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## **文化类**

**1. Should government give financial support to build museums and theaters? State your opinion and explain why. (05. 12.17; 07. 9.29; 08.2.16考题)**

Sample answer :

In my point of view, government should provide fund to build museums and theaters because they serve as exhibition centers for people to know about the history and culture of the country.

The range of museums is fantastic—there are museums of ancient history and archaeology(考古学), of natural history and even museums for such things as transport and crime! And because the museums are constantly holding new exhibitions, there is always something different to see.

Theaters offer people a big place to enjoy a variety of operas and plays of different regions. Even the world's best group comes occasionally. Meanwhile, the building of the museums and theaters will enhance the cultural exchange between countries.

They are also one of the contributing factors that promote the national economy. That's why I think it's a good idea for government to help with the building of museums and theaters.

**2. Should a city try to preserve its old, historic buildings or destroy them and replace them with modern buildings? (07. 1.14考题)**

Sample answer :

I think old buildings should be protected and maintained for the following reasons. First, old buildings carry a place's history, tradition, local custom and even some unique character. They were designed to be preserved as they were in early times. They serve as a mirror to remind modern people of their past that they should be proud of. Second, most old buildings are tourist attractions which interest visitors from all over the world. If they are damaged, they might go back with regret. In addition, tourism is always a big support to economy. Therefore, we should try to bring the funding into the budget to do whatever is necessary.

**3. Some people prefer to get information through printed materials like books. Other people like to do that via the Internet. Which way do you prefer and why? (Which do you prefer, e-reading or traditional reading? )(06. 11.10, 07. 6.30, 07.10. 27考题)**

Sample answer :

Some people prefer e-reading 'cause it's fast and convenient. But in my opinion traditional reading is better for three reasons. First, paper reading doesn't have as much bad effect on our eyes as computer reading. Second, the printed word gives more comfort, enjoyment or personal touch than electronic text. I like the feeling of turning the page and taking notes on the book. Though computers are changing the reading habits, the long tradition of printed word may yet not be. Most people still read printed

books, magazines and newspapers to get their information. Therefore, I prefer traditional reading to e-reading.

## 媒体类

**Where do you learn more from, media like newspapers, TV, Internet or people like friends, family and teachers? (05. 12.16; 06. 6.10考题)**

Sample answer :

I think I learn more from people rather than media. I' ll take my mother as an example. When life seems hopeless, she is always there to help me every step of the way and she maintains everything will be fine unless I myself give up. I' m encouraged not only by her inspiring(令人鼓舞的) words but also by her action. By taking action, she has never been overwhelmed by pressure, adversity(困境) and even danger. Also when I feel blue(情绪低落) sometimes, I would turn to my classmates or friends for cheering up and comfort. While, media like TV or Internet can only equip me with(以...武装)

knowledge and information, they are incapable of giving me spiritual satisfaction(精神上的满足). So I learn about life, how to stay strong more from people around me than from the media.

## 科技类

**Do you agree or disagree that cell phone usage should be banned in some places? Include details and examples to support your opinion. (05. 12.3; 07.11.11 考题, 与07.7.21 类似)**

Sample answer :

I strongly agree with the opinion that cell-phone usage should be banned in some places like concert halls, movie theaters or in some situations like

when you are driving in cars or taking a subway, when you are in flight, in classes or meetings. For one thing, it has become social etiquette(礼节). The cell phone user should know when and where to pick up the cell phone and talk. Though people have personal right to use their phone, the others are not supposed to be involved in(被卷入) the unnecessary disturbance(不必要的打扰). For another, cell phone usage can harm a person's health. Brain cancer rates in the US have risen since cell phones were introduced, leading some people to wonder if cell phone usage is the reason for the increase. In recognition of those above, there should be some kind of regulations helping with this problem.

## 教育类

**1. Do you think the high school should teach music and art as other basic science? Include details and examples to support your opinion. (05. 12.2; 07.10.17考题)**

Sample answer :

Music and art should be important components(成分 , 科目) of the school curriculum(课程) because they have many uses besides recreation. To study music is to study the basics. Through its study, students come into contact with(接触) other basic areas of the curriculum: math, science, social studies, languages, and physical education. Apart from that, music, like reading, writing and speaking, conveys(传达) thoughts, ideas and feelings. It also provides an avenue for(提供方法/途径) developing self-expression and creativity. On the other hand, art education in itself has tremendous value(具有巨大价值). Learning about the history, sharing ideas and knowledge, is always a good thing. Music and art, therefore, as important parts of our lives, should be taught in high school.

**2. Do you think sports courses should be a required part of every**

**school day? (06. 9.23; 06.11.3考题)**

Sample answer :

From my point of view, sports courses form an essential part of children's education for many reasons. First of all, doing sports helps maintain the physical fitness of students. Movement coming from physical exertion during exercise promotes circulation of blood to all parts of the body. Thus, it results in vigor and stamina which help to prevent diseases and sickness. Moreover, exercise develops sportsmanship among students. When they play as a team, they are able to identify their role and worth to reach the same goal. It also helps enrich/promote/improve their friendship and personality. Therefore, I think sports courses should be mandatory (必修的) in school.

**3. Some students like classes where teachers lecture in class. Other students prefer classes where the students do some of the talking. Which type of class do you prefer? (06. 10. 15考题) (中立)**

Sample answer :

Both teaching and learning approaches are valuable and have relative merits.

Classes dominated by teacher's lectures are full of enthusiasm which stimulates interest. Then the interested people tend to learn more. Also, lectures provide a faster, simpler method of presenting information to the students. They are particularly useful for students who read poorly or who are unable to organize the material. While on the other hand, tutorial allows students to participate in discussions which put them in an active role rather than a passive one. However, neither of them is universal. Therefore, I can hardly say that I prefer either approach; I think the choice should depend on circumstances including the subject to learn, the depth to explore and the quality that the lecturer or the discussing group have.

**4. Do you agree or disagree that college students should do an internship before graduation? (07.5.18考题)**

Sample answer :

I think it' s a good idea for college students to do an internship before graduation. First, an internship provides practical work experience. It offers students a great opportunity to connect the classroom learning to the world outside.(理论与实践相结合) Also, this can help students either confirm a career choice or make a decision to choose a different path. And that would be an informed decision about whether they are interested in a particular career. Furthermore, students who have completed internships would find employment more quickly following graduation. And they are more likely to be employed within their fields of study, and are more satisfied in their jobs. Therefore, I agree that college students should do an internship before graduation.

**5. Do you agree or disagree that students will learn more when they have discussions?(07. 6.24考题)**

Sample answer :

I agree that students should participate in discussions in class. Through two-way discussion, the teacher is able to know what are the difficult parts for the students and then easily help them solve the problems. Likewise, the students can have more opportunity to communicate with the teacher and report their difficulties in time. Thus, both teaching and learning can be effective. Meanwhile, the students can get a better understanding of teamwork and thus enhance their friendship. Most of all, the interactive class can achieve a better and more harmonious study atmosphere. This, in turn, would promote the efficiency. That's why I think discussion in class is a good idea for students.

**6. Some people believe that students who want to go to university after graduation from high school should have about one year's time to get a job to obtain work experience or have a travel to enlarge their vision. Do you agree or disagree? What' s your opinion? (07. 8.11考题)**

Sample answer :

As far as I'm concerned, I think a gap year is a good idea for college students. Going away instead of directly going to university would provide them with a different and great experience. They would have the opportunity to see different things and know more about life. Taking a break from study is not only beneficial for their body, but also for their mind. It's like self-refreshment. After the break, they would be eager to return to college with a fresher outlook and clearer mind. Sometimes they may think more, connect their real world experience to their schoolwork and thus improve their efficiency. Somehow, students who take one year off either to work or to see the world, always wind up going back to school with more incentives(动力) to get more out of their education. So I think of taking one year off as a way of rejuvenating(使恢复, 使更新) oneself.

**7. Some people choose a major that may guarantee a good job. Other people choose a major out of their personal interest in that area. Which do you think is a good idea and why? (06. 8.26; 07. 3.3考题)**

Sample answer :

These two aspects of choosing a major both have their merits, but I still think choosing a major out of personal interest is a better idea. To begin with, interest is the best teacher. Only when people show great interest in that particular area, they can do well in their academic career. In addition, interest leads to involvement and involvement leads to enthusiasm and more response, which is very important for a student who' s pursuing a

better future. What' s more, long-term success depends on performance out of vital interest. Interest in the subject encourages them to take an optimistic view-point and continued action to accomplish their goal. Even when facing tough problems, they are able to tackle them and move forward. In closing, I agree with the idea of interest being the most important consideration of choosing a subject.

## 事件类

**1. Describe the most important decision that you've made in your life. Include reasons and examples to support your response. (05. 12.2; 07. 10.17考题)**

Sample answer :

A particularly significant decision I've made in my life was that I came to work and live in Beijing. I had just finished my contract on a very decent job and I suppose I wanted freedom, or at least a long break. So I decided to come to Beijing even though I knew it is a challenging and demanding(要求苛刻的) city. But I still thought life was wonderful and the world was big. Besides, I was always a bit tempestuous(心潮澎湃的) and I liked to do things on the spur(鞭策) of the moment. Arriving in a new city was exhilarating. Just walking out of the station with a suitcase and two bags and with a dream of doing something for the Olympic Games, I felt I had arrived and I felt life was mine and I could make of it what I wanted. That summer, I realized again and saw clearer that life never ought to be boring, but on the contrary is full of adventure and challenge and is exciting, too.

**2. Describe a social or political celebration event in your culture. (05. 12.17; 2006. 2. 11考题, 2008. 2. 16考题)**



Sample answer :

A type of social event celebrated in my culture is the flag-raising ceremony on National Day. Oceans of(表示 “许多, 无限的” ) people from all across the country come to Beijing the day before. They are very excited to see the ceremony with their own eyes instead of on TV. Some even have been planting this dream in their mind for years. They arrive around 6:00 early in the morning, waiting for the special moment. I guess they are all overwhelmed(震撼的) and thrilled(激动) by the wonderful scene at the time. On the other hand, the view of the honor guard parade is fantastic, the guards all wearing the green military uniform and marching to Tianmen Square with a high spirit. Each birthday celebration of the great country always begin with such a solemn(庄严的) flag-raising ceremony, which strengthens the unity and motivation of its people.

**3. Describe an enjoyable event in your childhood. (06. 9.23; 06.11.21; 06. 12.1考题)**

Sample answer :

An enjoyable event that took place in my childhood was when I first got my first dog--- Gus. I was ten and had been pestering(纠缠) my parents for a dog for years. One day I came home from school, my parents said they had a surprise for me and it was waiting for me in my room. I ran up to my room and threw open the door. I found a tiny puppy with a red bow around his neck at the foot of my bed. He was fast asleep. And for the rest of his life, he slept on the exact same spot at the end of my bed every night. That was a great happy event in my childhood.

**地方类**

**1.Where do you like to go when you are with friends? And why? (06. 1.14; 06. 2.11考题)**

Sample answer :

When I'm with friends, I like to go to the restaurant. We would head for some exotic (异国情调的, 外国的) restaurant where we would choose our favorite dishes. And also, it should be one of the restaurants where the waitresses do not talk too much or disturb you. I would like to find a secluded (隐蔽的, 角落里的) table just for 3 or 4, perhaps with a panoramic view (全景) over a river or the lights of the city. We would have some very mellow (醇香的), warming red wine in sparkling glasses twinkling in the candlelight, the hues (色调) and aroma (香味) filling our senses. We would eat slowly and carelessly for the joy of sharing and of being together. Our senses heightened, breathing deeply to the point of silent sighs, we would enjoy an endless evening there. That's the right place where I don't want to end our gathering.

**2.Describe a public area that you visit frequently. Please state why you visit it frequently and include specific examples and details in your explanation. (06. 1.21; 06. 11.17考题)**

Sample answer :

I usually go to Beihai Park when I have the time and opportunity. I can go for a stroll in the park to relax. The park has some trees, and interesting and winding paths, where I can wander listlessly and contemplate my own thoughts or admire the various stages of nature. Sometimes I just like to feel the breeze on my face and savour (尽情享受) its coolness. It gives me a sense of freedom. It also has a lake on which I can go boating. I often go to the park with my friends on weekends. And we'll have a picnic if we stay there for the whole day.

**3.Describe a school you' ve ever attended. (06. 9.23考题)**

Sample answer :

The school I'd like to talk about is Beijing New Oriental School where I took my TOEFL course. What I like about the school is that I can meet almost the best teachers in the country. They are so talented, eloquent(有口才的), knowledgeable and humorous that I don't feel any bored in class. A 2.5 -hour class passes very quickly. Another good thing about the school is that I can meet people from different parts of the country and make friends with them. We have a lot in common, sharing the same passion, the same stage, even the same learning difficulties which we encounter(遇到) and then discuss and finally work out together. Living on campus offers us much time to communicate and to share experiences. Actually there's a lot to say about my school, but the points above are what I mainly want to cover.

**4.Describe your favorite room either of your own house or in other places and explain why. (07.1.13; 07.9.12; 08.4.27考题)**

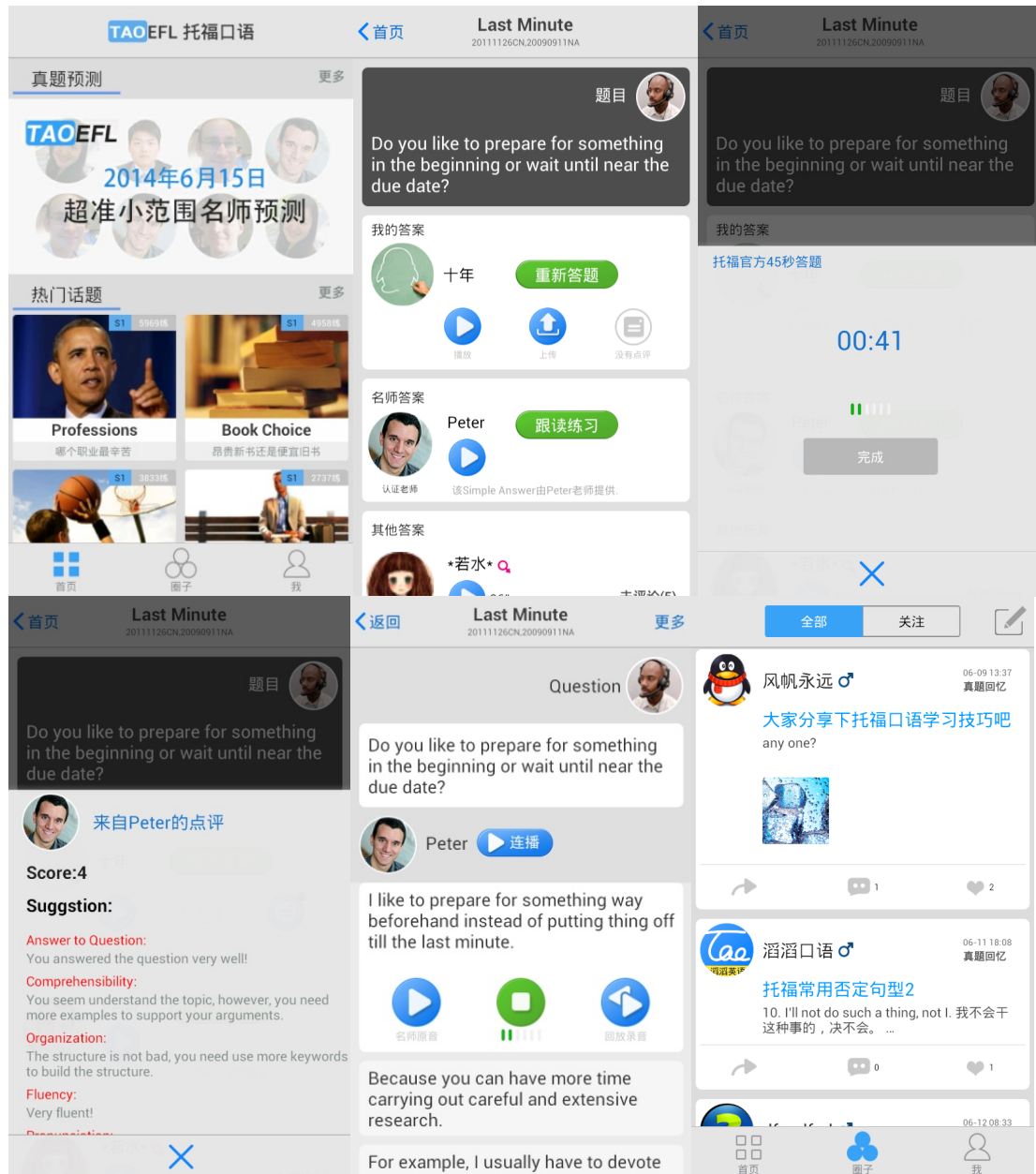
Sample answer :

My favorite room is the living room. I like lots of open space and a sense of expansiveness, of freedom(宽敞和自由的感觉). Also, it's a place where I can look around and not feel agitated(不安的) or confined(受限制的). All different but natural colors have such a lovely warm effect that I would never get tired of it. Everything is in harmony----- large digital TV on the wall, glass-made tea table, beautiful plants, couch and sofa, a good book, a good wine. It gives me a sense of satisfaction and away from hurly burly(喧嚣). It is at times a place to contemplate and at times a place to share with friends. In a word, it is comfortable and restful.

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