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第一部分 内容构思

教育

1. Primary school is considering spending more time on teaching young students (5-11) technology (like computer) than teaching music and art. Do you think it's a good decision for schools to do this?

【立场: agree】

观点1

First, learning science and technology can stimulate students' interest in learning.

学习科技知识可以激发学生们的学习兴趣。

【论证】

如今,科技发展日新月异,我们生活中处处都有新的科技产品出现,比如手机,平板电脑,共享自行车等。这些新的发明创造带来了新鲜感和好奇心(freshness & curiosity),激励(urge)年轻的学生们去主动探索和学习前沿的科技(explore and learn cutting-edge technology),激发学习兴趣。

观点2

Next, mastering computer software also equips students with the ability to explore more.

其次,掌握电脑软件知识让学生们具备探索更多知识和信息的能力。

【论证】

丰富的网络资源,比如大量网课(abundant live-streaming course),能够让学生们从西哦啊就学会多信息搜集能力,这样他们就具备自己去探索更多学科 (a range of school subjects)的能力,从而学到更多更广的知识,扩展眼界。

观点3

Admittedly, arts education benefits children in developing their aesthetic taste and cultivating interests; however, it's not everyone's cup of tea.

诚然艺术学习对审美提升有用,但是不是每个人都喜欢的,小众。不如作为课外活动鼓励学生参加或者选修课(Learn as an elective courses or extracurricular activities)。

- 2. Your university offers two choices to freshmen to help them adapt to university life. Which do you prefer and why?
- 1) attending a one-week orientation or introduction program when you are in the university campus, and it will begin before you have the classes;
- 2) meeting regularly in your first year with a student in your major field who has entered the university for several years

观点1

First, the seniors could provide us with help in job preparations.

首先,学长学姐可以帮助我们更好地为找工作做准备。

【论证】

由于新生还不了解专业的内容,所以他们对不同阶段的课程不知道如何规划(plan different levels of classes step by step)。而学长学姐都是同专业的,他们很熟悉专业课的要求(major requirements),于是可以根据他们之前的选课经验,提供实际的帮助(practical help)。通过 meeting regularly,学长学姐可以协助学生的课程规划,这样以来,新生在大一就能大概确定职业走向(career perspective)并开始做准备

观点2

Besides, with more experience, they could also provide us with information about extracurricular activities.

因为学长学姐有更多经验,他们可以给我们提供更多有关课外活动的信息建议。

【论证】

新生很想好好体验校园生活(live it to the fullest),多参加社团活动(join in clubs or sororities and fraternities),但是他们对活动信息如何获取还不熟悉,没有任何途径(access)也不会安排或报名。相比于新生,学长学姐已经有了丰富的活动经验和发达的人脉(social network/circles),他们可以分享参与经验或介绍活动给新生。因此,新生可以更快的适应大学活动的模式和安排,最终能更快适应大学生活 adapt better

观点3

It is true that orientation could provide students with useful information, yet more problems are on the list that freshmen could not expect.

【论证】

虽然 orientation 也会提供很多有帮助的信息,但是开学之前的新生们还没有开始真正的大学生活,他们之后会遇到新的问题,但现在还无法预知。除此之外,orientation 的介绍一般会很宽泛,可能没有针对性,学生们在校园中遇到具体的问题还是得不到帮助。所以 meeting regularly 可以帮助他们及时有效地解决问题。

- 3. Which one is the most important for high school teachers? (students aged 15 to 18) (2020-07-25)
- 1) the ability to give advice about planning for future
- 2) the ability to recognize students who need help
- 3) the ability to encourage students to learn outside of the classroom by themselves

【立场: 3) the ability to encourage students to learn outside of the classroom by themselves】

观点1

By guiding students to learn through real world experience, teachers will be able to help them put into practice what they've learned from their textbooks.

老师通过教会同学们在现实生活中学习,帮助他们学会将理论联系实践。

【论证】

老师在课堂上主要传授的知识(impart knowledge)是一些理论,这些 theory and frameworks 比较抽象晦涩难懂(abstract & confusing),学生们也许上完课并不能很好的理解(Understanding)。但如果老师能够将这些课堂内容与生活相结合,做到理论联系实践(put theory into practice),比如如何利用化学知识解决生活问题,学生们能够学的更好,记得更牢固。

观点2

In addition, teachers should prepare their students for self-teaching skills since the rapidly changing job market highlights the ability of continuously updating one's knowledge system.

另外,现代社会的职业市场变化迅速,就要求同学们有不断自我更新知识体系的能力,老师们 应该帮助准备好这些挑战。

【论证】

现代社会职场变化迅速,比如 10 年前建筑,金融等行业异常火爆(a great hit choice for graduates),现在大数据(big data)和自媒体(self-media),以及程序员(programmer)变成了主流(mainstream)。这就要求同学们能够跟上(keep up with)这些变化,及时更新知识体系。老师作为一个 mentor 和 guider,应该具备领导和启发(inspire/enlighten)学生具有自我更新和自我学习(self-adaptive & self-learning)的能力,帮助学生们无论社会职场如何变化,都具备应对这些 challenge 的能力。

观点3

Admittedly, providing students with a better vision of future or helping students with difficulties in time are also of significance for teachers. However, alternative options are always available for high school students since they have their parents or friends to turn to other than their teachers.

诚然,给学生提供对将来的远景,及时帮助遇到困难的同学,这些对老师也是重要的。但对高中生而言,他们在遇到这些问题的时候还有别的人可以请教,如父母和同学。

【练习】

- 1. Parents give their children weekly money to buy whatever they want. Some people think this can cause bad habits and ideas about money in children. Others think the opposite. What's your opinion?
- 2. If you are going to graduate from the university and have to choose the final course, which professor will you choose? The one you used to sign up for courses or the one you have never learned from before?
- 3. Nowadays, high school students are generally lack of interests in classroom learning. Which

method do you think would be the most effective to help teachers improve high school students' interests in classroom learning? (2020-08-19)

to use more technologies in classrooms more often

to encourage students to do group discussions or group work

to introduce real-world events related to the knowledge students are learning in class

政府社会

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is a waste of money of governments' fund for space travel and travel exploration. (2018-01-13)

【立场:agree】

观点1

Many more urgent and more practical problems in the society are waiting to be addressed.

社会上还有更多更紧急和实际的事等待去解决。

【论证】

现在依旧有很多没有解决的事情,比如落后地区(economic-deprived regions)小孩子还上不起学(cannot afford tuition fees),很多小村庄没有公路直达, 医院少,医疗设施不发达,医保政策不健全等(health insurance policy)。如果把这些钱拿去投资外太空,很浪费钱,导致这些社会问题不得到解决,会产生很多社会性问题。

观点2

Besides, it might not produce outcome that can benefit everyone in the near future.

其次,花钱探索太空不太可能在短期内产生对所有人都有好处的结果。

【论证】

由于一个想法得出结果才能继续下一步探索(next step until any practical results of the last one),所以目前太空探索和研究是阶段性的,短期内很难达到想要的结果(desired result),就会造成大量人财的浪费。比如 NASA 花了很多钱发现了资源(e.g. gas/iron),但如何运回地球,如何利用的问题没有解决 ,那么这个探索发现对人们来说跟没有花钱结果一样。

2. In order to attract more tourists, the government could either improve safety by hiring more police or improve its appearance by repairing old buildings and streets. Which way do you think is more effective?

【立场: improving old buildings】

观点 1

Ameliorating old buildings and streets can help the local government preserve the old culture.

改善老建筑和街道可以帮助当地政府保护当地文化。

【论证】

老建筑和街道代表了一个城市的历史文化,它们是独一无二的旅游资源(unique travel resources),正因为它的稀缺性(rarity)和独特性(uniqueness),游客才被吸引而来(be appealing to)。因此,保护历史文物,比如修复巴黎圣母院(the restoration of Notre Dame),游客可以更好的欣赏(appreciate)当地文化。反之,如果不修缮,城市失去它的独特,就对游人不再有吸引力了(attraction)。

观点2

Travel will be made convenient if the streets are improved.

如果街道被修整好了, 旅行会变得更加便捷。

【论证】

一些古老的城市的街道和公共设施都很陈旧了,比如哥本哈根和巴黎,目前的城市建筑和街道都有上百年的历史。如果我们进行修缮,街道和公共设施(public facility such asWC, parking lot, information center)就能够得到提高,那么会吸引和方便更多游客,最终能够带动经济发展(economic boost)。

3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The government should require drivers to pay a fee to be allowed to drive on the city streets during the time when there is the greatest amount of traffic. (2019-12-21)

【立场:agree】

观点1

The policy may encourage people to choose alternate routes to relieve traffic congestion.

这项政策可以鼓励人们选择其他线路,从而减轻交通拥堵。

【论证】

很多热门目的地(busy destination)都能通过多种线路到达。然而人们总是选择一条最短线路,所以让路况更糟糕(worsen the traffic situation)。如果这项政策通过的话,很大一部分价格敏感(price-sensitive)的司机就会为了节省这部分费用,选择其他线路(alternative),从而减轻了交通拥堵。

观点2

The charge can be used to improve transportation system.

收来的费用可以用来改善交通系统。

【论证】

让司机缴费, 交来的费用可以投资在交通系统中。比如修缮公路, 开发共享汽车 (ride-sharing), 发展公共交通 (public transportation)。

观点3

Admittedly, as for those people who have to commute to and from work or school on those busy roads, it seems unfair. However, once the traffic jam can be relieved, the charge won't be too much.

诚然,对那些不得不选择主要线路每天通勤的人来说是有些不公的。但是,一旦交通堵塞的问题被解决了,这些费用也就发挥了重要作用了。

【练习】

- 1. Political leaders benefit our society more than great artists do.
- 2. Do you agree or disagree with the follow statement? Most problems can be solved by people or their families; help from the government is unnecessary. (2018-03-11)
- 3. A government spends money on all adults after 25-year-oldon a training course for the most up-to-date skills at workplace. Do you think it is effective? Why or why not? (2018-11-04)

工作

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In order to achieve success, all the business must spend a lot of money on advertising. (2019-07-06)

【立场: Agree】

观点1

Admittedly, advertising is one vital part for a successful business. However, it is not a must.

诚然,广告是企业成功的重要组成部分。然而,这并不是必须的。

【论证】

诚然,广告是企业成功的重要组成部分。广告宣传产品(commercials publicize),吸引消费者购买。然而,这并不是必须的。一方面,促销也可以刺激销售(stimulate the sales)。当一家零售店 (retail store)获得更多折扣时,该店将非常愿意尽其所能销售更多的产品。

观点2

Besides, the salesmen would be one great reason why a lot of companies could have a great sale.

除此之外,销售人员也是许多公司大甩卖的一个重要原因。

【论证】

一个优秀的销售人员挨家挨户地拜访消费者(Visiting consumers door),并向他们展示他们的产品的能力,一个优秀的销售人员(a great salesperson)每年可以卖出数百万美元。

2. Some companies decide not to permit employees to reply the e-mail or text associated with the work in the holiday or on the weekend. Some people think that this policy will improve the satisfaction of the employees, while others argue that banning the reply to the e-mail or text associated with the work will decrease the satisfaction of employees. What do you think? (2019-06-15)

【立场:Ban】

观点1

First, not replying e-mail or text associated with the work enables employees to obtain high work efficiency in the next weekdays.

首先,不回复与工作相关的电子邮件或短信,可以提高员工的工作效率。

【论证】

不回复邮件,可以保证员工在下班时间有充分的时间放松,比如运动,看电影,听音乐会和朋友一起逛街(window shopping)等。这些可以帮助他们消除上班的压力,身心得到缓解(relief physically and mentally),充足的休息。这样他们第二天可以以一个很好的状态迎接工作,提高工作效率。

观点2

Besides, enjoying a tech-free weekends also contributes to relationship among families.

此外,享受一个不受打扰的周末有助于增进家庭之间的关系。

【论证】

下班后,特别是周末,是一个完整的休闲时间(full leisure time),这个时间可以和家人一起制造很多美好的回忆,比如爬山,野炊,去度假等等。在此过程中可以互相聊天,加深对家人的了解,彼此增强感情(enhance mutual relationship)。相反,如果这个时间有邮件或工作事情需要处理,家人会感觉没有受到尊重,没有得到充分的陪伴,可能会导致误会,不理解或者争吵(misunderstanding, incomprehension, or quarrel)等等,影响家庭成员的关系。

观点3

Admittedly, some may argue that it is career commitment that every employee should assume. However, job satisfaction also matters a lot.

诚然,这是每个员工都应该承担的职业承诺。但是,工作满意度确实起很大作用。

【论证】

诚然,一些人可能会辩称,这是每个员工都应该承担的职业承诺(career commitment)。比如很有可能会在他们下班的时候发生了一些紧急情况(emergency happens while they are off duty),例如突然的工作订单(sudden work orders),或者客人的临时拜访(temporary visit of guests)等,需要处理。不过,老实说。员工的工作满意度也非常重要。比如很多员工会关心灵

活的日程安排和目标感(flexible schedule and a sense of purpose)等,如果占据了休息时间来单独处理这种"紧急情况",员工会觉得自己的时间自由被侵犯(violate the freedom of time),失去工作的幸福感(happiness at work)。

- 3. In order to get a higher promotion and salary, many people choose to improve their job performance in two ways. Which one do you prefer? Why?
- 1) To do additional work and assignments
- 2) To actively participate in the group work

【立场: To actively participate in the group work】

观点1

By building solid relationship with colleagues and line managers through group work, it is easier for people to get promotion.

通过团队合作,人们更容易得到晋升和更高的薪水。

【论证】

在公司小组工作汇中表现得很活跃积极,通过这些表现可以让老板记住你/结识更多的同事(Social network),由此可以发展更多的人脉,打造良好的人际关系,因此得到更多的工作/晋升机会

观点2

Group work is able to sharpen people's comprehensive ability.

团队工作能够加强人们的综合能力。

【论证】

许多工作是项目制的,强调团队配合(e.g.咨询)。在团队合作中,会有很多和别人讨论,协商,解决问题的过程。通过这些,可以充分锻炼自己的团队精神(Team spirit),沟通能力(communication)和表达能力,由此可提高自己的综合工作能力。

观点3

Indeed, doing additional work and assignments may help people expand job scope. However, irrelevant additional work can do little help to promotion.

确实,做额外的工作和任务可以帮助扩大工作范围。然而,不相关的额外工作可能会对晋升几 乎没有帮助。

【论证】

多做额外的工作或许能帮助我们拓展自己的业务水平,提升业务能力,但也许也会吃力不讨好,比如一些无关的 paper work。然而,不相关的额外工作可能会耗费时间,消耗精力 (waste of time and energy) ,甚至有可能会占用自己的工作时间,因此对自己的专业之路晋升带来非常有限的帮助。

【练习】

Which one is the most important factor to help you work productively? (2018-03-10)

- 1) Having an environment which is free from noise and distractions
- 2) Knowing that you will receive a reward
- 3) Doing something you are interested in

People who cannot accept criticism will not succeed working in teams.

科技

1. Since it works well to use technological (like computer) in school days, some people think that the time young students (6-12 years old) spend using technology in school should not be limited; while others claim the disadvantages and think the time should be limited (one hour or even less). Which one do you prefer? (2019-10-19)

【立场 1: should not limit】

观点1

Technological devices facilitate kids' academic comprehension since video recordings and pictures present knowledge in a more vivid way.

科技产品可以促进学生学习,因为视频、图片可以使知识更生动。

【论证】

有趣的图片和视频,吸引学生的注意力(attract students' attention),学生上课会注意力集中 (listen to the class attentively),学习效率高(higher learning efficiency)

观点2

Moreover, the use of the technology helps with friend making.

科技产品可以帮助学生交朋友。

【论证】

手机和电脑上有很多社交软件(social media apps),无论身处何地都可以通过社交软件联系同学(communicate with classmates and friends at anytime from),还可以通过社交媒体拓展朋友圈(enlarge social circles),认识更多有同样兴趣爱好的朋友(people who share smiliar interests and hobbies)。

【立场 2: should limit】

观点3

Setting time limit in using technologies is necessary due to younger students' deficiency in self-control.

设定使用时长有必要,因为小孩子缺乏自控力。

【论证】

6-12 岁的学生自控能力比较差,他们很容易被电子产品的娱乐功能所吸引(the entertainment functions of electronic products.),比如玩电子游戏,看有趣的视频短片,(playing video games,watching interesting video clips)。孩子很容易上瘾(get addicted easily),对学习造成负面影响(have a negative impact on their study.)

2. Although science and technology will continue to improve, the most significant improvement for the quality of people's lives have already taken place. (2019-08-25)

【立场: Disagree】

观点1

Environmental pollution is still on the waiting list.

环境污染问题依然没有解决。

【论证】

目前有很多环境污染还没有有效的解决方案(effective solutions),例如全球变暖(global warming),导致海平面上升(rise in sea level),使得沿海城市(coastal cities)未来有被淹(flooded)的危险;森林砍伐导致水土流失(deforestation leads to water and soil erosion);

观点2

People are suffering from fatal disease.

人们还被致命性疾病折磨。

【论证】

当下影响人们生活质量有很多绝症,现在的医疗还需要注意。举例,比如 cancer。但防治的手段已经有进步(体检 health check、化疗 chemical treatment、靶向药 targeting drug),有助于延长病人生命(extend patients' lives)。随着科学进步(As science advances),人类最终会攻克癌症(overcome cancer)。就像发现青霉素(penicillin)之后,肺结核(tuberculosis)就不再是绝症。

【立场: Agree】

观点3

One of the most significant improvement for human lives is the James Watt's steam engine, which marks the beginning of Industrial Revolution and delivers modern transportation vehicles.

最重要的提升之一是蒸汽机。

【论证】

蒸汽机前时代靠风力、水力, 工厂选址受限(confined to locales near rivers)。运输主要靠人力和动物(transported by man or animal.),运力受限。蒸汽机提升了生产力。(Steam engine helped to build factories anywhere and improved productivity.)

3. When there is a new technological device is available, some people will buy it immediately, while others will wait until many others have adopted it. Which view do you agree more? (2018-05-12)

【立场: wait until many others have adopted it】

观点1

We can save a lot of time and energy if we wait for some time and then buy the technological device.

产品上市过段时间再买,可以节省很多时间和金钱。

【论证】

新品刚上市大家疯抢(crazy public all go for the product),需要排队排很久,所以不一定买得到,浪费时间精力 (waste time and energy)。如果等到大家对新产品的狂热褪 (wait until the crave fades away),再去买这个产品就不需要浪费时间。

观点2

Waiting is also beneficial because we can make a much wiser decision.

等待也可以帮助我们做更加理智的决策。

【论证】

冲动消费(impulsive shopping)会导致购买不需要的产品(products that are not needed),做出不理智的决定,时候后悔(regret)。等一段时间,可以看看网上他人的测评,会做出正确的决定(make the right decision)。

【立场: buy it immediately】

观点3

Buying the products immediately ensures us to enjoy the most updated technology.

产品上市,立刻购买,可以让我们享受最新科技。

【论证】现代社会,技术更新发展非常迅速,产品一出来就买,能够确保自己接触到最新的科技(have access to the lastest technology),保证自己跟上潮流(keep up with the trend)。

【练习】

- 1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? If parents want their children to perform well in school, they should limit the hours that their children spend using electronic devices. (2019-03-30)
- 2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The use of devices that can be connected to the internet, like computers, phones and iPads, should be prohibited from the classroom.

媒体

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is beneficial to stop reading or listening to news for a period of time or few days or weeks. (2019-10-12)

【立场: Disagree】

观点1

First of all, reading or listening to news can keep us informed of what's happening around us.

看和听新闻能让我们知道身边发生的事情。

【论证】

新闻最主要的作用是让人们了解新近所发生的事情。从报纸上、媒体上,可以看到身边正在发生什么事情,大到国际事物(international affairs),比如全球经济形式(global economic situation)、各国外交进展(diplomatic relations of various countries),小到身边故事,比如某个小伙子见义勇为(voluntary act)、某个贫困家庭的学生自我奋斗考上 top 大学(a poor family's struggle to get into a top university)等等。所以,看新闻有助于熟悉我们所生存的环境,好处多多。比如出国旅游,我们通过阅读当地新闻,可以更好了解当地状况,有助于确保安全;公司通过阅读新闻熟悉政府最新颁布的经济政策(the latest economic policies),有利于公司运营;政客也需要通过每天阅读新闻,掌握每个党派最新动态。

观点2

Besides, keeping reading encourages us to think comprehensively.

看新闻能让我们思考的更加的全面。

【论证】

他们认为虽然读新闻听新闻有助于我们了解当代社会,但是如果我们对于接受这样的信息乐此不疲,我们并没有培养自己的思考能力。但是,如果尝试有几天或者几周不去接受周边发生的事情,我们更能沉下心认真思考一些话题(settle down and think about the news),而且阅读新闻本身就有助于我们深度思考。举例:新闻报道环境污染,我们会思考背后原因,如经济发展过快,没有制定相应政策,社会宣传、学校环保教育不足等(rapid economic development, no corresponding policies, inadequate social propaganda and environmental education in schools),然后调整自己的行为,为环保做出自己的贡献(adjust our behavior and make our own contribution to the environment)。总结:我们不仅是接受新闻报道的事实,我们也在反思新闻。在这个过程中我们也培养了自己的深度思考能力。

2. Movies and televisions have more negative effects than positive effects on the way young people behave.

【立场: Disagree】

观点1

First of all, movies and televisions with profound implications can bring inspirations to our real life and help us resolve the difficulties we encountered.

电影和电视对帮助我们面对解决生活中的难题有深远的影响。

【论证】

用个人的事例举例。比如我很小的时候就想成为一个作家。大学毕业以后找工作,无论是报纸还是求职网站(job hunting websites)上都找不到相关的工作。我正准备放弃的时候,我看了电影 Lalaland。故事的主人公 Mia 遇到了无数试演的拒绝,还是一直坚定的追求着成为一个演员的梦想,最后 Mia 成为了明星。我被 Mia 的勇气和坚持鼓舞了 (be inspired by Mia`s courage and persistence,),继续寻找其他面试的机会,最终收到了心仪的 offer。

观点2

Besides, we can become more open-minded and inclusive by being exposed to diversified TV programs and films.

通过看各种各样的电视节目和电影,我们的思想会更加的开放且有包容性。

【论证】

通过看不同的电影电视比如纪录片 documentary、历史片 history show,我们足不出户,就可以接触了解到不同方面的知识文化。我们的思想会更加的开放(open-minded),在遇到新鲜事物的时候,可以有好奇心(curiosity)且愿意去探索(be willing to explore);同时,对任何事情也有一个更加包容的态度(inclusive attitude to anything)。

3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Social media is a good way to express personal views.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

【立场: Agree】

观点1

Social media makes it more possible for the political views of each common citizen to be heard by our government.

社交媒体让一般市民的政治观点能够被政府听见。

【论证】

在过去,政治家和一般市民之间是有很多障碍和鸿沟的(lots of barriers and gaps between the political leaders and common citizens),交流的效率很低、缺乏基本的理解(low communication efficiency and the lack of basic understanding)。现如今,政府部门会设置自己的社交账号,这样我们就有机会发表自己对于政策和事件的担忧和建议(express our concerns and suggestions about policies or events)。比如,之前有一个工厂直接把废水排入附近的河流,我表哥通过环境保护部门的官方账号表达了自己的疑虑和建议,这个污染问题及时被解决了。

观点2

Social media offers students a platform to discuss our academic views with scholars and professors around the world.

社会媒体也为学生提供了一个和学者、教授讨论学术问题的平台。

【论证】

举例,我曾今在我的研究领域遇到一个关于老鼠生存习惯的难题(encountered a complicated problem in my research about the living habit of rats),于是我把相关的实验数据和解释发到一个关于在线讨论生物话题的社群(post the experimental data and explanation on an online community about Biology),于是引发了热议(arouse a heated debate)。来自全国各地的教授也在上面发表了自己的观点,我在这个过程中获得了对于这个问题深入的理解 (fruitful understanding was obtained)。

【练习】

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. (TPO46)

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Famous entertainers and athletes deserve to have more privacy than they have now. (TPO35)

环境

- 1. What is the most useful action for people to help environment in their local community:
- 1) plant trees and create parks (2018-03-31)
- 2) persuade local shops not to provide plastic bags to customers
- 3) increase access to public transportation (such as buses and trains), thus, reduce the automobile on the road

【立场: 选 3) increase access to public transportation, thus, reduce the automobile on the road】

观点1

Admittedly, planting more trees and creating new parks can make cities greener and more livable. However, it is difficult to have immediate effect on the improvement of urban environment.

诚然,种树和建公园可以使城市变得更绿色更宜居,但是这个措施很难对于城市环境改善有直接的效果。

【论证】

城市植被少、空气质量差(low coverage of plantation and poor air quality),公园少、人们没有亲近自然的好去处(be deprived of the opportunity to get close to nature),所以植树建公园可以改善城市的生态环境和人们的生活环境(improve cities' ecological system and dwellers' living environment)。但是,树需要很长时间去生长,而且修剪和维护(pruning and maintenace)需要大量的人力和财力。另外,由于城市扩张,特别是大都市(metropolitan cities),所以可能没有足够的空地去建公园。

观点2

It is also true that reducing plastic bags can contribute to a better and cleaner environment. Nevertheless, if local shops no longer offer plastic bags to customers, there will be more inconvenience in people's daily life.

减少塑料袋的使用可以改善环境,但是如果当地商店不再提供塑料袋了,就会给人们的日常生活带来不便。

【论证】

塑料袋是白色污染的根源(the root cause of white pollution),一次使用后就丢弃产生大量垃圾(be disposed after one time use, leading to a large amount of white rubbish),很多塑料袋随风飘散(easily taken by wind and scatter everywhere),影响市容(the image of a city)。但是如果当地商店不再提供塑料袋了,就会给人们的日常生活带来不便。人们需要携带布袋子去购物。一旦人们忘了,就很麻烦。另外,可降解的塑料袋(degradable plastic bags)已经有了,所以它们不会对环境带来太大的威胁。

观点3

Compared with the above two methods, developing public transportation and reducing private automobiles on the road can have more immediate effect on improving a major concern of urban environment – the air quality.

【论证】

如今大城市深受空气污染影响(be heavily plagued by air pollution),主要原因之一就是汽车尾气排放(emissions of a tremendous number of cars)。恶化的空气质量迫使人们出门都要戴口罩(deteriorating air quality forces people to wear industrial-strength masks),呼吸道疾病数量日益增多(an increasing number of people suffer from respiratory diseases)。 如果更多资金被用来发展公交,增加公交路线、提升乘坐公交的舒适度,更多人出行会愿意选择乘坐公交。随着道路上私家车数量下降,城市的空气会更清新,人们的健康也会得到改善。

- 2. What is the most important action for the government to take for the protection of environmental problems?
- 1) fund researches on new energy sources such as solar and wind power;
- 2) protect forests and natural wildlife species;
- 3) pass and enforce laws to reduce the pollution.

【立场: 2) protect forests and natural wildlife species】

观点1

It has to take enormous time and huge potential risk to successfully develop renewable energy.

研究可再生能源需要花费大量的时间,还要承担风险。

【论证】

科学家研发可再生能源,使它们能大规模应用,需要经历很长时间。另外,研发中遇到的困难和问题是不确定的。调查研究表明,过去 30 年政府立项的新能源研究,取得突破和成果平均时长在 xx 年以上,同时,有 xx%以上的项目失败, 造成时间和金钱的浪费。

观点2

Economical loss will be the price of carrying out guidelines and rules to reduce the pollution.

出台和实施保护环境的法律需要以牺牲经济为代价。

【论证】

法律的检查、监督、执法(Inspection, supervision, and enforcement of law)都耗时费力,需要巨大的经济投入到人力物力上(large sums of investment in human capital and equipment),最后会带来经济损失(economical loss).

观点3

Forests and natural wildlife can prevent human beings from natural disasters.

森林和野生生物可以保护人类免受自然灾害。

【论证】

森林可以防止水土流失(protect soil from being washed away)、净化空气(clean the air),还有避免沙漠化(prevent desertification)、沙尘暴(sandstorms)和空气污染(air pollution, smog)。 调查研究表明,A 国家的森林覆盖率提高了后,沙漠化面积降低,沙尘暴发生频次下降,空气质量提高。另外,保护野生物种可以保护生物链完整(ensure the completeness of biological chain),基因和生态多样性(gene diversity and biodiverty)

3. Modern agriculture methods damage the environment, but providing food for the growing population around the world is more important than protecting the environment.

【立场: protecting environment is more important】

观点1

Firstly, healthy environment plays a vital role in sustainable development of human beings.

健康的环境对于人类的可持续发展起到至关重要的作用。

【论证】

除食物以外,可持续发展也是与生存环境和经济发展密切相关(be closely connected with)的。工业发展,特别是重工业发展(heavy industry),会污染水、大气和土壤,这样环境恶化会威胁人们的健康。比如说,在中国,很多人得呼吸道疾病(respiratory diseases)是由于大气污染很严重,这样社会发展就不可持续(sustainable)了。

观点2

Besides, only through protecting environment can we conserve wild life.

只有通过保护环境, 我们才能保护野生动物。

【论证】

现代农业手段破坏了人和野生动物都赖以生存的环境,这样野生动物的数量就会减少(wild animal population shrinks),物种的多样性(diversity)也会降低,破坏了生态链(ecological chain),最终会威胁到人类自己(eventually threaten human beings)。

观点3

Lastly, apart from modern agriculture methods, we can develop new approach to address world starvation.

除了发展现代农业,我们可以开发新的方法去解决世界饥饿问题。

【论证】

还有其它的方式可以达到可持续发展,而以不牺牲环境为代价(to achieve sustainability without sacrificing environment)。比如说,转基因技术(e.g. transgenic tech)。人们可以利用转基因技术生产的农作物,其与非转基因食品具有同样的安全性(safety),同时也可以保证农作物的产量(crop yield)。

【练习】

- 1. The most important thing for government to improve health care is to clean the environment.
- 2. Renewable resources (sun, wind, water) will soon replace fossil fuels such as gas, oil, coal.

生活

1. Some people like to buy and eat their meals at restaurants frequently, while others like to do this at home. Which one do you prefer? Why?

【立场: eat at home】

观点1

True, there is a variety of food choices at restaurants. But the ingredients they pick can hardly meet my preference.

诚然,餐厅的食物很多样;但是原材料无法控制,不一定能够满足我的个人需求。

【论证】

没错,餐厅的食物选择可能很多样。但是所添加的食材都是确定好的,诸如会用到我个人不喜欢的食材,例如大蒜、葱等等。而且,大部分餐厅的食材都是荤素搭配,对于素食者(vegetarian)来说就很难在外面吃到诚心如意的饭菜。还不如自己在家制作。

观点2

Home-made food is much healthier than food in restaurants.

在家吃饭更健康。

【论证】

餐厅烹饪的食物原材料的新鲜度不能保证。出于成本控制的角度(from the perspective of cost-management),隔夜的饭菜可能会被二次利用。不新鲜的食物对健康不利,甚至可能会引发疾病。

而且餐厅烹饪食物的方式,往往为了迎合客户需求或刺激客户的胃口,而过多使用油和盐,这对健康是不利的。相比之下,在家食物的烹饪方式可以很好的掌控(much easier to manage),多采用水煮或蒸的方式,可以更多的锁定食物本身的营养(nutrients)

观点3

It is much more cost-efficient to eat at home than at restaurants.

在家吃更省钱。

【论证】

餐厅以盈利为目标,饭菜的价格肯定高于成本,甚至是翻倍的高。另外,在家制作食物的话,还可以充分利用食物的边角料作为另外一顿的原料,这样也进一步提高了成本的效率。

2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People should take risks rather than be cautious and careful in order to be successful. (2018-10-14)

【立场: taking risks】

观点1

Taking risks can better promote people to step out of comfort zone and pick up as many essential skills to success as possible.

爱冒险才能更好地帮助人们走出舒适圈,积累经验和技能,最终更容易成功。

【论证】

过分谨慎会组织人们有所创新或尝试新的方法或思维方式(prevent people from trying out new things or methods),因此也很难在原有的基础上有所突破,更不用说成功。

【立场: being cautious and careful】

观点2

Being cautious and careful can better prepare people to face obstacles and challenges before achieving success.

谨慎认真的人会事先做很多思考和准备,面对即将到来的困难和挑战也相对更从容。

【论证】

爱冒风险的人往往没有周全的思考(lack all-round preparation),对于某个项目可能遇到的风险和困难准备不足,因此失败的概率更大。

观点3

True, cautious people are not the first to make a decision. But their persistence usually outperforms others once they have made their decisions.

诚然, 谨慎的人作出某个决策不是最快的。但是一旦作出, 就会坚持到底。

【论证】

诚然,谨慎的人因为思虑周全而做决策不会特别快。但是,一旦他们做好某个决策,他们会调动一切资源和方法来实现目标(mobilize any resource and methods they have to realize his goal),即便所遇到的苦难重重。

3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? We can learn about a person from the books and movies that the person likes. (2018-12-08)

【立场:agree】

观点1

First, many people's favorite movies and books indicate their taste and interest.

首先,我们可以从一个人的最爱的电影和书籍了解他个人的品味和兴趣。

【论证】

一个人的品味会反映在他喜欢的电影和书籍。例如有人最爱看小说或诗歌,这样的人往往很浪漫或理想主义。有人更爱看社科文章或纪录片,可能他们会更加有实证精神。有人会看和篮球有关的书籍和电影,他们往往更阳光热爱运动。

观点2

Besides, mental age is another aspect we could learn from the person's favorite books and movies.

其次,我们还可以从人们喜爱的书籍或电影里了解到他们的心理年龄。

【论证】

不同年龄层的人有不同的特征,包括识字的不同(小孩子),关心内容的不同(老年人关心健康疾病),所以不同书籍/电影的内容的目标主体为某些特定的年龄层(certain books or videos target at certain groups, like an age group.),所以知道他们看什么书就能知道。

观点3

Finally, the books a person favors, to a large extent, can reflect his or her various abilities and knowledge structure.

最后,人们喜欢的书籍或电影能够反映这个人的不同能力和知识结构。

【论证】

很多书的内容需要一定的知识水平和能力才能理解(to twig some of the content, the accumulation of certain knowledge is preferred),从看的书的理解难度上可依看出一个人的教育背景。诸如:喜欢阅读哲学和经济学的书籍(philosophy & economics),往往读者的分析能力相对较强(strong analytic ability, logical ability, and reasoning ability);

喜欢阅读历史类书籍的人(history books), 往往有系统化思维或者对于人类历史有相对全面的理解(systematic thinking ability, desire to have a panoramic/comprehensive understanding of human history)

【练习】

- 1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is better to relax by watching a movie or reading a book than relax by doing physical exercise. (2018-07-07)
- 2. Taking a lot of time to make an important decision is often considered as a bad quality for a person while some people think that it is a good quality for a person. Which do prefer? (2019-03-16)

第二部分 高分范文

教育

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Should universities prepare students for career rather than only provide academic courses?

I wholeheartedly agree with the statement **because** I believe universities and colleges do not adeptly prepare students for the world of work. University course only prepare students by teaching them about their chosen degree subject. **This** provides students with qualifications **needed** for the future, but does not prepare them in other important areas such as **making career choices**, **job applications and other skills** they might need in the workplace.

University should offer more courses that allow students to **explore** what kinds of jobs they are **best suited to in terms of their skills and personality**. They should **also** provide more information about what jobs are related to their degree. **It is** because of this lack of preparation **that** students **either** graduate with no idea of what kind of job they would like to do, **or end up doing** a job which they actually have no interest in.

It is also important to provide students with information on job hunting **including applications and interviews**, but also salary negotiation. Many students graduate **unaware of** the best method of searching for a job or how to **negotiate an appropriate salary**. There should **therefore** be course that inform students about this and offer advice that will help to **single them out** from the other applicants, as well as ensure that they obtain **a fare wage** from their employer.

University courses should also make students more aware of the importance of transferable skills in the workplace and help them to build on them. This includes skills like teamwork, networking and time management. While the university does prepare students to some extent with their skills, it does not prepare them for the different emphasis that is placed on them in the workplace. For example, while course may occasionally utilize teamwork skills for group activities in class, it does not prepare students for the daily necessity of working with and obtaining information from their colleagues in order to complete a task.

Therefore, universities should provide students with more **career direction** before they leave universities to **ensure** that students are happy in their **chosen career**. It should also **equip** them **with** the skills they will need to do the job in order to **relieve the stress** of making the **transition from** full time education to working life.

政府社会

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Governments should focus its budgets more on environmental protection than on economic development.

The past several decades have witnessed that the world's economy is booming. Modern skyscrapers, convenient communications, and fast transportation makes it easier and cozier for people to live on this planet. However, people are beginning to realize that the great achievements today seem to be at the price of destroying the nature. They claim that governments should focus its budgets more on environment than on economic development. As for me, I am in favor of environmental protection and I am wholeheartedly in agreement with this claim. Here are some reasons and examples to support my view.

First, the environmental protection is closely bound up with the health of every single person in this world. If the environment is polluted, the basic elements people need to survive must be affected, and thus disastrous results may occur. Recently I have read an appalling fact from newspapers that there is a village in the center of China where the majority of its residents, including kids and seniors, suffer from cancers such as lung cancer, stomach cancer and lymph cancer. The investigator found that the villagers' drinking water is from a river that is severely contaminated by the industrial discharges of enterprises located at the upstream.

In addition, the environmental protection is conducive to the sustainability of economic development. There are some idioms in China, "killing the hens for the egg", "draining the pond for the fish", and "burning the woods for the prey". The ancient wisdom warns modern people not to gain profits at present without thinking of the future. In other words, we cannot simply satisfy the need of contemporary people regardless of the interests of our next generation. Imagine that if we were in excessive pursuit of economic development by consuming all the natural resources, hunting for precious animals mercilessly, and cutting down forests, what will become of our descendants?

Last but not least, the environmental protection can boost the development of economy at the same time. For instance, a country that emphasizes on its environment must be a country noted for its sightseeing industry. I have been to Singapore in which I am amazed not only by its prosperous economy but also by its garden-like environment. The lawns, the trees, and the rivers are beautifully designed to fit into the city. This case well illustrates that the economic development and environmental protection sometimes construct no conflicts between each other.

To put it into nutshell, governments should put its budgets on environmental protection than on economic development. In the process of achieving more prosperous economy, people should sometimes stop to think about whether the world we live could provide fresh air, clean water and healthy food, for these are fundamentally vital factors to the fate of human beings.

工作

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In order for a team to succeed, its members should all have the same opinion.

Teamwork has become an important part of the working culture. Most companies now realize the importance of teamwork **because** in our modern world many tasks are becoming **increasingly complex** that require a team **with multiple skills** to complete. **But is it true that** every member in the team should have the same opinion in order to achieve success? From my point of view, most of the time, a team **consisting of divergent** opinions **are more likely** to succeed.

As we all know, it is not **practical** to expect everyone in a team to have the same point of view, because everyone is an individual who has his or her own background. **However**, often such differences in opinions can be resolved after **sufficient discussion** and especially after **coordination** by a team leader. I once joined a football team back in high school. Every time before a football match, team members would sit together and discuss strategies in order to defeat our **opponent** in the next game. Often **in such discussion** many different **voices** could be heard: some members **advocate** offense but others emphasize defense. The team leader, the capital of our football team, who is a very **experienced** football player, often played a very important role. He would make the final decision on team development, and his strategies always **balance** offense with defense.

Furthermore, even if different opinions cannot be resolved, it does not mean a team will fail, because sometimes difference in opinions will lead to some **bright thoughts and creative ideas**. In a company, for example, **the majority of** team members, because of company traditionor **routine**, are often **confined** at a stereotyped view and they would tend to agree with each other **passively**. But the best ideas often come after **heated discussion** among team members, who hold different or even **conflicting** views. So they need some different, someone who can say no to the **old practice**, to generate innovative ideas and achieve important **breakthroughs**.

In a word, having the same opinion or attitude to the issue is not a guarantee of successful team work. **Indeed**, we can learn a lot from the different views, as long as the team has a definite aim and is led by an experienced team leader.

科技

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Television has destroyed communication among friends and family.

While television has been somewhat harmful in its effects, it has hardly "destroyed" communication among friends and family, although for some people, the assertion that television has destroyed communication among friends and family seems true.

Television, invented in last century, with its wide availability, increasingly prosperous programs, becomes one of the most powerful means of communication in the history, and is more and more difficult to ignore. Television is as much a part of our lives as are our meals, work, or school. Studies consistently show that the average American child spends almost as much time watching television as does he in school. We all have only 24 hours a day and it is clear that the more time one spends on watching television, the less time one does with his or her family and friends. Hence we see the passage in the newspaper or magazine titled "Television took my husband away from me."

Tempting as such claim might be, it is hardly true. It is not television took her husband away from her, but the increasing pressures of modern life did it. We have no definite evidence to say people nowadays endure more pressures than did their counterparts in the past, but it is absolutely true that people nowadays undergo great pressures that come from various directions, including work, school, economy, and so forth. Investigations show that people who earn more than 50, 000 yuan annually spend at least 60 hours on work per week, much more than those who earn 20,000 yuan annually. Today a bachelor degree may no longer guarantee a well-paid job, more and more companies post their want ads claiming that applicants must have at least master degrees, which take two or three years longer.

In a word, people nowadays have very little time for anything; television is merely among many other factors that affect communication, and is definitely not the main cause of degradation. It seems that the more one is educated, the more one is aware of the deleterious effects that excessive television causes, and either deliberately avoid it or actually do not enjoy it. On the other hand, there really are many people addictive to television. But the fact is, were television not existent, surely these people would have found other escapes, such as alcohol or gambling, for example. In other words, people always find a way to do what they want to do. Therefore, I do not agree that television has destroyed communication among friends and family.

媒体

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The opinions of celebrities, such as entertainers and athletes, are more important to the younger people than they are to the older people. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Opinions of young celebrities are more attentively heard, even believed, by the younger people than by the older people, who often have their own role models apart. On occasions, it is amusing for the general public to listen to what famous stars have to say, but what is said could sometimes turn out to be particularly not in favor of the more naive people. Too often, opinions from celebrities could be harmful to young people's mental and financial health, to say the least.

Unlike the older people, the younger people admire and want to imitate 'notorious' celebrities whose remarks, however out of the common, are readily taken for granted. This could affect them negatively due to their lack of mental maturity to follow bad rather than good examples. Apparently, it is not only the words but also the deeds of those 'role models' that are not doing any good for the mentality of the younger people. Today, television and the Internet have generated tremendous exposure for a number of elite stars who stand for partying, drug abuse, drunk driving, rapid marriage and rapid divorce, and on and on. Most teenagers and young adults, who tend to attach importance to celebrities' opinions, actually become other people since their thoughts are celebrities' thoughts spoken in the spotlight. Fortunately, it seems that the older people are easily getting tired of celebrity overload and do not pay so much attention to scandals.

Young celebrities' opinions could become a persuasion in advertising, thereby affecting young consumers' pockets. Very famous personalities in the fields of pop music, cinema and sports, are being hired to give positive comments about products and services that have little or nothing to do with their professions. Nowadays, companies all over the world are using celebrities to orally promote sales of anything from fast food to young fashion to fancy car. Under the influence of what is called 'celebrity testimonials', the younger population, rather than the older population, are encouraged to buy things they really do not need and spend money they actually do not have. That is, a celebrity works as a convincing sales-speaker through the image of strong role model among the younger generation. Usually, the older generation would not entirely trust products and services endorsed by celebrities.

To do justice to all shining stars in the galaxy of fame, probably they have the freedom to voice their opinions of whatever kind, so it is up to people both young and old to evaluate what is said and done. However, it is always advisable for the younger people not to follow celebrities' opinions blindly. It is one thing to hear celebrities breaking the mold; but it is quite another to know if they are degrading good social and family values.

环境

Are environmental issues too complex to be handled by the individual?

Issues concerning the environment are still on the rise. In the face of such a complex situation, immediate actions ought to be taken, or else this planet might no longer endure human inhabitation in the unpredictable future. Before it is too late to mend past faults, neither the government nor the ordinary people can be excused from the responsibility of solving these problems. There is no denying that depending solely on the dedication of an individual is unrealistic. However, that does not mean the role people are playing is unimportant. In my opinion, to settle these complicated issues, each person is obliged to cooperate with the government and the public.

Above all, individuals are no small contributors to the complexity of environmental issues. We can find evidence of personal impacts in many aspects. For instance, the use of private cars not only exerts excessive burdens on energy preservation, but also causes pollution with the exhaust gas discharged into the air. Furthermore, a news report says an average of 3 kilograms of rubbish is being dumped by each household every day, which will undeniably lead to serious pollution problems if the waste is piling up and cannot be treated in time. Even in public places or tourist sites, pollutants like waste plastic bags, paper, empty cans and boxes can be found everywhere. Regarding these aspects, individuals are to blame.

In fact, the ignorance of social members and their over-reliance on the government will undoubtedly make matters worse. Suppose everyone takes it for granted that the government should be fully responsible, then the environmental issues will inevitably become more and more complex. People's lack of self-awareness in daily life has already led to serious pollution problems and excessive consumption of energy. If no immediate attention is paid to these unacceptable deeds, severe consequences may be incurred. An environment-friendly world is the common aim cherished by all living beings. Hence, people from all walks of life, young and old, poor and rich, should offer to join in the campaign against environmental hazards.

Admittedly, under the support of each individual, the government is in the best position to ensure all the environmental issues smoothly solved. By cautiously implementing relevant policies, laws and regulations, the authorities are obliged to supervise and pilot the behavior of the public in case unwanted actions are taken. To illustrate, the local governments in some major cities are restricting the use of private cars through implementation of laws. Besides, it is crucial for the government to set up more funds by attracting larger investments to solve financial problems encountered during the course of environment-related projects.

As long as the entire society is on a mission to combat the existing and potential environmental challenges, sooner or later the day will arrive when the earth is safeguarded and its environment is further improved rather than deteriorating. Although it is only a distant target so far, with all individuals and the government collaborating together, human power can be highly effective against any undesirable and complex issues.

生活

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Only movies that can teach us something about real life are worth watching. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

With **remarkable** progress of people's living standard, watching movies seems to be an **indispensable** part of people's lives, as movies not only entertain the viewers but also enlighten them. Some people claim that only movies that can teach us something about real life are worth watching. However, **I regard this assertion as unfair and arbitrary** because there are at least two other kinds of movies that are also worth watching: comedy and scary movie. And my reasons and examples are given below.

Comedies are worth watching, for they give us an **amusing** way to relax ourselves. It is because the only goal that the comedies try to achieve is to make people **laugh**, **and laughing** is in fact proven by science to be one of best **medicines** to **alleviate** pressure or depression. I still can remember when I was preparing for the college entrance examination--a **make-or-break** exam that even determines one's future--the most **enjoyable** thing was to watch a Jim Carrey movie after a whole day's hard work. Through those **hilarious** plots and **exaggerating** acting of Jim Carrey, my **intense** minds suddenly got relaxed.

Another kind of movie, scary movie, is also worth watching because it allows people to experience the **excitement** of horror under a safe circumstance. **In most cases**, people are **pursuing** happiness while avoiding risks, but human being's nature of **curiosity** sometimes **drives** us want to experience those **fearful** feelings that we hate to have in real life. Though **this state of mind may be paradoxical**, but it **does** exist sometimes. For example, almost every scary-movie lover enjoys the moment when she/he **breathed a sigh of relief** at the end of the movie. **Vicariously** sharing the experience of others can be a kind of happiness.

Admittedly, people surely benefit a lot from movies that can teach us something about real life. For instance, some movies teach us how to deal with relationship between family members, some teach us how to realize one's American dreams by defeating difficulties one after another, and some great movies show us what is true love. Nevertheless, no matter how useful and meaningful these movies can be, it is still inappropriate to assert that they are the only ones worth watching.

In conclusion, it is **absurd** to believe that it is only worth watching movie that can teach us something about real life. As another two important movie **genres**, comedy and scary movie are **equally** important to our lives and should be **given due respect**.