

Why Chinese Mothers are Superior – Exercises

Part I

drill esteem squeamish foster lavish
excel foist override indebted conflicted

1. The large attendances at his funeral reflected the high _____ in which he was held.
2. School was rough for the past month, with teachers _____ us on our college application.
3. While some parents may be _____ about sharing financial information with their children, with the Internet, children today can easily find out how much their home is worth.
4. The parents were _____ about communicating their children's reading difficulties to the new teacher in order to help, thinking the information could be used to label their children.
5. The leaders of the two countries have agreed to _____ collaboration on the environment, renewable energy and regional security.
6. Many people are worried that a governor has the right to _____ a court's decision and to decide someone's fate.
7. The US and the former Soviet Union, two countries with few disputes over land, _____ trillions of dollars and rubles (卢布) on world-destroying weapons.
8. The firefighters were on the scene swiftly and the local residents felt deeply _____ to them for their actions.
9. One minus of anonymity on the Internet, as he suggests, is that too many people are using the web to _____ the worst part of themselves onto other people.
10. Everyone must have one thing they _____ at. It's just a matter of drawing it out.

Part II

all the same get away with call into question provide for by choice
conversely for one's part turn out tiptoe around end up

1. As noted in the book, new ideas about the neurological basis of thought and consciousness _____ traditional notions of the immortal soul.
2. They are not going to have enough onions to last the year, while courgettes(西葫芦), _____, are in a major surplus.
3. Today's average hairdresser will use the cheapest shampoo they can _____.
4. There have been widespread protests against the law, but it may go ahead _____.
5. Thankfully, for most students the test results _____ exactly as they had hoped and prayed for.
6. A California college student who left an upper-middle class life to live in his car acknowledged that he was homeless _____, because he wanted to pursue maturity.
7. Some believe that a child should only be brought in to a world where it can be looked after and _____ sufficiently.
8. 8. A man has said he has "no regrets" after a romantic e-mail he sent to a woman _____ circulating around the world.
9. As a man of caution, he admits he has never been one to _____ controversial issues.
10. We travelled along in a conversationless silence, which was, _____, welcome.

Part III Back Translation

1. 尽管对某些文化的刻板偏见让我们感到不安，大量的研究显示：中西方父母在育儿方面存在着明显的可量化的区别。

2. 与西方父母相比，中国父母每天花约 10 倍的时间和孩子们一起反复进行学习练习。相比之下，西方的孩子可能更多地参加体育运动团队。
3. 中国父母做某些事情不会带来不良后果，而西方父母却做不到。我年少之时，有一次——可能不止一次——当我对母亲极度不敬时，父亲用我们闽南土语生气地叫我“垃圾”。这种责骂非常管用。我为自己的所作所为感到不安和深深的愧疚。但是，这并没有伤害我的自尊或诸如此类的东西。
4. 中国父母可以做一些对西方人来说似乎不可思议、甚至可以被起诉的事情。相比之下，西方父母不得不小心翼翼地绕开问题。
5. 中国家长认为孩子亏欠他们一切。的确，中国妈妈身体力行，长期不辞辛劳亲自辅导、培训、审问并暗中监视他们的孩子。
6. 有各种新书把亚裔妈妈们描绘成工于心计、冷酷无情且过度操劳，对孩子真正的兴趣不理不睬。
7. 西方父母不得不纠结于自己关于成就的矛盾感受，然后试图说服自己不要对孩子的成长结果感到失望。
8. 西方的父母担心自己的孩子如果失败会有什么感受。尽管孩子在考试中或演奏会上表现平平，他们仍然不断安慰孩子们他们是如何的优秀。
9. 如果一个孩子带着 A- 的考试成绩回家，中国妈妈会惊恐地倒吸一口冷气，并责问出了什么差错。如果一个孩子带着 B 的成绩回家，深受打击的中国妈妈可能会找来数十个也许上百个练习测试题，并和孩子一起逐题解答，直到他们的孩子拿到 A。
10. 这就是为什么当孩子未能取得最佳成绩时，中国父母采取的措施总是苛责、惩罚和羞辱。而当中国孩子确实表现优异时，家长也会在家中不吝给予大量让孩子洋洋自得的褒奖之辞。