

Question Types

Five Kinds



- Value Judgement



- Facts/Phenomenon



- Comparison



- Absolutism



- Complexity

Value Judgement

- Some people believe that university students **should** be required to attend classes. Others believe that going to classes should be optional for students. Which point of view do you agree with?
- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People **should** sometimes do things that they do not enjoy doing.
- Some people think governments **should** spend as much money as possible exploring outer space (for example, traveling to the Moon and other planets). Other people disagree and think governments **should** spend this money for our basic needs on Earth. Which of these two opinions do you agree with?
- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People **should** read only those books that are about real events, real people, and established facts.

Value Judgment

- 该不该，对不对，好不好？
- Should&should not
- 权衡分析利弊

Exercises

- 例1:
 - Widen/broaden our **perspectives/horizons**
 - Enhance abilities/acquire a variety of skills
 - Better job opportunities
- 例2:
 - Reducing living expenses for urban **commuters** (bus **fares**, costs for fuel, parking costs, insurance, and costs for **maintenance** and repair, etc.)
 - **Eco-friendly** (noise, car **exhausts**)
 - Ease traffic pressure/**congestion**

Exercises

- 例2:
- The current transport system could be **overloaded.**/The **efficacy** of the system: crowding
- Car industry: go out of business/bankrupt
- Public health
- 例3:
- Acquire **an array of** abilities and skills→helpful for **building up a decent** resume
- Discover one's interest
- Accumulate work experience and therefore **lay a foundation for** a better job

Exercise 5

- **For children:** learn how the world and society are like by watching movies & TV programs, 所以电影电视要有足够深刻的剧情（plot）及内容以起教育警示(educate, inspire, and warn)意义。
- **For other audience:** not impressive, get bored if they can guess the end just after watching the start
- **For movie producers:** box office can be improved

Facts

- 过去50年已发生巨变，祖父母的建议已没有用。
- 现今越来越多的学生选择出国留学。
- Some famous athletes and entertainers earn millions of dollars every year. Do you think these people deserve such high salaries?

Facts

- 只摆事实，无明显标志词
- 解释原因&拆分举例

Facts—Example 1

- More and more **students** are choosing to study abroad after graduating.
- 1. 今昔对比：现今经济状况变好，有条件支持孩子出国 vs. 过去，父母很大程度上无法支持（financial support），只有获奖学金者才有机会出国
- 2. 国家**实行愈加开放的对外政策**，使国人越来越多地了解到本国教育与西方发达国家教育上的差距，认同其**教育理念**。
- **Implement increasingly** open foreign policies, realize how education in China has **lagged behind** other Western countries, education **philosophy**

Facts—Example 2

- Playing **sports** teaches people lessons about life.
- Teamwork/cooperation/collaboration
- Deal with success and failure—positive and optimistic attitude
- Hard work
- **Discipline**
- Sacrifice/sense of responsibility
- Setting and **striving for** goals

Facts—Example 3

- Advertisements make the products seem better than they really are.
- Celebrity
- Repetition
- Different environment(lighting, etc.)
- Special effects(exaggeration)

Comparison

- It is **better** for colleagues or classmates to communicate in person **than** through emails in order to do a project.
- It is **more important** for students to study history and literature **than** it is for them to study science and mathematics.
- Agree or disagree: A job with more vacation but a low salary is **better than** a job with a high salary but less vacation.

Comparison

- 比较级，than
- 一边倒，两方面都提及

Comparison—Example 1

- It's more important to study abroad than to study **domestically** after they graduate.
- **Broaden** our perspectives (local culture, enrich life experience, meet people from **diversified** cultural backgrounds, etc.)
- Shape one's **personality**
- **Enlarge social network** by making friends from all over the world
- Experience how different and **advanced** the education in other countries is.
- **Acquire a variety of** abilities/skills

Comparison—Example 2

- Government should spend more money on improving public transportation than on Internet **access**.
- 公共交通: save resources, save land (parking space), environmental protection, **elevate the image** of the city/country
- Internet: keep track of the most **up-to-date** info domestically and internationally, relaxation, entertainment, **facilitate** one's life, research/work

Comparison—Example 3

- Low salary+more vacation vs. high salary+less vacation
- Low salary: save & manage & invest: **accumulate** to a large **sum of** money
- More vacation: relaxation, spend more time with family→**create a stronger family bond**, as family is the basic **component** of a country; enjoy nice and slow life style
- Less vacation: **jeopardize** both physical and mental health, **tension**, **strenuous**, cannot **afford the time** to spend money and enjoy lives

Comparison—Example 4

- People rely on their neighbors less now than they did in the past.
- 让步：有时确实需要邻居帮助：A distant relative is not as helpful as a near neighbor.
- Ask for help: various tech tools such as the Internet or solve issues by oneself
- People tend to live more **hectic, tenser**, and independent lives today than in the past. They **barely** afford the time to rely on others. As a result, they start to **estrangle themselves from** their neighbors.
- 今昔对比：受西方影响，我们变得更看重隐私。

Exercise 1

- 让步：在过去,河流及空气污染远不像现在这般严重，自然无污染的环境使食品安全得到保证。
- The river and air pollution in the past was far less serious than it is at present, which means that the natural and pollution-free environment could assure food safety.
- 过去：食物种类少，以各类植物土豆等为主，故而营养不全面 现在：种类多（edible）
- 现在：随着餐饮业的发展，人们越来越多地投入到研究开发菜品(food items)的过程中，新的烹饪方法也在随着globalization不断涌现(emerge, surge forward)。

Exercise 1

- 过去环境无污染，保障食品安全
- 过去无转基因食品(GM food)
- 过去农作物中(crops)农药及化学物质较少(pesticides)

Exercise 2

- Relaxation: 平日学习生活繁忙，需要通过运动或娱乐放松自己，when going back to study or work, one can become more productive and efficient.
- 交友
- Promote health
- 改变性格(personality)

Absolutism

- In order for business to be successful, one **must** put more money in advertising.
- People **must** have strict rules to help their children to be successful.
- The **best** way to reduce air pollution is for the government to raise the cost of the fuel.
- The **most important** investment for a big company is to improve the efficiency and proficiency of its employees.
- **Only** movies that can teach people something about real life are worth watching.
- **All** students need to take part in social activities.

Absolutism

- 绝对化，非黑即白
- All, every, no, no longer, never, have nothing to do with, impossible, only, 最高级
- 举（反）例，讲道理

Absolutism—e.g.1

- Studying abroad after graduation is the best choice for students.
- 让步：出国留学好处
- 工作（了解社会，扩大交际圈，锻炼习得各种技能，了解自己真正的兴趣）
- 旅游（扩大视野，锻炼生活技能，增进友谊，增进家庭关系等）

Absolutism—e.g.2

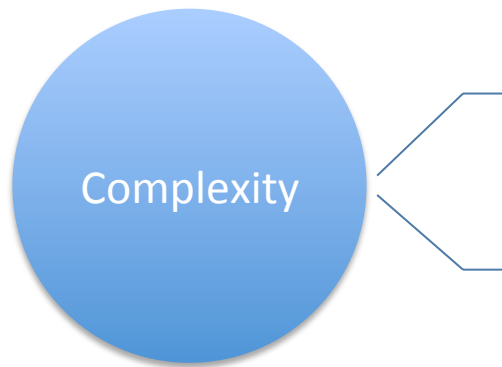
- Increasing teacher's salary is the best way to improve the education.
- 让步：提高教师工资的好处(attract the top and the elite, get fully motivated)
- Make fundamental changes to the curriculum/education system
- Improve the teacher training system

Absolutism—e.g.3

- Only movies that can teach people something about real life are **worth watching**.
- 让步：有的电影确实引人深思(**thought-provoking**), 值得一看
- Entertaining movies: relaxation/loosen up, good mood, positive energy
- What is the definition of “worth watching”?

Exercise 4

- 基础经济学有助于让学生了解经济学的相关概念，提供看待世界的深刻视角 (provide a more profound perspective of seeing the world)
- Comprehensive course, 对数学、统计等学科均有帮助
- Pave the road for discovering what they are really interested in
- Learn about the importance of money
- 如学生自己不感兴趣，则不应被强迫。
- 增加课业负担



因果

- 表原因结果词: **because**, because of, due to, thanks to, since, as, for, so, therefore, thus...
- E.g. Students should study abroad after they graduate **because** they could receive better education.
- 原因正确性
- 主句

因果—e.g.1

- Students should study abroad after they graduate because they could receive better education.
- Education from the university: more courses to choose from(liberal arts/general education; courses about one's major; interdisciplinary courses)
- 理念：师生平等
- Abilities: independence, adaptation
- **Workshops**: library, how to be a good leader, time management, citation format, interview practice, resume revision...
- Clubs and organization: 数量种类多
- 其他：如体验异国文化、开拓视野, critical thinking等

因果—e.g. 2

- It's not a good idea to move to a new place because of the loss of old friends.
- 让步：搬去新地方可能会失去老朋友，因为地域相隔较远，但很多时候仍能维持友谊。
- We can still keep in touch with old friends even if we're far away from them.(video chat tools, Internet, high-speed train, etc.)
- At the same time, we can always meet new people and make friends with them:通过工作及参加各种活动，扩展社交网络

非因果

- 条件状语从句 (if, suppose, assuming)
- 分析主句正确性全面性
- 表目的词(to do, in order to, for the purpose of)
- 分析主句
- 表转折/让步词 (though, although, but, however, nevertheless, though, etc.)
- 分析转折词后的内容

非因果—e.g.1

- For the purpose of achieving more **advanced knowledge**, students should study abroad after they graduate.
- Categorization of knowledge: both general and specialized knowledge, flexible, various
- Language: 提高英语水平
- Knowledge from experience: 培养各种能力（独立性，adaptation to environment, dealing with difficulties, 对于各种事件的处理能力等）

非因果—e.g. 2

- If parents want their children to perform well at school, they should limit their children's time on watching television.
- 让步：确实有些电视节目对于孩子的学习及成长有利
- 上瘾，花很多时间看电视，学习成绩会受到影响。
- Physical and mental health: 看电视意味着锻炼时间减少，血腥（**bloody**）暴力(violent) 剧情（**plot**）：孩子不成熟(immature)，极可能模仿(imitate)
- 父母应鼓励孩子合理安排时间进行学习、社交、体育锻炼
- (Radiation, 对视力有害： **jeopardize** one's eyesight)

Exercise 7

- 给别人讲解习题对我来说也是复习的过程。
- 我的梦想是将来做一名老师，所以朋友向我寻求帮助能够帮我锻炼teaching ability and accumulate experience.
- Enhance/strengthen/deepen/develop friendship with him/her

Exercise 3

- 人类只是关心，但采取的措施很少，这些措施不足以改善这些问题。
- incessant consumption of limited natural resources
- emission of harmful gas from factories
- Increasing number of vehicles on the road
- Burning coals

Exercise 3

- 控制人口增长
- Limiting the number of vehicles on roads: car exhausts
- Shutting down factories emitting harmful gas
- Carrying out policies to forbid burning of coals
- Planting trees
- 科技手段
- 因政府宣传(publicize), 民众意识(awareness)增强
- UN气候变化大会 (UN Climate Change Conference)
- 提出国际合作, 共同应对(make collective effort)