1. Unpaid work

Should college students undertake a period of unpaid work helping people in the community or only do paid work? The following are the supporters' and opponents' opinions. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your response in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your view on the issue.

Marks will be awarded for content relevance, content sufficiency, organization and language quality. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

YES

Through voluntary work in the community, college students can gain working experience and practice their skills, which are helpful for their future career life. For example, college students can improve their problem-solving abilities, communication skills and teamwork spirit via interaction with people in the community. As college students are easy to get lost in terms of what they want for their personal life, they will get a sense of belonging to the community through their work, which is beneficial for their personal development. The unpaid work of college students can reduce the financial burden of the community, which enables the local government to improve the residential environment or support the old and the handicapped.

NO

Unpaid social work might occupy college students' studying time, which will lead to a reduction in their learning efficiency in school. The community has to spend much energy ensuring college students' safety and avoiding potential conflicts between them because they come from different social backgrounds. With so many voluntary college students possessing different specialties and characters, the community has to do lot of work to investigate them in order to make sure whether he or she is suitable for the job, so it's difficult for the community to organize them to work systematically and efficiently.

2. Traditional teaching vs. Diverse learning

Do students learn more from classes than from other resources? This has been an intensely discussed question for years. The following are the supporters' and opponents' opinions. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your response in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your views on the issue.

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YES

Teachers have the capability of explaining points in a deeper way and not only provide theoretical knowledge but also practical experience about life. In the conventional teaching and learning mode, teachers and students co-exist in an environment where they can have timely interaction. This means teachers can have a more comprehensive and direct understanding of their students' shortcomings and strong points, which guarantees that students can learn more from the courses tailoring to their needs. Teachers not only function as initiators who impart knowledge but also serve as supervisors or guardians. This is especially true in the case where students are less self-disciplined and inclined to go astray without the supervision and guidance from teachers.

NO

With the advent of the Internet and other telecommunication technologies, there is a vastly growing wealth of resources available from an immense range of media outlets.

The Internet and TV are also easily accessible platforms for students in the remote places where teaching resources are not as abundant as those in more developed regions. Conducting research is an active process, which allows youngsters to focus on the smallest detail rather than passively listening to a lecture in a large classroom, not to mention the extensiveness of learning methods attainable.

3. Internet

Has the arrival of the Internet done more good than harm? This has been an intensely discussed question for years. The following are the supporters' and opponents' opinions. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your response in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your views on the issue.

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YES

The Internet offers millions of people access to information they would not otherwise have had, which is a huge benefit. The Internet has broadened people's horizons. The Internet ensures the almost instantaneous delivery of messages and data to any location all over the world. The accessibility of technology also means that you need not to be in any special location like a post office or mail room to send a message. Meanwhile, the Internet has also made it easier to meet different people and keep in touch with friends. The Internet can absolutely help enhance learning. It allows us to conveniently and professionally do researches, prepare projects, and do many other tasks.

NO

Online information has usually not gone through careful checks as published newspaper articles or books. There is a higher risk that some of the facts or quotations from an article online are false. People's privacy is greatly attacked by the Internet. Some sites store information, while some others ask us to fill in information which can be sold to other sites for commercial purposes. Once we post something online, it is almost impossible to erase it from the net. Many people are just addicted to the Internet. They can't stop surfing, and they spend too much time indoors. A sad consequence of the addiction is that they can no longer appreciate good books, or have a nice conversation with friends. Failing to take exercise makes them grow fat and unhealthy.

1. Indoorsy men and women

The popularization of computer and Internet service has created a group of people called “ indoorsy men” or “indoorsy women". They prefer to spend most of their time at home rather than going outdoors and having face-to-face contact with others. Should people choose to become indoorsy? The following are opinions from both sides. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your response in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your views on the issue.

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YES

In modern times when we can buy everything we need on the Internet, and communicate and even work through the Internet, becoming indoorsy men or women is simply a choice of different lifestyle. In the past, if you want to buy something, you need to go out of your house, go to the store, and spend an hour or two choosing the product you want to buy. But now you can just sit in front of a computer and click your mouse, and the product can be delivered to you. Being indoorsy can save people a lot of time. Being indoorsy can allow people to think and work in a peaceful environment. For example, writers can be quite creative when they are alone at home without being interrupted. Being indoorsy does not mean that people will never go out of the door. Indoorsy men or women are good at making full use of the modern technology to facilitate their life and work.

NO

Some sociologists warn that the indoorsy lifestyle will make people become self-centered and naive. If people stay at home for a long time, they will have little interpersonal contact with others. They do not know how to have face-to-face communication with others, and they may become shy, uncomfortable, or self-centered when they are involved in real-life interpersonal communication. This indoorsy lifestyle will have a bad effect on their normal interpersonal relationship and their normal work. Indoorsy men or w omen spend most of their time sitting in front of a computer, and they seldom attend outdoor activities. Watching the computer screen for a long time will do great harm to their eyes. Also, many indoorsy people do not like to attend sports activities, and in the long run, their health will get worse.

1. Online newspaper

In recent years, traditional printed newspaper has faced a serious challenge. *The Christian Science Monitor* became the first national newspaper to shut down its print edition, and recently, the world famous magazine Newsweek announced that it would soon cease publishing on paper and shift to an online-only format. Will the printed newspaper one day be replaced by online newspaper? Some believe so while many still hold an optimistic view on the future of traditional newspaper. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your response in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your views on the issue.

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YES

The new media, such as the Internet and mobile phone applications, have exerted a great influence on people's life. Online newspaper is fast, instant, and convenient, while the printed newspaper often responds slowly to the latest news. People are now used to reading online newspaper on their smart phones, and no one has the patience of waiting for the printed newspaper. Online newspaper is also environment-friendly, which is in accord with the trend of saving energy in today's world. The printed newspaper consumes a large number of natural resources, and will, in the long term, be gradually replaced. The multiple services, such as posting comments and finding related news through the links provided by online newspaper have greatly enriched people' s reading experiences and know ledge. Traditional newspaper can hardly compete in this sense.

NO

There are still a large number of people in the world who have no access to the Internet. For these people, printed newspaper is an important way to know about the latest events at home and abroad. Although the printed newspaper cannot be as fast-responding as the online newspaper, it still can provide many in-depth reports and analytical articles for readers. Many column writers are invited to write special feature reports for the printed newspaper. Online newspaper, on the other hand, is only suitable for fast reading. Many readers prefer to read the printed newspaper for they do not like staring at the computer or cell phone screen. Printed newspaper is also preferred by the elderly people.

1. Free entry into museum

Should museum entry be free? This has been an intensely discussed question for years. The following are the supporters' and opponents' opinions. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your response in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your view on the issue.

Marks will be awarded for content relevance, content sufficiency, organization and language quality. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

YES

Museums preserve and display our artistic, social, scientific and political heritage. Everyone should have access to such important cultural resources, which offer educational opportunities to people of every age. Museums have a valuable role in preserving and transmitting a nation's history and heritage to new generations. Free access will encourage more people to find out more about their country and help to promote feelings of national unity and identity and greater understanding and acceptance of foreign cultures. Free access is an investment in the future of this sector of the economy and therefore has long-term benefits in securing prosperity for the whole society.

NO

Free entry could limit the development of museums. Without the revenue from entry fees, museums would not have enough money to collect and preserve cultural objects and hold extra exhibitions of rare pieces. If museums are to be funded entirely by public money, the pressures on the government's other budgets, such as the demands of hospitals, schools, pensions, etc., will inevitably make museums an under-funding and poor sector. This will not help our creative industries or tourism. If museums are entirely funded by the government, they will lack an incentive to increase the number of visitors and to make their collections exciting and accessible for all.

1. **Civil Servants**

Every year millions of candidates attend the National Civil Servant Exam, some of whom even take it as their life long career to attend the exam every year in the hope of passing the exam and becoming a civil servant. The most sought-after position may attract nearly 10,000 applicants. The “craze for the Civil Servant Exam" has been fiercely debated in recent years. Should university graduates zealously pursue government posts? Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your response in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your views on the issue.

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YES

It is undeniable that the post of civil servant is an appealing job, for government posts are relatively stable, with fine income and welfare. If one becomes a civil servant, many troublesome problems, such as accommodation and medical care can be solved with some favorable policies. Also, the workload is modest compared with other jobs. So being a civil servant is attractive for many university students and they can hardly abandon this opportunity. The expansion of college enrollment and the fierce competition among university graduates have led to the increasing pressure of job hunting. For many students who are not quite certain of what they want to do in the future, taking the Civil Servant Exam is a good try. The whole process is the same as applying for jobs in private sections. Through the exam, university graduates can get a practice for the future career, and the result sometimes is not so important.

NO

The craze of university students attending the Civil Servant Exam is, to a large extent, due to the advantages of government posts. But actually, the government post today is not as favorable as it used to be. Being a civil servant is stable, but on the other hand, also lacks creativity and freshness. Its salary is on the average level, and is no match for that in some private sections. University graduates, at their 20s, should exert themselves and strive for a bright future. Blindly following the crowd to pursue government posts is not a good choice. It is wrong that some university students equate success with a government post. In order to get a government post, students sometimes have to choose jobs that are not even related to their majors. It is a waste and is not worth getting such a post at the cost of one's specialties and professional know ledge.

1. Animal experimentation

Read carefully the following excerpt on Historical Debate on Animal Experimentation, and then write your response in NO LESS THAN 200 WORDS, in which you should

1. summarize the main message of the excerpt, and then

2. comment on whether we should use animals for experimentation purpose or not

You should support yourself with information from the except.

Marks will be awarded for content relevance, content sufficiency, organization and language quality. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

**Historical Debate on Animal Experimentation**

As the experimentation on animals increased, especially the practice of vivisection,

so did criticism and controversy. In 1655 the advocate of Galenic physiology Edmund

O'Meara said that "the miserable torture of vivisection places the body in an unnatural

state." O'Meara and others argued that animal physiology could be affected by pain during vivisection, rendering results unreliable. There were also objections on an ethical basis, contending that the benefit to humans did not justify the harm to animals. Early objections to animal testing also came from another angle--many people believed that animals were inferior to humans and so different that results from animals could not be applied to humans.

On the other side of the debate, those in favor of animal testing held that experiments on animals were necessary to advance medical and biological knowledge. Claude Bernard----who is sometimes known as the "prince of vivisectors " and the father of physiology, and whose wife, Marie Francoise Martin, founded the first anti-vivisection society in France in 1883 ----famously wrote in 1865 that "the science of life is a superb and dazzlingly lighted hall which may be reached only by passing through a long and ghastly kitchen". Arguing that "experiments on animals entirely conclusive for the toxicology and hygiene of man... the effects of these substances are

the same on man as on animals, save for differences in degree", Bernard established animal experimentation as part of the standard scientific method.

1. Traditional Chinese

Should we revive traditional Chinese characters or continue using simplified characters? This has been an intensely discussed question for years.The following are the supporters' and opponents' opinions. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your response in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your view on the issue.

Marks will be awarded for content relevance,content sufficiency, organization and language quality.Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

YES

Traditional characters, which date back to more than 2000 years ago, have a more beautiful appearance and a more reasonable structure. As indicated by the 毅 and受 examples，traditional characters make more sense, convey traditional values and can therefore represent traditional culture.

For two millennia, Chinese historical records and classic works were written in traditional characters. To be able to read them and inherit traditional culture, we need to bring traditional characters back.

Politically, it is also necessary to restore traditional Chinese characters. Currently, traditional Chinese characters are still used in Hong Kong, Taiwan and many Chinese communities around the world. Restoring them can contribute to cross-Straits exchanges and national reunification and unite Chinese people around the world.

NO

In today's world, efficiency matters most. Traditional characters, which usually have more strokes than simplified ones, are more difficult to learn. By contrast, simplified characters are much easier to learn and use.

Over the past 50 years, lots of classic texts have been turned into simplified-character versions, which means simplified characters can also promote and preserve traditional culture.

Constant simplification has been a trend in the evolution of Chinese characters. From the oracle bones script of 3000 years ago to traditional characters, the Chinese writing system has always been slimming down for communication.

1. Change

Some people enjoy changes and look forward to new experiences while others enjoy a steady-paced, habitual existence. The following are opinions about a life of change and a life of habit. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your opinion in about 200 words, in which you should fist summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your view on this issue.

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**A life of change**

As we all know, everything is in the continuous course of changes, thus changes are unavoidable. Changes in life can make life full of variety. I love the changes in my daily life; if I repeat the same routine every day, I will feel uncomfortable and bored, even anxious.

Changes can make me promote myself. When facing something I can't figure out,I often analyze the changes and do right things without fear. At the same time,I became more shrewd and experienced.

Changes will make us face all kinds of possibilities, positive and negative. In this way, we can get rid of the routine life and break the old habits,and grow up.

**A life of habit**

I am content with the stable situation in my life.I form my own comfortable routine, which ensures my quality of life.I can work in the weekdays and cultivate my hobbies in my spare time.I can handle affairs on plan.

The routine life makes my mind peaceful and I don't have to worry about the unknown changes in my life. When changes appear,I have to break the customary plan and spend time finding ways to get used to the changes.

A life of habit makes me focus on what I repeat doing every day. I can effectively accomplish what I am doing and make fewer mistakes, because I have become proficient with things that have been repeated.

1. **Artificial Intelligence**

Read carefully the following excerpt and then write your response in NO LESS THAN 200 words, in which you should

1. summarize the main message of the excerpt, and then

2. comment on whether our brains will get lazy in a world run by intelligent machines.

You can support yourself with information from the excerpt.

Marks will be awarded for content relevance, content sufficiency, organization and language quality. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

**With intelligent machines to do the thinking, will our brains get lazy?**

Changing technology stimulates the brain and increases intelligence. But that may only be true if the technology challenges us. In a world run by intelligent machines, our lives could get a lot simpler. Would that make us less intelligent?

Artificial intelligence is taking over many human jobs. For instance, planes are being flown much of the time by automatic pilots. And the complex problem of controlling air traffic around large modern airports is also achieved by artificial intelligence that operates well beyond the capability of mere human air traffic controllers.

Artificial intelligence is embedded in many features of modern life for the simple reason that intelligent machines can already outperform humans, including some aptitudes where there was once thought to be a human advantage, such as playing chess, and writing poetry, or even novels.

As machines get smarter, they will do more of our thinking for us and make life easier. In the future, the electronic assistant will develop to the point that it serves similar functions as a real living butler, fulfilling requests such as: "Organize a dinner party for six on Thursday and invite the usual guests."

At that point, our long struggle with challenging technologies is at an end. Like Bertie Wooster, we can take it easy knowing that the hard work of planning and organizing is being done by a better brain ----the electronic assistant. Starved of mental effort, our brains will regress.

1. Tribal People

Read carefully the following report, and then write your response in NO LESS THAN 200 words, In which you should:

1. summarize the main message of the report, and then

2. comment on the two points made by Stephen Corry, Survivals Director

You can support yourself with information from the report

Marks will be awarded for content relevance, content sufficiency, organization and language quality, Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

**Report exposes the dark side of conservation**

A report launched by Survival International--the global movement for tribal people right's------ reveals how conservation has led to the eviction of millions of tribal people from protected areas, "since protected areas" like national parks should generally be no go" for miming, agriculture, dams, roads and pipelines.

Survival's report shows that nearly all protected areas are, or have been, the ancestral homelands of tribal peoples, who have been dependent on, and managed them for thousands of years. But in the name of "conservation", tribal peoples are being "illegally driven out" from these lands and accuse' poaching"; meanwhile, tourists and fee-paying big game hunters are welcomed.

Bushman Daugoo Xukuri from the Central Kalahari Game Reserve in Botswana said, " sit and look around the country. Wherever there are bushmen, there is game. Why? Because we know how to take care of animals. Survival's report concludes that the current model of conservation needs a radical shakeup. Conservation must stick to international law, protect tribal peoples' rights to their lands, listen to them. and then be prepared to back them up as much as they can.

Survivals Director Stephen Corry said, "Millions are being spent by conservationists every year, and yet the environment's in deepening crisis. It's time to wake up and realize that there is another way and it's much, much better. Firstly, tribal peoples' rights have to be acknowledged and respected. Secondly, they have to be treated as the best experts at defending their own lands. Conservationists must realize it's they, themselves, who are junior partners."

1. Children’s media time with their parents

Read carefully the following excerpt and then write your response in NO LESS THAN 200 WORDS, in which you should

1. summarize the main message of the excerpt, and then

2. comment on Brewer's view that parents should join in with their kids rather than limit their media consumption,

You can support yourself with information from the excerpt.

Marks will be awarded for content relevance, content sufficiency, organization and language quality. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

**How much screen time is too much for kids?**

Parents have been advised to limit media consumption of their children, but research suggests it's the nature of it that matters. For many parents in the digital age, battles with their kids over screen time and devices have become a depressing part of family life. Many parents will now be relieved to hear that recent research suggests that not so much the length, but the nature of the screen time that matters.

Jocelyn Brewer, a psychologist who specializes in the concept of "digital nutrition" likens media diets to what's on our plates: rather than counting calories (or screen time) think about what you re eating.

"It's not Just about whether you consume any potential digital Junk foods, but also your relationship to technology and the role it plays in your family life, "says Brewer.

For young children, the most important thing is whether parents and kids are playing,

watching or browsing together.

A study of 20,000 parents published late last year by the Oxford Internet Institute and Cardiff University determined that there was no correlation between limiting device use and children's well-being. The study's lead author Dr. Andrew Pryzbylski said: "Our findings suggest the broader family context, how parents set rules about digital screen time, and if they are actively engaged in exploring the digital world together, are more important than the raw screen time.

"The consensus is that screen time, in and of itself, is not harmful --and reasonable

restrictions vary greatly, depending on a child's behavior and personality. There is little point in worrying about how many minutes a day your kids are spending with screens, says Brewer. " Instead, parents should be doing what they can to ensure that what they are watching, playing and reading is high quality, age-appropriate and safe----and joining in wherever possible.

1. GM food

Read carefully the following excerpt on safety of genetically modified food, and then write your response in no less than 200 words, in which you should

1.summarize the main message of the excerpt, and then

2.comment on whether we should advocate genetically modified food or not..

You should support yourself with information from the excerpt.

Marks will be awarded for content relevance, content sufficiency, organization and language quality. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

**Genetically Modified Food: Are They Safe?**

Two years ago in Edinburgh, Scotland, eco--vandals stormed a field, crushing canola plants. Last year in Maine, midnight raiders hacked down more than 3,000 experimental popular trees, And in San Diego, protesters smashed sorghum and sprayed paint over greenhouse walls.

This far-flung outrage took aim at genetically modified crops. But the protests backfired: all the destroyed plants were conventionally bred. In each case, activists mistook ordinary plants for GM varieties. It's easy to understand why. In a way, GM crops --now on some 109 million acres of farmland worldwide --- are invisible. You can't see, taste or touch a gene inserted into a plant or sense its effects on the environment, You can't tell, just by looking, whether pollen containing a foreign gene can poison butterflies or fertilize plants miles away. That invisibility is precisely what worries people. How, exactly, will GM crops affect the environment----and when will we notice?

Advocates of GM, or transgenic, crops say the plants will benefit the environment by requiring fewer toxic pesticides than conventional crops. But critics fear the potential risks and wonder how big the benefits really are. "We have so many questions about these plants, "remarks Guenther Stotzky, a soil microbiologist at New York University here's a lot we don't know and need to find out."

As GM crops multiply in the landscape, unprecedented numbers of researchers have started fanning into the fields to get the missing information. Some of their recent findings are reassuring; others suggest a need for vigilance.

1. Evaluation of teachers by students

Should we encourage students to evaluate and criticize teachers to improve the quality of education? This has been an intensely discussed question for years. The following are the supporters' and opponents' opinions. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your response in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your views on the issue.

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**YES**

Proposing changes to teachers' teaching content contributes to the improvement of teaching quality. Usually, it is difficult for teachers to realize the mistakes and slips in their teaching unless students remind them.

Teachers may not clearly know what students have known and want to know when planning their lessons. If students can put forward their ideas and suggestions towards the lessons, it will be of great help for teachers to upgrade their teaching projects.

Trying to evaluate teachers' lessons is particularly beneficial for students' academic and career development in the future. Because the modern education emphasizes criticism and innovation. Undoubtedly, debating or discussing with teachers is an effective way for students to learn.

**NO**

Students may be not mature enough to make sound judgment upon their teachers' academic performance. Conversely, some negative comments might be randomly made only because teachers' hairstyle, appearance or clothes are not their favorite.

Some students are more likely to make irresponsible comments on their teachers simply because they are blamed by their teachers. Therefore, teachers will be hurt innocently.

Students will suffer a loss in terms of knowledge and other learning content. This is because teachers always devote much to delivering knowledge and explaining theories. If they are disrupted, their teaching plan may not be able to be fulfilled.

1. **Work in a big company**

Should we work for a big company or a small one? This has been an intensely discussed question for college graduates. The following are opinions about working in big companies and about working in small ones.

Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your opinion in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your view on this issue.

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**Working for large companies**

Large corporations are gaining unique advantages in the market. There is typically an established way of doing things in large companies. You will know clearly what your job responsibilities are, how to fit into your department and gradually you'll even learn the shortcut for promotions.

Large companies provide you with a sense of stability. They often offer better benefit packages such as health insurance and housing funding than small companies do.

Large companies have a wide variety of jobs to choose from. It's possible for you to change positions without leaving the company. Software developers can become project managers. Even though it still requires some hunting, you already work for the company where you're applying for a new job. That's one less thing the interviewer needs to worry about.

**Working for small companies**

Small companies will give you more opportunities to stand out. Since there are fewer people to perform needed tasks, there is a greater potential opportunity for you to work on a wider variety of tasks. The boss may easily get familiar with you.

Moreover, smaller companies often have more of a "family" feeling than larger companies. As a result, they can make you feel more relaxed. You and your colleagues are more like friends.

If the small company experienced enormous growth, there is greater chance for you to grow professionally and maturely with it.

1. Homeschooling

As remote communication technology develops, people today have the choice of studying at home using the Internet or television. Would you choose this way or would you rather study at traditional schools? The following are the supporters' opinions about studying at home and at traditional schools. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your opinion in about 200 words, in which you should first summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your view on this issue.

Marks will be awarded for content relevance, content sufficiency, organization and language quality. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

**Studying at home**

Nowadays, more and more parents refuse to send their children to traditional schools and choose to home school their children by using the Internet or television instead.

Firstly, homeschooling can make full use of time. When we attend traditional schools, we waste a lot of time on the way to school. However, time can be saved for more valuable things such as reading if we study at home.

Secondly, we can choose whatever we want to learn by taking advantage of the Internet, which can improve our interest in study.

Thirdly, there are so many students who need the attention of the only teacher in a class at traditional schools, whereas we can ask questions at any time by studying at home. We can also pause for a while and solve the question at once.

**Studying at traditional schools**

Learning at the traditional school is still a trend for most of the students. It has many advantages.

It provides a place where all the students spend most of their time together, which allows friendship to be fostered. Students will benefit from this precious friendship all their life.

Moreover, students can also learn from their teachers and classmates and thus improve their social skills.

The learning atmosphere of the traditional classrooms helps students stay focused and keeps them motivated. Compared with virtual classrooms, where students are more likely to delay and easily distracted, traditional classrooms give you a feeling of "now and here"

1. **Violence on media**

Should the government control the amount of violence in films and on television in order to decrease violent crimes in society? The following are the supporters' and opponents' opinions. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your opinion in about 200 words, in which you should fist summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your view on this issue.

Marks will be awarded for content relevance, content sufficiency, organization and language quality. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

YES

Violence on screen does result in more crimes in real life. For one thing, teenagers are good at imitating. The example that well illustrates this is the notorious campus gunshot case in the US. The criminal, a university student, who shot several of his teachers and classmates, confessed it was a violent movie that inspired him to commit the crime.

As the main mass media, TV and films are crucial to develop value systems and shape behaviors, especially to the young people. Due to the increasing amount of violence in mass media, teenagers' personal values and attitudes towards life are affected.

Lastly, too much media violence makes people immune to the violence. They seem to regard it as a normal way to solve problems.

NO

Instead of inducing people to commit a crime, violence on TV helps them release the stress and thus reduces the chance for them to break the law at the same time. For example, an employee who was severely criticized by his boss at work may feel relieved when he returns home and sees a strong man being punched in his face on TV.

Violence can give us an impression that society is not as safe as what we predicted, which makes us aware of the dangers around us and be cautious.

For those who want to conquer others by violence, the violence in mass media can teach them a lesson that violence can bring both physical and mental hurt.

1. **Higher Education**

Should higher education be available to all students? The following are the supporters and opponents opinions. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your opinion in about 200 words, in which you should summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your view on this issue.

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Yes

The number of people receiving higher education is increasing continuously. It was reported that higher-educated students were earning much more than common workers. Obviously, the students who get higher diplomas are capable of gaining more professional knowledge. So they are more likely to attain promising positions.

The students who have received higher education have better vision of the world. Furthermore, they are likely to gain knowledge more easily in other unfamiliar fields, because they have possessed enough preliminary knowledge and understand how to acquire more on their own.

In addition, higher education makes a difference to the development of society. Knowledge works nowadays. Once equipped with more professional knowledge, individuals can make more contribution to the whole society.

No

I don't think that higher education is appropriate for everyone.

Firstly, in China, the resources such as teachers and facilities for higher education are very limited. So it's unrealistic to give all the citizens a good higher education. It's pointless to sacrifice the quality of education to make all people receive higher education.

Secondly, it would be even worse if some of the students spend much money and time studying in university, but cannot obtain the degrees. For some students, they really don't adapt to the education mode.

Lastly, for some people, practical knowledge and experience are more essential in their posts than the knowledge that can be acquired through higher education. It doesn't seem worthwhile for these people wasting their time at university and college.

1. **Self- employed work**

After you graduate from a university or college, would you rather be self-employed or work for someone else? The following are the opinions of being self-employed and those of working for someone else. Read carefully the opinions from both sides and write your opinion in about 200 words, in which you should fist summarize briefly the opinions from both sides and give your view on this issue.

Marks will be awarded for content relevance, content sufficiency, organization and language quality. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a loss of marks.

**Self-employed**

Nowadays more and more students choose to be self-employed after graduation. As far as I am concerned, I prefer to be self-employed.

I can lead a more free-style life. I can do things on my own will. Moreover, I can decide how to do things; whereas those who are employed by others must do things according to the instructions of their employers.

I can allocate my time freely. Hence, if I am tired, I can rest in the daytime; if I am more energetic, I can work late at night. I have more freedom on the choice of work time than those who work for others.

Self-employment makes me depend on myself. I have to push myself to learn more and to work harder. I am the master of myself.

**Working for someone else**

Being an employee, I have to be subject to discipline, and do things under the instructions of my boss, but that's just part of life. I would rather work for someone else than be self-employed. I just want to lead a simple and regular life.

When you work for yourself, you have to earn more money to end up with the same take-home paycheck you'd get as a company employee. That's much pressure for me.

In addition, besides work, I can still have free time to do the things I enjoy doing, and don't need to think about the work all the time.

I don't like a complicated life. I haven't much ambition either in my life or in my career. I dream of living an easy life, a regular life with discipline, without much risk.