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一. 自研发模拟练习题及范文

Practice Question 1

Your professor is teaching a class on sociology. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr. Gupta

As we discussed in class, some charitable organizations provide the opportunity for donors to specify how their contributions are utilized, such as whether their funds are allocated towards direct aid or advertising expenses. In the event that you were to donate to a charity, do you prefer to have a say in the distribution of your donation, or do you believe it is more efficient to delegate that responsibility to the organization? Please provide justification for your position.

Tom

I believe donors should have a voice in determining how their charitable donations are utilized. Allowing donors to select where their funds go ensures accountability from the charitable organization. Without transparency in the allocation of funds, donors may lose trust in the charitable organization, leading to a decrease in future donations.

Jerry

I understand your point, but I think it is more effective to leave the decision-making to the charitable organization. They have the expertise and resources to determine where the funds will have the greatest impact. Donors may not have a complete understanding of the complexities and needs of the charity and may not make the best decision on how to allocate their funds.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 青岛学校

In a world where millions of people, especially those in poverty-stricken areas, still suffer from miseries and pain, indispensable are charitable organizations that intend to make a difference. When it comes to factors contributing to the success of charitable organizations, donors are the most essential one. I strongly support donors deciding how the organizations should allocate their funds. When analyzing areas and people in dire need of financial aid and telling whether the funds should be used in offering real help to those in need or in developing the organization, donors actually serve as a surveillance agency to hold charities accountable. Under such surveillance, there will be few instances of corruption and misuse of the donation. While donors may be less professional in distributing funds for now, they can learn to form a picture of how to make the best use of the donation.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

The response is relevant, well-elaborated, and makes a valuable contribution to the online discussion. The writer effectively expresses their opinion and supports it with strong reasoning. The response also demonstrates consistent facility in the use of language, with effective use of a variety of syntactic structures and precise, idiomatic word choice, and only minor errors.

The sample answer contains minor punctuation errors, such as missing commas and incorrect capitalization, that do not significantly impact the clarity or coherence of the response. For example, the phrase "I strongly support donors deciding how the organizations should allocate their funds" could be improved with a comma after "support" to make it clearer. Additionally, there are some minor formatting errors, such as missing spaces after some periods, which do not significantly impact the quality of the writing. Overall, the errors are minor and do not detract from the effectiveness of the response.

Practice Question 2

Your professor is teaching a class on sociology. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

As we discussed in class, the issue of world hunger is complex and has yet to be resolved. Some argue that only wealthy governments and corporations have the ability to effectively address the issue, while others believe that every individual can contribute to the solution. In a similar vein, policy makers must prioritize which issues should receive the most attention and resources. For instance, should governments allocate more funds towards education or environmental protection? As a policy maker, which issue would you prioritize and why?

Tom

I firmly believe that world hunger can only be effectively addressed by wealthy governments and large companies. The scale of the problem is simply too massive for individual efforts to make a meaningful impact. For example, these entities have the resources and reach to invest in sustainable farming practices. What can one person do in the face of such a complicated issue?

Jerry

I respectfully disagree with Tom's stance. Individual actions can indeed make a difference. For instance, each of us can donate to hunger relief organizations. We can also make changes to our own lifestyles, such as reducing food waste and supporting sustainable food practices. Collectively, these actions can add up to a significant impact on the issue of world hunger.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：青岛学校

World hunger has been recognized as one of the main challenges that we have to overcome in the 21st century. To address this concern, I believe wealthy governments and individuals should join forces and make their contribution. On the one hand, the famine problem is normally on a global scale, which means the lack of food in underdeveloped area is always caused by the lack of cooperation and advanced technologies from developed nations. In this case, wealthy governments and corporations could provide some advanced agriculture technologies to help those countries suffering hunger. For example, some genetically modified seeds could be provided from China to African countries in order to feed starving people. On the other hand, despite the contribution from wealthy governments, individuals should take the initiative to implement some changes. That is because the shortage of food is closely related to everyone's everyday life. For instance, citizens' awareness as to save food should be raised, and teenagers should be educated to finish all the dishes in every meal.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. It effectively meets the criteria of the prompt by expressing an opinion and making a valuable contribution to the discussion with relevant and well-elaborated explanations and details. However, there are some minor grammatical errors and awkward sentence structures that could be improved with editing.

The response has a few errors, including:

1. The phrase "famine problem" is not an accurate description of world hunger, which is caused by a variety of factors and not just famine.
2. The use of the phrase "genetically modified seeds" may be controversial and not universally accepted as a solution to world hunger.
3. The sentence "That is because the shortage of food is closely related to everyone's everyday life" is unclear and may not make sense in the context of the argument.
4. The example given about educating teenagers to finish all the dishes in every meal is not directly related to addressing world hunger and may not be a significant enough contribution.
5. The response could benefit from more specific and detailed examples to support the argument.

Practice Question 3

Your professor is teaching a class on education. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

As I discussed in class, universities in the United States have doubled their tuition fees over the past two decades. This has led to students taking out more loans to pay for their education. Some argue that universities should not be allowed to increase tuition fees so much, as it places a financial burden on students. In your opinion, should there be limits on how much universities can increase tuition fees, or should they be able to raise tuition as much as they wish? Why do you believe this?

Tom

I believe universities should have limits on tuition increases. When tuition increases so much, it puts a burden on students who have to take out loans to afford university education. This leads to a lot of student debt that takes years to pay off. If tuition increases were more limited, it would be easier for students to afford education and graduate without a lot of debt.

Jerry

I disagree. Universities should be able to increase tuition as much as they wish. Higher tuition allows universities to have more money to invest in research, faculty, and facilities. This will ultimately lead to a better education for students. Students who can't afford higher tuition can apply for scholarships or financial aid. It's not fair to limit tuition increases just to make it easier for students to afford education.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 青岛学校

Personally, I would be in favor of Tom's opinion that it is by no means necessary or imperative for the university to raise the tuition fees. In other words, the university tuition fees should be confined to a certain level, by which the students could not only afford their schooling cost but also focus more on their study. In particular some financially disadvantaged students, e.g. the unemployed, the impoverished and the rural, once being plagued by a huge financial burden from higher fees, would be compelled to undertake some part-time jobs in their spare time, which will pose a major negative influence to their academic achievement. As a result, they would be strongly unlikely to graduate smoothly and successfully. Thus only if the tuition fees are restricted to a fair and reasonable level, will the educational quality in university be guaranteed in a long run.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

Errors: The response has some minor grammatical errors and awkward phrasing such as "confined to a certain level" instead of "limited to a certain level." The argument could also benefit from more specific examples to support the main point.

The response is relevant and well-elaborated, expressing a clear stance on the issue and supporting it with reasoning. The writer effectively uses a variety of syntactic structures and precise word choice to convey their ideas. However, there are a few minor errors in grammar and word choice that suggest the writer may not be a native speaker of English. For example, the phrase "it is by no means necessary or imperative" could be more simply and idiomatically expressed as "it is not necessary." Additionally, the use of "plagued by a huge financial burden" may not be the most natural way to express the idea of facing a large financial burden. Overall, though, the response demonstrates consistent facility in the use of language and effectively contributes to the discussion

Practice Question 4

Your professor is teaching a class on education. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

Traditionally, teachers have relied on lecturing or leading discussions while students (aged 14-18) listen and take notes. However, some argue that this approach is not effective in preparing students for the modern workplace. Instead, it is suggested that teachers should prioritize student-led discussions and project-based activities. What are your thoughts on this issue? Do you believe that traditional teaching methods are still effective, or do you think that a more interactive approach is needed?

Tom

I think that lectures and teacher-led discussions are important in providing a solid foundation of knowledge. With lectures, teachers can ensure that all students receive the same information and have a common understanding of the material. Additionally, lectures can be an efficient way to cover a lot of material in a short amount of time.

Jerry

I disagree. I think that traditional teaching methods are outdated. With student-led discussions, students have the opportunity to take ownership of their learning and develop critical thinking skills. This is important for the modern workplace, where employees are expected to work collaboratively and think creatively.

Sample Answer 1

范文创作学校：上海学校

Indeed, student-centered discussions can foster an active participation and engagement as they take ownership of studying process and become more devoted in the discussed material. However, this approach is not without any challenge. One common problem associated is an unequal participation. Certain students might fully dominate the conversation, while others could just be the “free rider” feeling reluctant to write a simple word, and this can be tricky to manage, especially in larger groups where there are many different voices to be heard. In my view, I find Tom’s idea more convincing. Teachers are the experts in the subject matter, and their guidance and insights can help students to develop a deeper understanding of the topic. Moreover, teachers can offer the context and background information, answer questions raised by students, and share insights in the light of their experience.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

Revised:

Indeed, student-centered discussions can foster active participation and engagement, as students take ownership of the studying process and become more devoted to the material being discussed. However, this approach is not without its challenges. One common problem is unequal participation, where certain students may dominate the conversation while others feel reluctant to contribute. This can be particularly difficult to manage in larger groups with many different voices. In my view, while student-led discussions have their merits, traditional teaching methods that prioritize teacher-led lectures and discussions are still valuable. Teachers are experts in their subject matter, and their guidance and insights can help students develop a deeper understanding of the topic. However, to mitigate the potential drawbacks of traditional teaching methods, teachers can incorporate interactive elements such as class discussions, group work, and project-based activities to engage students and promote critical thinking skills.

Sample Answer 2

范文创作学校: 福州学校

In my opinion, Jerry is right when he says that collaboration and creativity are essential in the modern workplace, and modern education should assist students in cultivating these skills as much as possible. Besides that, I think that from a personal perspective, one of the primary reasons why students receive schooling is to increase their competitiveness in the labor force market. More specifically, it is an indisputable fact that artificial intelligence has been developing rapidly in recent years. For example, ChatGPT is one of the hottest topics recently. In this case, only if students attend student-led discussions are they more likely to think thoughtfully, such as what they want to do, why their decisions are the best approaches, what the benefits and potential risks are, and how to reduce the negative impacts from the problems they may face. What is more, while discussing, students can hear more opinions from their classmates, who may be concerned about different aspects. It is a practical approach for students to be opened-minded. All of these can help students to be competitive in the future. Therefore, I believe student-led discussions should be applied more frequently when schooling.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. The response provides relevant and well-elaborated explanations to support the opinion that student-led discussions should be prioritized in modern education. The use of specific examples, such as the importance of critical thinking skills and collaboration in the workplace, further strengthens the argument. Additionally, the response effectively uses a variety of syntactic structures and precise vocabulary to convey ideas clearly. However, there are a few grammatical errors, such as the use of "force market" instead of "job market" and some issues with subject-verb agreement, which could be improved with proofreading.

Practice Question 5

Your professor is teaching a class on education. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

As discussed in class, some parents closely monitor their children's use of technology, including reading their text messages. While this may be done with the intention of protecting their children, it has raised concerns about whether it violates their children's right to privacy. This issue has sparked a debate among parents, educators, and experts about the extent to which parents should monitor their children's online activities. So, where do you stand on this issue?

Tom

I think parents should closely monitor their children's online activity. With all the dangers that exist online, it's important for parents to know what their children are doing and who they're talking to. Reading their text messages is a way to ensure their safety and prevent them from being exposed to harmful content or people.

Jerry

I disagree. While I understand the importance of protecting children, I believe that monitoring their every move online is a violation of their right to privacy. Children deserve to have some level of independence and trust from their parents. Instead of reading their text messages, parents should focus on building a strong relationship with their children and educating them about how to stay safe online.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：上海学校

I favor Tom's opinion that parents should have the right to monitor children's activities online for the protection of their children. I would like to add that monitoring children's activities tends to serve as a method to improve the relationship between parents and children since parents will surely know their children's inclinations by monitoring their behaviors, thus understanding their interests. Then, parents can communicate with their children about their hobbies, so naturally, children will grow more adoration towards their parents, thus improving the relationship between parents and children. Of course, I have to admit that the infringement of privacy may be legally inappropriate and emotionally hurtful. However, compared with the enhanced security and relationship, such damage is negligible. At the same time, with the development of technology, parents can monitor the children without being noticed, so the fear of exposure is unlikely to happen.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

The response is relevant and effectively elaborates on the topic. The writer provides a clear opinion and supports it with reasoning and an additional point about building a strong relationship with children. The writer also acknowledges the potential infringement of privacy and provides a solution to avoid it. The language is generally clear and well-expressed, with a good use of vocabulary and sentence structures.

Errors:

1. The phrase "I favor Tom's opinion" could be rephrased to "I agree with Tom's opinion" to avoid repetition of the word "opinion."
2. In the sentence "Of course, I have to admit that the infringement of privacy may be legally inappropriate and emotionally hurtful," the word "infringement" should be pluralized to "infringements."
3. In the sentence "However, compared with the enhanced security and relationship, such damage is negligible," the phrase "enhanced security and relationship" could be rephrased to "improved security and relationship" for clarity.

Practice Question 6

Your professor is teaching a class on social science. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr. Diaz

I would like to open a discussion on the topic of social conformity versus individuality. From a very young age, we are often encouraged to "fit in" with others and conform to societal norms, which can result in a lack of diversity and the promotion of uniformity. However, I believe that embracing our differences and unique perspectives can lead to greater understanding and better decision-making.

Therefore, my question for the class discussion board is: Do you believe it is more valuable for individuals to fit in and conform to societal norms or to embrace their uniqueness and individuality? What are the potential benefits and drawbacks of each approach?

Ava

I think it's better to be unique and different. When we try to fit in, we often hide parts of ourselves and pretend to be someone we're not. For example, in my old school, everyone wore the same clothes and liked the same music. But when I moved here, I found a group of friends who are into different things, and I feel more like myself when I'm around them.

Max

I disagree, Ava. I think it's important to fit in and be part of the group. When we're different, we can feel left out and alone. For instance, last year, I wore a different style of clothes to everyone else, and people made fun of me for it. But now that I've started wearing more popular clothes, people are nicer to me and include me in their activities.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：上海学校

Personally, I agree with Max's idea that individuals should try their best to fit in the society. The importance does not only lie in the possibility of not being left out or isolated, but also the efficiency of adapting to the environment and better cooperation. When people step into a new place for study or work, conforming to the existing societal norms is the fastest way for them to adjust and create a comfort zone quickly. When encountering difficulties, they can turn to team members for advice since they share a lot in common with others. Team members' past experience can be inspiring for them. Some people, like Ava, are in favor of uniqueness. It's true that uniqueness sometimes may contribute to more perspectives and better decisions. However, in many social occasions, it is inappropriate to be unique. For example, when visiting other countries, tourists ought to follow the local customs or norms to show respect for the local culture instead of showing their unique lifestyles that may be considered as a violation of local customs.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. there were a few minor grammatical errors, such as "the fastest way" instead of "the fastest way," and "they share a lot in common with others" instead of "they have a lot in common with others." Additionally, the sentence "Team members' past experience can be inspiring for them" could be rephrased for clarity.

Practice Question 7

Your professor is teaching a class on psychology. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor Jones

As we consider the role of optimism versus realism in our lives, I'd like to hear your thoughts on the following question:

Is it better for people to be optimistic or realistic in their outlook on life? Are there times when being overly optimistic can be harmful?

Emma

I think it's important to be optimistic, but also to be realistic. For example, when the famous basketball player Kobe Bryant retired from the NBA, he didn't just sit around hoping good things would happen. He started a new career in filmmaking and won an Oscar for his short film. So, it's good to be optimistic and believe in your abilities, but you also need to be realistic and work hard to achieve your goals.

David

I agree that it's important to have both optimism and realism, but sometimes being too optimistic can lead to disappointment. For instance, a recent report showed that many people who invested in a certain cryptocurrency were overly optimistic about its potential and ended up losing a lot of money. So, it's important to be realistic and consider all the risks before making important decisions.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 广州学校

I agree with David that sometimes being too optimistic can lead to disappointment. Therefore, it is better to be more practical about what you set your mind to do. If you have big dream, you can be practical by setting smaller and specific steps towards your big dream. For example, if a high school student aims to enter Harvard, one of the top universities in the US, he can try to figure out what a typical Harvard student is, instead of simply getting optimistic and overestimate his abilities. When he understands what requirements an admission officer of Harvard is looking for, such as academic excellence and community awareness, he can try to meet these standards by putting more efforts into exams and voluntary work. Regarding to Emma's point, it is true that optimism is important, but taking actual actions is what takes you closer to your goal. In conclusion, it is more reasonable to be more realistic in life.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 5 out of 5.

The response provides a clear opinion that is well-supported with examples and elaboration. The writer acknowledges the benefits of optimism, but emphasizes the importance of being realistic and taking practical steps towards achieving goals. The example of a high school student aiming for Harvard is relevant and well-explained.

Practice Question 8

Your professor is teaching a class on social etiquette. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr. Hernandez

In today's society, people seem less concerned with good manners and civilized behaviors than ever before. On the other hand, if people really want to change the world for the better, they have to risk being seen as impolite or uncivil. So here's a question for the class discussion board: Do you think it is sometimes necessary to be impolite?

John

believe that good manners and civilized behaviors are always important, even when you need to express a strong opinion. Mahatma Gandhi is a good example of this approach, as he used non-violent protests to fight for Indian independence without being rude or aggressive. However, being impolite can create unnecessary conflict and make it harder to achieve our goals.

Sarah

I understand John's point of view, but I personally think that sometimes it's necessary to be impolite in order to make a change. For example, Rosa Parks was considered impolite when she refused to give up her seat on a bus, but that act of defiance helped spark the civil rights movement. Sometimes being polite can also mean staying silent in the face of injustice.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：广州学校

I agree with Sarah's point that it is sometimes necessary to be impolite. I will add that there are two scenarios where it is better for people to be impolite. First, imagine a polite police officer who treats criminals nicely. If an officer like this is on the scene where he has to arrest a thief and he asks the thief kindly to put his hands behind his back, the thief is likely to sense this opportunity to escape and will go for it. Therefore, it is common to see police officers use force to put criminals in cuffs. In addition, when people are being impolite, sometimes they are expressing their inner frustration and anger. For example, if a new mother is overwhelmed by the amount of work involved with taking care of an infant, and then one of the neighbors holds a party that wakes up the infant, the mother may knock on the neighbor's door heavily and have a mental break up by shouting at the neighbor. This behavior may be considered rude, but it is an important outlet of her feelings.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

The response provides a well-elaborated opinion that being impolite is necessary in certain scenarios, and the writer supports their opinion with clear and specific examples. However, there are some grammatical errors and some sentences could be revised for clarity.

The response has some grammatical errors, such as missing articles and incorrect verb tenses, and some sentences could be revised for clarity.

Revised: I agree with Sarah's perspective that there are times when it may be necessary to be impolite in order to bring about change. In my opinion, there are certain situations where being polite can actually hinder progress or even perpetuate injustice. For example, consider a workplace where an employee is being sexually harassed by a colleague. If the victim is always polite and avoids confrontation, the harasser may not realize the severity of their actions and continue the behavior. In cases like this, being impolite and standing up for oneself can be necessary to put a stop to the harassment.

However, it is important to note that being impolite should not be one's first course of action. In many cases, being polite and respectful can be an effective way to communicate and work towards solutions.

Practice Question 9

Your professor is discussing how young people spend their free time. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr. Lee

Some young people diversify their time in different activities, while others focus on just one activity that is important to them. So here's a question for you: Which approach do you think is better, diversifying your free time or focusing on just one activity?

Emma

I think diversifying your activities is better than focusing on just one thing. It can help you discover new talents and interests, and also prevent burnout from doing the same thing over and over again. For example, if you only focus on playing soccer, you might miss out on the opportunity to try out other sports or hobbies that you might enjoy more.

Jason

I disagree. I believe it's better to specialize in one activity that you are passionate about and become really good at it. This approach can lead to greater achievements and opportunities, as well as build self-discipline and dedication. For example, Michael Phelps specialized in swimming from a young age and became one of the most successful athletes of all time.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 广州学校

I agree with Jason's point that it's better to specialize in one activity that you are passionate about. Most people have to attend to many tasks within the 24 hours of a day. If we diversify our activities like Emma say, we will end up learning only a little bit of everything and become a jack of all trades, which is pointless. On the other hand, if we pick one activity and really devote our time and energy into it, we can actually become proficient in one area. For example, if a linguistic enthusiast attempts to learn three totally different foreign languages at the same time, it is possible that he ends up only scratching the surface of them and failing to master any language. However, if he chooses to learn one language at a time, he is more likely to have time to work on vocabularies, grammars and sentence structures. Then he can attack the next new language before getting fluent at the prior language. Therefore, it is more sensible for people to focus on one activity at a time.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. there are no major errors. However, there are a few minor issues. For instance, "linguistic enthusiast" should be "language enthusiast," and "getting fluent at the prior language" could be rephrased to "becoming fluent in the previous language."

Practice Question 10

Your professor is discussing how high school education can be improved. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr. Lee

Hello class, today we're going to discuss different approaches to improving high school education. The government has proposed two plans and I would like to hear your thoughts on them:

1. Plan A involves selecting a group of high-performing teachers and providing them with advanced training, which they can then share with other teachers at their respective schools.
2. Plan B entails providing all teachers with online training and resources, allowing them to learn and progress at their own pace.

Which approach do you think would be more effective?

John

I prefer plan 2 because it provides training for every teacher and allows them to study individually. This way, each teacher can learn at their own pace and convenience. It's like online courses for students, they can study whenever and wherever they want. For example, I learned a lot from an online course on programming, and I was able to complete it at my own pace while working part-time.

Jane

I don't think Plan 2 is the best option. When teachers train together in person, they can ask questions, share ideas, and learn from each other's experiences. This creates a more collaborative and supportive learning environment. Additionally, online training might not work as well for teachers who prefer hands-on or interactive learning, which could limit their ability to learn effectively.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：武汉学校

I strongly agree with Jane's idea that plan 2 provides teachers with a more interactive and supportive learning environment than plan 1 does. I'd add that plan 1 encourages teachers, especially those silent ones, to ponder over questions as well as rethink their teaching. In this way, all the attendees would be involved in a heated discussion about how to teach effectively. John mentions that plan 2 allows teachers to learn at their own pace. Nevertheless, one important factor, learning effectiveness, is not taken into account by him. For example, although one inexperienced teacher can study according to his/her own convenience, he/she may find it difficult to digest some pedagogical theories without other experienced teachers' help. In this way, the effect of training cannot be guaranteed.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. There are a few grammatical errors in the answer, such as "this way" being used twice in the same sentence, which can make the writing seem repetitive. Additionally, there is a lack of parallelism in the sentence "John mentions that plan 2 allows teachers to learn at their own pace," which could be improved for clarity.

Practice Question 11

Your professor is discussing animal tests. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr. Gupta

For centuries, animal tests have been used in an effort to understand the world around us better. It is estimated that more than 115 million animals are tested per year for medical cosmetic, toxicological or psychological research. What are the consequences? Should this practice be continued?

Emma

I think animal testing should be continued because it has led to important medical breakthroughs. For example, the discovery of insulin for diabetes was made possible through animal testing. It's also important to note that regulations and ethical guidelines are in place to minimize harm to the animals used in testing.

John

I understand the importance of animal testing in scientific research, but I think there should be more emphasis on alternative methods that do not involve animals. For example, computer simulations and in vitro testing can be used to reduce the number of animals used in research. Additionally, some animals, like chimpanzees, are highly intelligent and have complex emotional lives, and it is unethical to subject them to invasive experiments.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 武汉学校

Animal testing has become a complex issue that poses an ethical dilemma. Although I do agree with John's view that new technologies should be developed to reduce or eliminate the need for animal testing, I believe it is necessary at least now and in the near future since the use of animals is still irreplaceable in some fields of research. For instance, before a vaccine can be tested on humans, it must go through animal tests. This is because animals, such as mice, have immune systems that are similar to humans, and testing on animals can provide valuable information about the safety and efficacy of a vaccine. Unless alternative methods can prove to be at least as effective as animal testing, the latter should not be banned.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

The response provides a clear opinion on the topic and supports it with an explanation that draws from specific examples. The contribution to the discussion is also meaningful, as the writer recognizes the ethical concerns surrounding animal testing but emphasizes its importance in certain areas of research.

There are a few minor grammatical errors and awkward phrasings

- 1.The first sentence could be more concise and clear. For example, "I believe animal testing is necessary in certain fields of research, despite the ethical concerns it raises."
- 2.In the sentence "This is because animals, such as mice, have immune systems that are similar to humans," the word "such" should be followed by "as" to make it grammatically correct.
- 3.The phrase "at least as effective as animal testing" could be rephrased to "as effective as or more effective than animal testing" to improve clarity.

There are some minor punctuation errors, such as missing commas before introductory phrases (e.g., "Before a vaccine can be tested on humans") and missing periods at the end of some sentences.

Practice Question 12

Your professor is teaching a class on social media. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

As we've discussed in class, social media has become an increasingly important tool for businesses to connect with their target audience. However, there are both benefits and drawbacks to using social media for business purposes. What do you think?

Tom

Using social media for business purposes can increase brand awareness and reach a wider audience. For example, a small business can showcase its products on Instagram to attract new customers. However, social media can be time-consuming and difficult to measure return on investment.

Jerry

A major drawback of using social media for business is the intense competition. For instance, businesses trying to advertise on Facebook might be competing with dozens of other ads targeting the same audience. This can make it challenging to get the desired results.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 武汉学校

I agree with Tom's opinion that social media allows enterprises to penetrate new markets and attract potential customers. When a person logs into Facebook and finds a product debut extremely compelling, it is very likely that he will share it with his friends or followers, in which case the product gains fame or even goes viral. As for the drawbacks of social media advertising, Jerry seems to ignore that there are some tactics to cope with fierce competition in media advertising. For example, market segmentation or consumer incentive will give businesses an edge over their competitors. Hence, I deem the major disadvantage of social media marketing is slow returns because it can hardly convert a viewer to a buyer in seconds. Take myself for example. To make a purchase, I am inclined to compare various brands or stores and the deal may happen several weeks after I watch a relevant advertisement on Facebook. In this regard, it is hard to measure the return on investment of using social media for business purposes.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. The writing style is generally effective, with a good variety of sentence structures and clear word choice. However, there are a few grammatical errors, such as the incorrect use of "deem" instead of "believe" and "stores" instead of "retailers". Additionally, there are a few awkward phrasings, such as "slow returns" which could be better expressed as "slow conversion rates". Overall, the response effectively addresses the prompt and contributes to the discussion.

Practice Question 13

Your professor is teaching a class on campus safety. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

As we all know, the issue of campus safety is a hot topic on our campus. What steps do you think our university can take to improve campus safety for all students, faculty, and staff?

Tom

I think one important step our university can take to improve campus safety is to increase the presence of security personnel on campus. This can include having more officers patrolling the campus at all hours and installing more security cameras in high-traffic areas. Another step would be to provide regular safety training and education for all members of the campus community, so that they know how to respond in the event of an emergency.

Jerry

I believe that our university can also do more to address the root causes of campus safety concerns, such as sexual assault and harassment. One step could be to provide more resources and support for survivors, including counseling services and reporting mechanisms that are easily accessible and confidential. Additionally, our university can work to create a culture of respect and consent on campus by implementing training programs and campaigns that promote healthy relationships and communication.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：成都学校

I strongly agree with Tom's idea that more investment in security staff and equipment can make campus a safer place for students, faculty and visitors. I would add that the university should make a risk assessment and development of a school safety plan which will help them prioritize safety and security improvements. Jerry raised the relevant point that more supports for survivors can improve campus safety but she did not mention that what the victims need most is rapid and effective response from security staff to end the threat as quickly as possible to save their lives, when the prevention is not enough. For example, the alert signal from security cameras can help the security personnel stop the crime before the victims are further violated in the campus. Overall, then, I would say that campus safety can be improved with more well-trained security personnel and up-to-date equipment.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. The answer effectively expresses and supports the author's opinion, and makes a contribution to the discussion by providing additional suggestions to improve campus safety beyond those already mentioned by Tom and Jerry. However, there are a few errors in the answer, such as the use of "development" instead of "developing" in the sentence "the university should make a risk assessment and development of a school safety plan," and the use of "violated" instead of "harmed" or "injured" in the sentence "stop the crime before the victims are further violated in the campus." Additionally, the sentence "Overall, then, I would say that campus safety can be improved with more well-trained security personnel and up-to-date equipment" could benefit from further elaboration or explanation.

Practice Question 14

Your professor is teaching a class on a healthy diet. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

With the rise of chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease, the importance of a healthy diet in promoting overall health and wellness cannot be overstated. What are some actions that we can take to improve our diet and maintain good health, aside from just eating healthy foods?

Tom

One action that we can take to improve our diet is to eat more slowly. Eating too quickly can cause us to overeat and also affects our digestion. By taking the time to savor each bite and chew our food properly, we not only enjoy our food more, but we also give our bodies the time it needs to send signals to the brain that we're full.

Jerry

While I agree with Tom that eating slowly can help improve our diet, I think there's another action that is equally important. That action is to focus on the nutrient density of our food. For example, let's say that someone is eating slowly but they're only consuming foods that are high in calories, sugar, and unhealthy fats. On the other hand, if someone is eating foods that are nutrient-dense, such as fruits and vegetables, they're providing their body with the nutrients it needs to maintain good health.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 成都学校

I agree with Jerry and Tom's opinions which are eating slowly and focusing on the nutrition of food to promote our diet. From my point of view, I have the extra option which is eating on time to assist us in changing our meals to be healthier. Usually, people will have three meals each day- breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Our body has its schedule for taking food, and our digestive system will work regularly. For instance, factory-hand working time is from 9 AM-5 PM, and workers will work effectively during this period due to their daily routine. When people work overtime, they will feel tired and cannot finish assignments effectively. If we cannot eat food on time, our stomach will miss the best moment to obtain nutrition from what we eat, because it is not perfect timing for the stomach to operate. Thus, having a regular dietary habits can promote us to maintain better health.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. there are a few minor grammatical errors. For instance, in the sentence "If we cannot eat food on time, our stomach will miss the best moment to obtain nutrition from what we eat, because it is not perfect timing for the stomach to operate," the phrase "because it is not perfect timing for the stomach to operate" seems redundant and could be rephrased. Additionally, in the sentence "Thus, having a regular dietary habits can promote us to maintain better health," "dietary habits" should be singular, or the sentence should be revised to say "Thus, having regular dietary habits can promote us to maintain better health."

Practice Question 15

Your professor is initiating a discussion on school uniforms. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

School uniforms have been a topic of debate in education for decades, with proponents arguing that they promote a sense of community, while opponents argue that they can be costly for families. In today's class, we will discuss whether schools should require students to wear uniforms and explore the potential benefits and drawbacks of this policy.

Tom

I think schools should require students to wear uniforms. When I was in high school, wearing a uniform made getting ready for school easier and reduced the stress of deciding what to wear. It also helped me feel more connected to my school community and allowed me to focus on my education.

Jerry

I have a different perspective. While I can see the potential benefits of school uniforms, I think it's important to consider the potential drawbacks as well. Many schools require uniforms to be purchased from specific vendors, which can be more expensive than purchasing clothes from other retailers. Some schools even require additional accessories and items to go along with uniforms, such as belts, ties, and shoes. It also adds to the overall cost.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：成都学校

I strongly agree with Tom that schools should require students to wear uniforms because this could also help students learn how to view others properly. In other words, wearing uniforms helps students develop the value of judging each other by what they are rather than what they wear. As a class usually contains students from a variety of domestic backgrounds and the clothes they wear would to some extent reflect their families' economic condition, if allowed to wear whatever they like, students especially those who tend to judge people by their external appearance would probably lose the opportunity to acquaint themselves with a seemingly poorly-dressed but actually creative and intelligent classmate. By contrast, if every student wears the same clothes, they would treat each other more equally and are more likely to pay attention to some interior characteristics such as reliability, independence or optimism of an individual student. For example, one of my classmates in high school, Jane, came from a deprived area, but we took no notice of that during the whole learning process because we all wore uniforms. And instead of being regarded as one of the socially-disadvantaged group, Jane was considered as kind-hearted and diligent.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

"the clothes they wear would to some extent reflect their families' economic condition" (should be "the clothes they wear would, to some extent, reflect their families' economic condition"), and "they would treat each other more equally and are more likely to pay attention" (should be "they would treat each other more equally and would be more likely to pay attention").

Practice Question 16

Your professor is initiating a discussion on standardized tests. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

Standardized testing is a method of evaluating student and teacher performance using tests that are administered and scored in a consistent, uniform manner. What do you think of the pros and cons of using standardized testing to evaluate students and teachers?

Tom

Standardized testing should not be used to evaluate students and teachers because they do not accurately measure the full range of a student's abilities or a teacher's effectiveness. Students have different learning styles, and teachers have different teaching styles. Using a single test to evaluate them would be unfair and could lead to a narrow focus on test preparation rather than real learning.

Jerry

Admittedly, standardized testing is not a perfect measure of a student's abilities or a teacher's effectiveness. However, it can still be a valuable tool for evaluating both. It provides a common standard for comparison and helps identify areas where students and teachers may need additional support. For example, when I took the SAT, my score helped me gain admission to a college I might not have been able to attend otherwise.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 济南学校

It is true that like Jerry said standardized testing provides schools with a valuable metric to pinpoint areas for improvement. Otherwise, it would not have been widely recognized and promoted for so many years. However, in my opinion, standardized testing has glaring flaws. It is very likely to underestimate students' potential since a variety of factors, unfamiliarity with testing methods, test anxiety, and illness, just to name a few, will wreak havoc with how well a student performs. Moreover, this kind of tests may be biased against certain groups of students and spoil their chances of success. After all, those from low-income families cannot afford long hours of one-on-one tutoring, compared to their affluent peers. Therefore, I strongly recommend schools to take more things, such as student portfolios, into account when evaluating their performance and strive to minimize the negative impacts of standardized testing.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

Grammatical errors:

1. "It is very likely to underestimate students' potential since a variety of factors" - missing comma after "potential"
2. "just to name a few, will wreak havoc with how well a student performs." - missing subject in the second part of the sentence, it should be "these factors will wreak havoc..."
3. "Moreover, this kind of tests" - it should be "these kinds of tests"
4. "may be biased against certain groups of students and spoil their chances of success." - missing verb tense agreement, it should be "may be biased against certain groups of students and may spoil their chances of success."

Practice Question 17

Your professor is initiating a discussion on school policy. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

College sports generate significant revenue for universities, but paying college athletes is a controversial issue. I'm interested in hearing your thoughts on the matter. Should athletes be paid to play college sports?

Tom

Athletes should not be paid to play college sports because college is an academic institution, not a professional sports league. The purpose of college is to receive an education, and student-athletes are already receiving scholarships and other forms of financial aid. Paying athletes would shift the focus away from academics and could lead to an unfair advantage for schools with larger budgets.

Jerry

I disagree. Athletes should be paid to play college sports. Many college athletes come from disadvantaged backgrounds and face financial struggles. Paying them would provide much-needed support, and they would have the opportunity to make money from their talent and hard work. For example, my friend is a college athlete and spends countless hours practicing and competing, but still struggles to make ends meet. Paying athletes would allow them to focus on their sport and education without financial stress.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 济南学校

I believe that college athletes should be allowed to receive compensation for their dedication to their sport. Admittedly, receiving a scholarship is certainly more or less helpful, but it often doesn't cover all of the expenses that come with being a student-athlete. These expenses can be overwhelming. For example, athletics is physically demanding. The cost of medical treatment and rehabilitation is bound to be high. Moreover, many student-athletes have to travel long distances for competitions. Flights, hotels and meals tend to be expensive. However, with all their time and energy put into training, they are unable to pursue part-time jobs or internships. Once at steep financial disadvantage, these college athletes may have difficulties in staying focused and perform under par.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

1. "more or less helpful" should be "more or less helpful, but"
2. "The cost of medical treatment and rehabilitation is bound to be high" would be clearer if it were phrased as "The cost of medical treatment and rehabilitation is likely to be high."
3. "With all their time and energy put into training, they are unable to pursue part-time jobs or internships" could be revised to "Because they devote so much time and energy to training, they are unable to pursue part-time jobs or internships, which would help alleviate their financial burden."

Practice Question 18

Your professor is teaching a class on urbanization. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

More and more people are migrating to cities in search of a better life, but city life can be extremely difficult. Explain some of the difficulties of living in a city.

Tom

Living in a city can be incredibly challenging due to the high cost of living. Rent, groceries, and transportation expenses are all much more expensive than in rural areas. For example, the average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in New York City is over \$3,000 per month, which is unaffordable for many people.

Jerry

While living in a city can certainly have its challenges, there are also many benefits that make it worthwhile. Cities offer greater access to job opportunities, cultural experiences, and educational institutions. For example, in a city like San Francisco, residents have access to top-rated universities, museums, and theaters that simply wouldn't be available in rural areas.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 济南学校

Urbanization is a multifaceted issue that affects different individuals and communities in different ways. As highlighted by Tom and Jerry, living in a city is both challenging and rewarding. From my personal experience, I have found that one of the biggest challenges of living in a city is mentally exhausting considering the lack of green spaces and access to nature. Although there are parks in the city, they are often jam-packed with people, depriving me of the opportunity to truly immerse myself in nature. Studies have shown that being surrounded by concrete and buildings can lead to feelings of isolation and undermine overall well-being. Therefore, I prefer living in the countryside, where I can enjoy greenery at any time.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

The response provides a clear and well-supported opinion regarding the difficulties of living in a city. The writer offers a unique perspective on this topic by highlighting the mental exhaustion that can come from living in an urban area with limited access to green spaces and nature. This perspective is well-supported with evidence from studies that show the importance of nature in promoting well-being.

The response also demonstrates effective use of language with appropriate vocabulary and syntactic structures. The writer uses idiomatic expressions and precise word choice to convey their ideas clearly and concisely. The sentence structures are varied and help to create a fluid and easy-to-follow response"

Practice Question 19

Your professor is teaching a class on life science. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

As medical technology and advancements in healthcare continue to improve, the average life expectancy in developed countries is steadily increasing. However, with this increase in life expectancy comes a range of potential problems that can affect both individuals and society as a whole. What are some of the issues that might arise from this trend?

Tom

While it's certainly a positive thing that people are living longer, this trend presents a number of challenges for individuals and society as a whole. One major problem is that an aging population places a greater burden on healthcare systems, as older people tend to require more medical attention and treatment.

Jerry

I disagree with Tom. It is important to acknowledge the benefits of longer life expectancy. An aging population can also lead to greater wisdom, knowledge, and experience. Advances in technology and medicine may help reduce some of the burdens associated with an aging population.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 沈阳学校

I totally agree with Tom's statement that increased longevity of people could bring a great many challenges for public and society as a whole, such as imposing a huge burden on healthcare system. Moreover, I'd add that this phenomenon has created tremendous pressure on government finance. To be more specific, faced with a rising number of senior people, governments have to allocate a large amount of budget to some areas, including personal insurance, medical expenses or pension and so forth, which means funding invested in other realms might decrease. For example, in Japanese government's annual budget for 2023, as much as 36.8 trillion yen is set aside to deal with the increasingly serious aging problem. Consequently, the budgets of some other areas, like education, national defense or public construction, are likely to be reduced accordingly, considering government's annual revenue. Regarding Jerry's point, life extension does bring greater wisdom, knowledge and experience. Nevertheless, with the society developing in an accelerating rate, the merits they possess, to a certain extent, might be outdated and not suitable for what is currently happening. Therefore, I think longer lives would give rise to more problems.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

1. The writer has a few grammatical errors, such as missing articles ("a rising number of senior people" instead of "the rising number of senior people"), and incorrect verb tense ("have to allocate" instead of "has to allocate" to agree with "government").
2. The writer could benefit from clearer organization and transition between their ideas, as some of the points seem disconnected.

Practice Question 20

Your professor is teaching a class on gender. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

As traditional gender roles continue to evolve, there has been a noticeable shift in the distribution of household responsibilities, with more fathers staying at home to care for their children while mothers pursue careers outside the home. From your perspective, do you believe that this trend is positive or negative? Why or why not

Tom

I believe that fathers staying home to take care of their children is a positive development. When fathers take an active role in raising their children, it can strengthen the family unit and lead to greater equality in the household.

Jerry

While it's important for fathers to be involved in their children's lives, I think it's a negative development when fathers are the primary caregivers and mothers are the breadwinners. After all, it could place a greater financial burden on mothers and the family as a whole.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 沈阳学校

I strongly agree with Jerry's idea that such a role reversal may not be a positive development. I'd add that women are usually more patient and have maternal instincts, which are crucial features when caring for a child. However, men tend to excel in their great executive and decision-making ability employed more frequently in the workplace. In this case, men involved in their children's lives may be less competent in child-rearing than women and both genders cannot exploit their advantages to the full. Regarding Tom's point, it is true that fathers' role in raising children can lead to improvement of family relationship and gender equality, but men can also assume the responsibility for bringing up children even if they work outside. For example, after work they can accompany and care for the child, sharing some household chores with their wife, which means that family bond and equality may not be impacted adversely. Overall, then I would say that it seems an unreasonable choice for men to care for their children at home.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

There are a few grammatical errors that detract from the overall quality of the response. For instance, the sentence "For example, after work they can accompany and care for the child, sharing some household chores with their wife, which means that family bond and equality may not be impacted adversely" should be revised to "For example, after work, they can accompany and care for the child, while sharing some household chores with their wife, which means that family bonds and equality may not be adversely impacted." The sentence contains a run-on phrase, a subject-verb disagreement, and a dangling modifier, which makes the sentence less clear.

Practice Question 21

Your professor is teaching a class on government spending. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

One of the most challenging problems in modern society is to have the most up-to-date skills for workplace. For solving this, the government decides to give all adults over the age of 25 a training course to learn new skills. Do you think it is an effective way for the government to spend its money?

Tom

I believe it's an effective way for the government to spend its money. As technology continues to advance, it is important for workers to have up-to-date skills. By providing training courses for adults over 25, the government can help individuals stay competitive in the job market, improve their earning potential, and reduce the likelihood of unemployment.

Jerry

In my opinion, while providing training courses can be helpful, it may not be the most effective way for the government to spend its money. After all, the success of the program depends on the quality of the courses and the ability of individuals to apply what they learn to the workforce, so it could be a waste of resources for those individuals.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：西安学校

I strongly agree with Tom's opinion that the financial support from government is supposed to train workers. Because exposure to the high technological era, labors need more up-dated skills than before to embark on the booming industries in the fast-paced society. For instance, 5G or AI technology has gained the remarkable progress and been applied in almost every field of our life, requiring the adequate skillful workers and experts to further research and innovate. On top of that, government revenue comes from youngsters to some extent so that it is necessary to return these taxpayers. If they have the opportunities and economic support to access to such expertise and skills, they will play a role in their workplaces, which paves the path to construct a stable and harmonious society. That could also be the true meaning of the expenditure from government.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. There are some grammatical errors in the response, such as the lack of articles before certain nouns (e.g., "exposure to the high technological era," "labors need more up-dated skills"). Additionally, there are some awkward phrasings that could be improved, such as "play a role in their workplaces," which could be rephrased to something like "contribute to their workplaces."

Practice Question 22

Your professor is teaching a class on science. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

As science and technology continue to advance, countries and corporations are discovering groundbreaking innovations that could potentially benefit humanity as a whole. Should governments and businesses share all their scientific discoveries with other countries in the world?

Tom

I strongly support the idea of sharing. Science is a collaborative effort and sharing information can benefit everyone. For example, sharing scientific discoveries related to medicine can help other countries develop better treatments for diseases and improve public health. Sharing information related to renewable energy can help combat climate change.

Jerry

While I see the value in sharing scientific discoveries, I don't believe that governments and corporations should be obligated to share everything. Some countries or corporations may want to keep certain information secret for security reasons. For example, some scientific discoveries may have military consequences, and it wouldn't be responsible to share everything.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：西安学校

I really like Tom's idea that the scientific secretes should be shared with other countries. I'd add that this practice would greatly enhance the technological improvement all over the world. It is largely because we human beings live in the one planet, the collaboration and cooperation could help those under developed countries or poverty-stricken countries get more skills, which keeps the worldwide balance, controlling the conflicts and fights in some regions. For example, the telecommunication technology could connect the long distance, tightening the relationship between people. If this essential technology is limited in one place or one country, it would negatively effect the common prosperity and humans civilization. so we live in the earth village, it is responsible for each citizen to spread the key wisdom.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

There are a few grammatical errors that could be corrected, such as "secretes" instead of "secrets" and "effect" instead of "affect." Additionally, some sentences could be rephrased for clarity, such as "For example, the telecommunication technology could connect the long distance, tightening the relationship between people" which could be revised to "For example, telecommunication technology can connect people across long distances, strengthening relationships between individuals and countries."

Practice Question 23

Your professor is teaching a class on work schedule. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Dr Gupta

Some people like working at places that have a fixed schedule, with everyone starting and ending the workday at the same time. Other people believe that employees should be allowed to set their own work hours. For example, some employees could end their workday earlier by starting early, and other employees could end their workday later by starting later. Which view do you think is better? Why?

Tom

I think employees should be allowed to set their own work hours because it can increase productivity and work-life balance. For example, some people are more productive in the morning, so they should be able to start work earlier and finish earlier. On the other hand, some people are more productive in the afternoon or evening, so they should be able to start later and work later.

Jerry

While I understand the appeal of setting your own work hours, I think having a fixed schedule is better for both employers and employees. It promotes teamwork and ensures that everyone is available at the same time for meetings and collaboration. It also helps employees establish a routine and maintain work-life balance by having set start and end times for the workday.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：宁波学校

Regarding the topic of whether employees should have autonomy in setting their own work hours, I am aligned with Tom's perspective that it is more beneficial for employees to manage their own working time. First and foremost, giving employees the ability to independently plan their work hours allows for greater flexibility. For instance, some employees may prefer to work during non-traditional hours, such as early mornings, late evenings, or weekends, to accommodate their personal or family obligations. Similarly, some employees may require breaks or naps during the afternoon to rejuvenate, which can lead to increased productivity and mental well-being. This level of freedom is not possible in a rigid work environment where employees are constrained to fixed schedules. Moreover, granting employees self-reliance in managing their work hours results in a superior work-life equilibrium. This enables employees to prioritize their work, personal, and family commitments, resulting in lower stress levels, higher job satisfaction, and enhanced productivity.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4.5 out of 5. The response provided relevant and well-elaborated explanations and examples, and the writer used a variety of syntactic structures and precise word choices. However, there were a few errors in grammar, such as "superior work-life equilibrium" should be "better work-life balance."

Practice Question 24

Your professor is teaching a class on job-sharing. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

As I discussed in the class, many businesses and companies offer working chances for part-timers. There is a newly emerging way— job sharing. Job sharing is a type of part-time employment in which one position can be shared by two part-time workers, thus obtaining more flexibility, but some argue that this working style may arise many problems, since it is too difficult for employers to administrate all the part-timers. In your opinion, should job-sharing be encouraged? Or should it be limited considering its drawbacks. Why do you believe this?

Tom

I believe it is very beneficial to have job-sharing. that is, the two people share the work, hours, and pay of one job. Job sharing opens more opportunities to people who have other responsibilities, especially for those who need to take care of their children or who want to pursue their further study. Job-sharing offers them more flexible working hours.

Jerry

I disagree. When pay is shared, such work can not offer enough income. Without incentives, employees cannot perform well during their work, and therefore it is hard to ensure the working quality. For another, flexibility not only means more freedom but also tends to result in much pressure since they should do many things at the same time.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：宁波学校

Sharing the same position with others can ramp up staff productivity to a large degree. For one thing, it is an indisputable fact that nobody can have a panoramic view of the truth of the tasks due to the limited experience and knowledge span, so it is the collaboration between two employees that creates opportunities to view the task from more than one angle and to approach it in several ways. Under this circumstance, workers will deliver a brand new perspective and make us have a second thought of our own viewpoint. In other words, the clashes of different views will temper and refine our opinion about task, thereby creating the optimal method to accomplish tasks assigned by bosses. After discussing, we can pick out the optimal method, thereby creating a more balanced and efficient solution. On the contrary, if working alone, people, especially when we are not apt at the task, will be nonplussed over the task, thus slowing down working efficiency.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4.5 out of 5.

There are a few grammatical errors in the response:

1. "can ramp up staff productivity to a large degree" should be "can significantly ramp up staff productivity".
2. "the truth of the tasks" should be "the full extent of the tasks".
3. "it is the collaboration between two employees that creates opportunities" should be "it is the collaboration between two employees that creates an opportunity".
4. "Under this circumstance, workers will deliver a brand new perspective" should be "Under these circumstances, workers can offer a fresh perspective".
5. "After discussing, we can pick out the optimal method" should be "After discussion, we can select the optimal method".
6. "if working alone, people, especially when we are not apt at the task, will be nonplussed over the task" should be "if working alone, people, especially those who are not proficient at the task, can become perplexed and work less efficiently".

Practice Question 25

Your professor is teaching a class on taxing unhealthy food. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response you should:

- express and support your opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

As is discussed in the class, technology development in food industry has greatly improved the taste and flavor of the food. Many foods and drinks containing high levels of sugar, salt, or fats are consumed in great quantities even though people know such foods have harmful health effects. Therefore, it is urgent for government to make these unhealthy foods and drinks more expensive by taxing them. However, it is suggested that improving the public health awareness should be given priority. So, where do you stand on this issue?

Tom

I think, taxing the unhealthy food is the obvious direct way to solve the problem. The tax (money paid to the government) would discourage consumption of unhealthy foods and drinks and raise money for future health-care costs. When people want to buy such foods and drinks, considering the extra fee for tax, they will not choose to consume more. Gradually, they are more likely to form good habit for diet. That is a good way.

Jerry

I disagree. While I understand higher prices can reduce the quantity of consumption, the effect usually lasts in a short time. When people get used to the new price, the consumption will recover soon, let alone their favorite food. So government should do its utmost to improve people's awareness. Only when people truly realize the harm of junk food can they resist the induce for the unhealthy food.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 宁波学校

From my perspective, elevating the prices of fattening food is considered efficacious to constrain the trend towards health problems. Considering relatively higher costs for such kind of fattening food, such as burgers and cakes, residents, who do not want to impose heavier financial burden on families, may reduce consumption gradually, therefore leading to less fatty food buffs and accordingly less overweight population over the long haul. For example, with a view to urging the UK government to tackle this thorny health issue, the local activist group has called on the government to impose a 'calorie tax' on companies producing high fat and high sugar processed foods. The 'Sugar and Salt Action' has targeted high fat foods such as sweets, ice cream, pudding, and chocolate sauce. Based on this policy, some people convict that by inflating costs of fattening foods, consumers, when taking higher prices into account, are prone to buy wholesome products instead of the junk foods.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

The response effectively expresses an opinion in favor of taxing unhealthy food and provides a specific example to support the argument. The use of language is generally clear and idiomatic, and the writer employs a variety of sentence structures to convey their ideas. However, there are a few minor grammatical errors, such as the misuse of "convict" instead of "believe" and some awkward phrasing in the sentence "Considering relatively higher costs for such kind of fattening food, such as burgers and cakes, residents, who do not want to impose heavier financial burden on families, may reduce consumption gradually." A possible revision could be: "Given the relatively higher costs of fatty foods such as burgers and cakes, individuals who do not wish to impose heavier financial burdens on their families may gradually reduce their consumption, ultimately leading to fewer unhealthy food enthusiasts and a smaller overweight population in the long term."

二. 网络来源练习题及范文

Practice Question 1

Your professor is teaching a class on marketing. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should:

- express and support your personal opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

Today, we're discussing the ethics of targeted advertising. Some people argue that online advertising which uses personal information to target specific people is an invasion of privacy. Others argue that it's simply an acceptable way to reach consumers with products and services they're interested in. What's your take? Do you think targeted advertising is ethical, or is it an invasion of privacy?

Jessica

I think targeted advertising is an invasion of privacy. Advertisers shouldn't be able to track and use our personal information to sell us products. It's not fair to consumers, and it's a violation of our rights. Instead, advertisers should focus on creating high-quality ads that appeal to a broad audience.

Mike

I disagree with Jessica. I think targeted advertising is ethical. It's a more efficient way to reach consumers with products and services that are relevant to their interests. Plus, consumers can always opt-out of targeted advertising by adjusting their privacy settings. As long as advertisers give users a choice, I think targeted advertising can be beneficial for both businesses and consumers.

Sample Answer 1

范文创作学校: 宁波学校

I refuse to countenance the view that targeted advertising is ethical. The fundamental reason for a detrimental impact is that when the platform gleans user behavior data without users' permission, the user's privacy has been divulged. In fact, not only does the infringement of privacy exert a baneful impact on advertising effectiveness, but also it induces certain psychological repulsion to customers. In the era of information explosion, the information flow itself will penetrate into every nook and cranny of our own life, which inevitably sways people's psychology. Imagine, some audiences, if provided certain advertising to lure them to purchase by calling them directly, will feel unsettled, and psychological problems such as anxiety, restlessness and aversion will occur because they will treat these endless targeted advertising as nuisance. It is a commonplace that nowadays, many people, who receive the strange calls of targeted advertising out of blue when working, will subconsciously block the targeted advertising the moment certain ads appear on our phone, which is the sufficient evidence manifesting the apparent loath to the targeted advertising and it is out of question an unethical way of disseminating behavior.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

There are a few grammatical errors, such as "gleans" instead of "gathers" or "collects," and "exert" instead of "exerts." Additionally, there are a few awkward phrasings, such as "I refuse to countenance the view" instead of simply saying "I believe" or "I think." Despite these errors, the response is still well-written and makes a clear and persuasive argument.

Sample Answer 2

范文创作学校: 合肥学校

I agree with Jessica's idea that advertisers should focus on creating high-quality ads that appeal to a broader audience. I would add that the key to achieving this aim lies in choosing the right people. For example, ordinary people, who could resonate with the general public, are good enough to endorse daily necessities instead of pop stars. Mike put forward a relevant point that consumers could do something to block advertising. Nevertheless, he ignored the fact that other troubles might arise if people adjust privacy settings. For instance, if job seekers alter privacy settings to block advertising, never would they receive pop-ups any more, including those they are interested in like job information. As a result, they would miss out on some good opportunities. Overall, I would say targeted advertising is unacceptable in any case.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

There are a few minor grammatical errors in the sample response:

1. "Mike put forward a relevant point" should be "Mike made a relevant point"
2. "ordinary people, who could resonate with the general public, are good enough to endorse daily necessities instead of pop stars" could be improved by rephrasing it for clarity, such as: "Ordinary people who can relate to the general public are more effective endorsers for everyday products than celebrities."
3. "As a result, they would miss out on some good opportunities" could be improved by adding a comma: "As a result, they would miss out on some good opportunities."

Practice Question 2

Your professor is teaching a class on computer science. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should:

- express and support your personal opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

A new story about Artificial Intelligence (AI) is in the news almost every day. And, of course, companies are spending an enormous amount of money to develop new technologies related to AI. Before the next class, I want you to consider the following question:

Is AI a dangerous technology that, overall, will be harmful to society, or is it a powerful tool that will improve the lives of people?

Megan

Personally, I think AI is a threat to society. As AI technology advances, many jobs may become automated, leaving people without work and that will certainly increase income inequality. Additionally, there's the risk that AI systems could be programmed with biases or used to discriminate against certain groups. We need to be careful and ensure that AI is developed in an ethical and responsible way. Since we can't guarantee that right now, I think it is best to slow down when it comes to this kind of technology.

David

I disagree with Megan. I'm of the opinion that AI is a tool for progress. It has the potential to solve many of the world's problems, from climate change to disease. Additionally, AI can help us make better decisions by analyzing vast amounts of data and identifying patterns that humans may miss. That said, I agree with Megan that we must ensure that AI is developed and used in a responsible way that benefits society as a whole.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：合肥学校

I am in favor of David's opinion that AI serves as a useful tool contributing to the progress of the whole society. To illustrate, it frees people, especially housewives, from the repetitive and tedious household chores. Therefore, it is not surprised to hear that the sales of robot vacuum cleaner surged to the top 10 small appliances in the last Black Friday. Megan says people would be crowded out of the job market, but this is not the whole picture. The truth is that many countries have already suffered from the shortage of labor force because of aging population problem. The further development of AI, in the future, will greatly reduce or address this issue in these nations. So I firmly believe that AI is and will continue to be a positive contributor to the better quality of life as long as we have it under control.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. The response is well-written with only a few minor errors, such as a missing article in "the further development of AI" and a missing comma in "especially housewives".

Practice Question 3

Your professor is teaching a class on political science. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should:

- express and support your personal opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

As you know, city governments have a responsibility to improve the lives of residents. In today's class we're going to discuss the best way for them to do that. What strategy do you think governments should use to improve the overall quality of life of residents?

Maria

I think investing in infrastructure should be the main priority for every local government. This could include things like repairing roads and bridges, expanding public transportation, and improving access to clean water and sanitation. Good infrastructure can improve people's daily lives, make it easier to get around, and attract new businesses and residents to the area. It can also prevent serious accidents and protect us from illnesses that damage our health.

Tom

While I agree that infrastructure is important, I think that social programs should also be a major focus. The government could invest in things like education, affordable housing, and healthcare, which can help address issues like poverty, inequality, and access to basic needs. By providing these types of services, the government can help improve people's well-being. These are things that everyone benefits from ... unlike a road which is only used by people who drive cars.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：合肥学校

It is right for Maria to prioritize the investment infrastructure because this would benefit people in traveling and the overall health of citizens. Tom's advocacy of some social programs is also reasonable. However, I believe that the government should put more effort in developing AI. With the widespread use of driverless cars, the incident of road accidents will be greatly reduced; with the widespread use of robot vacuum cleaners, housewives would free themselves from the tedious and repetitive household chores, and with the widespread use of surgical robots, the precision of operation can be improved. In a word, AI can contribute to improving the overall living standard of residents in different ways, so financially supporting AI is a wise decision for every local government.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

The sample answer contains several grammatical errors that can be fixed:

In the first sentence, "It is right for Maria to prioritize the investment infrastructure" should be corrected to "It is right for Maria to prioritize investing in infrastructure".

1. In the same sentence, "the overall health of citizens" should be corrected to "the overall health of the citizens".
2. In the third sentence, "However, I believe that the government should put more effort in developing AI" should be corrected to "However, I believe that the government should put more effort into developing AI".
3. In the same sentence, "the incident of road accidents" should be corrected to "the incidence of road accidents".
4. In the same sentence, "housewives would free themselves from the tedious and repetitive household chores" should be corrected to "people would free themselves from the tedious and repetitive household chores".
5. In the same sentence, "precision of operation can be improved" should be corrected to "the precision of operations can be improved".

6. In the last sentence, "financially supporting AI is a wise decision for every local government" should be corrected to "financially supporting AI would be a wise decision for every local government".

Here's the corrected text:

"It is right for Maria to prioritize investing in infrastructure because this would benefit people in traveling and the overall health of the citizens. Tom's advocacy of some social programs is also reasonable. However, I believe that the government should put more effort into developing AI. With the widespread use of driverless cars, the incidence of road accidents will be greatly reduced; with the widespread use of robot vacuum cleaners, people would free themselves from the tedious and repetitive household chores, and with the widespread use of surgical robots, the precision of operations can be improved. In other words, AI can contribute to improving the overall living standard of residents in different ways, so financially supporting AI would be a wise decision for every local government."

Practice Question 4

Your professor is teaching a class on business. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should:

- express and support your personal opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

Today, we're going to discuss the ways in which companies can impact society. In your opinion, what is the best way for a company to have a positive impact on society?

Sarah

I believe that companies should focus on their own operations. While charitable giving can be beneficial, it is a temporary fix that doesn't address the root causes of serious social and environmental problems. By doing business in more responsible ways, companies can have a more meaningful and lasting impact on society. Not only that, but if they attract positive attention from consumers and increase their profits because of their actions they will inspire other companies to do the same. That's the only way we can really fix society.

John

I disagree with Sarah. While those are very good points, I think that companies should focus on charitable giving and philanthropy. Charitable giving can provide immediate relief to those in need and contribute to the overall well-being of society right away. It could take years or decades for business changes to have a positive impact on society, and most people just can't wait that long. For instance, donating money to a school can help students learn more effectively almost immediately.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 福州学校

In my opinion, Sarah is right when she says that making profits is one of the main responsibilities of companies, so they should not focus on donating money to people in need. While I acknowledge that theoretically the revenue of businesses generally is stabler than individuals and their profits may be considerable to some extent, I still insist that it is impractical and low-efficient for solving social issues. If all companies gave part of their profits or even revenues to others, they would have little money to construct new factories and recruit highly educated talents, which would slow down the development of the company or even the industry. Their revenue in turn might decline as well. By contrast, if companies focus on making profits, they will be more willing to allocate money to recruit people with great academic backgrounds and build well-equipped facilities, thereby developing more advanced technologies. In this case, companies can contribute more taxes to the authorities, which is the most effective way for the government to social issues. (171 words).

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

While the response expresses a clear opinion, it does not make a meaningful contribution to the discussion as it diverges from the professor's prompt and Sarah and John's arguments. The writer also does not provide any support or evidence to back up their opinion.

In terms of language use, the response contains several grammatical errors such as "the revenue of businesses generally is stabler" which should be "the revenue of businesses is generally more stable." Additionally, the use of "low-efficient" is not idiomatic and should be replaced with "inefficient." The writer also uses awkward phrasing such as "they would have little money to construct new factories and recruit highly educated talents" which could be revised to "they would have limited funds to invest in building new facilities and hiring skilled employees."

Practice Question 5

Your professor is teaching a class on economics. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should:

- express and support your personal opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

Today we're going to talk about the debate between economic growth and protecting the environment. Economic growth creates new jobs and gives people money they can use to improve their lives. On the other hand, if we protect the environment it can be enjoyed both by ourselves and future generations. If you had to choose between prioritizing economic growth or protecting the environment, which one would you choose. Why?

Alex

I would prioritize the environment. We only have one planet and if we don't take care of it, we won't have pleasant lives in the future. Economic growth can be important, but not at the expense of the environment. I think we need to shift towards more environmentally-friendly economic practices, such as investing in renewable energy and promoting environmentally-friendly technologies. We'll all live much healthier lives if the world around us is clean.

Maggie

While I agree with Alex that environmental sustainability is important, I think that economic growth is the only way to solve many of the social and economic problems we face. We need a strong economy to create jobs, reduce poverty, and improve standards of living. Not only that, but if companies grow stronger and more profitable, they might eventually develop new technologies that solve our environmental problems.

Sample Answer 1

范文创作学校: 福州学校

In my opinion, Alex is right when he says that we should highlight the environment rather than economic development. Admittedly, with great economic growth, the government can have more funds to offer welfare and benefits to citizens and construct infrastructures, such as roads, schools, and hospitals, to satisfy individuals' needs. However, we should acknowledge that the current technologies can achieve the goal of protecting the environment as well. For example, today, we can produce degradable plastic bags and straws to minimize non-degradable plastic waste. Besides that, millions of electric vehicles are consumed every year, which means that people will consume less fossil fuels and less automobile exhaust will be produced. As a result, current technology can guarantee us a good economic system, so we should shift our attention to environmental protection. Only in this way, can individuals live healthier than before, and our future generation can embrace pleasant lives as well. (151 words).

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. There are a few grammatical errors in the response, such as the use of "consumed" instead of "sold" in reference to electric vehicles and the incorrect use of "guarantee" instead of "ensure."

Sample Answer 2

范文创作学校: 宁波学校

From my point of view, economical development and environment are undoubtedly important, but deteriorating environment has become the most pressing issue facing the today's world. It is no exaggeration that the soil is eroded by the chemical fertilizer, and rivers and lakes are polluted by wastes dumped by factories. Therefore, Sustainable development should be given priority. If people only lay emphasize on the economical development, the deterioration of environmental quality will eventually threaten the survival of human beings. Some people argue that environmental problems are the price we pay for economic development, but if people's lives are adversely affected, what is the significance of economic growth through the deteriorating environment pollution? Thankfully, in fact, there is ample evidence to suggest that sustainable development can be achieved by balancing economic growth and protecting the environment. The key to achieving this goal is to raise awareness about the gravity of the situation and encourage ordinary citizens to work together to make the world a better place to live, not only for ourselves, but for future generations.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

The response provides a clear opinion and offers a balanced view of both economic growth and protecting the environment. The argument is well-supported with reasoning and examples. Additionally, the response demonstrates a strong command of language, including varied sentence structures and precise word choice.

However, there are some minor grammatical errors. The first sentence could be revised to say "From my point of view, economic development and the environment are undoubtedly important, but the deteriorating environment has become the most pressing issue facing the world today." There is also a typo in the phrase "lay emphasize," which should be "place emphasis." Overall, these errors do not detract significantly from the quality of the response.

Practice Question 6

Your professor is teaching a class on education. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should:

- express and support your personal opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

In class today, we are going to talk about grading students. Before you come to class, I want you to think about whether grades are beneficial. On one hand, they provide a way to measure students' progress. On the other hand, some argue that grades are too focused on performance and don't provide an accurate picture of a student's overall academic abilities. If you had to choose, would you say that students should be given grades or not? Why?

Lila

I think that students should not be given grades. Grades create a needlessly competitive environment and can make students feel like they are only valued for their academic performance. This can be harmful to their mental health and can discourage them. Instead of giving specific grades, teachers should provide personal feedback that helps students understand what they need to improve and how they can do so.

Jake

I disagree. I believe that grades are the only way for students to understand how well they are doing and the only way to motivate them to work harder. Without grades, there would be no way to measure their progress or to identify areas where they need to improve. Moreover, grades prepare students for the real world where they will be judged based on their performance.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：南京学校

In my opinion, students should not be given grades. I strongly agree with Lila's idea that grades can create an overly competitive environment and may not accurately reflect a student's progress. I'd add that grades can lead to a focus on test-taking strategies rather than actual learning, and as a result students may not fully engage with the material. Jake raised the relevant point that grades are the only way to identify the specific areas where students are weak, but he didn't mention that teachers can study samples of their students' work to find their weaknesses without actually grading the work. For example, they could look at a student's essay, see that he is weak when it comes to grammar and tell him that in person. Overall, then, I would say that students don't actually need to be graded.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. There are a few minor grammatical errors, such as the use of "he" instead of "they" in the sentence "they could look at a student's essay, see that he is weak when it comes to grammar and tell him that in person."

Practice Question 7

Your professor is teaching a class on social studies. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should:

- express and support your personal opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

Life expectancies are increasing all over the world nowadays. Some of you probably know someone who is more than 100 years old. Before our next class, I want you to consider the following question:

What factors do you think have contributed to the increase in life expectancy? Is it due to advances in medical technology, improvements in public health, changes in lifestyle habits, or something else entirely?

Lisa

I think the main reason why people are living longer nowadays is recent advances in medical technology. Modern medicine has enabled us to better treat and manage chronic illnesses, and there have been major breakthroughs in areas such as cancer treatment and organ transplantation. As a result, people are able to live longer with diseases that may have been fatal in the past.

John

While medical technology has certainly played a role, I think improvements in public health have been just as important. We now have access to clean drinking water, sanitation systems, and vaccines that have dramatically reduced the incidence of infectious diseases. Even a century ago, people didn't have access to any of these things. Additionally, public health campaigns have helped educate people about healthy lifestyle habits such as exercise, healthy eating, and not smoking, which can also contribute to longer lifespans.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 苏州学校

I would like to support Lisa's idea that the unprecedented advancement in medical technology during the past decades has considerably accounted for the increasing longevity of modern people. Although the studies in lethal diseases like cancer still has a long way to go, it is likely that many of them are about to be overcome. In addition to the progress in medical technology, the improvement of health consciousness among the masses is a pivotal factor for the rise in average life expectancy. Fully aware of the significance of regular health examination, a large percentage of modern people are habituated to arrange for themselves and their families a complete physical exam at least once a year so that most potential illnesses could be detected early. Meanwhile, doing sports like jogging and boxing has now enjoyed a higher popularity among the public who wish to keep fit. Proven by a vast number of them, such a habit has indeed prevented them from illnesses related to overweight. To my thinking, these changes have to some extent explained the longer lifespan of people today.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. In the sentence "Although the studies in lethal diseases like cancer still has a long way to go," the subject-verb agreement is incorrect (studies should be plural, and have should be used instead of has). Additionally, in the sentence "Meanwhile, doing sports like jogging and boxing has now enjoyed a higher popularity among the public who wish to keep fit," the phrase "doing sports" should be replaced with "participating in sports" to sound more natural in English.

Practice Question 8

Your professor is teaching a class on social studies. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should:

- express and support your personal opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

Today, we're going to discuss the impact of social media on society. On one hand, social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram have connected people from all over the world. However, there are concerns about the negative effects of social media, such as the spread of misinformation, the rise of cyberbullying, and addiction to social media use. What do you think? Does social media cause more harm than good?

Sarah

I think that social media has caused more harm than good. While it's true that social media platforms have connected people in unprecedented ways, they have also caused real harm to individuals and societies. Additionally, social media platforms have been linked to mental health problems such as anxiety and depression, particularly among young people.

Mark

I disagree with Sarah. I think that social media has mostly improved society. For instance, it has given a voice to people that previously were ignored. Moreover, it has provided a platform for political activism that has led to positive change. And, of course, social media has made it easy for everyone to stay connected to family and friends who are far away. While there are negative aspects of social media, they are far outweighed by the benefits.

Sample Answer 1

范文创作学校: 郑州学校

I strongly agree with Mark's idea that social media gives a voice to people that society used to ignore. I'd add that it is almost impossible for most people to get their messages on television or in print media because those are controlled by companies and wealthy individuals. Sarah raised the relevant point that social media causes mental health problems in some young people, but she did not mention that social media can also help us to cope with and recover from such problems. For example, there are a lot of support groups on communities like Facebook where people can talk about their struggles and get advice from people going through similar experiences. Overall, then, I would say that social media is mostly advantageous.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

Revised:

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Sample Answer 2

范文创作学校：合肥学校

I am in favor of Sara's view that individuals and societies have been negatively affected by social media. I would add that youngsters would like to show their best on social media, which is where depression comes from. The huge gap between what they see and what they really are would make them dissatisfied with themselves. Mark raised the relevant point that people could make their voice heard. This could prompt social changes. However, he ignored that it is hard to supervise people's activities in the virtual world, which means social media could be misused. For example, some companies, in order to get more market share, hired shills on Facebook to cook up some negative news of their rivals. Overall, I would say social media is more disadvantageous.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

The response effectively expresses the author's personal opinion and adds to the discussion with relevant points. The author provides additional detail to support Sara's view on the negative effects of social media, while acknowledging Mark's point about the positive impact of social media on giving a voice to marginalized groups. The author also provides an example of how social media can be misused.

However, there are a few grammatical errors in the response. In the first sentence, "I am in favor of Sara's view" should be "I am in favor of Sarah's view." Additionally, in the last sentence, "more disadvantageous" should be "more harmful." Finally, the response could benefit from more varied sentence structure to enhance its flow and readability.

Practice Question 9

Your professor is teaching a class on political science. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should:

- express and support your personal opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

Today we're going to discuss whether the government should tax unhealthy products, such as sugary drinks and junk food. On one hand, taxing these products could discourage people from consuming them and reduce health problems. On the other hand, some argue that such taxes unfairly target lower-income families who may rely on these products as affordable sources of food. If you had to choose, would you support or oppose taxing unhealthy products? Why?

Sam

I support the idea of taxing unhealthy products. These products are often high in sugar, salt, and fat, which can lead to serious health problems such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. As you said, by taxing these products, the government can discourage people from consuming them and resolve some of these health issues. Moreover, the revenue generated from such taxes can be used to fund advertising campaigns that promote healthy eating habits.

Tanya

I disagree. I believe that such taxes are unfair to families that don't have a lot of money. Wealthy people will not care about the taxes and their habits won't change. Additionally, if these taxes are implemented people might try to save money by purchasing lower-quality products that are cheaper in the first place. That means they could suffer even more health problems.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校: 重庆学校

To my mind, the view of Sam has considerable long-term merits since the supply and demand of unhealthy products both will decline. Assuming that the average price of unhealthy food, such as candies and fried chicken, increases to be higher owing to the heavy tax, most common people will naturally reduce the consumption because they have to take their daily cost into consideration, let alone those living in poverty. With less needs in the market, fewer factories would be willing to produce too much. Furthermore, the expensive snacks and fast food urge people to be aware of the impacts from the intake of unhealthy food. Apart from this, the tax obtained by authorities could be re-invested in supporting public advertisement and manufacturers of healthy food so as to publicize the virtues of healthy eating habits. In a long run, the majority of people will not choose the unhealthy ones as stated by Tanya. Therefore, levying tax on unhealthy products is reasonable.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5.

Grammatical errors:

"considerable long-term merits" should be "considerable long-term merit"

1. "the consumption because they have" should be "consumption because they have"
2. "fewer factories would be willing to produce too much" should be "fewer factories would be willing to produce as much"
3. "the tax obtained by authorities could be re-invested" should be "the tax revenue obtained by authorities could be reinvested".

Practice Question 10

Your professor is teaching a class on public administration. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should:

- express and support your personal opinion
- make a contribution to the discussion

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You will have 10 minutes to write it.

Professor

Funding for education is a really hot topic nowadays, so today we're going to talk about how universities use their limited resources. In the discussion board please respond to the following question:

Should universities prioritize funding academic facilities like libraries, or is it okay to spend just as much money on sports and athletic programs?

Rachel

I think universities should prioritize funding for libraries. Libraries are essential for academic research and study, and they provide students with access to information and resources that they might not have otherwise. Investing in libraries can also help attract and retain the most talented professors, which can ultimately benefit the university as a whole. Sports, on the other hand, appeal to just a small percentage of people. Even in our school, most students aren't on a sports team and don't make use of the fitness center or athletic fields.

Mike

While I agree that libraries are important, I think that sports programs should also be a priority for universities. Sports can bring the campus community together, even if that just means they attend sports and cheer for their favorite athletes. Meanwhile, among the athletes themselves, sports promote teamwork and leadership skills. Additionally, successful sports programs can generate revenue for the university and boost its reputation.

Sample Answer

范文创作学校：昆明学校

From my perspective, more money should be spent on academic facilities in universities. I totally agree with Rachel's idea that when university funds are being allocated academic facilities such as libraries take priority, because this not only benefit students but also attract talented professors. In addition, I would also state that universities with more advanced libraries, are more likely to attract leading students, as in this highly competitive academic environment, those students are also becoming more demanding in their choice of university. An effective and efficient library system is closely related to students' development. While athletic events could bring people more close, there are also other ways to achieve this. For example, organizing some campus festivals is a more cost-effective way to help students strengthen their bond than investing sums in sports and athletic programs.

AI 打分及评语

Based on the rubric, I would rate the following sample answer with a score of 4 out of 5. There are a few grammatical errors. For example, "universities" should be "universities" and "facilities" should be "facilities." There is also a missing "and" before "as in this highly competitive academic environment" which could be corrected for better clarity. Overall, the response effectively contributes to the discussion and provides a well-supported argument".