

## 2017/05/06 托福寫作真題範文

- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
- It is impossible to be completely honest with your friends.
- Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 你同不同意下列陳述？
- 要對朋友完全誠實是不可能的。
- 使用確切的理由與例子來支持你的答案。

## 解題思路

1. 太誠實有可能導致友情破裂。
2. 不誠實反而朋友更容易接收到你的訊息。
3. (讓步) 真正的友誼應更有包容力。 (結論)但不是所有朋友都這麼有包容力，因人而異，所以要看人說話。

## 高分範文

Thomas Jefferson, one of the American Founding Fathers, sagely said, “Honesty is first chapter of the book of wisdom.” We are taught that honesty is an essential quality for us all—we should stay honest to ourselves and others. However, in reality, this is not always the case. We lie because we are afraid that the ugly truth might hurt our beloved ones. Thus, I agree with the statement that we cannot be totally honest to our friends.

湯瑪士·傑佛遜，美國國父之一，睿智地說過，「誠實是智慧之書的第一章」。我們被教導誠實是所有人不可或缺的一項特質——對自己、對別人，我們都應該保持誠實。然而，現實中，情況並非總是如此。我們說謊是因為怕傷害我們深愛之人。因此，我同意陳述所說，我們不可能對朋友百分百誠實。

First, being one hundred percent sincere is fatal to most friendship. Not everyone has the capacity to remain calm in situations of straightforward suggestions and unreserved criticisms. In fact, many people mistake benign recommendations for petty faultfinding. Moreover, some narrow-minded people may even interpret our good intention as jealousy. Once our honesty gives rise to misunderstanding, you and your friend

are likely to bear grudges against each other. For instance, when your friend asks your opinion about her husband, do you want to tell her the truth? A shadow is likely to cast upon your friendship if you honestly tell her that she deserves someone better. Therefore, if we fail to understand humanity, we may unintentionally ruin a friendship when we act under the principle of complete honesty.

首先，百分之百的誠懇對大多數友誼而言是致命的。在直接的建議以及無不保留的批評下，不是每個人都有雅量能保持心平氣和。事實上，許多人誤把良性的建議當作雞蛋裡面挑骨頭。此外，有些比較小心眼的人可能還會以為我們的善意是忌妒。一旦誠實造成誤解，那麼兩方心裡一定會有芥蒂。舉例來說，要是你朋友問你對於先生的看法而你其實討厭他，你會告訴她實話嗎？你們的友誼很可能蒙上一層陰影，如果你誠實地告訴她，她應該跟更好的人在一起。所有如果我們無法了解人性，我們可能不小心就毀了一段友誼，當我們依照完全誠實的原則行動。

Second, being dishonest can paradoxically facilitate communication. Although dishonesty sounds negative, we can employ it wisely to camouflage our originally unpleasant message and get our genuine concern across. In fact, white lies are white because they are well-intentioned. After all, since people often take poison in disguise, they should accept a truth in disguise as easily. For instance, if a friend fails his final exam, and we know the crux of the problem is his time management, instead of telling him to improve his procrastination, we can pretend that we also find the exam inhumanly hard. Then should we proceed to share how we prepare for the exam and how we plan the study schedule. As a result, our friend will find it easier to take your advice.

其次，不誠實弔詭地促進溝通。雖然不誠實聽起來很負面，但我們可以聰明地使用它來掩飾原本令人不悅的訊息，讓我們真心的關懷傳遞出去。事實上，白色的謊言是白色的，就是因為它立意良善。畢竟，既然人經常吞包著糖衣的毒藥，要接收包著謊言的事實應該也同樣容易。舉例來說，如

果有個朋友期末考被當掉，不要告訴他問題的核心是他的時間管理，而是假裝我們也覺得這考試非人哉地難。然後，我們再跟他分享我們的準備方式與行程表，這時候你的朋友就會比較容易接納建議。

However, some people may argue that true friends should be open-minded to whatever truth we tell. Those friends should know that we are being trustworthy when we dare to share our innermost thoughts with them. Nevertheless, people holding this idealistic idea ignore that individuals come from distinctive backgrounds as in education or in family. With such difference, they can possess different values. It's human nature that we are prone to accept people who hold similar views as ours. Therefore, we have to observe which friends are more open-minded to whom we can be more honest. After all, being dishonest is not a sin; it preserves friendship and ameliorates communication.

然而，有些人可能會認為真正的朋友心態應該更加開放，無論我們說了麼事實。那些朋友應該要知我們敢跟他們分享我們最深層的想法是因為我們值得信任。然而，這些想法很理想化的人忽略了每個人都來自不同的背景，像是教育或家庭。有這樣的差異，他們的價值觀也會不同。人性是我們傾向接受那些跟我們有類似看法的人。所以，我們必須要觀察哪些朋友比較開放，對他們誠實一點。畢竟，不誠實不是罪，它保存友誼，改善溝通。