This page contains the Issue topics for the Analytical Writing section of the GRE® General Test. When you take the test, you will be presented with one Issue topic from this pool.

Each Issue topic consists of an issue statement or statements followed by specific task instructions that tell you how to respond to the issue. The wording of some topics in the test might vary slightly from what is presented here. Also, because there may be multiple versions of some topics with similar or identical wording but with different task instructions, it is very important to read your test topic and its specific task directions carefully and respond to the wording as it appears in the actual test.

To understand the most important characteristics of a society, one must study its major cities.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Educational institutions have a responsibility to dissuade students from pursuing fields of study in which they are unlikely to succeed.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Scandals are useful because they focus our attention on problems in ways that no speaker or reformer ever could.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Claim: Governments must ensure that their **major cities** receive the **financial support** they need in order to thrive.

Reason: It is primarily in cities that a **nation's cultural traditions** are preserved and generated.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

态度：strongly disagree

原因：（1）大城市通常是各种文化的大熔炉，难以原汁原味地保存一个国家的文化，如上海、**纽约、东京**等；（2）大城市往往不怎么需要外来资金，因为大城市的经济活动本身就非常活跃；（3）目前的小乡镇中存在一种现象，即缺乏必要的资金来保护和传承当地的乡土文化，假如能够得到更多的资金，这些文化便能得以保存。

Some people believe that government funding of the arts is necessary to ensure that the arts can flourish and be available to all people. Others believe that government funding of the arts threatens the integrity of the arts.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

态度：政府应当对arts领域进行补贴；

原因：（1）对于第一种态度表示赞成，很多时候，欣赏各类艺术是昂贵的，这让平民百姓们望洋兴叹；另外一些情况下，一些非常好的艺术作品由于宣传和进一步创作的资金，无法传播开来。假如政府可以补贴各类艺术，帮助各类艺术百花齐放地发展，便能普惠更多的人；（2）对第二种态度表示反对。政府的补贴不仅没有损害艺术的正义和尊严，相反地还可以有效地组织艺术本身的过度商业化；（3）进行建议：政府应当加大对各类新兴的、高雅的、人们喜闻乐见的、对社会具有正面价值的艺术进行补贴，阻止过度商业化、过度千篇一律的发展趋势，营造良好的艺术环境。

Claim: In any field — **business, politics, education, government** — those in power should step down after five years.

Reason: The surest path to success for any enterprise is **revitalization** through new leadership.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

态度：同意

原因：（1）从当权者（seniors）角度分析，人的眼界总是有一定的局限性，对于权力过长时间的掌控会使人陷入一种令人不安的安逸中，会限制统治/管理思维的发展，会排斥外来的、新兴的观点和技术；（可以举几个例子）（2）从未来的当权者（young generations）角度分析，未来的当权者们通常心怀更大的抱负，更加具有革命性的思维观念，以及老一代难以拥有的激情和干劲；（3）从被管理者/广大人民群众角度来看，当权者的轮换可以引发人们参与到选举/表决中去的积极性，有助于推动社会/企业的进步。

In any field of endeavor, it is **impossible** to make a significant contribution without first being strongly influenced by past achievements within that field.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

态度：partly agreed

原因：（1）（让步）在某些领域中，上述的这个观点是正确的，后人必须系统地学习过前人所留下来的方法论，方能在某一个领域上做出进一步的成就，比如生物学（控制变量、各类实验方法…）（2）但是，也有很多的例外，比如哲学（在哲学领域，一些充满了对前人成果表达认可的文章通常会被人认为是拾人牙慧的做法，很多哲学领域的突破都是独树一帜的结果）（3）即使是理工科领域，也有很多例外，比如计算机科学，（从人工智能到机器学习到深度学习，需要人们跳脱出对计算机的传统的定义）

Nations should pass laws to preserve **any** remaining wilderness areas in their natural state, even if these areas could be developed for economic gain.

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

态度：partly agreed

**原因：（1）让步：野生环境是上帝赐予我们的珍宝，是地球的明珠，是物种多样性的根本保证，具有很高的潜在价值，这一点是不容否认的；（2）然而，人类的发展是需要以经济作为基础的，而人类经济的根本来源便是自然资源。一些野生环境中存在着大量有利于人类发展的资源，比如石油，煤，天然气，金属矿物等等，人类必须首先养活自身不断发展的人口，达到延续自身文明的这一崇高目标，方能确保社会的稳定、世界的发展；（3）适当开发资源所获得的经济效益可以反作用于野生环境，为野生环境提供更好的保护。**

People's behavior is largely determined by forces not of their own making.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

态度：partly agree

原因：（1）有人认为，我们的行为很大程度上取决于外在的环境，但我却不见得就是如此。事实上，在在很多事情上我们也有自己的选择权：比如我们何时睡觉，何时起床（当然，要在一个合理的限度内），我们下班之后准备去做什么？是和同事们一起打篮球？还是和自己的女朋友外出看电影，顺便度过浪漫一夜？我们人类的创造力总是能够让我们做出非常丰富多彩的选择，而这一点是其他生物无法比拟的。

（2）当然不可否认的是，我们人类也经历着一个漫长的演化过程。在很早以前，人类的行为在很大程度上是取决于外在的。当天气炎热时，人类的祖先会躲藏到树荫下或者山洞里，或者通过大量喝水的方法来弥补流汗造成的水分的损失；而当天气寒冷时，人们则会穿上毛皮制成的衣服，点燃火堆抵抗寒冷。人们如果不响应外在的变化，便很难在这个世界上生存下去。

（3）因此可以得出的一个观点是，在我们人类对世界的主动改造之下，我们的行为也越来越多地由自己决定。人类的主观能动性，正是我们和动物之间最大的区别之一。在人类几千甚至几万年的历史中，我们的祖先建造了由砖石构成的城市，带领我们走出了洞穴生活；我们的前辈们发明了蒸汽机，使人类日常的生产生活都变得更加地机械化了；在人类知识的积累之下，我们的父辈甚至还开发出了计算机，大大加快了整个世界各个层面的发展。上述的一切使得我们的生活更加随心所欲了——我们可以自行选择中午要吃什么，去哪里吃，而不是像我们的祖先一样茹毛饮血，为生存觅食；我们也可以选择在闲暇时间去健身，燃烧在我们祖先看来珍贵异常的碳水化合物、脂肪和蛋白质；我们还可以搭乘交通工具满世界地游荡——尽管在我们祖先看来，这是一件不可饶恕的事情，因为在很早以前，我们忙于应对外在的事物，往往很难拥有属于自己的闲暇时间。 而现在，我们通过自己的双手和一颗颗富有创造力、充满了激情的内心解放了我们自己。可以预测的是，在不远的未来，我们将更进一步地解放我们的肉体和心灵。

Governments should offer a free university education to any student who has been admitted to a university but who cannot afford the tuition.

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

态度：支持。

原因：（1）从学生角度来看，为那些有心求学但无法负担经济压力的学生提供了未来发展的无限种可能；（2）从学校角度来看，学校的举动会受到社会各界的赞赏，同时这一批学生在毕业走上工作岗位并取得了一定的成就之后，也会充满感激地反哺母校，促进母校的发展；（3）从社会角度看，这一举动在为社会贡献人才的同时，也宣扬了美好的价值观，从多个角度促进了社会的发展。

Universities should require every student to take a variety of courses outside the student's field of study.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

态度：strongly agree

原因：（1）现在很多学生都局限于自己的专业课中，无法接触到专业之外的人，这会阻碍大学生与其他专业同学之间的深入交流，有碍友情和爱情的发展；（2）学习其他专业的课程可以让大学生更好地评估自己的兴趣和能力所在，找到自己真正喜欢且适合的专业，提供一个换专业的机会；（3）当然，对大部分学生来说，学习别的专业课使大学生能够学习除了自己专业内容以外自己感兴趣的知识，培养第二种能力，使学生成为复合型人才，在未来的工作中更加优秀。

A nation should require all of its students to study the same national curriculum（全国统一课程） until they enter college.

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

态度：disagree

原因：（1）让步+设问：虽然很多人都呼吁让全国所有的学生都学习全国统一课程，因为这样似乎可以确保公平和标准化，但这对于学生来说真的好吗？（2）以美国为例，不同地区之间有不同的**文化背景**，比如CA和NY的文化氛围就完全不同，在制定所谓全国统一课程的时候，无疑会偏向于某一个特定的文化背景，从而使其他地区在统一标准的考试中蒙受不公；（3）更进一步地，同质化的教学会削弱整个国家的文化多样性，不利于国家未来的发展。因此不可取。

Educational institutions should actively encourage their students to choose fields of study that will prepare them for lucrative careers.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

态度：strongly disagree

原因：（0）现在lucrative不代表以后也会lucrative。（1）在学校的鼓励之下，心智尚不成熟的freshmen大量涌入这些专业，大大增加了同辈之间的**竞争和压力**，不利于大多数学生的未来发展；同时，也会造成该行业人员的过饱和，导致失业率的升高；（2）学校这样的政策会给学生带来“**金钱至上”的错误价值观**，导致社会风气的恶化；（3）每个行业都需要**源源不断地**引入人才，方可维持社会的发展和国家的安定。

Some people believe that in order to be effective, political leaders must yield to public opinion and abandon principle for the sake of compromise. Others believe that the most essential quality of an effective leader is the ability to remain consistently committed to particular principles and objectives.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

立场：说得都对，但是需要寻找一个合适的平衡点。

论证：（1）政府听取公众的意见，是民主之风的表现，但无原则地遵从公众，便丧失了政府自身的公信力，使自身形同虚设；（2）政府坚持自己的原则和目标，是有所作为的表现，但丝毫不给让步的空间，又容易滑向极权主义totalitarian和独裁dictatorship。（3）因此，政府应当在向公众妥协和坚守自身原则之间找到一个平衡点。

Formal education tends to restrain our minds and spirits rather than set them free.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

态度：strongly agree

原因：（1）Plato在the Republic 中说，要根据学生们自身的特点，由专门的老师们**因材施教**。然而现实中，正规教育将学生们一视同仁，比如……，导致学生们的才能无法得到充足的发展空间；（2）正规教育中对学生**异于群体**的回答容忍性低，比如……，这会禁锢学生们的思维，举出反例，即通过包容**独树一帜的思想**成就学生的；（3）正规教育的最终目标是帮助学生通过**标准化考试**，而非培养学生的能力和长处，这不利于学生们的健康和充分发展。

The well-being of a society is enhanced when many of its people question authority.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

态度：partly disagree

理由：（1）肯定：当人们开始质疑权威的时候，说明人们开始进行了自我的思考。纵观中世纪的时候，人们常常被宗教和君主牵着鼻子走，愚昧地给权威做牛做马，这种状况直至工业革命发展到一定程度之后才有改变，经济发展促进了人口素质的提升，人口素质的提升推动了民主政体的建设和发展使得人们拥有了发声质疑的权利，人们开始质疑权威，表达自己的想法。（2）否定：然而这一说法忽略了一点，即对于权威的质疑应当通过合理的、文明的手段，比如文章和书信，而不是像野蛮人一样进行打砸抢，那只能反应权威的脆弱性，不能反应人们高度发展的素质。

**Governments should focus on solving the immediate problems of today rather than on trying to solve the anticipated problems of the future.**

**Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.**

态度：slightly disagree

理由：（1）让步：不可否认，解决现有的问题（温饱、文化教育、安全等问题）呼应了群众的需求，体现了政府的公信力（All for one, one for all），是每个政府的工作职能。（2）反驳：但是，如果政府能够未雨绸缪，就可以提前为即将到来的各类社会问题做好准备，更好地保障社会的发展，造福群众（比如环境问题、人口问题）（3）递进：一个能够着眼于未来的政府是高尚的，会被社会所铭记。（举例：美国胡佛大坝Hoover Dam (Colorado River)、NASA的各类宇宙探索计划等等）

Some people believe that college students should consider only their own talents and interests when choosing a field of study. Others believe that college students should base their choice of a field of study on the availability of jobs in that field.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

我的观点：我更倾向于发展兴趣相关的专业方向，但是同时也要考虑其就业前景。

理由：（1）过去的几代人处于经济不太好的社会条件下，我们常常会为了赚钱而放弃一些重大的机遇，比如研究自己喜欢的方向、出国深造等等。然而当今的社会是高度发展的，我们这一代已经不必为金钱考虑太多（不会面临吃不饱、穿不暖的困境），可以充分发展自己的特长。（2）我们在自己喜欢的方面往往能够取得更大的成就、更多的进展。（可以尝试例证）（3）然而，我们还是需要适当考虑就业的问题，因为我们不可能一辈子都呆在学校里。随着我们走出校门，我们都需要一份能够在社会上安身立命的工作。除此之外，作为新一代，我们也需要为社会的发展做出贡献，为那些急需的或是蓬勃发展的工作岗位奉献力量。

Laws should be flexible enough to take account of various circumstances, times, and places.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.//

Claim: The best way to understand the character of a society is to examine the character of the men and women that the society chooses as its heroes or its role models.

Reason: Heroes and role models reveal a society's **highest ideals.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

不太同意，因为（1）一个民族的特性不仅有正面的，也有负面的。（2）最高不等于普遍。（3）要看是谁指定的role model，是统治者还是平民百姓？

Governments should place few, if any, restrictions on scientific research and development.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

态度：disagree

让步，科学界需要自由，但是也不能任其发展。（1）技术是一把双刃剑，政府应起到管控的职责。（2）科学的主要目的是为了更好地服务大众，延续人类的文明，但是很多时候，科学却走向了很多的极端（比如为私人服务，比如研发有害社会的东西）（3）科学不能凌驾于伦理之上（比如人类克隆等）

The best way to teach is to praise positive actions and ignore negative ones.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

态度：strongly disagree

原因：（1）赞扬确实是有效的，但是一味的赞扬会使人产生自满的心理，反而是非常有害的。（2）适当的批评可以对学生起到激励的作用，使学生意识到自己的不足之处，并激发学生的斗志。（3）但是，就像我们不能滥用表扬一样，我们也不能滥用批评。两者的结合才能发挥出最大的效益。

Governments should offer college and university education free of charge to all students.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

态度：could hardly agree

原因：大大增加政府部门的开支；学生将不会珍惜这一资源，在学校里的表现会变得糟糕；改进的办法：政府应将这一优惠落实到那些真正有经济困难的学生身上。

The luxuries and conveniences of contemporary life prevent people from developing into truly strong and independent individuals.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

态度：strongly disagree

原因：（1）物质上的充裕和便利确实会使我们的生活在一定程度上变得缺乏挑战性，但是更进一步地分析，我们的人格却始终保持着独立。（2）现代的生活和工作方式在潜移默化之中促使我们在很多时候变得独立。（3）相比以前，我们更容易获取知识了，因此我们会变得更加博学，更加珍视自我。

In any field of inquiry, the beginner is more likely than the expert to make important contributions.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

强烈反对。尽管很多人认为新人更加富有激情，且事实也是如此，但他们却没法很好地做出贡献，因为new beginners缺乏在该领域经验的积累，且没有很好的资源去满足自己的研究。即使有了成果，也缺乏必要的声望（如Canoi等）来宣传自己的研究，可以说是很遗憾的事情。

The surest indicator of a great nation is represented not by the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists, but by the general welfare of its people.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

态度：partly disagree

（1）肯定：确实如此，因为国家是为人民服务的，人民是根本。（2）但是，如果一个国家只是富裕但没法在各种领域做出前沿性的贡献也不行。举一些历史性的例子。（3）只有两者兼得的国家或王朝才是伟大的。举罗马的例子。

The best way to teach — whether as an educator, employer, or parent — is to praise positive actions and ignore negative ones.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Teachers' salaries should be based on their students' academic performance.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

态度：strongly disagree

原因：（1）鉴于当下学生之间激烈的竞争压力，现代人都喜欢用学生的成绩作为评判老师能力的标准，这是一种唯分数论的表现，是有害的，会导致学生成为只会做题的机器；（2）老师真正的义务不仅是教学生知识，还要帮助学生掌握美德、帮助学生健康快乐地成长；（3）单一的评价标准可能会导致老师们之间恶性竞争。因此，我认为，评价老师的方法需要进行多元化地考察，比如班级的氛围、学生的manner还有学生的综合素养等等。

Society should make efforts to save endangered species only if the potential extinction of those species is the result of human activities.

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

同意。（1）要顺应自然的变化（2）浪费大量的钱（3）接上回，把钱花在更加有意义的地方，才是真正的拯救

College students should base their choice of a field of study on the availability of jobs in that field.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

As we acquire more knowledge, things do not become more comprehensible, but more complex and mysterious.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

（1）医学的发展引申到生物学的发展（2）获取更多的知识并不会使某项事物变得更加神秘，而是能帮助我们更好地理解（3）认知的复杂化对我们是有利的

In any situation, progress requires discussion among people who have contrasting points of view.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

不完全赞同（1）很多好点子确实是在碰撞中产生的（2）没法齐心协力，干不成大事（3）不仅要齐心协力，但是也应当允许不同观点的存在。

Educational institutions should dissuade students from pursuing fields of study in which they are unlikely to succeed.

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

**不同意。首先，要弄清楚如何定义所谓的成功；其次，大学生才刚刚接触这一领域，如何判断其是否成功？最后，假如因为觉得困难，便鼓动学生放弃自己的梦想，这本身就是对学生身心的伤害，最终还很有可能会导致学生的畏难心理。**

Governments should not fund **any** scientific research whose consequences are unclear.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

很多学科的结果本身就未知；可能会错失重大进步；会导致科学界养成不良的研究风气。

Society should identify those children who have special talents and provide training for them at an early age to develop their talents.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

如何判断是否有才能？才能能否开发取决于多方面的因素；过早开发才能会带来坏处，甚至毁了孩子的一生…

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

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

社会认同（social identity）定义为：个体认识到他属于特定的社会群体，同时也认识到作为群体成员带给他的情感和价值意义。（1）在与周围人的交往中，我发现了自己的性格；（2）同时，周围的环境也在改变着我的特点；（3）当然社会认同并不是唯一的渠道，我们还可以通过阅读、学习、做心理测试等方式自发地改变我们的性格，这也是为什么有一些教我们如何更受欢迎的书卖得更好的原因。

College students should be encouraged to pursue subjects that interest them rather than the courses that seem most likely to lead to jobs.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Claim: When planning **courses（思品教育）**, educators should take into account the interests and suggestions of their students.

Reason: Students **are more motivated（充分必要性）** to learn when they are interested in what they are studying.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

The **greatness**(伟大的标准是什么？) of individuals（什么样的人？） can be decided **only** by those who live after them, not by their contemporaries.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Students should **always** question what they are taught instead of accepting it passively.

承认怀疑精神的优点；从不同学科的角度去论述always；论述过度怀疑的危害。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

The increasingly rapid pace of life today causes more problems than it solves.

同意。Pace of life的具体讨论

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Claim: It is no longer possible for a society to regard any living man or woman as a hero.

Reason: The reputation of anyone who is subjected to media scrutiny will eventually be diminished.

所言非虚，因为媒体、社会价值观使之变得困难。但还是可以找到道德高尚的英雄。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Competition for high grades **seriously limits** the quality of learning at **all levels of** education.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Universities should require **every student** to take a variety of courses outside **the student's** **field of study.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Educators should find out what students **want** included in the curriculum and then offer it to them.

What student want要分情况。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Educators should teach facts only after their students have studied the ideas, trends, and concepts that help explain those facts.

不同意（1）脱离了现实的很多理论知识是没有意义的，比如物理公式、化学公式等；（2）先教fact有助于激发学生兴趣；（3）先教学fact可以让学生去主动地分析其背后的原因，增强其学习效率。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Claim: We can usually learn much more from people whose views we share than from those whose views contradict our own.

Reason: Disagreement can cause stress and inhibit learning.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

不同意。（1）与观点相同的人交流很舒服，且与对立的人交流确实会导致stress；（2）但是这也能让我们从另外一个角度去看问题，使我们对于问题的理解更加透彻；（3）更重要的是，这还能培养我们与人交往的能力和辩论的能力，生活告诉我们，我们不能只是活在自己的舒适圈里。

Government officials should rely on their **own** judgment rather than **unquestioningly** carry out the will of the people they serve.

政府的出发点，民众的出发点，两种极端现象

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Young people should be encouraged to pursue long-term, **realistic** goals rather than seek **immediate fame and recognition**.

什么是长远的目标，追求长远的目标的好处，追求短暂目标的坏处。但是两者在一定程度上可以互相地转化。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

The best way to teach is to praise positive actions and **ignore** negative ones.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

If a **goal** is worthy, then **any** means taken to attain it are justifiable.

在达成目标的手段中，有一些是合理的，也有一些是不合理的；不合理的手段会带来很多问题；我们要从多个角度判断采用某些手段来达成目标是否合理。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

In order to become well-rounded individuals, all college students should be required to take courses in which they read poetry, novels, mythology, and other types of imaginative literature.

多才多艺是好事，但有必要让所有学生都学那么多课程吗？列举危害1，2，3……最后给一个折中的方案。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

In order for any work of art — for example, a film, a novel, a poem, or a song — to have merit, it must be understandable to most people.

群众喜闻乐见的东西是好的，但是喜闻乐见与作品的杰出性不能直接挂钩，脱离了大众爱好的作品，也只能在小圈子里得到认可。举一些例子。最后说明雅俗共赏的作品是最好的。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Many important discoveries or creations are accidental: it is usually while seeking the answer to one question that we come across the answer to another.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

The main benefit of the study of history is to dispel the **illusion** that people living now are **significantly different** from people who lived in earlier times.

（1）论述illusion（2）论述是否是significantly different（3）历史研究可以带给人们哪些信息或方法？是否有了这些信息和方法就可以消除这种错误观念？

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Learning is **primarily** a matter of personal discipline; students **cannot** be motivated by school or college alone.

有道理…但是这一说法也有一定的问题…更好的想法是…

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Scientists and other researchers should focus their research on **areas** that are likely to benefit **the greatest number of people.**

人权问题（人人生而平等，罕见疾病的突破），现在和未来，因此要兼而顾之…

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Politicians should pursue common ground and reasonable consensus rather than **elusive** ideals.

分析追求common ground的好处和坏处；解读elusive ideals，最后衡量二者的重要性。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

People should undertake **risky action** **only** after they have carefully considered its **consequences**.

Risky actions的分类，consequence的不可知性，相比consequence，我们更需要一个evaluation。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Leaders are created by the demands that are placed on them.

Demands是外部因素，当然还有内部因素，如个人素质和追求等。相比之下，个人素质更加重要。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

There is little justification for society to make extraordinary efforts — especially at a great cost in money and jobs — to save endangered animal or plant species.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

The human mind will **always** be **superior** to machines because machines are only **tools** of human minds.

机器是否只能是工具？如何定义superior？人类的心灵能一直胜过机器吗？

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

People who are the most deeply committed to an idea or policy are also the most critical of it.

论证坚定和挑剔之间的关系，并分类讨论这一行为的益处以及坏处。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Some people believe that society should try to save **every** plant and animal species, **despite the expense to humans in effort, time, and financial well-being**. Others believe that society need not make extraordinary efforts, especially at a great cost in money and jobs, to save endangered species.

本题应取一个折中的方案。

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Some people believe that the purpose of education is to free the mind and the spirit. Others believe that **formal education** tends to **restrain** our minds and spirits rather than set them free.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Some people believe it is often necessary, even desirable, for political leaders to withhold **information** from the public. Others believe that the public has a right to be **fully informed**.

分类讨论+正反结合+折中方案

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Claim: Universities should require every student to take a variety of courses outside the student's major field of study.

Reason: Acquiring knowledge of various academic disciplines is **the best way** to become **truly educated**.

是否是truly educated

确实需要上外专业的课，但不能认为获取外专业知识是被教育的最佳方式。首先，the best way需要探讨，其次，truly educated 需要被定义…最后，说明上外专业的课好处多多，但并不是被教育的最好方式。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Young people should be encouraged to pursue long-term, realistic goals rather than seek immediate fame and recognition.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Governments should not fund **any scientific research** whose consequences are **unclear**.

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

Knowing about the **past** cannot help people to make **important decisions** today.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

In this age of **intensive media coverage**, it is no longer possible for a society to regard any living man or woman as a **hero**.

（1）承认：媒体铺天盖地的报道确实很容易发掘一个人的瑕疵。（2）转折：我们如何定义英雄？几乎所有的英雄都是有瑕疵的，但瑕不掩瑜，这也是英雄。（3）事实上，媒体时代能够造就更多英雄，因为很多人虽然有英雄的特质，但无法被发掘，英雄的称号往往被大人物们抢了去…

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

We can usually learn **much more** from people whose views we share than from people whose views contradict our own.

让步，阐述己方观点，折中。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

The most effective way to understand **contemporary** culture is to analyze the trends of its youth.

不赞同。虽然……（让步），但youth只是整个社会团体的一部分，但这只是一种illusion。而 adults更加具有代表性。adults占了人口最大比例，而且对于culture也有较强的需求。（带入情景，举例子）另外，他们中的一些也是有能力改变目前的culture的（比如线上娱乐等）。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

People's attitudes are determined more by their **immediate situation** or surroundings than by society as a whole.

对attitudes（对朋友同事/对陌生人）和situation/surroundings（天气/工作）以及所谓的社会环境（物价/房价）进行讨论，最后总结：都有作用，看情况。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Nations should suspend government funding for the arts when significant numbers of their citizens are hungry or unemployed.

态度：Totally agree. 理由：首先要反驳很多人认为的艺术不能少这一观点的荒谬性，人民的基本需求最重要，其次再举出这些经费能在其他领域做出更大的帮助，然后再说明，人民安居乐业可以反过来推动艺术的发展……

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

All parents should be required to volunteer time to their children's schools.

基本同意。通过对比+举例的论证方法阐述之，但同时指出也要给孩子独立的发展空间，以及学校不应花太多时间让家长参与进来，从而影响到家长们的工作。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Colleges and universities should require their students to spend at least one semester studying in a foreign country.

不完全同意；列举优势和劣势，并且给出一个折中的方案。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Teachers' salaries should be based on the academic performance of their students.

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Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

It is no longer possible for a society to regard any living man or woman as a hero.

非常不赞同。先说明当前society的性质：媒体高度发达，生活节奏变快，物质条件变好等等，接着进行反驳：媒体可以挖掘出更多之前默默无闻的人，hero这一头衔从此不再属于少数人；虽然生活节奏加快，但是很多美好品质依然被人们珍视；物质条件的提升（吃饱穿暖）可以让人们更加注重精神层面的富足，因而造就了更多的英雄。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Some people believe that in order to thrive, a society must put its **own overall success** before the well-being of its individual citizens. Others believe that the well-being of a society can only be measured by the **general welfare of all its people.**

第二种。对第一种进行反驳，对第二种进行论证，最后升华：其实个人的幸福和国家的成功是相辅相成的。

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Claim: **Any piece of** information referred to as a fact should be mistrusted, since it **may** well be proven false in the future.

Reason: Much of the information that people assume is factual actually turns out to be inaccurate.

说明：不完全同意。（1）怀疑是有好处的，但是过度怀疑是不好的。（2）此外，我们不能因为此前一些信息被证伪就否定当下及未来信息的真实性。（3）我们应当抱着一种怀疑的态度去看待获得的信息，同时从多角度了解一件事物，最终形成我们自己的观点。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Claim: Nations should suspend government funding for the arts when significant numbers of their citizens are hungry or unemployed.(同前)

Reason: It is inappropriate — and, perhaps, even cruel — to use public resources to fund the arts when people's basic needs are not being met.完全同意。态度同上。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Claim: **Many problems** of modern society cannot be solved by **laws** and the legal system.

Reason: Laws cannot change what is in people's hearts or minds.

不同意。（1）现代社会的很多问题确实尚且没法被法律解决，比如道德层面的，伦理层面的等等…（2）但是，法律无法改变人们内心的认知是绝对错误的…（3）未来随着法律体系的完善，很多现在解决不了的问题都会得到满意的答案，且人们的内心也会发生更大的变化。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Educators should take **students' interests** into account when planning **the content of the courses** they teach.

基本同意。“兴趣是孩子最好的老师”，举出一些例子对这一说法进行论证……然而，若要真正施行下去，也存在一定的问题：（1）对于一些低年级的学生来说，他们可能并不知道自己的兴趣所在，即使知道，兴趣对他们未来的发展也未必是有利的；（2）引入兴趣可能会大大增加教育的投资，且会面临众口难调的问题。因此最好的办法就是折中……

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

The **primary goal** of technological advancement should be to increase people's **efficiency** so that they have more **leisure time**.

不同意。（1）技术的三大目的是：解放人、保护人、发展人，三者应当被视为同等重要，唯效率论是不对的；（2）影响人们闲暇时间多少的因素有很多，不仅仅只有工作效率。（3）提升效率不一定会给人们带来更多的空闲时间，因为人发展的欲望是无限的…

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Educators should base their assessment of students' learning not on students' grasp of facts but on the ability to explain the ideas, trends, and concepts that those facts illustrate.

不同意。抽象的方法对学习的帮助是……具体的事例对学习的帮助是…两者对学习都有一定的帮助，但是两者的重要性也依据学科的不同而变化。另外，两者并不是对立的，而是互补的，都必须要重视。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Unfortunately, in contemporary society, creating an **appealing image** has become more important than the reality or truth behind that image.

完全不同意。（1）说明这种想法也有一定的合理性，但是绝不是社会主流；（2）表里不一会带来很多的危害（此处进行举例）；（3）人们更加注重实质，因为…（论证）

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

The effectiveness of a country's leaders is best measured by examining the well-being of that country's citizens.

基本同意。（1）一个有能力的领导会表现出来的特征是…（2）论述为什么well-being可以反映其特征（3）说明评判还需更多因素，比如文化思想、科学进步、外交等等

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

All parents should be required to volunteer time to their children's schools.同前。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

A nation should require all of its students to study the same national curriculum until they enter college.同前。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Colleges and universities should require their students to spend at least one semester studying in a foreign country.

不完全同意。好处+坏处让步+折中方案。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Educational institutions should actively encourage their students to choose fields of study in which jobs are plentiful.重要题目。思路同前。

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

People's behavior is largely determined by forces not of their own making.重要题目。思路同前。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Colleges and universities should require their students to spend at least one semester studying in a foreign country.

同前。好处（学习知识，异国风情增加眼界，换一种环境，为未来的深造带来新的可能等）+坏处让步（加大开支预算，浪费时间，文化冲突等）+一个折中的方案。

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

Although innovations such as video, computers, and the Internet seem to offer schools improved methods for instructing students, these technologies all too often distract from real learning.

基本不同意。解释人们产生这种想法的原因（用大屏幕打游戏…）+事实上这些技术是很有利的（尤其是数学课）+教师和学校应对这一类教学技术的使用做进一步的规定和限制。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Universities should require every student to take a variety of courses outside the student's field of study.同前。

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

The **best ideas** arise from a **passionate interest** in **commonplace things**.

同意。首先解释best ideas是哪些，然后举例说明passionate interest in common place对best ideas的促进作用。最后论述：很多伟大的发明并不需要借助非常尖端的科技，最重要的是人的激情和主观能动性。（agency/subjective intiative）

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

To be an **effective leader**, a public official must maintain the **highest ethical** and **moral standards**.

不同意（1）对effective的评价是**多维度**的，而道德标准并不是**重要的直接标准**。（2）光有极高的道德标准是不够的。（3）道德标准是至关重要的，但是极高的道德标准也有一定的**坏处**。领导者要在其中找到一个平衡点。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Claim: Imagination is a more valuable asset than experience.

Reason: People who lack experience are free to imagine what is possible without the constraints of established habits and attitudes.

不同意。Imagination确实可以使人们脱离现实地幻想，但是没有experience的支撑，他们的幻想永远也不能实现……experience的好处多多……最后，两者是同等重要的。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

In **most professions and academic fields**, imagination is **more important than** knowledge.

（1）不同意。要想在学术/专业领域取得成功，还需要……的精神品质，需要刻苦钻研，付出劳动；（2）想象力是重要甚至必要的，但是光想不干的危害很大，而且也并不能将想象力完全转化为实际，（3）最重要的是，没有知识作为基础，想象力在很大程度上是有害的（比如物理学）；（4）因此，我们需要把想象力摆在正确的位置。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

To be an **effective leader**, a public official must maintain the highest ethical and moral standards.同上。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Critical judgment of work in **any given field** has little **value** unless it comes from someone who is an **expert** in that field.（1）分别论述专家和新人的特点和他们在评论上的效果（2）论述不同领域之间的区别（工程/艺术/新兴科学）（3）论述value：什么样的评论是有价值的？价值体现在哪里？新人的评论难道就没有价值吗？

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Some people believe that **scientific discoveries** have given us a much better **understanding** of the world around us. Others believe that science has revealed to us that the world is infinitely more **complex** than we ever realized.

同意第一种。（1）支持第一类：举例子，比如医学的发展、生物学的发展，科学发展揭开了很多神秘的面纱；（2）让步第二类：也有道理。关键看complex的定义；（3）总体上来说，科学是推动认知的进步的。这是科学的意义所在。

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Critical judgment of work in any given field has little value unless it comes from someone who is an expert in that field.同上。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

In any profession — business, politics, education, government — those in power should step down after five years.同上，老领导+新领导+被领导者三个角度分析

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Requiring university students to take a variety of courses **outside their major fields** of study is the **best way** to ensure that students become **truly educated**.

不认同。Truly educated的定义、其他专业课是否有助于此、是否是best way。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Claim: The **surest indicator** of a great nation is not the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists.

Reason: The surest indicator of a great nation is actually the welfare of all its people.

基本同意。首先分时代讨论，然后讨论现代以上几个因素的重要性等，并说明他们都很重要。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

**Any leader** who is quickly and easily influenced by **shifts** in popular opinion will accomplish little.

（1）分情况：政治/商业领域等有差别；（2）论述两个极端；（3）说明一个真正的领导人面对民意时会怎么做。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Government officials should rely on their own judgment rather than unquestioningly carry out the will of the people whom they serve.不完全同意。（1）分具体的情况；（2）论述两个极端；（3）说明一个好的政府会怎么做。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

A nation should require all of its students to study the same national curriculum until they enter college.同前。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

It is primarily in **cities** that a nation's **cultural traditions** are **generated and preserved.**不完全同意。（1）论述文化的起源；（2）将城市的特质与乡村作对比（主要说明乡村）；（3）肯定城市在保护文化中的作用，但也指出坏处。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

We can **learn** much more from people whose views we share than from people whose **views contradict our own**.

不同意。（1）如何算学习？（2）论述观点相同/不同的人对于学习知识的影响；（3）给出自己的看法：折中。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

When old buildings stand on ground that modern planners feel could be better used for modern purposes, modern development should be given precedence over the preservation of historic buildings.

（1）举出两个相反的例子（破坏与保护）；（2）分析保护历史建筑的价值和代价，以及如何评估历史建筑的价值；（3）总结：投资者应当认真分析长远的利益，综合考量进行评估。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Claim: The surest indicator of a great nation must be the **achievements** of its rulers, artists, or scientists.

Reason: Great achievements by a nation's rulers, artists, or scientists will ensure a **good life** for the majority of that nation's people.

不完全同意。举出反例，然后说明国家的伟大之处由哪些因素决定。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Some people claim that you can tell whether a nation is **great** by looking at the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists. Others argue that the surest indicator of a great nation is, in fact, the **general welfare of all its people.**

同意第二种观点。（1）分析古今对于国家伟大的定义（解释第一种观点的合理性）；（2）说明现代的伟大更加偏向于人民总体的幸福。（3）对于这一观点进行加固和补充（文化科技、外交等等）

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

The best way to understand the character of a society is to examine the character of the men and women that the society chooses as its heroes or its role models.

不太同意，因为（1）一个民族的特性不仅有正面的，也有负面的。（2）最高不等于普遍。（3）要看是谁指定的role model，是统治者还是平民百姓？

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

All college and university students would benefit from spending at least one semester studying in a foreign country. 好处（学习知识，异国风情增加眼界，换一种环境，为未来的深造带来新的可能等）+坏处让步（加大开支预算，浪费时间，文化冲突等）+一个折中的方案。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Some people claim that a nation's government should preserve its wilderness areas in their natural state. Others argue that these areas should be developed for potential economic gain.同前。

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

In **most** **professions and academic fields**, imagination is more **important** than **knowledge**.同前。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

The surest indicator of a **great nation** is not the **achievements** of its rulers, artists, or scientists, but the general **well-being** of all its people.同前。

补充：只有两者兼得的国家王朝才是伟大的。举罗马的例子。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Some people argue that successful leaders in government, industry, or other fields must be highly competitive. Other people claim that in order to be successful, a leader must be willing and able to cooperate with others.

**态度：同时具有这两种能力。**（1）首先强调competitive的重要性，然后说明：cooperative也很重要。（2）接着，说明一个领导人要想取得成功，需要多方面的品质。举出微软创始人比尔盖茨的例子：比尔盖茨从高中开始就和自己的朋友一起写代码，并且将两人合作完成的代码卖给别的公司赚钱。开始工作后，比尔盖茨也和同事们保持良好的合作关系。当比尔盖茨创立了他自己的公司Microsoft Inc.的时候，他通过合作和竞争打败了诸多的对手，用自己的韬略和进取精神让后来的Microsoft Corp.名留青史，影响了现代信息技术的潮流。（3）当然，过度强调某一种特质也是有害的….所以领导人要在两者之间找到一种平衡。

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

College students should base their choice of a field of study on the availability of **jobs** in that field.同前。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

Some people believe that corporations have a **responsibility** to promote the well-being of the societies and environments in which they operate. Others believe that the only responsibility of corporations, provided they operate within the law, is to **make as much money as possible**.态度：更加同意第一种观点。（1）首先说明：企业存在的首要目的是为了盈利来养活企业本身和员工。但是，一个只想着赚钱的企业是无法得到大众的认可，因为他们忽视了企业的责任。举出例子。（2）然后说明：企业的责任有哪些（促进社会发展，为人们提供更好的生活等），并举出这样的企业以及其效益。（3）说明：赚钱和履行社会责任两者并不相悖。

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Claim: Researchers should not limit their investigations to **only** those areas in which they expect to discover something that has an **immediate, practical application.**

Reason: It is impossible to predict the **outcome of a line** of research with any certainty.

态度：基本同意这一说法，但是还有更多的理由。（1）说明：无法预测结果确实是一个比较重要的原因（举例子），但不止于此。（2）很多的研发无法产生immediate application，比如计算机，是由hardware、programming method、software engineering等各种领域的长久发展促成的。（3）现在没有practical application不代表以后就没有。比如火箭的发明，比如现在的量子计算。Quantum calculating。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Some people believe that our ever-increasing use of technology significantly reduces our opportunities for human interaction. Other people believe that technology provides us with new and better ways to communicate and connect with one another.第二个。尽管有很多人认为科技隔绝了人与人之间的交流，但是总体上并非如此。从不同的层面进行分析：个人层面，科技的发展带来了电子邮件、twitter、Instagram等大大促进了人们之间的交流与合作；群体层面，互联网平台如YouTube等新媒体的产生促进了群体与群体之间的交流。国家层面来看，新型的交通工具和信息技术一起促进了国与国之间居民的流动以及思想的碰撞，进而带来更大的改变。

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Claim: Knowing about the past cannot help people to make **important decisions** today.

Reason: The world today is significantly more **complex** than it was even in the relatively recent past.

解释：现代相比古代哪些地方变得复杂，但我们还是能从过去中学到很多事情。因为在人类社会中还有很多最为基础的东西并没有发生改变。“历史总是惊人地相似”。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Claim: Knowing about the past cannot help people to make important decisions today.

Reason: We are not able to make **connections** between **current events** and **past events** until we have some **distance** from both.不同意claim以及给出的reason。首先承认事实确实如此：我们常常在根据历史来评判当下甚至预测未来的过程中犯下诸多的错误，比如股市投资等等。但是，历史也有其可以借鉴的地方，因为很多人类世界中最为基本的准则是恒定的：比如政治格局（只有永远的利益），比如王朝和权势的兴衰等等。最后，事实上distance只能影响到一些非常细节上的认知（比如前文提到的股市的波动），尽管我们没法置身事外，我们还是可以通过从浩荡的历史潮流中总结各类事件的方法，获取到具有意义的规律。这也是我们人类的伟大之处。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Educational institutions should actively encourage their students to choose fields of study that will prepare them for lucrative careers.同上。

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

Educational institutions should actively encourage their students to choose fields of study in which jobs are plentiful. （1）对该行业：加剧竞争（2）对学生自身：不利于学生品格的塑造和长远的发展（3）导致其他行业人才缺失，阻碍社会发展。（4）学生选择专业时要考虑工作前景，但也要考虑到其他方面：比如兴趣爱好、能力等等，从而使自身的发展空间最大化。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Educational institutions have a responsibility to dissuade students from pursuing fields of study in which they are **unlikely to succeed.**（1）如何定义succeed？不同人对成功的定义不一样（2）如何判断学生是否能够成功尚未可知（3）尽管培养没有前景的学生是一种对资源的浪费，但是学校应尊重学生自我选择专业的权力，同时也能让他们在自负盈亏的过程中培养出一些重要的品质：责任心、进取心等。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Some people believe that competition for high grades motivates students to excel in the classroom. Others believe that such competition seriously limits the quality of **real learning**.同意后者。（1）真正的学习：是心智和思想的成熟、方法论的积累和眼界的增长，而不单单只是知识的获取、成绩的提升。（2）竞争虽然在一定程度上促进了学生学习的动力，但是过度的成绩竞争会导致学生只顾学习而忽视了其他方面的发展。（3）进一步论述上述的副作用。最后给出结论：成绩竞争不可取。学校应想办法引导学生全面发展。

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Claim: Major policy decisions should always be left to politicians and other government experts.

Reason: Politicians and other government experts are **more informed** and thus have **better judgment and perspective** than do members of the general public.

态度：不赞同。（1）列举出群众直接民主的劣势：以古希腊对于Socrates的审判为例，但民众参与政治也是很重要的一个环节。（2）举例论证精英政治的优势：以古罗马贵族政治为例子（贵族符合informed和better perspective的特点），并说明其存在一定的劣势：无法反映广大群众的呼声，最终导致了帝国的分裂；（3）阐述一种比较理想的治理方案：从群众中选举代表人物形成House of Representatives，和贵族组成的议会形成抗衡，如美国的三权分立。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Some people believe that universities should require every student to take a variety of courses outside the student's field of study. Others believe that universities should not force students to take any courses other than those that will help prepare them for **jobs** in their chosen fields.

第一点。说明其好处，发展兴趣、交朋友、扩大视野，有助于促进学生找到更好的工作。

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

It is more **harmful** to **compromise** one's own **beliefs** than to adhere to them.（1）什么是信仰？一些名人往往都有各自的信仰。比如比尔盖茨/史蒂夫乔布斯等等。信仰对于很多人来说意义重大。（2）在很多情况下，坚持信仰使我们受益匪浅，但是在另外一些情况下，对信仰的过分坚持会使我们陷入逆境。（3）放弃信仰并不是一件丢人的事情。因为外界环境在改变，我们也在跟着改变。事实上，对信仰的妥协能够给予我们更大的自由和发展空间，促进我们的成长。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Claim: Colleges and universities should specify all required courses and eliminate **elective courses** in order to provide **clear guidance** for students.

Reason: College students — like people in general — prefer to follow directions rather than **make their own decisions**.

态度：强烈反对。（1）大学生是有活力的群体，他们往往比一般人更有主见。很多社会/科技领域的进步都是由大学生的主见推动的。（2）elective courses可以给学生提供很多好处：比如扩展视野、交朋友、学习新知识等，是不能被忽视的；（3）这种guidance的效果只能适得其反…真正的guidance是给他们合理的建议和经验，并在学习和发展的过程中给予他们充分的自主。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

No field of study can advance significantly unless it incorporates knowledge and experience from outside that field.不同意。（1）说明一些情况下，外领域的帮助是有很大益处的；（电脑—机械、物理学、数学）（2）说明在另一些情况下，外领域的帮助是有害的。（艺术的商业化、过度营销阻碍了其发展）（3）折中：研究者们在引入外领域的经验和帮助的同时，要保持初心……

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

True success can be measured **primarily** in terms of **the goals one sets for oneself**.

不同意。（1）不可否认地，goals one set for oneself是一个人评判**自己**是否成功的方法，举例说明；（2）但是，我们生活在一个社会中，因此，他人/社会标准对我们的评价也很重要，比如是否为社会/群体做出了贡献等等；（3）事实上，对成功的评价是多方面的，但脱离了自我和社会的成功都是片面的评价（分而论述之）。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

The **general welfare** of a nation's people is a better indication of that nation's greatness than are the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists.

基本同意。但首先要定义greatness，然后分别讨论两种indication，最后给出一个综合的结论：都重要。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

The best test of an argument is the argument's ability to convince someone with an opposing viewpoint.

“理越辩越明”。不完全同意。（1）假如一个观点打败了另一个观点，则事实上有两种情况，一种是这个观点确实是无懈可击的，但事实证明，这种观点几乎不存在。（2）两个观点之间的抗衡有助于更进一步地完善彼此。即使当下一个观点打败了另一个观点，这也未必是一件好事。举例子。（3）人类的认知过程是螺旋形上升的。举例说明之。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

The **effectiveness** of a country's leaders is best measured by examining the well-being of that country's citizens.

（1）well-being如何反映领导人的effectiveness（2）对effectiveness重新定义（当代，千古）（3）进而说明：除了人民的well-being还需要别的（文化、科技、外交贡献），来进一步彰显effectiveness。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Nations should pass laws to preserve **any** remaining wilderness areas in their natural state.重要题目。同上。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

In any field — business, politics, education, government — those in power should be required to step down after five years.

同上，从当选者、候选人、不同领域、被领导者角度讨论。

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

Some people claim that the goal of politics should be the pursuit of an **ideal**. Others argue that the goal should be finding common ground and reaching reasonable consensus.

（1）politics的目的很大程度上是为了解决当下发生的问题。（2）但是，政治家和人民应当拥有远见，拥有追求，这也是政治体制在不断进步的原因。（3）对于上述两个方面，政治应当做到兼而有之，同时合理地评价这两者的关系。

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

The best way to solve environmental problems caused by consumer-generated waste is for towns and cities to impose **strict limits** on the amount of **trash** they will **accept** from each household. 不同意。（1）强制的政策执行起来达不到预期效果：人们可以私下丢弃垃圾等…且会因此对政府不满。（2）限制垃圾的生产量**治标不治本**，应考虑更为基础的方面：比如倡导垃圾回收利用，以及投资开发垃圾降解技术，从而达到更长远的效果。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

We learn our most **valuable lessons** in life from struggling with our limitations rather than from enjoying our successes.

Valuable lessons释义（什么是valuable lessons？）+Limitations好处坏处论证+success好处坏处论证+剖析learn的本质，说明都很重要。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Claim: While **boredom** is often expressed with a sense of **self-satisfaction**, it should really be a source of embarrassment.

Reason: Boredom arises from a lack of **imagination and self-motivation**.

不同意。（1）先说无聊产生的原因：从内部分析，确实可以是没有想象力/动力，但也需要考虑外界的原因：没有目标和压力等等……（2）说claim：无聊不一定是因为自我满足，也可能是因为自暴自弃，无聊不仅可能导致尴尬，还会导致诸多的负面情绪：比如抑郁、暴躁等等……

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Some people believe that the most important qualities of an effective teacher are understanding and empathy.

Others believe that it is more important for teachers to be rigorous and demanding in their expectations for students.

更偏向第一种。（1）阐述understanding和empathy带来的好处；（2）阐述rigorous/demanding的坏处（3）说明不能一味地变得rigorous/demanding，不然对学生们也会产生不好的影响……

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Claim: Though often considered an objective pursuit, learning about the historical past requires **creativity**.

Reason: Because we can never know the past directly, we must reconstruct it by imaginatively **interpreting historical accounts, documents, and artifacts**.

基本同意。（1）列举出想象和创造在历史研究中的作用（比如：复原古罗马arena的盛况，复原埃及金字塔，甚至复原古人的饮食、音乐和艺术创作）（2）但是，过分夸张的想象也会带来一系列问题，比如偏离史实等等，常常有基于想象的研究被后人推翻。（3）最终说明：创造力应当是基于现有的发现和证据。历史学家们要合理利用想象力。

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which the claim is based.

Claim: No act is done purely for the benefit of others.

Reason: All actions — even those that seem to be done for other people — are based on self-interest.

同意。从个人层面（收获别人的赞美，获得名声也是一种收入）、群体层面（群体之间的互帮互助也是为了促进这一群体的发展，从而使每个人享受更多收益）和社会层面（让利于民的目的是为了政权的长治久安）分别论述。

**参考书目：Richard Dawkins: the Selfish Gene**

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