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It is primarily through our identification with social groups that we define ourselves.

## 范文

How human beings define themselves has been one of the most important questions of all time. The argument above asserts that our identification with social groups is the primary element in our self-identification process. However, in my opinion, that is just one aspect of the way oneself identifies.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	第一句的功能类似引言,引出这篇文章将要讨论的话题——人们如何
		定义自己。第二句复述题目。第三句提出作者观点:通过社会角色定
		位只是一个人自我定位的一个方面。
	此段功能	总起全文,提出论点。

Social identification is a necessary aspect of human life because everyone lives in a certain social context, and it is from that social context that we learn the behavioral norms, form values and find the direction of our lives. Karl Marx asserts that human beings are social animals, that the essential nature of a human being is a synthesis of all his or her social relationships. That means every person acts according to a set of unique social roles and that his identity is the sum of these acts. For example, a man can be a son, a husband and a father in his family, he is teacher to his students, and also he is a fan of the New York Nicks when he watches the basketball match in the stadium. He is not one of the examples, but all of them. So, undoubtedly, social identification is unavoidable in human self-identification.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	第一句总起全段,提出本段论点:人生活在社会中,因此社会定位是
		进行自我定位时必须考虑的。作者引用了马克思关于人的社会性的描
		述,解释了人在社会中身兼不同的角色,所以在进行自我定位时,
		social identification 是 unavoidable 的。
	此段功能	论点一,围绕 social identification 对自我定位的作用展开论述,关注点
		是社会定位是自我定位所必需的。

Simply put, without being set in a particular social environment, one cannot be properly defined. One such example is the wolf-girl found living in Amazon forest. She was the only survivor of an airplane accident and was brought up by a group of wolfs. The wolf-girl had exhibited no human characteristics but instead behaved much like a wolf. This example indicates that she did, in fact, identify with her social group—other wolves.

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段落	此段结构	段首句总起本段,提出论点。随后讲述了狼孩的例子,作者说道狼孩
		不具备人的社会特点,因为没有处于人类社会背景下。因为她一直身
		处狼群中,反而对自己的定位来源于狼的社会。从反面证明了人的自
		我定位与 social identification 的关系。
	此段功能	论点一的延续,依旧围绕 social identification 对自我定位的作用展开讨
		论,不过与上一段不同,本段是说如果人不把自己放在社会背景下,
		就无法准确定位自己。

On the contrary, however, social identification leads to complete assimilation, which is not only harmful to social development it may also prevent individuals from developing their own personalities. Society needs people to assume not only the role, but also exhibit their own personalities. For example, not all teachers are supposed to be kind and affable. This is good because some students need stricter teachers. Luckily, social identification is not the only factor in the development of an individual's identity and there is a teacher for every kind of student.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	结构与前两段类似。第一句提出论点后,指出人们需要在扮演每个社会
		角色的同时,也展示自己的个性,以有别于他人。作者用教师特点的例
		子支持了本段论点。
	此段功能	论点二,论述只通过 social identification 来自我定位会带来一些不足。

Without social identification, one cannot find the origin from which his sense of value, social norms and life plan was drawn. On the contrary, without looking for some inborn characteristics within oneself, one will miss the important part, which differentiates him or herself from others. So while self-definition necessitates sociality, individuality is equally important.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	第一句总结了社会定位在自我定位过程中的重要性,覆盖了论点一;第二
		句对应论点二,仅靠社会角色来定位自己是不够的,还需注意到个性。最
		后一句代表了作者的论点:说社会定位和个人特征都是自我定位所需的。
	此段功能	总结全文论述,复述作者观点。

### 满分要素剖析

#### 语言表达

这篇 GRE 作文简单易读,连接顺畅自然,虽然很少使用过于复杂的语法和词汇,但表意准确清晰,已经足以显示作者的英语写作水平。

...it is from that social context that we learn the behavioral norms, form values and find the



direction of our lives. 强调句, it is...that 中间的部分是本剧被强调的内容。From that social context 是本句的方式状语,表达 learn 的手段。因为本文论述的要点就是 social identification 对自我定位的影响,因此强调 from that social context 是必要的。

Simply put, without being set in a particular social environment, one cannot be properly defined. 句首的 simply put 是一个固定搭配,是简言之,简单来说的意思,前面有时也加 quite 或 very。

Society needs people to assume not only the role, but also exhibit their own personalities. 这句话里的 assume 采用的是 GRE 级别很常见的一个意思——承担、担任,可以理解为 to play not only the role。

#### 逻辑结构

这道作文题要求考生就 social identification 和 define oneself 的关系发表看法,因此本文对 social identification 对 self definition 的积极和消极影响分别展开论述。作者先论述了 social identification 在自我定位时的重要性,用二、三两段先后从正面和反面说明社会定位是自我 定位中的重要一环,反过来,不进行社会定位,难以进行自我定位。第二个论点是仅靠社会 定位进行自我定位的弊端,即容易导致掩盖人的个性。作者用总分总结构写作全文,首尾两段分别分析题目提论点和总结,中间几段展开论述。



