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Students should always question what they are taught rather than blindly accepting it.

范文

The argument above asserts that students should be skeptical of information obtained in their studies. In other words, students should not blindly accept what they are taught. In my view, although skepticism might be counterproductive for the education of young children, I strongly agree.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	本段的前两句简要分析了题目,最后一句表达了作者的看法:尽管
		教育幼儿时怀疑精神可能会达不到预期效果,但他/她同意学生应该
		对所学怀有质疑精神而非盲目接受。
	此段功能	分析题目,提出观点。

Skepticism is perhaps the most important in the physical sciences. Passive acceptance of prevailing principles quells innovation, invention, and discovery. In fact, the very notion of scientific progress is predicated on rigorous scientific inquiry—in other words, skepticism. History is replete with examples of students of science who challenged what they had been taught, thereby paving the way for scientific progress. For example, in challenging the notion that the Earth was fixed as the center of the universe, Copernicus paved the way for the corroborating observations of Galileo a century later, and ultimately for Newton's principles of gravity upon which the understanding of all modern science is based. The staggering cumulative impact of Copernicus' rejection of what he had been taught is proof enough of the value of skepticism.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	总分结构。作者在前两句话中指出,被动接受抑制了创新和发现。
		接下来作者提出,科学进步就是以科学探索为基础的,探索就代表
		skepticism。科学史上充满了质疑为科学进步铺路的例子。作者用哥
		白尼为例支持了本段的观点。
	此段功能	论述了怀疑精神在物理学中的重要性。

The value of skepticism is not limited to the physical sciences, of course. In the fields of sociology and political science, students must be expected to think critically about the assumptions underlying the status quo. Similarly, while students of the law must learn to appreciate age-old legal doctrine and principle, they must continually question the fairness and relevance of current laws. Even in the arts, students must challenge established styles and forms rather than learn to imitate them otherwise, no genuinely new art would ever emerge.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	第一句话指出本段中心:怀疑精神的价值不限于物理学。作者接着



	提到,社会学,政治学,法学,艺术等领域均需要学生怀有质疑精
	神,那样才能改善现状或破旧立新,从而推动发展。
此段功能	论述了质疑精神在物理学之外领域的价值。

Admittedly, undue skepticism might be counterproductive in educating young children but I am not an expert in developmental psychology. What is clear, however, is that skepticism is the characteristic that has, time and time again, yielded gigantic leaps forward in every field. To sum up, skepticism is the very stuff that progress is made of and should be encouraged and cultivated as a basic skill.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	前两句话对应作者在文章开头提出的论点,总结了前文论述;最后一
		句点明了作者立场,质疑精神是知识进步的动力,应予以提倡。
	此段功能	简要回顾了前文论述,最后重申作者的观点。

满分要素剖析

语言表达

在读过很多 GRE issue 的满分作文后你会发现,有很多文章并不是用复杂的语法、高难的词汇来故作高深,反而是语言地道、语法准确、思路清晰、行文流畅的文章更容易取得考官青睐。这篇文章就属于后者。

In fact, the very notion of scientific progress is predicated on rigorous scientific inquiry—in other words, skepticism. 这里 the very notion 的 very 是形容词,意思是正是的,恰好的,用在名词前表示强调。Is predicated on 是基于、取决于、建立在的意思,相较 is based/found on,这个词显得更加书面。

History is replete with examples of students of science who challenged what they had been taught, thereby paving the way for scientific progress. 这句话使用到 be replete with 这个词组,表示充满。Be replete with 和 be full of/be filled with 的区别就好比中文里的"充斥着"和"全都是",哪一个更加书面化学术化,高下立现。句中的另一个词组 pave the way 似乎深得作者喜爱,因为在本段的下一句中他/她也使用了它。这个词组的意思就是为…铺路,即为…做好准备。

What is clear, however, is that skepticism is the characteristic that has, time and time again, yielded gigantic leaps forward in every field. 这个长长的复杂句中嵌套着若干个从句。本句主语 What is clear 是主语从句,that skepticism 及其后的内容是宾语从句。Characteristic 后面的 that 引导了定语从句修饰它。Time and time again 作为插入语起到了强调作用。



Gigantic leaps 用得很好,gigantic 形容 leaps 的巨大程度,leap 形容进步和增长之快,这两者结合在一起,比平淡地使用 great increase 更能说明 skepticism 的积极影响非常显著。

逻辑结构

本题要求考生对题中 statement 的同意程度发表观点。如大家所知,同意或不同意并不是重点,讲清楚同意或不同意的理由才是。本文作者是"strongly agree"题目观点,因此,这篇文章需要他/她讲明质疑精神有哪些好处令他/她觉得本题观点是对的。作者选择质疑精神在各学科领域的积极影响进行论述。先挑选物理学作为典型,用哥白尼的例子说明质疑精神推动了进步,再简说其他学科中质疑精神对发展的贡献。全文框架是常见的总分总,首尾两段为总,中间两段为分。



