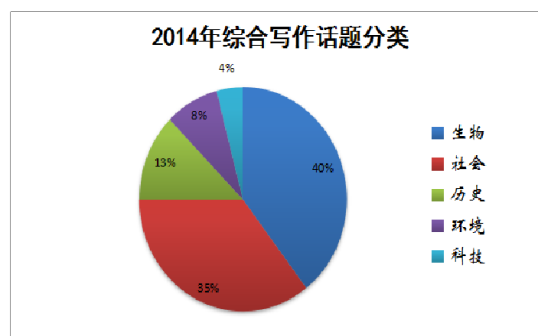
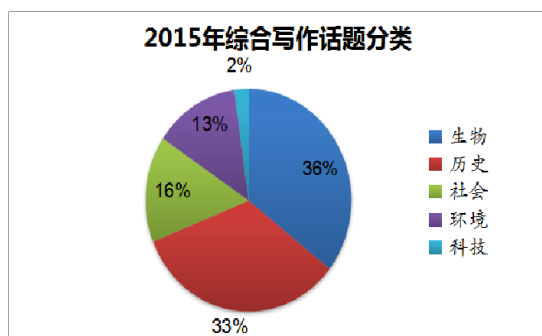
All right. What about the iron-filled spheres? Well, the problem is that scientists **found identical reddish spheres in fossils of other animals found in the same place**. That includes fossils of **primitive animals that did not have any red blood cells** when they were alive. Clearly, if these spheres appear in organisms that did not have any red blood cells, then the spheres cannot be the remains of red blood cells. The spheres probably have a very different origin. They are probably just **pieces of reddish mineral**.

Third, the collagen. The problem is that we have **never found collagen in animal remains that are older than one hundred thousand years**. Collagen probably **cannot last longer than that**. Finding collagen from an animal that lived seventy million years ago would really contradict our ideas about how long collagen can last. It is just too improbable. The most likely explanation for the presence of collagen is that it doesn't come from the T.rex, but from another much more recent source. For example, human skin contains collagen, so the collagen may have **come from the skin of the researchers** who are handling the bone.

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综合写作备考建议

- 合理规划笔记: 将笔记区域分成左右两个版块, 分别对应记录阅读和听力相关内容; 记笔记时, 尽量使用字母缩写或符号, 考生可通过课下练习形成自己的笔记形式, 笔记不需要多么工整, 只需要自己能看得懂即可。
- 在阅读的时候, 要注意记录主要信息。一般来说, 阅读由四个自然段组成, 其中阅读的主要观点一般位于第一自然段的最后一句话, 但如果最后一句话有代词, 需要指出代词的具体指代对象; 接下来的三个自然段一定要分别读完整个自然段再去总结每一个自然段的内容要点, 不要只看第一句话。
- 在听力中要带着问题去听, 同时去记录一些重点信息。听力中一般反驳阅读中的观点, 因此会给出一些细节或是例子, 在听力中重点去听教授是如何使用一些证据去反驳阅读中的信息, 对于类似于 **for example, for instance, another explanation** 等表达后面的内容我们要尤其注意。
- 写作中不能带有自己的观点, 也不能只去写阅读或听力中的内容, 要写出听力中的信息是如何与阅读中的信息联系起来的。
- 熟悉 TPO 上的综合写作。托福综合写作的内容往往具有重复性, 所以多做题能够帮助我们熟悉一些相关信息。

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图 1：2015 年独立写作结构

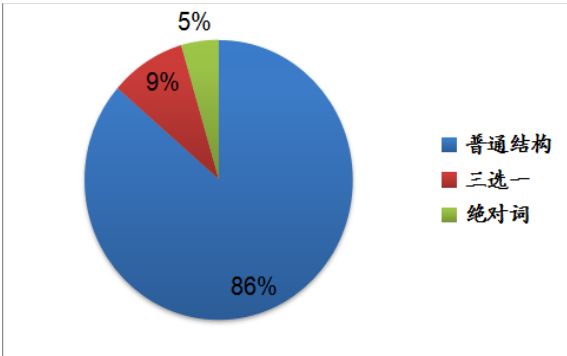


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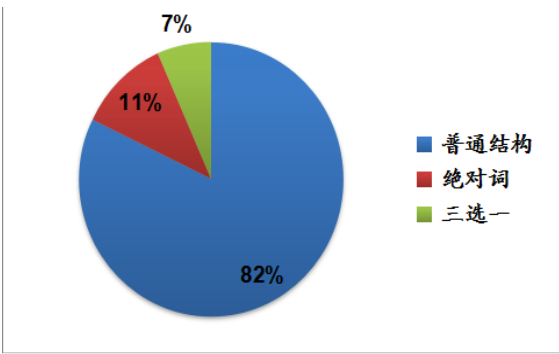


图 3：2015 年独立写作题目类型

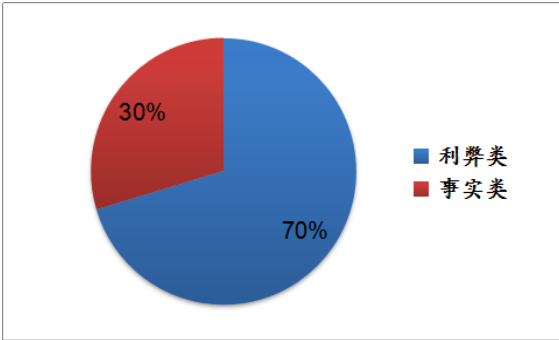
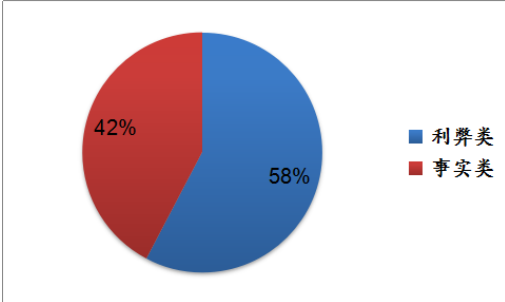


图 4：2014 年独立写作题目类型



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独立写作备考建议

1. 加强高中词汇的掌握，要求熟练使用高中词汇及相关搭配，适当积累一些四级词汇的用法；
2. 加强语法的学习，重点掌握三大从句、非谓语动词结构和一些常用的动词搭配及相关句型，可以通过句子翻译练习来巩固语法运用
3. 通过多阅读范文积累相关语言表达和写作格式
4. 练习写作思路的拓展，也就是如何把一个问题描述的具体和清晰