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If a goal is worthy of attaining then any means taken to attain it are justifiable.

范文

The argument asserts that the ends justify the means. There are a few clear problems with this point of view.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	第一句话将题目言简意赅并且地道归结为 the ends justify the means ,
		即为达目的可以不择手段。第二句简洁地提出,这种观点有几个明显
		的问题。可见作者不同意题目所说。
	此段功能	分析题目,提出作者意见。

First let's define the worthiness of a goal. How worthwhile and valuable a goal is lies not only in the subjective but also in the objective. To be clearer, it doesn't only depend on how important the goal is for the individual but for the group to whom the individual belongs. For example, a country may consider the goal of achieving economic success and well being of its citizens to be worthwhile, but if we know they exploit cheap labor forces in third-world country, utilize scarce natural resources that are being exported from poor countries, or dump low-cost goods in these countries, our morals reveal a dark side of the goal. A goal that brings us benefit to the detriment of others shouldn't be considered a worthwhile goal.

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段落	此段结构	总分总结构。第一句,作者直截了当地说明本段的目的,讨论目标的
		价值是什么。作者目标的价值要对主观和客观条件都有利,不可以利
		己却损人。选取的例子是国家追求经济增长和公民福祉时,如果依靠
		剥削他国利益,榨取他国利润,是不可取的。尾句总结道给自己带来
		利益却给他人造成损害的目标不是有价值的目标。
	此段功能	作者观点一,讲述什么才称得上是有价值的目标。

Even if a goal is worthwhile, as agreed upon by majority of people, we should consider a non-biased or general cost-benefit means. Most people today agree that the exploration of outer space is a worthy goal considering the valuable research materials we would gain for our physical and medical experiments. What is more, due to the limited longevity of earth and the ever-increasing population, maybe space exploration is the beginning of finding alternative human habitats. Even if all the advantages and benefits involved justify the worthiness of this goal, not all means taken would be considered as sensible and judicial. Rather than finding a new planet to live on, there are other pressing problems such as AIDS prevention, poverty, and environmental problems. If space exploration means that we have to ignore other big issues, maybe space exploration is not such a



worthwhile goal.

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段落	此段结构	第一句提出论点,论述了作者观点的另一方面,即使目标是有价值
		的,人们也应该考虑达成它的方法是否公平合理并且性价比高。接下
		来整段列举了开发外太空的例子用作支持。前半部分作者先解释了这
		个目标的价值所在,后半部分指出这个目标的实现方式未必全都明智
		和考虑缜密。作者认为除开发宇宙之外,地球上还有很多亟待解决的
		问题。
	此段功能	作者观点二,讨论达成目标途径合理性的作用。

In conclusion, I am against the idea that the ends justify the means for two reasons: the ends we've chose may not be pressing or beneficial and the means to those ends may be incredibly detrimental to yourself or others.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	作者用这最后一句话归纳了全文的论述,并且重新点出自己的立场。他/
		她不同意题目的说法,并且给出了上文已经论述的两个原因——追求的
		目标不一定有价值,达成目标的途径不一定明智。
	此段功能	总结全文论述, 重申作者观点。

满分要素剖析

语言表达

本文的语言表达非常体现作者的英文水平。作者在只使用了四个自然段并且首尾两段都不长的情况下,言简意赅地完成全篇文章,着实可圈可点。他/她的用词精准,使用从句得当,语法准确,给读者干净利落之感。

The argument asserts that the ends justify the means. 这句话中的 the ends justify the means (或可说成 the end justifies/sanctifies the means) 其实是一句英文谚语,意为只要目的正当,可以不择手段。用来转述题目再合适不过。作者知道选用这句话,可见其英语水平并不低,在文章开头给考官留下深刻印象。

How worthwhile and valuable a goal is lies not only in the subjective but also in the objective. 这一句话中的主语是一个连接副词 how 引导的从句,采用 how adj. sth is 的陈述语序是合理的; not only...but also...前后的成分相同,符合语法规则。



......but if we know they exploit cheap labor forces in third-world country, utilize scarce natural resources that are being exported from poor countries, or dump low-cost goods in these countries, our morals reveal a dark side of the goal. 选取这一句进行赏析的理由在于它的用词。这里没有特别复杂的词,但有一些很书面化,比如 utilize 和 scarce;有一些则很形象生动,比如 dump,是人们很常听到的"倾销"之意。

…not all means taken would be considered as sensible and judicial. 这里用到了部分否定 not all… 这个顺序是符合母语汉语人士的思维习惯的,要注意,使用 all…not 的时候也同样表示部分否定。

逻辑结构

本文的作者针对题目所述提出了自己的反对意见,并给出了两个理由来支持自己的立场。因为本题讨论的是目的和手段的关系,所以作者给出的理由一个针对目的,一个针对手段,做到了扣题紧密,思维严谨。本文总分总的结构中,两个"总"都很简洁,这样作者的观点清晰明了地表达了出来。中间"分"的两段分别对应针对目的和针对手段的论述,使用了段首句提论点、其后做论述的方式。作者用到的支持素材也比较得当,做到了与观点配合。



