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As people rely more and more on technology to solve problems, the ability of humans to think for themselves will surely deteriorate.

### 范文

At no other time in history were the lives of people so dramatically shaped by technology. A quick look at a typical day reveals how technology has revolutionized our world. Upon stepping out of the house, family members can be reached through wireless networks that utilize satellites orbiting the earth. During a typical day at work, chances are high that an employee will use a computer that processes information on a microchip. These are just a couple common occurrences would have been inconceivable at any earlier point in human history.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	文章首段。第一句话阐述了技术前所未有地令人类生活产生变革;后几
		句先后描述了日常生活与工作中人们如何依靠技术;末句又小作总结,
		说明没有技术就无法实现以上生活。
	此段功能	引言段。通过列举现代生活中的人们利用技术的典型状态,为文章提供
		了背景,同时为下文论述做好准备。

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The argument that as our reliance on technology increases, our critical thinking skills decrease is based on the assumption that an increased reliance on technology negates the need for people to think critically or creatively. Looking back at the introduction, one could argue that without a car, computer, or mobile phone, the hypothetical individual would need to find alternate methods of transport, information processing and communication. Technology short-circuits this thinking by making some problems obsolete, but not all problems.

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段落	此段结构	第二段。第一句分析题中 statement 是建立在哪种假设上;第二句陈述了
		支持这种假设的人可能提出的观点和论据;第三句前半部分解释了第二



此段功能 论述首段	。表达了文章作者对题中所给 statement 的看法,即持否定态
度,并提	醒读者下文将进行具体论述。

Our reliance on technology does not necessarily preclude the use of critical or creative skills. The prior examples reveal that technology allows for convenience. The car, computer and phone all free up time for people to live more efficiently but this efficiency does not preclude the need for humans to think critically or creatively. In fact, technology frees individuals to tackle new problems, but sometimes creates new and more complex issues that did not exist without technology. For example, the proliferation of automobiles has introduced a need for global fuel consumption and conservation. With increasing energy use, the by-product of global warming becomes a concern. Likewise dependence on oil has created nation-states that are not dependent on taxation, allowing ruling parties to oppress minority groups such as women. Solutions to these complex problems require the unfettered imaginations of maverick scientists and politicians.

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段落	此段结构	第三段,总分结构。第一句总述了作者的观点:对技术的依赖未必会削
		弱人们的批判性思考或创新能力;随后陈述了理由,即技术的革新令人
		们有机会面对和解决新产生的问题,并且列举了具体事例——汽车激增
		产生的一系列问题——来为此证明。
	此段功能	论述的第二段,提出了第一个反对论点。

Quite the opposite of the argument, we can even see how technology actually increases the demand for creative and critical thinking. Furthermore, technology offers us platforms to exchange our new skills with each other. Consider how the digital revolution and the advent of the Internet have allowed for an unprecedented exchange of ideas. WebMD, a popular Internet portal for medical information, permits patients to self-research symptoms to prepare for a more informed doctor visit. This exercise opens pathways of thinking that were previously closed off to the medical layman. With increased interdisciplinary interactions, inspiration can arrive from the most surprising places.

内容	详细条目



段落	此段结构	第四段,同为总分结构。前两句总说了技术不但没有减少,反而增加了
		人们进行批判性思考和创新的需求,并且使得人们可以彼此交流新技
		术;接下来用互联网相关事例支持了这个论点,并说明增多的交流可以
		激发意想不到的灵感。
	此段功能	
	此权划能	比处的第二段,近一少徒山」第二十次对比点。

Technology actually provides hope to the future of humanity. By increasing our reliance on technology, impossible goals can now be achieved. Consider how the late 20th century witnessed the complete elimination of smallpox. This disease had ravaged the human race since prehistoric days, and yet with the technology of vaccines, freethinking humans dared to imagine a world free of smallpox. Using technology, battle plans were drawn out and smallpox was systematically targeted and eradicated.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	第五段,依旧是总分结构。前两句告诉读者技术的更进一步的优点,即
		为人类社会带来希望, 达成不靠技术完成不了的目标。后面几句通过讲
		述 20 世纪天花灭绝的实例来证明该论点。
	此段功能	论述的第四段,层层深入,提出了第三个反对论点。
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Technology will always mark the human experience, from the discovery of fire to the implementation of nanotechnology. Given the history of the human race, there will be no limit to the number of problems, both new and old, for us to tackle. The possibilities that spring from our reliance on technology provides new avenues for the human imagination to explore.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	第六段,全文总结。第一句阐明技术在人类发展史上的重要功绩;第二
		句指出客观事实:人类发展会遇到无数待解决的新老问题;最后一句重
		申本文论点,即对技术的依赖为人类的解决问题、创新探索提供了新途
		径。



此段功能

论述尾段,总结了作者观点,即反对题中所给 statement。

#### 满分要素剖析

#### 语言表达



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本文用词严谨,句型多变,展示了写作者较强的英语语言能力。全文精准的用词令所在的句子生动又多彩;简单句与长难句交叉使用,不仅发挥了每一类句型应起的作用,而且让全文摆脱了单一句型可能带给读者的枯燥感。

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At no other time in history were the lives of people so dramatically shaped by technology.

作为文章首句的本句采用了倒装结构。状语 at no other time in history 提到句首,谓语中的 were 提到主语 the lives of people 之前,表达了作者对状语的强调,即历史上没有任何时期, 技术显著地决定人们的生活的发展状态,突出了在现代,而不是在以往,技术的重要性。文章首句应用这种不常规的语序,令人眼前一亮,吸引读者继续看下文。

During a typical day at work, chances are high that an employee will use a computer that processes information on a microchip.

本句是一个同位语从句, that 引导的部分为 chances 的同位语, 告诉读者这是怎样的 chances。如果不使用同位语从句, 而是将此句变成 chances of an employee using a computer...microchip are high, 那么不仅主语变得过长,让人读起来心生厌烦,也起不到强调 high 的效果。

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本句句首的 looking 引领的部分采取了现在分词作状语的用法。句中的 could 表示了一种虚拟的可能性,因为这个 one 并不是一个固定的真实的人,而是一个 "hypothetical individual"。在句子的后半部分,作者用 transport, information processing 和 communication 分别对应



前文的 car, computer 和 mobile phone,保持了词汇的多样性。

Technology short-circuits this thinking by making some problems obsolete, but not all problems.

这一句中的 short-circuit 一词用得很生动,作者没有选择 simplify 等看上去略显死板的词,而是用带有短路之意的 short-circuit 发挥"使简化"的意思,读者会感到很新鲜。

同样的,作者在多处句子中的选词都很精妙,比如第五段中"...freethinking humans dared to imagine a world free of smallpox"的 dare 虽然是个很简单的动词,但隐含了拥有自由思想的人们不仅能够,而且敢于去畅想一个没有天花的世界,而这种能力和勇气是 technology 赋予的,彰显了其积极影响。诸如此类巧妙用词,不胜枚举。

#### 逻辑结构

这篇文章采取了总分总结构,通过反反反的三段方式论证作者观点。全文逻辑清晰,论证有为。作者表达的立场不仅扣题,而且每一个论点给出了足够例证和理由作为支持。具体来说,第一段和第二段作为总起部分,第一段介绍了背景,第二段剖析了本题所给 statement,并且在此基础上提出了作者的观点。接下来的三段均直接表达了对本题 statement 的反对,并且逐层深入,先是技术没有削弱人批判创新思考的能力,再是技术增强了这方面能力,第三是技术的其他优点。通过这三段论述,作者得到了最后一段的结论,对技术的依赖并未令人的批判和创新思考能力恶化,因此作者反对本题的 statement。





