

考研英语 英语一 2018年 Text 1

机器人 VS. 中产阶级

审题划出关键点，精准定位，提高正确率：

21. Who will be most threatened by automation?
22. Which of the following best represents the author's view?
23. Education in the age of automation should put more emphasis on _____
24. The author suggests that tax policies be aimed at _____
25. In this text, the author presents a problem with _____
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段1

①Among the annoying challenges facing the middle class is one that will probably go unmentioned in the next presidential campaign: What happens when the robots come for their jobs?

【段1】 _____

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段1生词：

- challenge n. _____
- presidential campaign 总统大选
- campaign n. 竞选；运动，活动

段2

①Don't dismiss that possibility entirely. ②About half of U.S. jobs are at high risk of being automated, according to a University of Oxford study, with the middle class disproportionately squeezed. ③Lower-income jobs like gardening or day care don't appeal to robots. ④But many middle-class occupations—trucking, financial advice, software

engineering—have aroused their interest, or soon will. ⑤The rich own the robots, so they will be fine.

【段2】 _____

段2生词：

- dismiss that possibility _____
- dismiss v. _____；开除，解散
- at high risk of... _____
- automate v. 使自动化，自动操作
automation n. 自动化，自动操作
automatic adj. 自动的，无意识的
- disproportionately adv. 不成比例地
disproportionate adj. 不成比例的
proportionate adj. 成比例的；相称的，适当的
proportion n. 比例，占比；部分
- squeeze v. 挤压，榨取
- appeal to... _____
- occupation n. _____；占用，占领
- software engineering 软件工程
- arouse one's interest _____

段3

①This isn't to be alarmist. ②Optimists point out that technological upheaval has benefited workers in the past. ③The Industrial Revolution didn't go so well for Luddites whose jobs were displaced by mechanized looms, but it eventually raised living standards and created more jobs than it destroyed. ④Likewise, automation should eventually boost

productivity, stimulate demand by driving down prices, and free workers from hard, boring work. ⑤But in the medium term, middle-class workers may need a lot of help adjusting.

【段3】

段3生词：

- alarmist adj. _____
- optimist n. _____
- optimistic adj. _____
- optimism n. _____
- upheaval n. 剧变，动荡
- the Industrial Revolution 工业革命
- Luddite n. 卢德分子（反对新技术的人，强烈反对机械化或自动化的人）
- mechanize v. 机械化
- loom n. 织布机
- raise living standards _____
- boost productivity _____
- boost n./v. _____；宣传
- stimulate demand 刺激需求
- stimulate v. 刺激，激励，鼓舞
- stimulation n. 刺激，激励，鼓舞
- drive down prices 压低价格
- free sb. from sth. 将某人从某事中解放出来
- in the medium term _____

段4

①The first step, as Erik Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee argue in *The Second Machine Age*, should be rethinking education and job training. ②Curriculums—from

grammar school to college—should evolve to focus less on memorizing facts and more on creativity and complex communication. ③Vocational schools should do a better job of fostering problem-solving skills and helping students work alongside robots. ④Online education can supplement the traditional kind. ⑤It could make extra training and instruction affordable. ⑥Professionals trying to acquire new skills will be able to do so without going into debt.

【段4】

段4生词：

- rethink v. 反思，重新考虑
- curriculum n. _____
- evolve v. 发展，演变；进化，逐步形成
evolution n. 发展，演变；进化
evolutionary adj. 发展的，演变的；进化的
- focus on... _____
- vocational schools _____
- vocational adj. _____
- foster problem-solving skills _____
- online education 在线教育
- supplement v. _____ n. 增补，增补物；增刊
- affordable adj. 能负担得起的
- professional n. 专业人员；职业运动员 adj. 专业的，职业的
- acquire new skills 获得新技能

段5

①The challenge of coping with automation underlines the need for the U.S. to revive its fading business dynamism: Starting new companies must be made easier. ②In previous

eras of drastic technological change, entrepreneurs smoothed the transition by dreaming up ways to combine labor and machines. ③The best uses of 3D printers and virtual reality haven't been invented yet. ④The U.S. needs the new companies that will invent them.

【段5】

段5生词：

- cope with... _____
- underline v. _____
- revive v. 复兴，复活；苏醒，恢复精神
revival n. 复兴，复活；苏醒，恢复精神
- fade v. 衰退，褪去；逐渐消失
- dynamism n. 活力，劲头；动态
- era n. 时代
- drastic technological change _____
- drastic adj. _____
- entrepreneur n. 企业家
- transition n. 过渡，变迁；转变
- dream up _____
- virtual reality 虚拟现实

段6

①Finally, because automation threatens to widen the gap between capital income and labor income, taxes and the safety net will have to be rethought. ②Taxes on low-wage labor need to be cut, and wage subsidies such as the earned income tax credit should be expanded: This would boost incomes, encourage work, reward companies for job creation, and reduce inequality.

【段6】 _____

段6生词：

- threatens to do sth. 威胁着要……，有……危险，可能会造成……
- subsidy n. _____
- earned income tax credit 所得税抵扣
- inequality n. _____
- equality n. _____

段7

①Technology will improve society in ways big and small over the next few years, yet this will be little comfort to those who find their lives and careers upended by automation. ②Destroying the machines that are coming for our jobs would be nuts. ③But policies to help workers adapt will be indispensable.

【段7】 _____

段7生词：

- upend v. 翻倒，颠覆；倒放
- nuts adj. 发狂的，发疯的
- indispensable adj. _____
- dispensable adj. _____

21. Who will be most threatened by automation?

- [A] Leading politicians.
- [B] Low-wage laborers.
- [C] Robot owners.
- [D] Middle-class workers.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？ _____

根据原文中的哪两句话可以判断出答案？ _____

静姐的“填坑指南”：注意题干的同义改写，题干中的be most threatened by automation = 原文中的 _____

22. Which of the following best represents the author's view?

[A] Worries about automation are in fact groundless.

[B] Optimists' opinions on new tech find little support.

[C] Issues arising from automation need to be tackled.

[D] Negative consequences of new tech can be avoided.

我的答案： _____ 正确答案： _____

定位原文在哪段？ _____

选项A、C和D的正误原因？ _____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

23. Education in the age of automation should put more emphasis on _____

[A] creative potential.

[B] job-hunting skills.

[C] individual needs.

[D] cooperative spirit.

我的答案： _____ 正确答案： _____

定位原文在哪段？ _____

根据原文中的哪两句话可以判断出答案？ _____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

24. The author suggests that tax policies be aimed at _____

[A] encouraging the development of automation.

[B] increasing the return on capital investment.

[C] easing the hostility between rich and poor.

[D] preventing the income gap from widening.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？ _____

选项A、B和D的正误原因？ _____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

25. In this text, the author presents a problem with _____

[A] opposing views on it.

[B] possible solutions to it.

[C] its alarming impacts.

[D] its major variations.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

静姐的“填坑指南”：写作方法的题相对比较少，同学们要多注意。