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The parliament (议会)

上议院(House of Lords)

下议院 (House of commons)

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Cabinet
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Parties

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The conservative

=The Tory

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Theresa May

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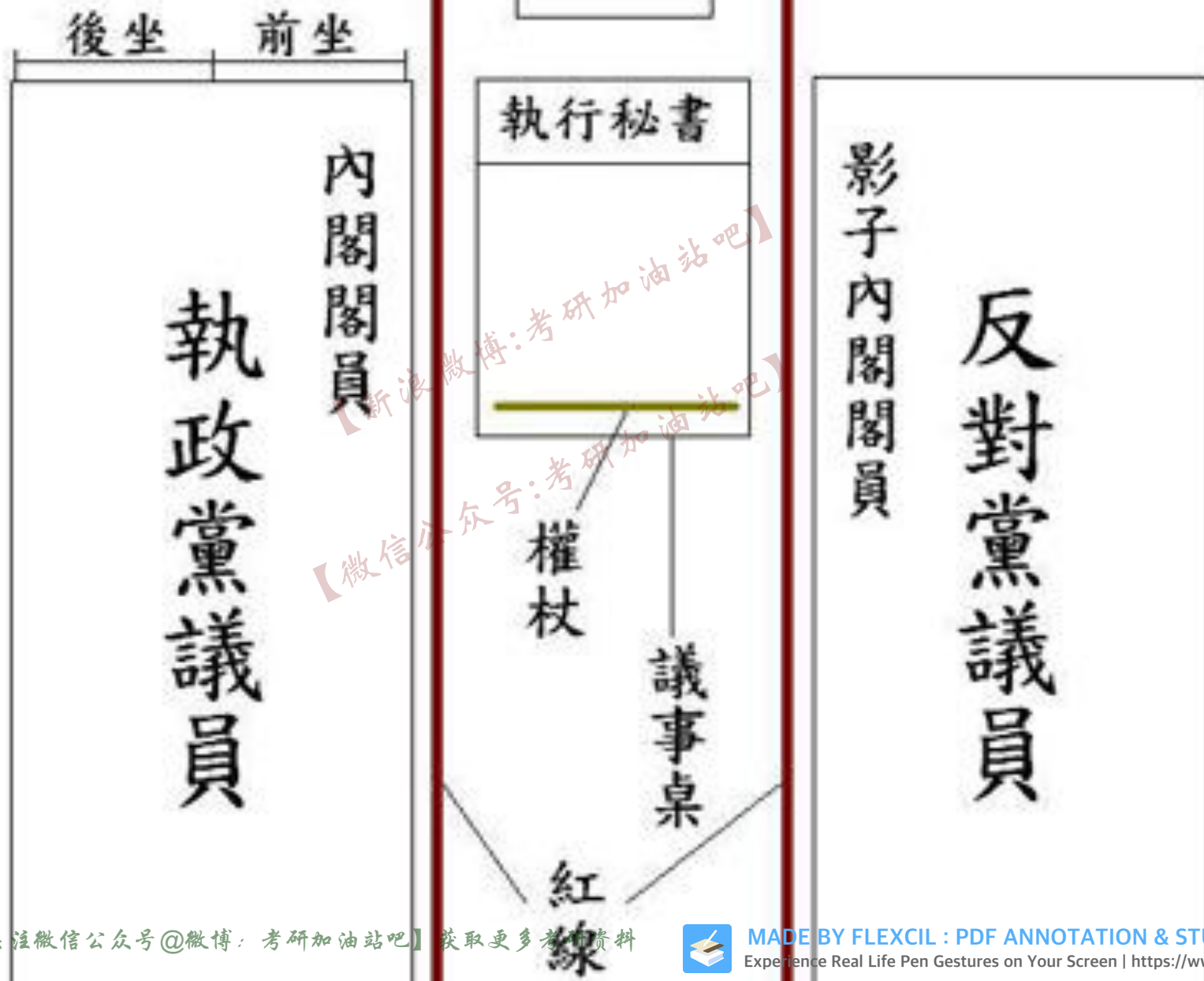
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1. ① In order to “change lives for the better” and reduce “dependency”, George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced the “upfront work search” scheme.

Frank



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(Johnson Boris)

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1. ② Only if the jobless arrive at the job centre with a CV, register for online job search, and start looking for work will they be eligible for benefit—and then they should report weekly rather than fortnightly.

而不是
be eligible for sth
be eligible to do sth

21. George Osborne's scheme was intended to_____.

[A]provide the unemployed with ~~easier~~ access to benefits

[B]encourage jobseekers' active engagement in job seeking

[C]motivate the unemployed to report voluntarily

[D]guarantee jobseekers' legitimate right to benefits

1. ③ What could be more reasonable? 作者 态度?

2. ① More apparent
reasonableness followed.

2. ② There will now be a
seven-day wait for the
jobseeker's allowance.

2. ③ “Those first few days should be spent looking for work, not looking to sign on,” he claimed.

相反

代入
语境

顺利

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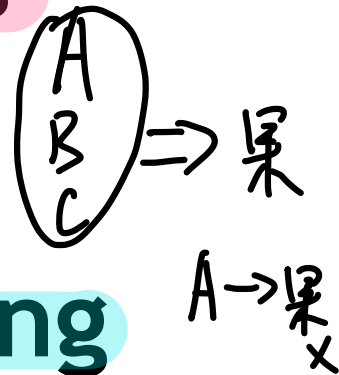
[D]to attend a governmental job-training program

2. ④ “We’re doing these things because we know they help people stay off benefits and help those on benefits get into work faster.”

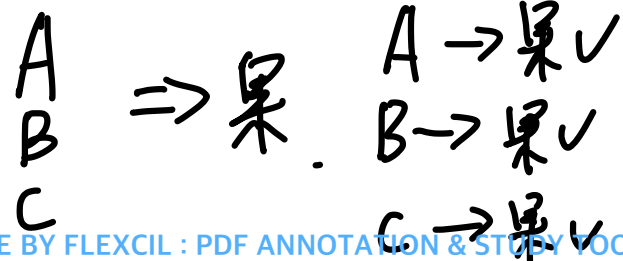
2. ⑤ Help? ⑥ Really? ⑦ On first hearing, this was the socially concerned chancellor, trying to change lives for the better, complete with "reforms" to an obviously indulgent system that demands too little effort from the newly unemployed to find work, and subsidizes laziness.

① 找指代 ② 补充信息 ③ 同义复述

2. ⑧ What motivated him, we were to understand, was his zeal for “fundamental fairness” — ^①protecting the taxpayer, ^②controlling spending and ^③ensuring that only the most [deserving] claimants received their benefits.



↓
申请者



desire / urge
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23. What prompted the chancellor to develop his scheme? → motivate = inspire

[A] A desire to secure a better life for all. ✗ N.G. = spur

[B] An eagerness to protect the unemployed. (例) = encourage

[C] An urge to be generous to the claimants. (例) = facilitate

[D] A passion to ensure fairness for taxpayers. (正) = trigger

ZEAL

3. ① Losing a job is hurting:
you don't skip down to the
job centre with a song in
your heart, delighted at the
prospect of doubling your
income from the generous
state.

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3. ② It is financially terrifying,
psychologically embarrassing
and you know that support is
minimal and extraordinarily
hard to get.

benefits
福利

3. ③ You are now not wanted; you are now excluded from the work environment that offers purpose and structure in your life.

3. ④ Worse, the crucial income to feed yourself and your family and pay the bills has disappeared.

3. ⑤ Ask anyone newly unemployed what they want and the answer is always: a job.

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☒ [A]uneasy

hurting.

[B]enraged

[C]insulted

[D]guilty

England Osborneland

4. ① But in Osborneland, your first instinct is to fall into dependency—permanent dependency if you can get it—supported by a state only too ready to indulge your falsehood. (upfront)

It is as though [you were a good
man]

相反情况.

4. ② It is as though [20 years
of ever-tougher reforms of
the job search and benefit
administration system never
happened.]

已经改革

4. ③ The principle of British welfare is no longer that you can insure yourself against the risk of unemployment and receive unconditional payments if the disaster happens.

4. ④ Even the very phrase
“jobseeker’s allowance” is about
(redefining) the unemployed (as) a
“jobseeker”/ who had no
[fundamental right to a benefit] he or
she has earned (through making
national insurance contributions.)

↓ fundamental right to a benefit

4. ⑤ Instead, the claimant receives a time-limited “allowance,” conditional on actively seeking a job; no entitlement and no insurance, at £ 71.70 a week, one of the least generous in the EU.

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25. To which of the following would the author most probably agree?

[A]The British welfare system indulges jobseekers' laziness. ~~X~~

[B]Osborne's reforms will reduce the risk of unemployment. ~~X~~

[C]The jobseekers' allowance has met their actual needs. ~~X~~

[D]Unemployment benefits should not be made conditional.