1. As people rely more and more on technology to solve problems, the ability of humans to think for themselves will surely deteriorate.科技发展限制人类思考1111111111

**Consider the scientists and engineers who are responsible for developing the theoretical and practical aspects of the new technologies.**

**software engineers of mobile apps/mobile programming platforms/how to attract more users and how to improve the quality of user experiences**

**The development of new technologies also challenges those people responsible for formulating policies and rules regulating the use of technologies.**

**social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter/cyberbullying, hacking and privacy violation /Government officials, legislators and experts in relevant fields have to work together to address these issues through developing more sophisticated policies and laws**

**The concern that reliance on technology to solving problems may lead to the deterioration of thinking abilities is more valid for the people who do not have the opportunities to think creatively and critically as a result of technological development.**

**TVs /news, entertainment /or even baby-sitting**

1. To understand the most important characteristics of a society, one must study its major cities.大城市对了解一个社会的作用1111111111

**The political system of a society is often shaped by the economic and cultural dynamics of the local communities as well as the nation as a whole. To the extent that the politics is influenced by the national institutions such as the Constitution, it is sufficient to study how people in the major cities are involved in political activities.**

**presidential election of the US/tour the major cities**

**In addition to political system, economic development is another aspect one should not overlook in order to understand the society.**

**international stock markets/New York, London and Hong Kong/small villages and counties also play vital roles in the national economy such as agriculture and tourism.**

**Finally, to fully understand the most important characteristics of a society, one should also study how the public school systems work.**

**In conclusion, to understand the political, economic and educational development of a society, it is important to study the major cities as well as the countryside and the suburban areas where people from different socioeconomic classes are engaged in different political, economic and educational activities.**

**There is no doubt that, to understand a society, we need to look into how technologies are used among the people.**

**how people use electronic devices/e-payment /can be transferred**

**Another important characteristic of modern society is the development of retail industry, i.e. how consumer products are marketed and sold.**

**chain store/Sell their products in similar ways**

**Finally, we can also understand the higher education in a given society through studying the major universities usually located in the major cities.**

**standards and guidelines in designing their curriculums and delivering their courses/student exchange programs and visiting professorship**

**In conclusion, I strongly agree that major cities can serve as representative cases for studying the important characteristics of our society because in other cities and areas people often learn the best practices that have been developed in major cities.**

3.Educational institutions have a responsibility to dissuade students from pursuing fields of study in which they are unlikely to succeed.学校不该鼓励学生学不擅长学科2222222222

**I strongly agree that students should be discouraged from concentrating on a particular major if they do not have the academic preparation or talents to perform well in that area. Following the advice from the schools, students will focus on areas of studies that are more suitable for them and enjoy their school life better. Intervention of schools can also help address the problem of unemployment at societal level. With regard to the concern over the accuracy of prediction schools could make about students’ success, the academic staff could make assessment based on students’ past academic records and their results of different psychometric tests.**

**With the help and advice from the schools, students can choose majors for which they are better prepared to perform well academically and enjoy the college life.**

**computer science involves a significant amount of advanced mathematics**

**did not have learned**

**In addition, intervention of the schools can also help alleviate the problem of unemployment of college graduates at the societal level.**

**India and China**

**difficult to get a job**

**Some people may argue that schools could not possibly predict accurately if a student would succeed in a particular field or not.**

**past academic records**

**In conclusion, as the providers of educational services that receive money from parents and taxpayers, the schools have the responsibility to ensure students to benefit from the schooling maximally and produce graduates that can contribute to the economy as confident and skillful employees. Therefore, the schools should dissuade students from pursuing a major for which they are not well prepared and unlikely to succeed.**

1. Scandals are useful because they focus our attention on problems in ways that no speaker or reformer ever could.丑闻2222222222

政治（Clinton watergate scanda surpervise democracy）经济（Nestle PR team）社会（医患关系 反作用）

**While it is true that scandals often attract public attention and may expose certain problems, I do not believe that they are useful in solving social problems as they often focus public attention on the wrong issues and can hardly maintain public attention for a sufficiently long time.**

**To begin with, the attention from the public after a scandal does not necessarily focus on the right issue.**

**Clinton scandal failed to focus public attention on the right issue**

**In addition, when a scandal is involved in powerful corporation, a professional public relations team will very quickly take actions to address the crisis and divert the public attention from the right issues.**

**oil giant BP**

**responsible for the oil rig explosion**

**oil spill in the gulf of Mexico**

**PR team**

**paint themselves as victims**

**Some people may argue that scandals are still useful in creating pressure to push the government to reform.**

**In conclusion, while I acknowledge that certain scandals may eventually lead to some progress in our society, most scandals are not very useful in reforming the society as the public often focus their attention on the wrong issues and the powerful corporations can easily divert public attention through their public relations campaigns. To achieve real progress in social development, we need better education to increase people’s awareness of their rights and their sense of justice.**

5.Claim: Governments must ensure that their major cities receive the financial support they need in order to thrive.

Reason: It is primarily in cities that a nation's cultural traditions are preserved and generated.优先资助大城市因为文化在这里产生和保存3333333333

**While I agree that major cities are important for preserving and generating cultural tradition, other areas are equally important in many countries. Since cultural programs in major cities can receive support from different financial sources such as advertising, donation of city residents and big corporations, government money should be invested to programs in small towns and rural regions where resources from private sectors are not available.**

**There is no doubt that major cities are important sites for preserving, generating and celebrating cultural traditions.**

**Statue of Liberty in New York City**

**a symbol of hope and freedom**

**diversity and tolerance**

**Despite the importance of major cities for cultural traditions, government funding should not be heavily invested here because there are other funding sources available.**

**national park service that manages the Statue of Liberty in New York**

**admission ticket fares**

**Major corporations and private citizens**

**volunteers**

**On the other hand, other preservation programs for cultural traditions in small towns or rural areas should be supported by taxpayers’ money.**

**abacus**

**world intangible cultural heritage**

**unlikely**

**would attract sponsorship from large corporations**

**In conclusion, as the two examples aptly demonstrate, government funding should be used to support culture preservation programs in small towns and rural areas and the cultural traditions in major cities will thrive with the funding and support from non-governmental sectors.**

6.A nation should require all of its students to study the same national curriculum until they enter college.全国统一课程1111111111

**To improve the quality of pre-college education, it is often proposed that all students should be required to study the same national curriculum. I agree that adopting the same curriculum for schools across the nation would be helpful for students and teachers from less developed regions to get more support and for universities around the nations to evaluate applicants more objectively. Nevertheless, we need to be careful of the danger of the national government to advance its own political agenda through this national curriculum.**

**Through adopting a standardised national curriculum, it would be more feasible for schools in less developed regions to get support and help for improving their education.**

**re-use lesson plans and other teaching materials**

**temporary teachers**

**In addition, the national curriculum would be useful for universities to assess the applications from all over the nation more objectively.**

**SAT**

**extra workload and stress**

**GPA**

**make admission decisions**

**Despite the above two advantages of the proposed policy, we need to be cautious about the risk of the government imposing certain ideological agenda to the schools through requiring a national curriculum.**

**propagating the official ideology and values**

**In conclusion, I agree that all students should be required to study the same national curriculum which can help the students from less developed regions to receive better education and the universities around the nation to make admission decisions more effectively. Nevertheless, it is important to remain vigilant against any political intervention of the national government when designing and implementing the national curriculum.**

7.Some people believe that government funding of the arts is necessary to ensure that the arts can flourish and be available to all people. Others believe that government funding of the arts threatens the integrity of the arts.政府对艺术的支持是利是弊4444444444

**While I agree that government funding is necessary for arts to flourish and for ordinary people to enjoy arts, the concern that government funding may compromise the integrity of arts is a valid one. In my opinion, therefore, it is important for the government to sponsor arts indirectly through an independent committee as an antidote to potential threat of government funding to the integrity of arts.**

**As a threshold matter, government funding and sponsorship are essential to the development of arts.**

**not attract a large number of audience**

**to pay a large amount of money.**

**not have the opportunities**

**require infrastructure such as art museum and art schools**

**On the other hand, it is understandable to worry that the government's funding may threaten the integrity of arts and artists.**

**Any artworks can and must carry political meanings and messages**

**Mao's China**

**songs and movies were produced with a theme of revolutionary propaganda under the sponsorship of the Communist Party**

**Given the tension between the need of government support on the one hand and the threat of government funding to the integrity of arts on the other, I would argue that the best solution is to create an independent commission that distributes government funding in a politically neutral way.**

**Hong Kong Arts Development Council**

**In conclusion, given the profound impact that arts may have on the society, it is, on the one hand, necessary for the government to support artistic works financially; on the other hand, it is tempting for the government to influence the artists and their activities politically through such sponsorship. To address this paradox, I have proposed a solution that has worked well in certain regions such as Hong Kong.**

8.Claim: In any field—business, politics, education, government—those in power should step down after five years.

Reason: The surest path to success for any enterprise is revitalization through new leadership.五年一卸任3333333333

**I think this proposal will not benefit businesses and educational institutions as leaders in these fields need many years to build their reputation and earn trust from the stakeholders. Nevertheless, it is important for government officials to serve for a limited number of years only.**

**Consider the leadership in business world first.**

**earn the trust of the stockholders**

**long period of time**

**asset that the company cannot afford to lose**

**With the increasing corporatization of higher education, the same logic also applied to the leadership of universities.**

**building his/her network**

**promote the university aggressively at a global scale**

**raise money for different projects and programs**

**Nevertheless, the proposed rule should apply to government officials who do need to leave their jobs after certain years.**

**power**

**have to be limited**

**In conclusion, I believe that the proposed rule should not be applied to the fields of business and higher education. But for the government leaders, they should definitely leave their positions after a certain number of years.**

1. In any field of endeavor, it is impossible to make a significant contribution without first being strongly influenced by past achievements within that field.过去经历对成功的重要性1111111111

科学研究 research artical literature review

phD program

Laws

**I agree that in most fields significant contribution is often made by people under the influence of the achievements in the past.**

**In academic researches, it has become a common practice for scholars to receive systematic training through a PhD program during which the scholars will work closely under the supervision of a more senior member of the research community.**

**advice and guidance**

**methodological approaches**

**co-author journal articles and book chapters**

**writing styles**

**In addition to the influence of PhD supervisors, junior scholars will also receive significant influence from scholars who had published in a particular field.**

**literature review**

**explain how the previous studies inspired them to conduct the present study.**

**re-use similar methods and confirmed or challenged previous findings**

**In the practice of laws, lawyers and judges also rely on the past achievements of their colleagues**

**earlier rulings**

**previous cases**

**codified laws and rules**

**As the discussion of academic research and legal practices clearly shows, to make contribution to most fields, one has to work with more senior and experienced members of the community as shown in the case of PhD supervision, review the previous studies and publication in the field similar to literature review, and rely on the cases and institutions that have been established in the past. Therefore, overall speaking, I agree with the statement.**

10.Nations should pass laws to preserve any remaining wilderness areas in their natural state, even if these areas could be developed for economic gain.即使有开发潜力土地也不该被开发5555555555

**Human activities since Industrial Revolution have brought enormous impact to the natural environment of the earth. The size of wilderness areas worldwide has declined dramatically over the last few centuries. It is understandable that many environmentalists call for legislation to preserve the remaining wilderness areas. I believe that such policies are not suitable for nations where people are still fighting against poverty or struggle to meet the basic demands of their citizens such as housing. On the other hand, for more developed nations, a policy focusing on conservation and sustainable development is more desirable than the proposed preservation legislation.**

**The preservation program would be neither sensible nor feasible in least developed countries where people suffer from poverty and other related social problems.**

**costs**

**manufacturing factories that can provide jobs**

**The preservation policy is not helpful for nations or regions where the supply of land is particularly limited.**

**Hong Kong**

**high property prices**

**Even for nations that do not have problems of poverty or housing shortage, the governments should probably consider a conservation program rather than the proposed preservation program.**

**low-pollution industry**

**tourism**

**In conclusion, for nations where poverty, unemployment or shortage of housing are major problems, the proposed policy should not be adopted for the sake of the livelihood of the citizens. Even for more developed countries, a conservation policy focusing on sustainability is more reasonable and politically sensible for the legislators.**

11.People's behavior is largely determined by forces not of their own making.人类行为很大程度不被自己决定1111111111

**To what extent people could control their own behaviors is an interesting question that concerns many psychologists, economists, philosophers. The question is important because we all desire freedom but at the same time are subject to different constraints. In my opinion, due to the industrialization of modern society, our behaviours have been largely determined by different social institutions such as corporation and marketing. Nevertheless, we may try to regain our freedom by fighting the systems in which we find ourselves.**

**One of the key features of modern society is industrialization through which the production of goods and provision of services are all standardized and to a large extent automated by machines.**

**assembly line**

**requires all the workers to perform the same tasks**

**Office workers**

**prescribed instructions**

**At the receiving end of the goods and services are customers who seem to enjoy the freedom of making their own choices with their own money.**

**consumer behaviors**

**marketing strategies**

**Celebrities**

**Discounts**

**lure more customers to buy things we do not really need**

**Of course, it is not true that our behaviors are completely under the control of large corporations although most of us do have to be part of the labor force and customer base of the large corporations.**

**simple life**

**work-life balance**

**In conclusion, in the modern society dominated by large corporations, ordinary people’s behaviors as employees and consumers are indeed largely determined by factors that beyond our control. Nevertheless, we can still try to fight for our freedom as we learn more about how our behaviors have been influenced by external forces.**

1. Governments should offer a free university education to any student who has been admitted to a university but who cannot afford the tuition.公费大学5555555555

**In this essay, I would discuss the consequences of implementing this policy of free higher education for the university, the students and the society in general and argue that the policy is not desirable due to the negative consequences.**

**To begin with, if the government would foot the bills for all admitted students with limited financial means, the university may have the incentive to admit more students to get more resources from the government and the quality of university education will surely deteriorate.**

**limited resources available**

**the quality of university education will be compromised**

**Now let’s imagine what would happen to the students if the proposed policy were implemented.**

**fraudulent information about their financial situation**

**To assess the proposed policy, we also need to consider its effects on the overall government budget.**

**less financial resources will be available for other members of the society**

**In conclusion, I believe that the government should not pay tuition fees for students who cannot afford university education after considering the consequences of the proposal for the university, the students and the society in general. We should let the students decide whether they want to pursue their further education through student loan so that the university would not admit excessive number of students. Meanwhile, scarce government resources should be invested in areas that can produce more returns and social benefits.**

142) Claim: Colleges and universities should specify all required courses and eliminate elective courses in order to provide clear guidance for students.

Reason: College students—like people in general—prefer to follow directions rather than make their own decisions.因为大学生喜欢遵守规定所以应该只开设必修课3333333333

**TS: Universities and colleges should allow students to decide what elective courses to take at different stages of their college education as they need to choose their majors, their focus within the major field and their future careers.**

**ts1: Taking some elective courses can help them to decide which field of study is the most suitable major for them**

**freshmen**

**undecided with their majors**

**explore different fields**

**ts2: they also need to decide which specific areas they would like to focus on within their major field**

**computer science**

**computer architecture, algorithm, operating system or programming languages**

**graduate schools**

**ts3: elective courses are also important for students who decided to pursue certain careers**

**-**

**Chinese**

**Chinese language and Chinese history**

**law degree**

**writing-intensive courses**

15.Educational institutions should actively encourage their students to choose fields of study that will prepare them for lucrative careers.学校鼓励学生学有钱途的专业2222222222

**I strongly disagree that students should be encouraged to choose their study areas for future lucrative careers for two reasons. First, no studies in any given fields can guarantee the so-called lucrative careers in the future; moreover, students who choose the fields with the hope of lucrative careers may not enjoy their studies and their future works. While the educational institutions may be interested in cultivating future successful alumni, this policy may lead to dissatisfaction among the graduates.**

**To begin with, there are no such majors that can ensure that the graduates will necessarily enjoy a lucrative career later in their lives.**

**solid knowledge, a booming industry**

**good interpersonal skills**

**luck**

**Another reason why this policy is not desirable is that students may end up studying something they are not interested in. Without genuine interests in the field but driven by the extrinsic motivation from the promise of future “lucrative” careers, the students may find it difficult to understand the materials or commit themselves to the studies.**

**may not get good jobs**

**may not enjoy their work**

**long-term success**

**Some people may argue that by encouraging the students to choose majors that lead to lucrative careers the universities may cultivate future alumni with higher income, who will then donate more money to the institutions.**

**In conclusion, while it is understandable that educational institutions may want to encourage students to prepare for lucrative careers by choosing certain majors, this policy is not helpful for students as there are no majors that can guarantee lucrative careers in the future and students may end up with careers they do not enjoy if they follow the advice of the institutions rather than their hearts.** 50) Government officials should rely on their own judgment rather than unquestioningly carry out the will of the people they serve.领导人要听民意还是坚持自己1111111111

**Therefore, some people believe that government officials should make their decisions according to the will of the people instead of making their own judgments over different issues. In my opinion, government officials should always consult the public opinions when formulating important policies. Nevertheless, it is not reasonable to carry people’s will unquestioningly because over important issues people are often divided and poorly informed. Therefore, government officials should do their jobs by taking into account various factors and let the people decide if they did a satisfactory job overall in the next election.**

**To begin with, I strongly believe that government officials should consult the public frequently and systematically before introducing important policies.**

**Hong Kong**

**ban on smoking**

**public consultation**

**Nevertheless, it is unrealistic to expect the government officials to follow people’s will blindly because people are often divided over important social issues.**

**gay and lesbian marriage**

**he United States**

**conservatives**

**no consensus**

**Another reason why the government officials should not make decisions solely based on people’s will is that the members of the public are often notoriously ill-informed on some important issues, especially when it comes to science and technology**

**fear of genetically modified food**

**In conclusion, while the government officials should always take into account public opinions when making decisions, they should not carry out people’s will unquestioningly because the public is often divided and ill-informed over different issues. The government officials should ultimately rely on their own judgments when developing the policies and let the public to decide if they have done a good overall job in the next election.**

17.Formal education tends to restrain our minds and spirits rather than set them free.正规教育限制人的思想1111111111

**Consider the cases of primary/ secondary school education, college education and professional education。Harvard**

**primary and secondary**

**basic verbal and quantitative skills**

**universities**

**liberally**

**critically**

**professional schools**

**law schools, medical schools and business schools**

**So the bottom line is that formal education limits people’s minds at some stages in order to accomplish the specific educational goals .**

**Then talk about the danger of government control over formal education:propagate official ideology and ideas**

**political neutrality of teachers.**

19.Governments should focus on solving the immediate problems of today rather than on trying to solve the anticipated problems of the future.政府应解决当下问题而非未来问题1111111111

**Financially supported by the public through taxation and politically legitimized by the citizens through democratic election, the governments have to devote themselves to solving various problems facing the society. Regarding the dichotomy of immediate problems vs. future problems, I believe that local government should focus more on immediate problems whereas federal government should be concerned with more long-term issues. Of course, the local and federal governments have to work together to address both short-term and long-term problems, many of which are closely and intricately related.**

**Local governments should commit themselves to solving immediate problems such as emergency relief and maintenance of public hygiene because they have more local knowledge and resources.**

**earthquake**

**Sichuan**

**have better knowledge about the people and the places**

**Federal governments, on the other hand, should develop long-term solutions for the nation.**

**Sichuan earthquake**

**the quality of building, architecture code for earthquake and development of emergency response mechanism**

**Of course, the proposed division of labor between local and federal governments is not as clear-cut as it seems.**

**In conclusion, federal governments should focus more on long-term problems whereas local governments should be concerned more with immediate problems. Governments at both levels should nevertheless work together to address problems of different natures.**

20.Some people believe that college students should consider only their own talents and interests when choosing a field of study. Others believe that college students should base their choice of a field of study on the availability of jobs in that field.选专业看个人兴趣还是专业前景4444444444

**In this statement, two assumptions are made implicitly: first, the availability of jobs in any field can be reliably predicted at any point in time; second, students have to major in a specific field to get a job in that field. I disagree with this statement because these two assumptions do not hold. Some people may argue that following the advice in the statement can increase the chance of students getting decent jobs.**

**The first assumption being made is that one can reliably predict the avaibility of jobs in a given field. This assumption is simply wrong because the world economy is changing in an unprecedented way and the demand for talents and skills are also different from time to time.**

**computer science**

**The second assumption is that in order to get a job in a field X, one has to concentrate his/her studies on a major Y. The assumption is also inconsistent with the reality of the job market. In fact, many employers do not care about what majors the job candidates study so long as they are reasonably intelligent and hard-working.**

**big-four auditing firms**

**training system**

**Some people may insist that by choosing a field of study based on the job prospect can increase the chance of the students finding good jobs.**

**not be interested in the major**

**In conclusion, I do not believe that students should choose their majors based on the availability of jobs four years later because it is difficult to predict the job market and many jobs do not require background in specific fields. One should focus on his/her interest and study a major that can lead to academic success.**

21.Laws should be flexible enough to take account of various circumstances, times, and places.法律应该根据不同情况有所变化1111111111

**While the laws enacted through legislation should not be too flexible, the judges and the law enforcement agents should interpret and enforce the laws taking into account different circumstances, times and places.**

**To begin with, the time and efforts of the Congressmen at federal and state levels are limited.**

**Given the limited cognitive abilities of the public, the laws have to be clear and concise.**

**On the other hand, the case laws created by the judges should take into account the details of the cases.**

**a grandson murdered his rich grandfather**

**Finally, the enforcement of laws, which is also an important aspect of laws, should be flexible as the law enforcement agents should always take into account the specific circumstances, times and places.**

**In conclusion, I would argue that whether laws should be flexible depends on which aspects of the laws we are talking about. For the statutes enacted through legislation, flexibility is not usually affordable given the limited amount of time and effort available for the legislatures. But the interpretation and enforcement of laws should be flexible as the judges and the law enforcement agents should make decisions on a case-by-case basis.**

22.Claim: The best way to understand the character of a society is to examine the character of the men and women that the society chooses as its heroes or its role models.

Reason: Heroes and role models reveal a society's highest ideals.可以通过了解英雄了解社会3333333333

**I do not agree that heroes and role models always reflect the society’s highest ideals as many of the elite figures were selected by the government or big corporations to propagate a given set of values or ideals.**

**Some people may argue that the proposed approach is the best considering its cost-effectiveness. I would argue that in the age of big data, we can analyze the behaviors of ordinary people quantitatively at reasonable costs.**

**It is often the case that heroes and role models are chosen by the powerful elite in a society according to the mainstream ideology.**

**LeiFeng**

**Chairman Mao**

**serve the people and the party altruistically**

**In western nations, where the power of the government is limited, role models and heroes are often selected or constructed by sophisticated campaigns sponsored by big corporations.**

**celebrities in movie and TV industries**

**advertising as spokesmen**

**values promoted by big corporations**

**Some people may argue that, despite its limitation in validity, this proposed method is still superior to other approaches due to the relative ease of collecting data about the heroes and role models.**

**social media**

**big data**

**In conclusion, as I argue cogently above, the proposed approach is not the best way to understand the character of the society as the choice of role models is often heavily influenced by the powerful political or commercial forces. Rather, the more sensible approach is through the analysis of big data that is increasingly available through the social media.**

23.Governments should place few, if any, restrictions on scientific research and development.国家不应限制科学研究1111111111

**I believe that scientific research and development should not be subject to any restrictions from governments.**

**My first objection to government restriction is based on my skepticism of the power of governments in general and my belief in academic freedom.**

**the power will be abused by the government officials**

**the principle of academic freedom**

**Another reason why the government should not restrict scientific research is that research projects nowadays often have to go through lengthy processes of funding applications during which experts will evaluate the potential benefits and harms of the research.**

**Finally, it is important to recognize the importance of the ethical approval mechanisms that are in place to screen all research projects nowadays.**

**ethical approval mechanism**

**In conclusion, governments should not restrict research activities in any way because the power of the governments should be limited to the scope where government is necessary. In addition, scientific research and development have already been subject to close scrutiny in funding applications and ethical review through which potentially harmful or dangerous projects will not be approved or supported.**

24.The best way to teach is to praise positive actions and ignore negative ones.最好的教育是表扬1111111111

**I think this statement is true for teaching children who are emotionally sensitive and can learn more from encouragement and positive reinforcement. For students in high schools and colleges, it is important for them to recognise their weaknesses manifested in their mistakes. For employees in industries such as manufacturing, negative actions should be corrected immediately and punished to ensure the safety and quality.**

**For young children, offering positive feedback on desirable behaviors will lead to more of such behaviors. On the other hand, since they are not emotionally mature enough to receive criticism or punishment, it is reasonable to ignore their negative behaviors.**

**bedwetting**

**For older schoolchildren, while it is still important to praise good behaviors, handling negative actions more directly and firmly is also necessary.**

**math classroom**

**corrective feedback**

**In the context of employee training, more attention should be focused on fixing the negative behaviors rather than positive ones in order to maximize the training efficiency.**

**They will get awarded in the form of their salary and maybe bonus**

**In conclusion, there is no such thing as a universally applicable “best way of teaching”. Teachers and trainers have to decide when and how to provide feedback to students according to the ages of students and the learning contexts.**

26.The luxuries and conveniences of contemporary life prevent people from developing into truly strong and independent individuals.现代丰富的物质生活限制了人们的进步1111111111

**Whether people can remain strong and independent, physically and spiritually, while enjoying the luxurious and convenient goods or services depends on the attitudes we hold towards them. More specifically, it depends on whether we would allow the luxuries and conveniences to take over our lives. I would like to illustrate my point with the example of automobiles.**

**Automobiles can help us become strong and independent individuals as the technology significantly extend the physical space that we can reach in a small amount of time, thereby offering us a greater number of opportunities to explore the world and realize our potential.**

**a single mother of three children**

**On the other hand, the widespread use of automobiles also has the potential to deprive the modern people of the opportunities of regular physical exercises and becoming physically strong and independent.**

**sedentary lifestyle**

**obesity and high blood pressure**

**Finally, people from upper-middle classes often rely on luxuries to tell others they are rich, thereby confusing the extrinsic value of material goods from the intrinsic value of their own lives.**

**symbol of wealth**

**and power**

**In conclusion, as my extended example of automobiles suggests, luxuries and conveniences can help us become economically strong and independent if we use them to gain more opportunities for empowerment. On the other hand, they may prevent us from developing our physical strength and spiritual independence.**

27. In any field of inquiry, the beginner is more likely than the expert to make important contributions.初学者更容易做出贡献1111111111

**In any field of inquiry, the experts always have better chance than the beginners to make important contributions. This is because the experts have developed better skills and techniques, have more thorough knowledge of the field and have access to different resources necessary for making any contribution.**

**To begin with, the experts, by definition, are well-trained with the skills and techniques that are necessary for making contribution to a field.**

**computer science**

**building math models**

**In most academic disciplines, it is essential to review the literature before starting one’s own research projects.**

**Finally, compared to the beginners, the experts have more resources in their disposal. Experts usually get more funding from the governments or other foundations than beginners because the experts had a record of successful projects that can predict their future success of the next project.**

**In conclusion, thanks to their better skills and more thorough knowledge as well as more resources available to them, the experts are in a better position to make important contributions than beginners.**

1. The surest indicator of a great nation is represented not by the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists, but by the general welfare of its people.社会福利反应国力11111111111反（中东）古 今

**To address the issue raised in the statement, it is important to clarify what it means to be a great nation. I would consider a nation great if it has made positive impact to the development of the contemporary world. Also, a nation that had contributed a great deal in the history of mankind should also be counted as a historically great nation.**

**When the people have access to abundant material goods and quality education, they will enjoy a high standard of living. But it does not follow that the nation would necessarily play an important role in the international community.**

**rich natural resources**

**In modern society, great nations are often the nations where exceptional leaders in the fields of politics, art and science had achieved great works that can benefit not just their compatriots but the people all over the world.**

**theoretical physicists in the US**

**early development of the Internet**

**leading scientists**

**Nobel prizes**

**If we take a historical view, it is also clear that the achievements of the elites are the better indicator of whether a nation was great.**

**invention of paper**

**Chinese**

**If the greatness can be defined as a nation’s influence to the historical or contemporary development of the global society, then the achievements of the elites can be used as reliable indicators to determine the greatness of a nation. Meanwhile, the general welfare may not be a very useful indicator because certain factors that are not related to the greatness of nations could be crucial in determining the general welfare of people.**

30.Teachers' salaries should be based on their students' academic performance.学生成绩和老师工资挂钩2222222222

**I strongly disagree with this proposal as this policy will lead to serious wash back effects on teaching and prevent the students from developing in a well-rounded manner. In addition, the policy is not unfair to teachers who cannot control all the factors that influence students’ academic performance.**

**If the teachers receive their salaries based on their students’ scores in the exams, it is likely that teachers will focus primarily on preparing students for the high-stake exams.**

**Another problem with the proposed policy is that it forces teachers to promote academic excellence among students as the only goal for education.**

**extracurricular activities.**

**Some people may argue that this policy will create financial incentives for teachers to work harder to help students do well in school and tests.**

**income and education level of parents**

**In conclusion, I do not think students and teachers will benefit from a salary scheme primarily based on academic performance of students as the policy will produce negative wash back effects on teaching and learning and harm the overall, balanced development of students. It is also not clear that this policy will motivate teachers to work harder as there are many factors influencing academic performance are beyond the control of teachers.**

31. Society should make efforts to save endangered species only if the potential extinction of those species is the result of human activities.只有人类导致的物种灭亡才有挽救的必要555555555

**In my opinion, this proposed criterion cannot be practically used to decide on what species we should focus our preservation efforts. Therefore, we should use advanced genetic technology to build a gene bank for all endangered species and devote more resources to saving those species that carry practical or scientific value.**

**It is difficult to apply the proposed criterion for selectively saving endangered species in practice.**

**So broadly speaking extinction of any species is in one way or another related to human activities**

**Moreover, another reason against the proposed policy is that new technologies have made it possible for scientists to build a gene bank to preserve all the endangered species in a rather inexpensive way.**

**Finally, the proposed policy fails to take into account the potential value of the different species for humanity.**

**pharmaceutical value**

**In conclusion, it is unfortunate that human society has flourished in the expense of the livelihood of many other animal and plant species. Since the impact of human activities on the environment is profound and global, it is not feasible to distinguish species near extinction due to human activities from those near natural extinction. We may build a large and inclusive gene bank to preserve all endangered species. Meanwhile, efforts should be focused on those species with greater practical or scientific value rather than those species whose extinction were caused by human activities.**

109. Some people believe that scientific discoveries have given us a much better understanding of the world around us. Others believe that science has revealed to us that the world is infinitely more complex than we ever realised.科技使世界更复杂还是更简单4444444444

**The answers to these questions would depend on which groups of people we are talking about here. For the general public, science has provided solutions and resolved puzzles about the world we live in and enabled us to understand events in the world with confidence. For the scientific researchers, however, science is far less certain and settled, creating more complex puzzles than anyone can possibly solve completely.**

**There is no doubt that science has offered plausible explanations to many phenomena and events which used to confuse and intimidated people in the past.**

**germ theory**

**elativity theories**

**In addition to natural science, social sciences also brought the public many new knowledge about how the society worked.**

**Microeconomic theories**

**seatbelt laws**

**When it comes to the cutting-edge research areas, the well-established theories may not be very useful in explaining the empirical observations.**

**theoretical physicists**

**general relativity**

**macro level**

**quantum mechanics**

**But members of the scientific research community have a long way to go for developing a set of comprehensive theories that can settle most, if not all, puzzles in the world.**

49) Claim: We can usually learn much more from people whose views we share than from those whose views contradict our own.

Reason: Disagreement can cause stress and inhibit learning.冲突的观点产生进步3333333333

**Whether the claim and the reason hold true or not depends on the specific contexts of the discussion. When it comes to issues in science and research, talking with people from different POVs (points of view) can promote learning as we can more critically examine our methods and data with their input. It is also important to discuss political issues with people holding contrasting opinions as we may learn how other stakeholders think about the problems. Nevertheless, discussing religious matters with people from different backgrounds often leads to more disagreement, confrontation and embarrassment as people seldom change their religious beliefs that are at the core of their identities.**

**In the context of science and research, we can learn more from people holding different views as discussing with them forces us to examine more critically our own methods and data.**

**conference**

**answering questions**

**When it comes to political debate, holding a conversation with people from different backgrounds may also help us to learn how other stakeholders view the issues and reach consensus as a society.**

**gay and lesbian marriage**

**conservative**

**Nevertheless, such discussion should be avoided on more sensitive topics where people may become more emotionally charged.**

**atheist and a devout Christian**

**Bible**

**concrete evidence**

**In conclusion, I believe that people can learn more from communicating with people holding different viewpoints in various contexts so long as they can remain calm and reasonable throughout the conversations. Nevertheless, for certain sensitive topics, it is better to avoid such discussion which can often lead to stress and inhibit learning.**

146) The best test of an argument is the argument's ability to convince someone with an opposing viewpoint.说服别人是检验真理的最佳标准

**Whether or not the proposed test of an argument is the most useful depends on which aspects of the argument that the opponents challenge. As we know, an opponent may challenge the premise, the evidence and the reasoning process of an argument. I think an argument can be best tested through convincing the opponents who cast doubts on the evidence and the reasoning process. Nevertheless, if the opponents do not agree with the basic premise of an argument, it would be fruitless to try to convince them.**

**Let’s first consider the argument that gays and lesbians should have the right to get married. The argument may consist of the following premise, evidence and reasoning process. It may be first assumed that people with different sexual orientations should enjoy equal rights including rights of marriage so long as giving them such rights would not harm other people. Next, evidence about gay and lesbian couples getting married does not hurt anyone but may bring benefits to the society can then be presented. Finally, the conclusion that gay and lesbians couples should be allowed to marry can be reached by considering the evidence and the premise.**

**In conclusion, through examining some hypothetical scenarios about the argument for homosexual marriages, it is demonstrated that the proposed test for arguments can be very helpful when the opponents challenge the evidence and the reasoning process of the arguments but may be of limited value when the opponents simply reject the basic premises of the arguments.**

36.Governments should not fund any scientific research whose consequences are unclear.政府不该支持结果不明的科学研究1111111111

**Government funding is a major source of financial support that scientific researchers around the world rely on for doing their research projects. For projects that do not have clearly anticipated consequences, whether the governments should provide the funding depends on the specific nature of the research. For those projects that may lead to commercial applications or ethical crisis, the government should not spend taxpayers’ money on them. But for those theoretical research projects with no clear practical value, government support is essential.**

**The government should refrain from supporting the projects that may lead to commercially valuable technologies or findings. Such projects should be funded by the corporations which have better knowledge about the potential markets of the research results and can do better jobs to manage the risk.**

**driverless vehicles**

**Google**

**On the other hand, taxpayers’ money should not be spent on the research projects that may lead to ethically controversial results.**

**human cloning project**

**Nevertheless, for theoretically oriented research project whose consequences are difficult to predict, the government should provided financial support to ensure efforts and money are devoted to such projects.**

**pure mathematics**

**e-commerce**

**In conclusion, given the scarcity of government funding, the research projects that can attract support from the private sector or those that may be ethically problematic should not receive support from the government. Nevertheless, the government should be generous in supporting the theoretically important research projects whose consequences cannot be predicted.**

37.Society should identify those children who have special talents and provide training for them at an early age to develop their talents.天才应该被从小特殊培养11111111111

**Society should identify those children who have special talents and provide training for them at an early age to develop their talents in mathematics and science as well as artistic, but not in linguistics. In mathematics and science, society can identify those children who have special talents by competitions and should provide them with special training because the children may contribute to the fields greatly.In artistic, society can also identify the gifted children by artistic competitions or programs, and should provide them with special training because the child stars have social value.**

**For children with special talents in mathematics, it is often quite easy to identify and special training should be provided.**

**Likewise, for children with talents in science, special training and opportunities for doing research are essential for their growth.**

**Nevertheless, for children talented in sports, it is ethically problematic to identify and train them at an early age.**

**gymnastic and diving**

**ethical issues**

**In conclusion, I believe that this statement holds true for children with talents in math and science. As for children gifted in sports, identifying and training them at early stages are not always ethically acceptable or beneficial for their long-term development.**

38. It is primarily through our identification with social groups that we define ourselves.人们通过归属的社会团体来定义自己1111111111

**While I agree that we need to participate in different social communities in order to construct our identities, interacting with our parents, partners and children in private relationships is also an essential aspect of our identities.**

**One important identity marker is our nationality or citizenship.**

**national language**

**support the Constitution**

**democratic processes**

**At institutional level, we also define ourselves through getting involved in activities as part of different communities.**

**university students**

**take courses**

**assignments**

**researches**

**Nevertheless, our identities are more complex than our memberships of different social groups. We also define ourselves through intimate and private relationships with our family members**

**Overall speaking, it is reasonable to claim that we define ourselves primarily through participating in different communities or social groups while playing different roles following the prescribed rules. Nevertheless, we still have the opportunities to define ourselves through building satisfying relationships with our family members for whom we may enjoy the freedom to be whoever we want to be.**

90) Educators should take students' interests into account when planning the content of the courses they teach.因材施教1111111111

**Students’ interests in different topics and contents are an important issue that course planners need to consider. Whether this factor should be taken into account to determine the content of the courses depends on whether the course is a requirement for students pursuing their majors or an elective course designed to broaden students’ horizon.**

**The first reason why required courses often include materials students are not interested in is that such materials are essential for students’ current and future academic studies.**

**Calculus**

**In addition, the interests of students on a certain topic may change dramatically after some exposure to it.**

**On the other hand, when designing elective courses, students’ interests should be a decisive factor.**

**In conclusion, student’s interests should be taken into account when determining the content of elective courses that are offered to broaden students’ horizons. But for required courses that prepare students for more advanced training in a given field, the course contents should be designed based on students’ needs rather than interests. Nevertheless, students may develop their interests on certain topics after some exposure to the topics despite their initial lack of interests.**

41.The greatness of individuals can be decided only by those who live after them, not by their contemporaries.人的伟大只能被后人决定111111111

**Some people argue that it is difficult to assess the greatness of contemporary individuals due to the bias and near-sightedness that often cloud our judgment. In other words, greatness can only be determined from a historical perspective. I agree with this position as far as political leaders and writers are concerned. Nevertheless, in the fields of science and sports, greatness of scientists and athletes can be clearly recognized by their contemporaries.**

**long-term effects**

**Nixon**

**1972 visit to the Communist China in maintaining world peace in late 20th century**

**In the field of literature, despite the annual selection of outstanding authors for Nobel prize award, the greatness of authors can only be properly understood by people living after them.**

**contemporary critics cannot often review literary works without any ideological bias**

**While great political leaders and authors may be difficult to be recognized by their contemporaries, scientists and athletes can accomplish something that is truly extraordinary.**

**theory of relativity**

**Albert Einstein**

**nuclear energy**

**atomic bombs**

**Overall speaking, whether this statement is true or not depends on which fields we are talking about. In areas such as political leadership and literature, the test of time is probably the most accurate assessment for greatness of individuals. In fields such as science and sports, accomplishments of great figures can be easily determined by their contemporaries.**

42.Students should always question what they are taught instead of accepting it passively.学生应该有质疑精神1111111111

**Whether the statement holds true depends on the nature of what is being taught. When students are taught the facts and methods that have been generally accepted, they should not question them until they master the knowledge. They should, however, challenge the legitimacy of the values taught in schools in order to avoid being brainwashed.**

**facts presented in the classrooms should be accepted passively in order to study efficiently**

**numbers that are divisible by 3**

**methods taught to solve problems should not be questioned either**

**Riemann hypothesis**

**values and ideologies taught in schools should be questioned to avoid being brainwashed**

43.The increasingly rapid pace of life today causes more problems than it solves.快节奏生活导致了更多的问题111111111111111111

**I strongly agree that the increasing pace of life creates more problems than it solves in our technology-driven society. I will illustrate my position with examples about transportation, communication, and diet .**

**With the advent of private cars, people in modern society have live their lives in the fast track**

**car accidents, road rage, sendentary lifestyles**

**income gap; isolated from others on the road; inequality**

**With the advent of digital computers and the Internet, people can communicate more rapidly but the new technology often causes more problems.**

**security**

**Fast food is another consequence of the rapid pace of life**

**junk food**

**no time to spend with family**

45.Competition for high grades seriously limits the quality of learning at all levels of education.竞争阻碍了学习过程111111111

92) Educators should base their assessment of students' learning not on students' grasp of facts but on the ability to explain the ideas, trends, and concepts that those facts illustrate.教育应考察学生对事件的理解能力1111111111

**Teaching involves presenting facts and discussing the ideas, trends and concepts that may help students better understand the facts. Whether teachers should teach facts after discussing the explanations depends on the reasons why the facts have to be taught in the particular educational contexts as well as the learning abilities of the students . I’ll explain my position with some specific examples.**

**If the purpose of learning a fact is to use it as a tool to solve problems, there would be no need to talk about the ideas or concepts behind such fact.**

**Teachers should not talk about the concepts or ideas behind a fact if the students are not mature or well-prepared to understand the issues**

**Of course, in other contexts, students do need to learn the ideas and trends behind certain facts.**

**In conclusion, how facts and related issues should be taught and in what orders should be decided by the teachers based on the purpose of learning the fact, the students’ learning abilities and the nature of the problems or issues related to the facts.**

51.Young people should be encouraged to pursue long-term, realistic goals rather than seek immediate fame and recognition.年轻人应该追求长远理想而非一时虚名1111111111

**Whether young people should pursue long-term goals or seek immediate fame and recognition depends on the careers they plan to pursue. In the field of sports, young people should try to achieve success as soon as possible in order to get more resources to support their career development. In other fields such as academic research and politics, it takes more time to earn experience and build networks to reach long-term goals.**

**In the field of sports, young people should try to become famous as soon as possible because their careers will not last long and they need to be successful in order to succeed further.**

**Li Na**

**in the field of academic research, young people need to learn the basic knowledge and skills as undergraduates first and then pursue a PhD under the supervision of more senior researchers**

**in the field of politics, young people also need to meet more people and learn from more senior members of the community**

53. If a goal is worthy, then any means taken to attain it are justifiable.如果目标是对的就不应该被阻止1111111111

**I do not agree to the statement that a worthy goal can justify any means that is necessary to achieve it. If the means used is too costly, unjust in procedures or ethically problematic, the worthiness of the goal cannot be the ground for justifying the means. I’ll explain my position with some examples including the movie Save the Private Ryan, the latest Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage and the (in)famous Milgram experiment.**

54. In order to become well-rounded individuals, college students should be required to take courses in which they read poetry, novels, mythology, and other types of imaginative literature.读书1

**It is widely acknowledged that college education is not just about developing professional skills in specific disciplines; receiving college education also means to become well-rounded, which involves a genuine understanding of human nature and the world around us. For this reason, I believe that reading imaginative literature is necessary for all college students. In addition, only through course requirement can the students be given enough incentives to read the imaginative works systematically and provided the theoretical training for benefiting from reading the works.**

**To begin with, reading imaginative literature is critically important for college students to develop a well-rounded perspective on human beings and the world.**

**First of all, course requirement is necessary for providing the incentives for students to read the imaginative works. In the Age of Internet, many different entertainment activities are out there competing for students’ attention.**

**In addition, we should not overlook the importance of professors in guiding the students to understand the imaginative works.**

55.In order for any work of art—for example, a film, a novel, a poem, or a song—to have merit, it must be understandable to most people.艺术需要被理解才有意义11

**The merit of artistic work should not be judged based on its comprehensibility to the majority of the people because many valuable works of art may not be understandable to a large group of people due to intertextuality, cultural barriers and generation gap. Have knowledge、文化障碍、宗教、代沟**

**The first reason why many people could not appreciate meritable works of art is that the works often involves intertextuality which requires the audience to have knowledge of other works.**

**Another reason why valuable works of art may not be understandable to many people is the cultural barrier that prevents the readers from other cultures to appreciate certain works**

**the stories of the Kung Fu masters are also driven by Chinese themes such as defending the homeland against foreigners and the being loyal to the monarch generation gap**

56.Many important discoveries or creations are accidental: it is usually while seeking the answer to one question that we come across the answer to another.许多发现都是意外

**While it is true that some important discoveries or creation were not anticipated by the explorers or researchers in advance, in most cases, knowledge and new products are constructed in a systematic way through which accidents are anomalous.**

**Some dramatic events in the history of mankind created the illusion that many discoveries or creation were accidental when in fact such serendipity is rather unusual.**

**New World by Columbus**

**the reason why most discoveries or creations in science are not accidental**

**sponsorship**

**proposals**

**the reason why researchers and designers in engineering seldom discover or make anything by accident**

1. The main benefit of the study of history is to dispel the illusion that people living now are significantly different from people who lived in earlier times.学习历史的意义

**I do not agree to this statement about how we can benefit from studying history because people nowadays are indeed very different from those in earlier times in terms of physiology and belief system. In addition, the educational value of studying history should not be ignored.**

58.Learning is primarily a matter of personal discipline; students cannot be motivated by school or college alone.学习是自己的事不能被学校激励

**For primary school students, learning is a matter of personal interest as the young students have not yet developed personal discipline**

**For secondary school students, learning is indeed a matter of personal discipline but schools should help the students to improve their personal discipline through motivation**

**For college students, college should respect students’ personal choice over how much effort they want to make for learning**

59.Scientists and other researchers should focus their research on areas that are likely to benefit the greatest number of people.科学家应该研究惠及大众的研究11

**Scientists and researchers are a small group of elites with the best education and the abundant resources available to support their projects. Some people argue that with such privileges come great responsibilities in that scientists and researchers should focus their efforts on research projects that may bring the benefits to as many people as possible. I think this argument is reasonable for researchers in engineering. But when it comes to researchers in natural sciences and social sciences, such a utilitarian approach violates the basic principles of researches in these fields. Researcher engineer、natural scientist、local level**

**To begin with, researchers in engineering should work on projects that may improve the productivity of workers in different fields and ultimately benefit workers and consumers in a large scale.**

**Nevertheless, it is unrealistic to expect natural scientists to choose their research projects based on whether their research outcomes can help a great many people.**

**Social scientists concerned with practical problems at local level should not burden themselves with the impossible job of helping people around the world.**

60.Politicians should pursue common ground and reasonable consensus rather than elusive ideals.政治家应该关注切实可行的问题而非不切实际

**Any politicians who care about the interest of the people they serve should try to pursue the goals that are shared by the majority of the society rather than ideals that are hard to realize. I will illustrate my position with the stories of three political figures: Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping and Barack Obama.**

**Barack Obama**

**Patient Protection Affordable Care Act**

61.People should undertake risky action only after they have carefully considered its consequences.只有在考虑清楚后果后人才能做危险的事

**the importance of safe sex**

**financial management and investment**

62. Leaders are created by the demands that are placed on them.领导人因为有需要才产生1111111

**Are leaders created by demands placed on them? In most institutional settings, leaders are not created by the demands because a person can become a leader before meeting any demands if s/he masters strong communication skills, holds suitable qualifications and has extensive experiences. Nevertheless, in certain exceptional circumstances, usually in emergencies, ordinary people may become leaders in response to the demands.**

64.The human mind will always be superior to machines because machines are only tools of human minds.人比机器好11111 alpha

**I believe that human mind will always be superior to machines because of our abilities of making value judgment, processing information emotionally and creating new ideas.**

65.Every individual in a society has a responsibility to obey just laws and to disobey and resist unjust laws.遵守好法律违背坏法律2222222

**The rule of law is an important pillar of modern society. It is argued that while people should always obey just laws, laws that are perceived as unjust should be disobeyed and resisted. While I agree that just laws should always be followed to maintain social order, even the laws that are controversial should also be respected to avoid any conflicts between civilians and the government. As to the concern over the harm of unjust laws, people should try to reform them within the legal framework.**

Let’s first consider why everyone should be responsible for obeying just laws. Take the simple examples of the traffic law about driving under the influence of alcohol. In most countries, it is illegal to drive if one is drunk. Few people would challenge the justice behind this law. When a driver is drunk, s/he would not be able to operate a vehicle safely and driving would threaten the safety of the driver, the passengers and others sharing the road. To protect the interests of everyone involved, the laws prohibit such behaviors and punish those breaking the laws. For just laws like this, everyone should obey them and there is no doubt about it.

Consider next the laws that some people may consider as unjust. For example, prior to the recent landmark decision on gay and lesbian marriage by the US Supreme Court, in some states, the laws do not recognize the homosexual couples’ rights to get married. Some people may believe that these laws are unjust as no one should be denied to right to marry because of their sexual orientation. But that does not follow that people who believe in homosexual marriage should have the responsibility to openly challenge the state laws against the practice. If they demonstrate outside the marriage registration office violently or demand for rights to marry using forces, for example, they will most likely be arrested by the police. In other words, disobeying and resisting the so-called unjust laws will lead to conflict between the civilians and the government, which will not help solve the problems.

Some people may challenge my position by asking about what to do with the injustice of certain laws such as the laws denying rights to marry for homosexual couples. It turns out that there are at least two ways to challenge a law within the legal framework. First, the people unhappy with certain laws can always campaign for abolishing the laws through new legislation. The members of the legislature are elected by the people and should respect the opinions of their constituencies when making decisions regarding different laws. Second, the laws can also be challenged in the federal courts and may be stroke down for being unconstitutional. Therefore, people can always try to reform the laws that are not just without disobeying or resisting them illegally.

In conclusion, given the importance of the rule of law to the social order, everyone should have the responsibility to obey all the laws whether or not they are considered as just or unjust. As for the laws that the majority of the society believe are unjust, there are ways within the legal system through which the problems can be solved peacefully.

66.People who are the most deeply committed to an idea or policy are also the most critical of it.最有争议的是最好的111

**whether people are critical of the ideas or policy they hold depends on the nature and domains of the ideas and policy. In the field of science and technology, scientists and engineers are often critical of the theories and designs they are committed to in order to make further progress. In the field of religion, the belief in supernatural being is based on faith rather than reasoning; as a result, criticality is not part of the equation.**

73.Colleges and universities should require all faculty to spend time working outside the academic world in professions relevant to the courses they teach.大学教授离开大学工作一段时间111

**t seems to me that to require all faculty members in colleges and universities to take non-academic jobs off campus is a very bad policy for three reasons. First, many faculty members may not find suitable jobs outside the universities. In addition, such policy may increase the attrition rates of faculty members in certain fields. Finally, the policy is not necessary for certain fields where close contact with the professional world is essential.**

74.Knowing about the past cannot help people to make important decisions today.了解过去对现在没有帮助111

**I strongly disagree with the statement that information about the past cannot help people make decisions today. In fact, we rely on information about past to make decisions all the time in different fields such as graduate school admission, bank loan application and employment.**

**TS1 In graduate school admission, GPA and past research experiences are the two most important factors because such information about the applicants' past can help admission officers to predict the applicants' future success.**

**TS2 When banks evaluate the application for loans, the bank officers will examine the credit history of the individuals to make decisions**

**TS3 The choosing job candidates for certain positions, the employers will check and see if the candidates have criminal records suggesting that they had committed crimes in the past.**

**Some people may argue that predictions based on the past may not be accurate. I agree that this is the case. This is why other information such as GRE scores and personal statements are used to supplement the GPA and research experiences as part of application.**

77.The most effective way to understand contemporary culture is to analyze the trends of its youth.年轻人是当今文化风向标111

**I strongly agree that analyzing the trends of the youth is the most effective way to understand the contemporary society for two reasons. First, the behaviors of the youth often reflect the values of not just themselves but that of their parents and teachers. Second, it is fairly straight-forward to analyze their behaviors through data from the social media and the credit card transaction.**

80. Nations should suspend government funding for the arts when significant numbers of their citizens are hungry or unemployed.没有温饱不该艺术111

**The argument that funding for arts is not justifiable given the problems of hunger and unemployment is not reasonable when we consider the contribution of the funding to job creation, the little difference the funding could make to solve the problems and the long-term social benefits of arts.**

**o begin with, the government funding for the arts can help create jobs that may alleviate the problems of unemployment and hunger.**

**In addition, this recommendation is not helpful when the problems of unemployment and hunger are so severe and widespread that the amount of funding for arts is insignificant, if not trivial, relative to the efforts required to address the problems.**

**Finally, we should not overlook the long-term, unobtrusive benefits of arts for solving social problems such as unemployment and hunger.**

81.All parents should be required to volunteer time to their children's schools.家长应该去孩子学校做志愿工作

**: I strongly agree that all parents should spend some time volunteering for their children’s schools because doing so may help the parents to participate in the school affairs and better understand their children’s academic and personal development. While parents may not have time to come to the schools in person, they might volunteer their time through online teleworking.**

82.Colleges and universities should require their students to spend at least one semester studying in a foreign country.学生至少在国外待一年111

**There are two reasons why I believe that the requirement of studying abroad for one semester is important for the development of students. First, it is particularly helpful for students to sharpen their foreign language skills that can benefit their future careers. In addition, the experiences of studying in a foreign country can help the students better understand their own country and culture through intercultural communication. As for the concern about the cost of studying abroad, exchange programs and scholarships should be offered to make the opportunities of studying abroad more affordable.**

87.Claim: Any piece of information referred to as a fact should be mistrusted, since it may well be proven false in the future.

Reason: Much of the information that people assume is factual actually turns out to be inaccurate.所有信息都会被后代否定111

**In engineering fields, information should be trusted as long as it can be applied into practice.In science fields, information now should also be trusted because it can be used to explain many phenomena. In social science, however, any piece of information referred to as a fact should be mistrusted and more proof is needed because the information may be biased.**

**ts 1: Facts that have been proved logically should not be mistrusted.**

**infinite prime number**

**ts 2: Facts found in science may be proved wrong later but the facts should be trusted so long as they are still useful in certain domain.**

**Newtonian physics**

**Einstein’s theory of relativity**

**ts 3: Information presented as facts in politics should be mistrusted for two reasons.**

89.Claim: Many problems of modern society cannot be solved by laws and the legal system.

Reason: Laws cannot change what is in people's hearts or minds.法律不改变人的想法，法律是无效的1111

**According to the prompt, laws and the legal system cannot solve many social problems in today’s world because it is impossible for the system to change how people feel or think. While we need to acknowledge the usefulness and importance of the legal system in solving a great many problems for individual members of the society on a daily basis, it is true that the current legal system is less effective when it comes to solving social problems at large scale. Nevertheless, as I will illustrate with my examples, the inefficiency of laws mainly results from the complexity of the social problems rather than the reason stated in the prompt.**

**traffic laws**

**On the other hand, we have to admit that laws are far from effective in addressing a number of widespread social problems in out (our) world today.**

**widening income gap**

**tax money**

**compulsory education**

**Based on my analysis of the laws that may help us as individuals but may not solve social problems, it is clear that laws may create incentives or disincentives to change people’s behaviors and solve problems at individual level. Nevertheless, for more complicated social problems such as poverty, laws may be less useful because there are too many factors involved in the problems and the laws intended to solve one problem may lead to another even more severe one.**

91.The primary goal of technological advancement should be to increase people's efficiency so that they have more leisure time.科技的目的是提高效率多玩耍111111

**I agree that the primary goal of technological advancement should be to increase people’s efficiency in a variety of activities. But whether or not people will have and enjoy more leisure time depends on the roles different people play in the society and the goals they have in their life.**

**When developing technologies used by students and researchers in higher education, the goal should be to help them work on their academic studies and research projects more efficiently.**

**Google Scholar**

**increasing competition**

**Likewise, the primary concern of advancing technologies for white-collar workers and business managers should also be efficiency, especially when it comes to team work.**

**work from home**

**The only group of people that actually can enjoy more leisure time as a result of technological innovation is the retired elderly people.**

**shopping online**

**Smart refrigerators**

**mobile technologies**

**In conclusion, it is reasonable to argue that the main goal of technological development is to increase people’s efficiency in doing different things and save our precious time. But for most people who have to work and make a living, they would not be able to enjoy more leisure time but often find themselves working long hours to keep up with the pace of modern life. Yet, for the retired elderly, to live in today’s world full of technological innovation is a true blessing as they can enjoy a great amount of leisure time.**

93.Unfortunately, in contemporary society, creating an appealing image has become more important than the reality or truth behind that image.好看的外表比内在重要111

**TS: This statement does not hold true when image is part of the reality or image can accurately reflect the reality. it may be true when image masks the reality or the truth.**

**ts1: it is impossible to compare the importance of image and the reality when the image is an integral part of the reality.**

**luxury cars**

**ts2: efforts made to create an image is also legitimate when the image can be used to tell the reality or the truth accurately**

**job interview**

**ts3: Government officials may do certain things to impress the public and divert public attention to the larger issues**

101.Although innovations such as video, computers, and the Internet seem to offer schools improved methods for instructing students, these technologies all too often distract from real learning.远程教育不可行111

**Innovations inevitably changed the ways students learn in schools and teachers present their materials. Whether or not such innovations may distract students from real learning depends on the specific technology and how they are used for learning.**

103.The best ideas arise from a passionate interest in commonplace things.最好的点子都是从寻常事物中发现的1111111111

**TS: Best ideas in math and technology are usually unrelated to commonplace things as the ideas often involve theoretical concepts that are not accessible to people without specialized training. The statement may be valid for certain social sciences such as economics.**

**ts1: in math, good ideas often arise from collaboration among well-trained mathematicians**

**ts 2: in technology, good ideas often come from hybridization of different existing technologies that are not necessarily commonplace**

**smartphone and touchscreen**

**ts 3: in social science, strong interest in how commonplace things affect human behaviors may lead to insightful ideas**

**seatbelt laws**

**reduction of risk leads to more reckless driving and more pedestrians injuries**

104.To be an effective leader, a public official must maintain the highest ethical and moral standards.政治家必须有道德Clinton、stalin hitler（immoral）Gandi Martin Luther King

126) In most professions and academic fields, imagination is more important than knowledge.想象力比知识更重要22222222

**TS: Both imagination and experience are important ingredients for success in different undertakings or projects. I believe that imagination is more valuable at the early stages of the projects when the novelty of the ideas is crucial. At later stages, however, the implementation of the ideas and the management of the projects would require the team members to have experience in different areas. I would illustrate my point with the stories of Google, Wikipedia and Alibaba.**

**ts1: imagination is more important and valuable for a company or an organization at the early stage of its development**

**Google’s iranking web pages based on the number of back links**

**Taobao’s middleman for online transaction**

**Wikipedia’s everyone to edit an online encyclopedia**

**ts2: as the projects grew big, the experience of effective management becomes more valuable**

**- financial management**

**- human resources management**

**- operation management**

110) Critical judgment of work in any given field has little value unless it comes from someone who is an expert in that field.只有专家的批评才有意义22222222

**TS: In some fields such as pure mathematics, only experts in the field could offer valuable critical comments on the works; in other fields such as cosmology, experts from other fields, for example, mathematics and computer scientists may also offer some interesting insights; in more practical fields such as industrial design and movie production, the general public as end users may also contribute to the judgment.**

**ts1: in certain fields where outsiders can hardly understand the materials, this statement probably holds true.**

**pure mathematics**

**ts2: in some fields experts from related fields may judge the works with regard to the methodology.**

**cosmology**

**mathematical modeling and high-performance computing**

**ts 3: the general public without any specialized training may also judge work in certain fields such as industrial design and movie**

**Hollywood movie studios**

**workshops for layperson**

119.When old buildings stand on ground that modern planners feel could be better used for modern purposes, modern development should be given precedence over the preservation of historic buildings.现代和古代建筑

**TS: I strongly disagree that historic buildings should be sacrificed for the sake of modern development. In fact, preservation of historic buildings is important for education and tourism of the cities. For the purpose of modern development, the urban planners should try to build satellite cities around the old cities to balance the need for preserving historic buildings and the demand of space for economic development.**

**ts1: preservation of historic buildings can create educational value for young people, researchers and the city residents**

**ts2: well-preserved historic buildings can also boost the tourism of the city as well as the nation**

**ts3: some people may argue that the city needs more space and land for economic development**

128) Some people argue that successful leaders in government, industry, or other fields must be highly competitive. Other people claim that in order to be successful, a leader must be willing and able to cooperate with others.领导人是竞争者还是合作者4444

**TS: I agree with the statement that future leaders need to appreciate the importance of cooperation for the success of governments and corporations. In fact, cooperation is essential within an organization and among different organizations. While competition is also important for leaders, most young people learn enough about it as they grow up.**

**ts1: Future leaders have to understand the importance of cooperation within an organization in which people with different expertise can work together productively.**

**design a work**

**ts2: It is also important for young people to learn what an organization needs to cooperate with other stakeholders in the society.**

**Google who failed to cooperate with Chinese government**

**ts3: While there is no doubt that competition is also essential for any organization, most young people learn how to compete through formal schooling.**

132.Some people believe that our ever-increasing use of technology significantly reduces our opportunities for human interaction. Other people believe that technology provides us with new and better ways to communicate and connect with one another.科技与人与人之间的交流4444444444

**TS: The use of technology enables us to interact with a great number of people by exchanging thoughts and ideas more efficiently and creatively; some people may point out that the use of technology takes away the time that should have been spent with family members and friends, an issue that I would address later in this essay.**

**ts1: the new technology has enabled people to communicate with one another more efficiently**

**ts2: the use of technology also makes it possible for people to interact more creatively**

**Wikipedia**

**ts3: some people are concerned that people spent less time with their families and friends**

141.It is more harmful to compromise one's own beliefs than to adhere to them.对信念妥协比坚守信念更危险

**TS: Whether the statement holds true depends on the fields in which the belief is challenged. For religious people, it is more desirable to adhere to their beliefs in order to remain spiritually healthy. For scientists and politicians, however, it makes more sense to compromise one’s beliefs that are challenged by empirical data or political reality.**

**ts1: Religious people should stay faithful to their beliefs in God or other doctrines which form the essence of their spiritual identities.**

**ts 2: scientists should test their beliefs against the empirical evidence**

**ts3: politicians may also change their beliefs in face of political reality**

**gay and lesbian marriages**

143.No field of study can advance significantly unless it incorporates knowledge and experience from outside that field.只有交叉学科才能真正进步11

**In modern society, academic scholars constantly learn from researchers outside their fields to make new progress in their own fields. I would like to illustrate the importance of incorporating knowledge and experience from outside the fields in terms of methodological tools, theoretical perspectives and new practices of research.**

**It is well known that many disciplines rely on some more fundamental fields for methodological tools.**

**mathematical models**

**Scholars in applied social sciences also need theoretical insights and inspiration from more basic social sciences.**

**Finally, researchers may borrow new ideas and experience in research practices from outside their fields.**

**In conclusion, I agree that, in today’s academic world, incorporating knowledge and experience from outside the field of study is necessary for the further development of all different fields as researchers need methodological tools, theoretical insights and new ideas about research practices.**

144.True success can be measured primarily in terms of the goals one sets for oneself.成功即达成自己的目标1111111111

**While I agree that one can measure his or her success based on his or her goals, the validity of such measurement depends on whether the goals are consistent with the values of the society, the means used to achieve the goals is ethical and the price of the “success” is reasonable. In other words, success that is anti-social, unethical or too costly is not true success.**

**People can set virtually any goals for themselves; but only those that are beneficial for the society are considered worthy and accomplishments of such are true success.**

**September 11 attacks**

**In addition to the value of the goals, the means used to achieve the goals is also a relevant issue.**

**cheat**

**Finally, we have to consider the cost of the “success” when measuring it.**

**successful careers**

**work long hours and sacrifice the time**

**As I explain clearly above, we cannot measure success accurately based on our goals alone. We also need to think about the social value of the goals, the means we use to achieve the goals and the price we have to pay. Without taking multiple perspectives on success, our judgment will be narrow and unreliable.**