

TPO21-30 口语范文汇总

TPO21

Q1

Speaking of an important news event that happened recently in my country, something came to my mind. The detailed description of the event and the reasons for my viewpoint are as follows.

Recently, there was a piece of news about a little girl who was run over by a van and within seven minutes, 18 people walked by without giving a hand. Finally, a scavenger saved the girl. The news is very important because it shows that our society is apathetic and lack of sympathy. People are not willing to help others and they are afraid to help the others. This is really pathetic to me. This news sparked an awful lot of discussions on the Internet and increased the public awareness of the terrible problem that we are gradually losing our traditional virtue. As a matter of fact, our virtue has been sapped by our apathy in this modern society. I cannot help but keep wondering: What should we do to save the society and save ourselves? Actually, this social event has raised public concern and demands people's immediate attention.

Based on the above reasons, I'm convinced that this is an important event with meaningful implications.

Q2

As for the statement in the question, I agree with it that friends are the most important influence in my life. The reasons for my viewpoint are as follows.

Firstly, I learned how to be sociable and get along with other people from my friends. When I first entered a company, I was a loner and quite isolated from other people, my colleagues. I did not understand the basic social rules among different people. One of my friends, Lillian, gave me a lot of advice about how to behave in front of the boss and what to say in front of my colleagues. I gradually changed my attitude and learned about the right ways to deal with other people. Secondly, friends are good listeners to me. Very often I felt helpless and painful because of some frustrations and problems I encountered. When that happened, I would go to my friends. They would sit in front of me, listening to my complaints or swear words, and then comforted me. I would calm down and become cheerful again. Actually, those are the things that neither my parents nor other relatives can give me.

Based on the above reasons, I'm inclined to believe that friends have always exerted the most significant influence on my life.

Q3

In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the university's plan to send daily e-mail to all students, so that they can get information about campus events and activities everyday. The listening passage is a conversation on the same topic too.

In the listening material, the woman in the conversation thinks that it's a great idea. There are several reasons for her agreement with the university's plan.

According to the woman, first of all, she considers that the weekly newspaper is not up-to-date. She reads it every Monday, but she will forget a concert on Thursday or a film on Wednesday. Besides, she says that the email can serve as a reminder. In this case, if any event gets cancelled, people will know and will not waste time going to the event. Second of all, the woman holds that everyone checks email at least once a day and if they include cafeteria menu in the email everyday, people will definitely read it.

Those are the reasons why the woman agrees with the university's plan.

Q4

In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the concept of the technique of questioning awareness of effect. By asking a student a question that draws attention to the negative effect of the student's behavior, teachers can lead the student to discontinue the disruptive behavior. This is called questioning awareness of effect.

In the listening passage, the professor uses an example to illustrate this concept, using his own example of teaching.

According to the professor, he once taught kids and he had a rule that students should raise hands and wait to be called to answer questions. But some kids had trouble following this rule. For instance, a student named Sarah did not raise hand to answer questions, which is frustrating for other kids. One day, when Sarah called out, the professor asked her a question: "Sarah, do you realize that when you called out answers without raising your hand, you are not being fair to the other students." The professor did not stop to wait for her answer but continued teaching the class. In this way, he drew Sarah's attention to the negative effect of her behavior by asking this question. After that, Sarah did not call out answer and started to raise her hand like everyone else.

Q5

In this conversation, the woman encounters a problem. She has been rehearsing for a play. But there is a guy named Bill who cannot remember his lines. The woman is not sure whether he will be ready for the opening night.

There are two solutions to the problem that are discussed in the conversation. The first one is to replace the guy Bill with another actor who can also play the part. However, the woman worries that removing Bill will hurt his feelings. The second solution is to spend some time with Bill, working with him to help him remember the lines in the play. But the woman has the problem that she has other parts of the production to take care of.

Personally, I would recommend the woman to try the second solution first to see if Bill will improve with her help. It's possible that Bill has got some real problems in remembering some lines or maybe that he is just nervous and forgetful on the stage. Thus, the most appropriate way to handle the situation is to find out the problems first and then decide whether to replace him or not.

Q6

In this lecture, the professor talks about two changes that occurred after machines began to be used for manufacturing goods.

According to the professor, the first change taken place because of the new technologies is that the center of production moved from homes to factories. Take the production of clock as an example: traditionally, people had made clocks by hand in their homes. But when steam-powered machines were invented and used to weave clock, the clock production became more quickly and efficiently. In this case, the making of clocks shifted from homemade business to factory production.

Another change brought up by technologies is that cities started to form around the factories. For instance, if a clock factory were built in a small village, the factory would hire a lot of rural workers to do the work. Under this circumstance, the workers, coming from different areas, started to congregate in the village. As a result, the village got bigger and bigger and eventually grew into a city.

TPO22

Q1

Speaking of one way that my personality has changed since I was a child something came to my mind. One way that my personality has changed is that, through all this time, I became honest. The detailed description of the change in my personality is as follows.

When I was a little kid, I always lied to my parents because I did not want them to know that I stole money from them, did not do my homework well, and played video games outside. Once I stole five RMB from my mom and used the money to play video games. Also, I was late for school. On that day, I lied to my teacher and my parents. Even if I was not caught by anyone, I still felt guilty of lying. I found that one lie makes many and that once people realized that I had lied to them, they started not to believe me. I felt sad about myself at that time. Gradually, I started to hold the belief that honesty is the best policy.

Based on the above description, I'm convinced that this is one way in which my personality has changed since I was a child.

Q2

As for the statement in the question, I totally agree with it that children should be required to learn practical skills in school in addition to academic subjects. The reasons for my viewpoint are as follows.

In my perspective, school is not just a place for children to learn math, physics or chemistry. Children need to learn some practical and useful skills apart from those academic subjects. For instance, if children can learn cooking at school, they not only learn the basic survival skill but also a skill that can help them become more sociable. On a party, children can cook for their friends. At home, children can cook for their parents and relatives. In addition, if children can learn personal finance at school, they will learn how to budget their allowance and develop a good habit of spending money. All this is beneficial to the children and can help them in the long term in the future.

Based on the above reasons, I'm inclined to believe that children should be required to learn practical skills at school and not just academic subjects.

Q3

In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the university's plan to let current students lead the campus tours for secondary-school students because the staff of the admissions office does not have enough time and the current students can offer a unique and valuable insight to the visitors. The listening passage is a conversation on the same topic too.

In the listening material, the woman in the conversation holds that it's a good idea. There are several reasons for her agreement with the university's plan.

According to the woman, firstly, she went to the admission office several times. Every time she went there, the staffs were very busy, running around like crazy, handling tons of paperwork, doing interviews and receiving phone calls. Secondly,

the woman considers that the current students will be really good at doing this. Unlike the staff, the current students can answer questions concerning practical things such as which dorm is noisier, which dorm is the quietest and which cafeteria is recommendable. In this case, their point of view will be very helpful.

Those are the reasons why the woman agrees with the university's plan.

Q4

In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the concept of irrational commitment. Irrational commitment is a tendency to continue a project even if the project is more likely to fail than succeed. This tendency can be especially strong when people feel that others are judging the success or failure of their projects.

In the listening passage, the professor uses his own example to illustrate the concept of irrational commitment.

In the professor's personal example, he wanted to buy an old house. But his wife said it was in no good condition and did not want to buy it. He convinced his wife to buy the house and decided to fix the house before they live in it. However, the house turned out to have many problems, so the professor had to spend a huge amount of money to fix the damaged roof and solve the electrical problems. Then his wife reminded him of her earlier doubts. However, he became more determined than ever. Even if the problem of the house got worse and took more money to fix, the professor just kept going, because he did not want his wife to think that he was wrong for not following her advice. In other words, he did not want his wife to judge his success or failure.

Q5

In this conversation, the woman encounters a problem. The woman spilt some soup on the research paper that she is going to hand in in the class, which is troublesome to her.

There are two possible solutions to the problem that are discussed in the conversation. The first solution is to hand in the paper like this and explain to the professor what happened, since the paper can still be read and will dry out soon. But the professor is strict about the look, the appearance of the paper. The second solution is to go to the computer lab to print a new copy. However, the woman will have to wait in a line and in this case, she will probably be late for the class. Besides, the professor is strict about lateness too.

As for me, I would recommend the woman to choose the second solution. The reason is that in this way, she can have a new copy of the paper, which is decent and favorable. Even if she will be late for the class, she can show the professor that she

cares about the look of the paper and that because of the accident, the lateness is somehow inevitable and understandable.

Q6

In this lecture, the professor talks about two different types of physical adaptations of mole for living underground.

According to the professor, one adaptation is used to deal with the challenge to move underground. For instance, moles have wide super strong front feet with big claws that allow them to dig through the dirt and thus to move through the thick, dense soil conveniently and efficiently. Using the shovel-like front feet, the moles can loosen up the soil and throw the dirt behind as they move forward.

In comparison, another adaptation is used to protect the sensitive parts of the moles' body. To be specific, moles have developed the hairy membrane on their tiny eyes for protection purposes. The hairy membrane can prevent particles from going into moles' eyes, which are the most sensitive parts of their body. In addition, in this way, when the mole is digging through the dirt, the dirt particles will just slide by its eyes without doing any harm to it.

TPO23

Q1

To me, one of the advantages to spending time living in another country is to learn a new perspective. The reasons for my viewpoint are as follows.

Different country has different cultures and different culture views things differently. For instance, I once lived in the United States for some time. Almost all I experienced there are different from my experience in my home country, in China. To be specific, college students in the US earn living expenses and tuition fees by themselves while those in my country rely on their parents for the money. Besides, their way of living is also different from ours. They usually live off campus and drive to school everyday. In comparison, we live on campus and walk to the classroom. Moreover, they do not always eat in the cafeteria because food there is a little expensive, while we always eat in the cafeteria because food there is the least expensive.

Therefore, after all, many different things come together to help me form a new perspective towards college life, which is beneficial to me.

Q2

As for the two choices listed in the question, I prefer to spend my free time alone on activities such as reading, thinking and writing. The reasons for my viewpoint are as follows.

I value my free time very much because that is the time when I can do whatever I like. I love reading and writing because they are beneficial to me. To be specific, by reading books and masterpieces, I feel like I am talking to those great authors and masters. I enjoy reading great stories such as Robinson Crusoe, Boy's life and Catcher in the Rye. By writing, I can take down and commemorate the meaningful moments and thoughts in my life. Besides, I can write my own stories. Every time I finish composing a story, I feel awesome and am eager to let others read it. After all, through reading and writing, I can better understand my life and myself. Only by staying alone can I read, write and think and achieve all this.

Based on the above reasons, I'm more inclined to spend my free time alone in activities such as reading, thinking, and writing.

Q3

In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the university's announcement that campus newspaper editors have made the decision to eliminate the international news section because other news sources can provide better international news coverage. Also, the space will be used as a calendar page covering events and activities around campus. The listening passage is a conversation on the same topic too.

In the listening material, the woman in the conversation thinks that it's the right thing to do. There are several reasons for her agreement with the university's plan.

According to the woman, firstly, she holds that hardly anyone reads the international news section and students already know about the major stories from local paper and the Internet before they read the section. Therefore, she thinks that the campus newspaper should stick to the campus news. Secondly, the woman considers that right now information is everywhere on campus, in different buildings or in the student center. With the new calendar, students can cut it out, carry it around, and know what's taking place and when and where.

Those are the reasons why the woman agrees with the university's plan.

Q4

In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the concept of reference groups. Reference groups are groups of people that we admire. We tend to imitate their behavior and attitudes.

In the listening passage, the professor uses his own life experience to illustrate this phenomenon.

In the professor's example, when he entered university, he made friends with art students. The art students always dressed casually. They wore T-shirts, jeans and sneakers. The professor thought they were cool so he also started wearing T-shirts, jeans and sneakers. But after graduation, the professor got a job in Chicago. When his co-workers and he gathered for a concert or a baseball game, he found out that they all dressed up a little bit. The man would wear a nice pair of pants and the woman would wear fashionable dress. And he started to think that these look really classy and sharp and began to wear like them. So his reference group has changed from the art students to his co-workers.

Q5

In this conversation, the man encounters a problem. The bus schedule has changed. But the man has to take a bus from campus to his job in town. As the bus he used to take is going to leave earlier, he cannot get there in time.

There are two possible solutions to the problem discussed in the conversation. The first solution is to talk to the boss and change the work hours to late at night so that he can catch the later bus. But if he works late at night, he will be tired in the class early next morning. The second solution is to ride bike to work. It only takes 15 minutes. But the man is worried that in bad weather, riding bike will be inconvenient.

As for me, I would recommend the man to choose the second solution, since it only takes 15 minutes to get to work. Also, he can get exercise from riding the bike. Plus, not every day has bad weather. Even if the weather is bad, he can read the weather forecast and shift his work hours ahead of time.

Q6

In the lecture, the professor talks about two ways that carnivorous plants use to capture insects.

The first way is active trap. For instance, the Venus flytrap has some parts that can move to catch the prey. Its leaves are hinged in the middle and the two parts of the leaves look like a mouth. Besides, its leaves have sweet nectar on them to attract the insects. When insects are attracted by the nectar and land on the leaves, the leaves spring shut and form little cages. Then, the Venus flytrap can digest the insects and get nutrients.

The second way is passive trap. For example, the Sundew plant has no moving parts. It also has sweet nectar on its leaves. But its leaves are full of little hairs. When

insects land on the leaves, the hairs can produce super sticky glue substance. Therefore, the insects get stuck on the leaves and then the Sundew plant can digest the insects and absorb nutrients.

TPO24

Q1

In my town, the public park is the popular gathering place where people would like to go. There are several reasons why it is popular among the people.

The first reason is that the park has a very big square where senior citizens go nearly every day to do some physical exercise. I can see them every day after dinner. They dance together energetically and cheerfully. Another reason is that there is a beautiful lake beside the park, and young people, especially those from the university, like to sit on the bank, enjoy the view and have some talk with each other. If the weather is fine, young beautiful girls and handsome boys can be seen sitting side by side, chatting and having a great time.

Those are the reasons why the public park is a very popular gathering place in my town.

Q2

As for the statement in the question, I do not agree with it that students benefit more from classes with a large number of students than they do from smaller classes. The reasons for my viewpoint are as follows.

I believe that students benefit more from small classes than from large classes. First of all, there are many students in a large class and it is usually in a big lecture hall. Teachers or lecturers will always focus on their own topic. There are not as many interactions in it as in a small class. In small classes, students are allowed to have discussions. Also, students can get more attention from teachers and thus have more opportunities to voice themselves. Secondly, in a large class, if there is a point a student does not understand, he or she might be left behind, while in a small class, teachers give attention to every student, so no one will be left behind.

Based on the above reasons, I'm convinced that students benefit more from smaller classes than from classes with a large number of students.

Q3

In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the student's proposal to close the Campus Coffee house because students usually do not use it and the food

in the coffee house is not good. The listening passage is a conversation on the same topic too.

In the listening material, the woman in the conversation does not like the proposal. There are several reasons for her disagreement with the student's proposal.

According to the woman, she holds that the good thing about the Coffee House is that it is never crowded or noisy. So it is a great place to study. She always reads a book or works on a paper in it. She even prefers it to the library. Plus, students can eat while they study there. Besides, the woman considers that although the food was not great in the past, it is a lot better now. The Coffee House has got a new manager. Last week she went there and the food was delicious. In addition, the new manager has added a lot of really healthy food and snack.

Those are the reasons why the woman disagrees with the student's proposal.

Q4

In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the concept of a flagship species. A flagship species is a particular species that represents a threatened habitat to the general public.

In the listening passage, the professor takes macaw as an example to explain the concept.

In the professor's example, macaw is a beautiful bird, a parrot, and has colorful features. It lives in the rain forest and relies on the trees for food and nesting. But the trees have been cut down. So macaw and a lot of other animals are in trouble. The populations of animals drastically declined. Then a group of people used macaw to represent the threatened habitat. They spread the word about how macaw needed the help and distribute books with macaw's pictures to the school and other community places. After that, a lot of people started to take actions and contribute money to help set up a protected land, a special area where no one could cut down the tree. Therefore, the number of macaw and other animals increase.

Q5

In this conversation, the woman encounters a problem. The woman just moved into a new place to live. But the problem is that the new place does not have an Internet connection. However, she has to do research and email people everyday.

There are two possible solutions to this problem. The first solution is to call the Internet companies to install the Internet. But it will be costly, and the woman has to pay for the service every month. The second solution is to use the computer center

on campus. The Internet there is free. But the woman does not have classes on campus every day and the computer center can get crowded sometimes.

As for me, I would recommend the woman to take the first solution. Even if installing the Internet will be costly, it is absolutely worth it. Since she has to do research and email people everyday, she must need a stable and handy Internet connection. After all, the computer center is on campus and it may be crowded.

Q6

In this lecture, the professor talks about two types of narrator in fiction.

The first type is an objective narrator. An objective narrator can describe what the characters do and say. For instance, if a man and woman are about to take a trip, the only information we get from the objective narrator is what the characters say to each other and their actions such as getting on a train and looking out the window. It forces the reader to fill in the information, interpret it, and decide what the conversation might mean.

The second type is an omniscient narrator. An omniscient narrator knows everything about the characters. In the example mentioned above, the omniscient narrator knows not only what they say and do, but also what they are thinking. For example, it may tell us that the man is nervous because he has not seen his friend in a long time and he is worried about whether his wife will like his friend. In a word, an omniscient narrator provides readers with more detailed information.

TPO25

1、 As for the statement in the question, I agree with it that most students in our country want to get better grades, no matter which grade they are in. To me, I will use two specific ways to improve my performance in class, which I already found useful and beneficial.

To illustrate in detail, the first way is earnest preparation before classes and comprehensive review after classes. I will do a lot of readings that are related to the courses before the professor starts the class. This can indeed help me during the classes because it helps me better understand the content and follow the professor's train of thoughts. Similarly, the review after classes can help me digest and consolidate the knowledge I have learnt.

The second way is that I will listen very carefully during the class. If I could not listen carefully enough, I will use some electronic devices to record what the professor says and listen to the recording repeatedly after class. In this way, I will not miss out on anything important. I'm convinced that this is crucial to getting good grades on tests.

2、 As for the statement in the question, I prefer to go shopping for pleasure whether or not I have anything that I need or want to buy. The reasons for my preference are as follows.

To me, I like to buy a lot of food when I run into difficulties, dilemmas, or struggles in my life. For instance, when I get low scores in the exams, I will buy some palatable food in the supermarkets or shopping malls. By doing so, I will feel cheerful and excited, thus leaving behind my worries. In other cases, such as when I get heavy pressure from the job-hunting process, I will also go shopping and wander around the malls. Although I may not buy anything, this helps me calm down, stay focused, and keep a positive attitude. Actually, going shopping is one of the most effective and healthy ways for me to release pressure.

Based on the above reasons, I prefer to go shopping whenever I feel the urge or need to do so, not only to make purchases, but also to obtain pleasure and relaxation.

3、 In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the university's plan to hold two graduation ceremonies. The reasons are that the number of students had increased and the single ceremony becomes very long. Besides, the ceremony hall is too small to accommodate the growing audience. The listening passage is a conversation on the same topic too.

In the listening material, the woman in the conversation thinks that it's unnecessary. There are several reasons for her disagreement with the university's plan.

According to the woman, firstly, she holds that reducing the number of speeches will easily make the ceremony shorter. Actually, the students do not need that many speeches given by different people. Secondly, the woman considers that reducing the number of guests each graduate can invite will make the hall less crowded. They can reduce the number of guests each graduate gets to invite from ten to six people, which will be of great help.

Those are the reasons why the woman disagrees with the university's plan.

4、 In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the concept of cultural lag. Cultural lag is the period of transition people need when they are adapting to technological changes.

In the listening passage, the professor takes the invention of telephone as an example to illustrate the concept.

In the professor's example, when the telephone first became widely available, only businesses used telephones, while the majority of people in the general public

did not think that the telephone should be used for personal communication. At that time, most people hated the pattern of talking over the phone without seeing the counterpart, or felt that it was rude talking in this way. However, after thirty years, people gradually changed their minds about using telephone. Homes start to own telephone and people begin to depend on it for communication. In a word, it becomes normal and comfortable among people to make phone calls to each other.

5、 In this conversation, the man encounters a problem. The man's roommate is moving out of the off-campus apartment, which means that no one will be taking him to campus. The campus is far away and the man cannot afford a car.

There are two possible solutions to this problem. The first solution is that the man can take public transportation. But he's worried that there is no bus that takes him directly to the campus. He has to change the bus several times, which takes a lot of time. The second solution is that the man can move back to a dormitory on campus. However, the man is concerned that he will miss his own apartment off campus.

As for me, I would recommend the man to take the second solution, to move back to a dorm on campus. The reason is that in this way, the man can save a lot of time on the road and focus on his study. I believe that living on campus is safer, more convenient, and more energy saving.

6、 In this lecture, the professor talks about two ways that weathering occurs, two causes of weathering.

According to the professor, firstly, weathering can be caused by water. Rock is often exposed to water, which freezes and expands over time, leading to weathering. For instance, as for a rock with small opening or crack in it, when it rains, water gets into the rock. At night, the temperature drops, making the water freeze and expand. In this case, the ice will push out of the rock and make it bigger. When this happens repeatedly, the crack gets larger and the pieces of rock will break off eventually.

Secondly, weathering can be caused by plant growth. When the plant seed is blown into the crack of the rock, it will take root, which can make the rock break down by causing fracture. For example, as for the big tree on the rock, it has dirt in the crack of the rock or on top of it, which enables the tree to grow. With time, the root grows deeper down the crack in search of water and nutrient. As the root gets bigger, it will widen the crack and cause the rock to break apart.

TPO26

1、 Talking about the book that I have not read but am interested in reading, the book "Steve Jobs" comes to my mind, which is a biography of Jobs. The reasons behind my preference are as follows.

To start with, as we all know, digital products have been very popular in this information age, among which, items like ipad, ipod, and iphone were all initially invented by the great inventor: Jobs. Actually, I'm a huge fan of this series of products, the Apple products, as they are so fancy and convenient to use. Therefore, I have strong interest in knowing more about Jobs.

Besides, as far as I've heard from my friend Elena, who has read the book, it tells the whole life story of Jobs. He encountered many obstacles in his life. However, he did not yield to fate. Instead, he struggled to stand on his own feet and finally became a very successful businessman. At this point, I used to be a very timid person and I always shrink in front of difficulties. In this case, I'm eager to read this book to obtain some inspirations and motivation.

Those are the reasons why I'm interested in reading this book.

2、 As for the choices listed in the question, I prefer the former one – I like to have my cell phone with me at all times. The reasons for my preference are as follows.

To illustrate my point, on the one hand, I believe that being social lies in the human nature, and nobody can live without contacting each other. In this case, it provides us with a sense of security and guarantee if we have our cell phones with us at all time, since we can contact others whenever and wherever we are, especially when we feel lonely, helpless and have the urge to share. On the other hand, I hold that having the cell phones with us is necessary in today's world because nobody knows what will happen. For example, an emergency or accident might happen inadvertently. Under this circumstance, it would be a blessing if we can call someone for help and get out of the stressful situation. After all, by holding the cell phone, we know that we are not alone, and we can always turn to others for help.

Based on the above reasons, I'm convinced that it brings us many benefits by having our cell phones with us at all times.

3、 In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the student's proposal to eliminate the advisor meeting because the information about the course is available on the website. Besides, the elimination can help solve the scheduling problem. The listening passage is a conversation on the same topic too.

In the listening material, the man in the conversation disagrees with the student's proposal. There are several reasons for his disagreement.

According to the man, he holds that checking the school's website is different from talking to the advisor, as the advisor can provide students with more help. For instance, students may encounter different requirements for graduation, and need guidance. Advisors have much information and can enlighten students on their

choices. Besides, the man deems that students do not have scheduling problem, unless they do things at the last minute. If students call the office early enough to make an appointment, they will not run into problems.

Those are the reasons why the man disagrees with the student's proposal.

4、 In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the ways in which epiphytes have adapted to life in the rain forest. Epiphytes are species that use a host plant as a platform to grow, live in rain forest, and have developed fascinating strategies for survival.

In the listening passage, the professor takes the urn plant as an example to illustrate his point.

In the professor's example, the urn plant wraps the roots around branches of trees. They reside high in trees in order to get sunlight. Besides, the urn plant has a unique shape to store water. With long stiff spiky leaves, it forms a cone shape like a bowl so that when rainwater collects on the leaves, it rolls down into the bowl, thus being stored. So the unique shape helps the plant to get water. In addition, it helps the plant to gather other nutrients. To be specific, after the insects and other dead leaves are washed down to the stored water, they gradually decompose and become a kind of liquid fertilizer for the urn plant.

5、 In this conversation, the man encounters a problem. The campus auditorium is already booked for the next few weekends, but the man wants to hold a concert there with his band.

There are two solutions to the man's problem. The first one is that the man can do the show next Wednesday night. But the man is worried that there might be a smaller audience on Wednesday, which is rather disappointing. The second solution is that the man can play with another band on the same day next Saturday. The other band agrees that they can play for a little while at the concert. However, the man is concerned that they only have a limited amount of time if they do so, making it impossible for them to play all the songs they have been preparing.

As for me, I would recommend the man to take the first solution, to play on Wednesday night. The reason is that although it's possible that the audience might be smaller then, they have the whole concert to themselves. Under that circumstance, they can play all the songs they prepare, which is helpful for gaining popularity and reputation. After all, it's never good to be hasty and perform in a hurry.

6、 In this lecture, the professor talks about two ways to design the containers of products in order to make them appealing to customers.

According to the professor, one way to do this is to make the container as user-friendly as possible, i.e. as convenient to use as possible. For instance, companies now use plastic container for condiments. In the past, the container was made of glass with a lid to screw off — people had to pour the condiment out or use a scoop, which could be messy. However, the plastic container is more convenient to use. People only have to squeeze it over the food. This makes the product more attractive.

Another way to do this is to make the container's appearance pleasing and attractive, making consumers willing to display the product at home. For example, as for a company that sells cookies, instead of selling them in cardboard boxes, the company uses nice metal boxes, with beautiful pictures on it. When people present the cookies to the guests, it looks classy. Thus, attractive containers can make products more appealing.

TPO27

1、 Speaking of a popular actor, musician or artist whose work I do not admire, I would love to talk about a Taiwanese pop singer.

To illustrate my thoughts in detail, there are two reasons for my dislike towards this pop singer. First of all, there are lots of rap parts in his songs, and this is one of the main reasons why I do not like him — that I'm not a big fan of rap music. For most of the time, I do not understand what he is trying to say in his songs. They simply do not make sense to me.

The second reason is that he likes to show off a lot. To be specific, he often boasts and he is too talkative for me to appreciate his personality. There is this one time that I watched a ceremony he hosted, he almost talked for the whole time, which was rather embarrassing for his partner. So all in all, as for this pop singer, I do not appreciate his work or personality.

Based on the above reasons, I do not admire this pop singer's work.

2、 As for the statement in the question, I consider that although parents should be somehow involved when their children choose a university, they should not decide which university their children attend. The reasons for my thought are as follows.

To me, the first reason is that children have their own preference and interest. By the time when they are about to attend college, they have grown into adults and they know how to make choices. So parents cannot decide whether they attend a small college or a big one, or whether they attend college located near their hometown or in a city far away from home. The second reason is that children are

more likely to enjoy the life in the college that they selected on their own, which is actually beneficial in the long term and a good thing for their future.

Based on the above reasons, I would prefer that parents be, to the minimum extent, involved in the process of helping their children choose a university.

3、 In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the university's plan to switch all paper books to e-books. The reasons are that they think that it helps students save money. Besides, the electronic device they use is an effective study aid since it's easy to operate and offers lots of features. The listening passage is a conversation on the same topic too.

In the listening material, the woman in the conversation does not like the idea. There are several reasons for her disagreement with the university's plan.

According to the woman, firstly, she holds that although textbooks are not cheap, the electronic device won't save money either. This is because if the device breaks down or there comes out new features with the device, students would want to buy a new one. Secondly, the woman considers that the device is pretty small with the little keypad and control button. So it's actually not easy to use. Plus, the woman prefers the old-fashioned way of studying, such as highlighting or underlining the content on paper books.

Those are the reasons why the woman disagrees with the university's plan.

4、 In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the concept of swarm intelligence. Swarm intelligence is a phenomenon that insects as a group demonstrate greater complexity than the behavior of an individual member. The result is that they may perform some complex tasks that an individual insect cannot complete.

In the listening passage, the professor takes the example of ants to illustrate the concept.

According to the professor, as for the ants, when a large group of ants walk on a tree in search of some food, they find that there is a wide space between the tree and the food. In this case, any single ant alone cannot cross the space. Therefore, what they do is that one ant walks forward to the end of the branch and holds onto the branch. Then it stretches its body forward so that the next ant can walk across it. The next ant does the same thing, and then one after another, the ants do this repeatedly. At last, they form a bridge so that the rest of the ants can cross over to reach the food. So this is how swarm intelligence works.

5、 In this conversation, the woman encounters a problem. The woman's problem is that there is a time conflict between the poetry class she needs to teach and her cousin's retirement party.

There are two solutions to the woman's problem. The first solution is that she could ask the male professor to cover the class. However, the woman is concerned that it might be rough for the man to teach the class, as he hasn't been teaching poetry for a while. The second solution is that she could teach the poetry class herself and arrives late at the party. But she's worried about the fact that she might miss so much fun as well as the speeches given on the party.

As for me, I would recommend the woman to take the second solution. The reason is that the woman's cousin's retirement party is a once-in-a-lifetime occasion and she would not have another chance to attend it if she missed this one. Regarding the poetry class, although the male professor has not been teaching poetry for years, he could handle the class with his teaching experience and the materials provided by the woman. Therefore, I would suggest her to go for the second solution.

6、 In this lecture, the professor talks about two developments that allowed Roman cities to expand.

According to the professor, the first development was that they had a lot of advanced technologies, for example, advanced building material, which is concrete that hardens under water. In this case, the Romans could build better bridges that cross wide rivers and transport wagons and cars. Therefore, cities were able to grow on both sides of the river, which created bigger cities.

The second development is an effective way to move fresh clean water. They could build aqueducts, water channels, to create a steady flow of water. So this structure could move a large amount of water over a great distance. Thus, people could have clean water without having to be located near the river. Therefore, the cities could grow much bigger in new locations.

TPO28

1、 Speaking of the type of assignment that is beneficial for students, I think class presentation is a relatively ideal way of doing academic assignment. The two reasons I have are as follows.

First, I believe that doing class presentation can cultivate students' confidence and make them more communicative and expressive. This is something that is very important for people's future career development. I know that most of the successful people throughout history have the above characteristics.

Second, when students do presentation, they are open to the feedbacks from the whole class, and then they can quickly correct their mistakes and adopt other people's constructive suggestions. Generally speaking, this is typically beneficial to students who are not communicative to others and those who have no idea of the problems they are probably encountering or will run into in the future.

Based on the above reasons, I'm convinced that class presentation is the most beneficial type for students.

2、As for the statement in the question, I agree that advertisement for candy and junk food should be forbidden on television to protect the health of young children. The two reasons for my opinion are as follows.

To me, the first reason is that advertisements often exaggerate the good taste and so-called "healthiness" to attract children but ignore the negative effects. Some candies are tagged containing vitamin but never mention the amount of sugar they actually put in. The second reason is that children generally do not avoid watching TV, but they do not have enough cognition of what is bad. Whenever there are such advertisements on TV, if they see one, they want to buy the product. No wonder so many children have decayed teeth at such a young age.

Based on the above reasons, I'm convinced that to protect children's health, advertisements for candy and junk food should not be shown on television.

3、In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the student's proposal to keep music building open until midnight. The listening passage is a conversation on the same topic too.

In the listening material, the woman in the conversation totally supports the proposal. There are several reasons for her agreement with the proposal.

According to the woman, firstly, as student musicians, they usually like to practice in the evening but they have nowhere else to practice in but the dormitory. Even though they keep the volume down, it's still noisy and will disturb other students. Secondly, the woman mentions that they can use more time slot. If they get more time slot to choose from to reserve the building, they can have more opportunities to practice. The reason is that before big concerts, everyone from all sections of the orchestra will reserve the building to practice, making it especially hard to make a reservation.

Those are the reasons why the woman agrees with the proposal.

4、In this set of materials, the reading passage is about the technique of refute and persuade. This technique means the company indicates the awareness of the

disadvantage of the product first, and then refutes the drawback by demonstrating the advantages of buying it.

In the listening passage, the professor takes the example of the advertisement of a well-known company's pots and pans, the woman, a professional cook in the ad, to illustrate this technique.

According to the professor, in the ad, the woman first says that this company's pots and pans are a lot more expensive than other companies' pots and pans. Also, she admits that people normally do not want to spend so much money on this when they have other options. However, then she says that the extra cost is worthwhile in the long run because the company provides lifetime guarantee, which means they provide free replacement if anything goes wrong. In comparison, most other companies cannot give such guarantee to their products.

5、 In the conversation, the man encounters a problem. The man was going to interview the student director for his article for the campus newspaper, but the student got a bad cold and would not do the interview right now.

There are two solutions to the man's problem. The first solution is to wait until the student gets better. However, in this way, the article would not be done in time for this week's paper, and the play is opening this weekend. The second solution is to interview an actor instead of the director. But the man is concerned that the actor would not know and say as much as the director does.

As for me, I would recommend the man to take the second solution. The reason is that if he waits for the student director, the article will only be on next week's paper. However, the article is better to be seen before the opening of the play this week.

6、 In this lecture, the professor talks about two ways that lakes can disappear.

According to the professor, the first way is through natural processes, and the other is through human activities. The example of natural processes is lakes that have lots of plants growing in them and are gradually filled in with organic sediments. With time passing by, the plants grow and die, which break down to muddy substance and fall to the bottom. In this way, they will finally fill up the lake, leaving no room for the water. Thus, the lake eventually disappears.

Apart from this, the demonstration of human activities is that farmers use lake water to irrigate the crops. They normally pump the water from nearby lakes for their crops. The problem is that when there is not enough rainwater or stream water to refill the lake in order to replace the lost water, the lake will finally dry up.

1、Speaking of the job or career among the three listed above that I think would be most rewarding, personally speaking, I consider that university professor is the most rewarding job. The reasons for my preference are as follows.

In my opinion, first of all, I believe that the major responsibility of the university is to impart knowledge to students. University professors cultivate talents for our country and they can enjoy the sense of satisfaction and accomplishment of educating young people. At the same time, university professors can enlarge their own scope of knowledge by preparing for classes and communicating with students. This demonstrates the mutually beneficial nature of teaching.

Second, being university professors can always help keep their young mentality. The reason is that university professors always stay with young people and can benefit from the young spirits. Besides, university professors have fixed holidays compared with other jobs, which allow them to have a good rest and an adjustment of life. This can count as great refreshment for people.

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2、As for the two choices listed in the question, personally speaking, I prefer to study in public places where there are other people around. The reasons for my preference are as follows.

To me, the first reason is that I believe people can share beneficial studying materials or resources with each other freely and conveniently in public places, and they do not have to worry about disturbing other people. Besides, they can also exchange their perspectives or ideas to widen their knowledge and broaden their horizon. The second reason is that, in my opinion, studying in public places can increase efficiency and quality. For instance, when you encounter problems that you cannot solve independently, you can get other people's help in time when you study with them together. However, if you study alone, you just get stuck, not being able to cope with the problems effectively, and thus cannot move on. This is actually a waste of time and energy.

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According to the woman, firstly, she says that these bicycles have lost some parts such as handlebars or wheels, and many other bikes are rusty because of the rain. In case that the owners still need their bikes, the university can attach notes on them to remind their owners to take them back, or that they will be removed by the security. Secondly, the woman says that these old bikes take up a lot of space, and it is very difficult for other students to find a place to park, especially in front of the dining hall. She always has to park her bike in another building and walk to the dining hall, which is very inconvenient.

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TPO30

1、 Sample answer

Location tops the list of important characteristics of a place to live.

Firstly a quiet neighborhood is the rule of thumb for a place to live. If my friend's apartment is in downtown where there is a lot of traffic, he or she would probably have a hard time sleeping after a long day of work. I wonder if there is anything more annoying than that. Home is supposed to be a place to relax, isn't it?

Secondly, a convenient neighborhood is also very important. Living in a place where bus stops and markets are both within 3 blocks would be a perfect choice. The rent might be a little higher, but it definitely worthies the money. My friend would understand this better especially if he or she lives in a big city where parking is always an issue.

So when it comes to picking up a place to live, I do have three advices. Location Location! Location!

2、Sample answer

I agree with the statement that parents should be involved in the process of helping their kids to choose a career.

Firstly, parents knows their kids more than others, so an advice from them would be likely to be insightful. For example, I followed my parents suggestion and chose computer science as my major because they witness my growth and understand how much I love computer graphics.

Secondly, parents usually understand a field better especially when they are on top of their career ladder. They might work as the best career consultants since they have a bigger social network where they could get information of any fields from.

Well, I am not saying parents should just go and make the decision for kids, but getting involved in the process of helping would be absolutely necessary.

3、Sample Answer

Eric proposes that university should schedule construction projects to take place during the summer break as they create inconveniences and could be completed quickly in summer when the weather is usually good.

The woman in the conversation totally supports it.

She mentioned that last December when the parking lot was repaired, parking were really inconvenient. Most students and teachers who drive needed to park on streets and walked to classes. That made them late for classes.

Also, the reason why the lots repairing took too long was there were bunches of snowstorms which caused the projects to keep stopping from time to time.

Those are the reasons why the woman agrees with this proposal.

4、Sample Answer

Emotional intelligence is a kind of intelligence to recognize people's true feelings and understanding what's causing them.

The professor used an example of his daughter to explain this. At first, she got upset with her friend about which movie to watch. Then she stopped and thought about the reasons why she was upset. She realized that she was not really upset about her friends nor movie options. She just worried about her first summer job as a camp counselor with kids because it was the first time for her to work with kids and she really wanted to do well. After that, she apologized to her and explained the reasons and her friend encouraged her and relaxed her by telling how great she was.

This is now emotional intelligence helped her to realize her true feelings and behave appropriately in this situation.

5、Sample Answer

The woman has waited Amy for 15 minutes for a movie in town, but Amy hasn't shown up and didn't response any of the calls or voice messages.

To solve this problem, the woman faces two possible solutions.

The first one is that she could she can go by herself and leave a voice to her.

The second solution is to wait another 10 min since Amy's often late.

I personally prefer the first solution. Because the problem of the other solution is that the beginning of the movie would be missed. However, if the woman just goes by herself, Amy could also go and watch this movie tomorrow. Besides Amy mentioned that she had a lot of things to do today, maybe it's better for her to watch this movie tomorrow.

6、Sample Answer

Using the example of the lizard from the lecture, explain two benefits of subsurface locomotion.

The first one is that it enables animals to minimize exposure to extreme temperature. For example, a kind of Saharan desert lizard could move quickly beneath earth surface. By doing that, it could avoid the dangerously high temperature on the surface of the desert.

The other benefit is it helps animals capture prey because animals on surface can't see them. The same kind of Saharan Lizard could sense vibration produced by insects walking on the surface of the desert and catch them from beneath the earth surface by surprise.