Television



TV news 电视新闻

1. You can make yourself updated with latest news for 24 hours with news channels.

你能通过电视新闻频道可以让自己了解24小时的最新信息。

2. One can get a better understanding of the international and domestic situation and keep pace with the times.

人们可以了解国际国内形势，从而跟上时代的步伐。



Discovery 探索频道

1. Discovery Channel extremely broadens one’s horizon.

探索频道极大地拓宽了人们的视野。

2. It initially provided documentary television programming focused primarily on popular science, technology and history, but in recent years has expanded into reality television and pseudo-scientific entertainment.

探索频道早期提供一些关于科技和历史的纪录片，但是近些年来，发展到真人秀以及伪科学娱乐节目。



Entertainment program 娱乐节目

1. TV entertainment program is the symbol of the prosperity of mass culture.

电视娱乐节目是大众文化繁荣的象征。

2. This type of entertainment program is intensely popular, especially among young adults and has produced profound impacts on their studies and life.

这类节目大受欢迎，尤其深受年轻人的喜爱并对他们的学习和生活产生了深远的影响。



Soap opera 肥皂剧

1. Soap opera gives one a topic of funny conversation after dinner.

肥皂剧给人一个茶余饭后的有趣谈资。

2. It provides an easy way to bring families together.

它提供了让家人聚在一起的好机会。



Adult program 成人电视节目

1. Adult programs damage youngsters’ mental health.

成人电视节目损害青少年的心理健康。

2. US sports fans in Arizona got a surprise when their TV coverage of American football’s Super Bowl was interrupted by a pornographic film.

当美国亚利桑那州的体育迷们看到在美式足球超级碗的电视转播中插入了一段色情电影时，他们着实大吃一惊。



Entertainment news 娱乐新闻；city news 社会新闻

1. Negative social news will distort youngsters’ values and philosophy.

负面的社会新闻会扭曲年轻人的价值观和世界观。

2. Some old people pretend to fall down and wait to blackmail; some young girls trade sex for tangible benefit; “despise the poor and curry favor with the rich” has been touted by some as life motto.

老人假装摔倒等着讹诈；年轻女孩为了物质进行性交易；嫌贫爱富已经为一些人奉为人生至理。

Accumulation

1. Don’t throw away the apple because of the core.

不要因噎废食。

2. The well-fed don’t know how the starving suffer.

饱汉不知饿汉饥。

3. One who is in comfortable circumstances doesn’t know the bitterness of misfortune.

饱汉不知饿汉饥。

4. Knives should not be blamed for killing. Man does.

杀人的不是刀，而是人。

5. It enriches one’s mind and spiritual world.

它丰富人的思想与精神世界。

6. It is common to distinguish between personal and social ethics.

个人道德准则和社会道德准则常常不一致。

7. Currently, the news media is filled with pornographic and violent affairs to cater to public taste.

如今，新闻媒体充斥着色情暴力事件为了迎合大众口味。

8. Wise see wisdom.

仁者见仁，智者见智。

TOEFL TEST INDEPENDENT TASKS

Task One

***1. Your university is planning to allow students to watch TV in theirs dormitories. What is your opinion and why?***

***What are the advantages and disadvantages of watching TV in dormitories? Include reasons and examples to support your response.-195***

**Sample Answer:**

Watching TV in dormitories has both advantages and disadvantages.

To begin with advantages, after a hard day’s study, watching TV provides students with a good chance to relax. And plus, some TV programs are very educational like Discovery Channel. It focuses primarily on popular science, technology and history.

And as far as the disadvantages are concerned, watching TV in dormitories might be disruptive. How about one wants to watch TV for a relaxation while his roommate wants to prepare for an upcoming examination. Do not impose on others what you do not desire. (93)

Task Two

***1. Some people prefer to watch entertainment programs on TV while others prefer to watch educational programs on TV. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your choice.-6***

**Sample Answer:**

Personally speaking, I would like to watch educational programs on TV, such as Discovery channel which focused primarily on popular science, technology or history, and in recent years has expanded into reality television and pseudo-scientific entertainment. I enjoy it, since it extremely broadens my horizon and enriches my mind and spiritual world. I’m afraid of being excluded from wisdom, cuz I believe ignorance makes one more an animal than a human being.

Admittedly, I watch entertainment programs sometimes only when I feel exhausted and need to unwind. But some entertainment programs are in truth superficial and misguiding like dating show. (100)

***2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Watching sports programs on television is not a good use of time.-7***

**Sample Answer:**

Well, the statement is unbelievably ridiculous.

First, speaking from the content, if sports is not appropriate to watch, then what is? Some might say that watching some educational TV programs is good use of time like social news or Discovery Channel. Sure they are deemed educational, but the point is ‘when’, but not ‘what’. When you get exhausted and really need to unwind. Watching entertainment programs would be a solid choice.

And as far as the way is concerned, some might say go see a live sport would be better. But I say, the well-fed don’t know how the starving suffer. Not everyone can afford the sky-high tickets or have time to watch sports in person. (116)

***3. Do you agree or disagree that watching television is not a good way to use time.-8***

**Sample Answer:**

Well, I think the statement doesn’t make any sense.

Just as a saying goes wise see wisdom, different people think in different ways.

Some might say that watching television is a potentially great time-consumer. Then here is a bold assumption, overindulgence in watching some certain TV programs superficial and less educational like soap opera, dating show or adult TV programs took up most of their daily lives. So this kind of people thinks of watching TV as the beginning of a miserable life.

But, some consider watching TV to be a strong study aid or a great entertainment. Like Discovery Channel helps extremely broaden one’s horizon. And international news channel makes one keep pace with the times. (117)

***4. Some people believe that television has had positive influence on society, others believe it has had negative influence on society. Which do you agree with and why? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.-T1***

**Sample Answer:**

Well, it is extremely complicated. To a certain extent, I dare to say that television has had negative influence on society. But TV itself shouldn’t be blamed for current situations, just like knife doesn’t kill, man does.

Media is as a reflection of social mainstream values. Turn on the TV, you’ll clearly see what I mean—TV news reporting mostly negative events; commercials using sexual implication to attract customers; soap operas telling unrealistic blind love of youngsters. Now look at our societies. “Despise the poor and curry favor with the rich” has been touted by some as life motto. The negative impact on our societies is obvious. (107)

***5. Some people think that children should be allowed to watch whatever television programs they choose to. Others think that parents should exercise control over the television programs their children watch. Which do you agree with? Explain why.-T11***

**Sample Answer:**

Personally, I’m with the latter one, even controlling over the TV programs their children watch sounds hard to realize.

It is undeniable that some certain TV programs are deemed educational for children like Discovery Channel, international news or global geography.

But the point is what TV programs that children choose to watch attentively or negatively. Turn on the TV, you’ll clearly see what I mean—TV news reporting mostly negative events to cater to the public taste; commercials using sexual implication to attract customers; soap operas telling unrealistic blind love of youngsters.

Media is as a reflection of the current social mainstream values. But don’t let nowadays people’s sins leave a forever shadowy corner in a child’s heart. (118)