
Some people think that success in life comes from hard work and determination, while others think that there are more important factors such as money and appearance. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

立场：两边提到的成功因素都很重要

正方：人们有了钱可以接受好的教育；有颜值，即使其他方面不行，也有成功的机会

反方：不是所有人都有钱有颜，但所有人都可以通过努力去改变命运

Some people maintain that hard work and determination lead to success in life. Other people contend that other factors, such as money and appearance, are more important. Although I believe that money and appearance can certainly help a person gain success, I also think that hard work and determination provide the surest way to achieve success.

From the standpoint of money and appearance, it is argued that money is directly associated with a person's ability to achieve success. Money often provides the means for people to get good educations and to start businesses, which can pave the way toward success. In regards to appearance, if a person appears to be good-looking or successful, even if they are disadvantaged in other areas, they will then have a better chance to become successful.

But, in my opinion, hard work and determination remain the largest factors in becoming successful. Not all of us have the financial means or good appearance to assist us in our efforts to become successful. Thus, we have to rely on hard work and determination to accomplish our goals and objectives. Although hard work and determination may not provide the fastest or easiest path toward success, they provide a means of achieving success which is available and accessible to everyone.

In conclusion, money and appearance can certainly help people achieve success, but those resources are not available to all people. On the other hand, anyone can work hard if they are determined enough to do so. A person who works hard will have a good chance to obtain his goals and objectives and to be successful.

其他观点

Success depends on several factors. Some people assume that it comes from hard work and determination while others believe that money and appearance are more important factors. From my perspective, both opinions are reasonable.

Hard work and determination are essential to success as nothing can stop one with strong desire and hardworking attitude from reaching the goals. Strong-minded people tend to be easier to succeed because they are not afraid of the obstacles that hinder them from achieving success. In a word, what does not kill them makes them stronger. In addition, it is proven by many successful people that hard work is the back bone of all enterprises and the foundation of all improvement.

However, others attach more significance to money and appearance. It can never be denied that money, to some extent, can pave the way to success. Wealthy people can afford to go to elite schools to receive better education and can develop a wide social network, which lays the foundation of their success. Apart from that, good appearance can leave a good impression on others. It is reported by researchers that employers tend to hire and trust people who are good-looking. Especially in entertaining industry, beautiful actors and actresses are more likely to be selected by directors and take the leading roles.

As far as I am concerned, factors like family backgrounds and appearances can be hard to change. However, people lacking those privileges can choose to be hard-working and determined, which matters more in achieving success.

Some people think planning future is a waste of time and people should focus on the present. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

立场：未来和当下都很重要

正方：计划好未来可以把可能发生的危机影响降到最低

反方：太过于注重未来反而忽视了当下可以享受的生活乐趣

Some people think that it is a complete waste of time to plan for the future, instead it is more important to focus on the present. Although I disagree with that contention, I admit that some people spend so much of their time planning for the future that they do not take the time to live and enjoy the present.

A person who plans for the future is less likely to be affected by a crisis in the here and now. For example, a person who owns an old automobile probably knows that automobile is more prone to repairs than a new automobile. With that in mind, it will be prudent for that person to save money for these future repairs or for a new car, as compared to spending all of his money in the present for some frivolous items. Then when the inevitable problems happen with the older car, the owner will have already saved money toward those repairs.

On the other hand, there are people who are so focused on tomorrow that they forget to live today. Some rich people spend most of their time worrying about uncertainty in the future but never think of spending their money in enjoying life at present. As we all know, we are not guaranteed any amount of time here on earth, so we need to make sure that we do not ignore the present.

So, although planning for the future can be valuable and beneficial, this planning should not be done at the expense of ignoring the present.

其他观点

Some people believe that it is just a waste of time to make future plans and people are supposed to focus on the present. I totally disagree with the opinion and I think people

should never underestimate the importance of planning for the future.

Future plans have many benefits. First of all, they serve as a daily guideline. Once people make proper plans, they tend to devote themselves to achieving their goals, regardless of obstacles and difficulties. However, if they are unclear of what to do, they will be confused and lose the enthusiasm. Meanwhile, people can foresee problems and avoid potential risks by making future plans. In the process of planning, people consider things further and deeper.

Moreover, planning is practicing time management, which enables tasks to be done more efficiently and makes us more organized. For example, if a person has four tasks to be done in a day, he or she has to decide the order and the time spent on each task. In the long run, people can develop the ability of logical thinking and time management.

However, as the world is changing constantly, people should also be flexible. There are many things in the world that cannot be precisely anticipated such as natural disasters, change of policies. Therefore, people should adjust their plans if needed.

To sum up, planning is a very valuable tool to everyone in goal achieving and time managing. So people should never underestimate the significance of future plans and make adjustments to the plans timely.

Many people are optimistic about the 21st century and see it as an opportunity to make positive changes to the world. To what extent do you agree or disagree with their optimism? What changes would you like to see in the new century?

立场：赞成这样的乐观，虽然我们面临很多问题，但是很多国家已经在采取行动去解决

期望看到的改变：

1. 空气污染能加速治理
2. 合理分配食品资源，解决世界范围内的饥荒

Many people hold an optimistic attitude towards the 21st century and expect to make positive changes in the world. I share that optimism, although I realize that we have many problems to solve and I know that we cannot solve all problems immediately. That being said, there are definitely some changes would like to see in the new century.

In today's world, we have many problems that are affecting us. This includes pollution, world hunger, education, and world peace, just to name a few. The good news is that we at least make progress toward solving these problems. Many countries have organized scientists and companies to work together for better solutions.

The changes I would like to see would be an increased effort to reduce air pollution. For

many centuries, we neglected this problem until it became such a problem that it may now take centuries to solve. Besides, world hunger is a problem that could likely be eliminated if countries worked in cooperation to solve this problem. There is plenty of food to go around in the world, but we need to develop a plan so this food is readily available to everyone.

I am confident that we can make positive changes to the world in this century. It is important for us to work together to make the world a better place to live for our generation and future generations. Although we cannot solve all problems immediately, we can at least lay the foundation toward solving these problems and make progress toward those goals.

其他观点

Changes happen every day in this fast-developing world because of technology, transportation and other fields. I believe many of these changes are optimistic and I hope to see that our environment conditions would be better and the gap between rich and poor can be narrowed.

Many changes in the 21st century will be positive ones, because they can raise people's living standards and boost the economy through several aspects. The advent of technology allows people to enjoy a more convenient life. Through the internet, for example, people can acquire knowledge from any foreign country and even have a chance to communicate with people in other places. Also, the development of transportation help people save more time from daily commuting, business trips and international journeys.

For me, I would like to witness the huge change in alleviating environmental problems. The deterioration of the environment is rather severe, and I think both the government and individuals should be involved into environmental protection in order to create a better habitat for the well-being of all human beings.

Meanwhile, bridging the gap between rich and poor is extremely crucial those days. Many social problems caused by income gap have lowered people's living standards. If the income disparity problem could not be mitigated, the crime rate of a society would still increase, and people may feel unsafe living in such a place.

In conclusion, modern technologies, like the internet and public transportation system have changed general people's lives, and in a new century I expect to see the efforts in addressing environment problems and income disparity issues.

Today, fashion is becoming more and more important in choosing clothes. What are the reasons? Do you think the trend is positive or negative?

原因：

1. 提升自信
2. 容易给人以成功人士的好印象

立场：负面的比较多，人们可能会过度注重外表，而忽视内在的涵

Today, fashion is a main factor that people consider while shopping for clothes. Although I think that is a slightly negative trend, I understand the reasons why some people are concerned about fashion in choosing the clothes they wear.

There are a number of reasons why a person might choose to dress fashionably. In dressing well or wearing the latest fashions people might feel better about themselves. For those who have important job interviews in fashion industry, wearing the latest trend could help them gain more confidence. Moreover, studies have shown that people who dress well, maybe with the latest fashions, are more likely to be perceived as successful by others. For example, a business person who is trying to secure more business for his company will have a better chance of doing that if he is "dressed for success" or dressed with the latest fashions. If that same man is dressed poorly he might hurt his chances in securing new business, as he may be perceived as unsuccessful.

On the other hand, some people become obsessed by style and they forget how important wisdom can be. Although it is certainly desirable to look good with the latest fashions, people should remember that "clothes do not make the person". It is still more important to judge people on their wisdom instead of their style.

Although dressing well with the latest fashions can provide confidence for the wearer and can enhance a person's image, clothes are simply "window dressing" and fashion and style will never outweigh wisdom.

其他观点

People are paying much more attention to their clothing these days. It seems that for many people, fashion equals beautiful clothes. There are several reasons that can lead to this phenomenon and I think this is a positive trend.

This may be more related to peer pressure. For example, many women are crazy about purchasing more fashionable clothes after the Paris Fashion Week, as they do not want to be regarded as out of fashion by their friends. At school, students would judge each other based on their taste of fashion and those who wear plain-looking clothes cannot earn more attention from others. So the pressure motivates everyone to take fashion seriously.

I would say that this trend will improve professionalism and one's confidence level. Wearing a professional suit leaves a good impression on interviewers, especially for many companies who care about appearance, picking the wrong clothes would be a serious mistake. Stylish clothes can also bring confidence to most people. When people wear a gorgeous suit to a trendy event, they would quickly catch others' eyes and earn respect. By contrast, if they only wear ordinary clothes, they are likely to be ignored.

Furthermore, the development of fashion in clothes can boost the economy. People would buy more clothes of the latest trend, which can not only stimulate the consumption but also generate more tax revenue for a country. Then, the government can have extra money to support other economic sectors and contribute to further economic progress.

In conclusion, peer pressure is the reason resulting in this phenomenon and it is beneficial to individuals and society as a whole.

It is not necessary for people to travel to other places to learn about the culture. We can learn as much as from books, films and the Internet. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

立场：部分同意，总的来说实地感受当地文化是无法被取代的

正：

1. 节省时间和金钱
2. 不用舟车劳顿，足不出户即可完成

反：

1. 应该亲身体会当地真实存在的文化才能加深理解

Some people travel to other places in order to learn about the culture, but others doubt whether it is a wise idea, as people can learn as much from books, films, and the internet. Although I agree with the idea that we can learn about cultures from other sources, there is no replacement for visiting a place in person.

Many people are curious to learn about other cultures. They do so by reading a book, watching a movie, or viewing sites and articles on the internet. They can enjoy to be transported to other places and cultures without worrying about lack of time or money to visit those places personally. From the comfort of a chair, they can visit faraway places and feel like they are there.

That being said, the experience of physically visiting a place or culture may still be the best way to learn about that culture. In actually visiting a place, one will have experiences that are simply not possible from a chair. The social interaction which is part of an actual visit can be extremely valuable and can enhance the learning experience. As an example, a person can learn a foreign language on the computer and think he is proficient at that language, until he visits a country where that language is actually spoken. Only then will that person learn how that language is really used or spoken.

Although books, movies, and internet sites and articles can provide an excellent means to learn about other cultures, it cannot be replaced by the experience of actually visiting that country or culture.

Some people think that languages should be taught in small classes, while other people think the number of students in a language class does not matter. Discuss both views

and give your opinion.

立场：小班更好，但是也不应该取消大班

正方：小班教授语言，学生和老师的互动机会多，也可以得到个性化的指导

反方：由于课程设置或者学校经费，师资限制，开设大班同样可以让很多人受益

Some people think that small classes are better for students to learn a language than large ones. It is my feeling that students can learn language in small classes or large, but I think that smaller classes should be preferred, if that is an option.

It has been proven that smaller class sizes are more conducive to learning. Students in smaller classes generally receive more opportunities to ask questions, to contribute in discussions, and to get to know the teacher. Teachers have more time to individualize feedback to students and can sometimes cater their instruction to individual students or small groups of students. So students of different learning paces can enjoy learning at their own pace. Smaller classes allow for more give-and-take and more personal interaction between a teacher and a student.

That being said there are some class sizes which are larger, either because there are many people who want to take the class or because there are not enough teachers, classrooms, and budget available to allow for multiple small classes. Although larger classes are not the ideal preference for teachers, schools, or students they still provide a better option than telling some students that they cannot take the class because of size limitations.

Even though large classes may not be as effective in teaching language to students, it is still possible for a student to learn through various classroom activities. Although the student from a large class may not receive the attention he would get with a smaller class size, he should still be able to learn the subject matter.

其他观点

There is an argument about whether languages should be taught in small classes. I would say that small classes are much more suitable for language learning in most cases.

Language learning is a highly interactive process which involves active participation. In a smaller class, all students will be motivated to talk to each other, ask teachers questions and share their understanding of points in a lecture. The more interpersonal communication there is, the more likely students will improve fast. Whereas this level of interaction may not be available in big classes where students need to compete for the opportunity to speak to the teacher or answer questions.

On the other hand, with well-designed group activities like role play or group discussion, the interaction between students may compensate the limited interaction time with the teacher in a big class. Some students are at higher level than others, so they certainly can lead

lower-level students to approach the learning goals. Teaching each other what they have acquired is effective for them to quickly find out their strengths and weaknesses during the process. By contrast, if there is no interaction in class, the learning outcomes could be negative. As passive listening can reduce students' interest in the language and make little contribution to acquiring other language skills like speaking.

In conclusion, small classes, to a large extent, produce positive learning outcomes for language learners. As for big classes, it really depends on how the classes are taught and organized. Without enough in-class interaction between teachers and students, it would be a waste of time for the learners.

Some people think “vertical” city is the best, where people live and work in tall buildings. Others think “horizontal” city is better, where there are few tall buildings. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

立场：倾向于高楼多的城市风格，节省土地，避免征地带来的环境问题

正方：城市用地紧张，高楼节省土地

反方：高楼阻挡人的视野，而且空间比较拥挤，矮楼不会让人感觉压抑

Some people think that "vertical" cities in which people live and work in tall buildings are better than "horizontal" cities in which there are more short buildings. I lean slightly toward favoring the vertical city style, as it makes better use of what may be limited space within the city.

On the side of vertical cities, it should be pointed out that the amount of available urban space for housing and business is sometimes severely limited. With this in mind, high-rise buildings and skyscrapers are a good option, as they allow for lots of apartments and offices within a small amount of ground space.

On the other hand, some people are critical of vertical cities because they say those tall buildings obstruct the scenery surrounding the building and negatively affect the ambiance of the area. Also, some people contend that having such a large amount of people within such a small area of ground space can create congestion.

As for horizontal cities, they have a more spacious less claustrophobic feel, as buildings are not as tall, and they are spread out over a larger area. However, this type of cities are encouraging urban sprawl in which those cities are not conserving their limited amount of space.

I agree with those people who regard urban sprawl as the biggest disadvantage of horizontal cities. In not conserving our limited amount of land we are losing trees, forests, wetlands, and farmlands, many of which would not be lost with the more concentrated housing and office spaces of vertical cities.

其他观点

Some people think vertical cities in which people live and work in tall buildings are better than horizontal cities in which the places to live and work are more spread out. Although there are advantages and disadvantages to both vertical and horizontal cities, I think the advantages of vertical cities outweigh the advantages of horizontal cities.

The main advantage of a vertical city is that everything is concentrated into one area and people do not have to spend much time travelling to other jobs or traveling to get their required goods and services. Almost everything is convenient for them. The downside of a vertical city can be that having so many people within a small area can create congestion, including traffic congestion or human congestion, an overall feeling of crowdedness.

On the other hand, horizontal cities are much more spread out, so there is a lot less congestion with horizontal cities. But, the major downside of a horizontal city is that people almost always have to spend more time on their way to work or to grocery stores. A person who might not need to own an automobile in a vertical city will more likely have to own private means of transportation in a horizontal city. And, it should be noted that it generally costs more money to maintain public transportation in a horizontal city than in a vertical city.

Although congestion can be a negative for vertical cities, the benefits and advantages of vertical cities still outweigh those of horizontal cities. The conveniences of vertical cities are particularly advantageous compared to the inconveniences of horizontal cities. ‘

All over the world, people watch foreign films much more than locally produced films. Why? Should the government provide financial support to local film industries?

People nowadays have a tendency to watch foreign films more often, which makes it hard for locally produced films to compete and survive. I think there is a need for government to provide financial support.

The reasons to explain this trend are a few. Audiences around the world seem to love the allure of show-business with fancy visual effects, glamorous celebrities and there is a typical Hollywood formula which always keeps them hooked. For example, many producers prefer sequels, such as the Godfather series, to keep people curious about the next film. Another reason is that globalization has stimulated people's interest in foreign culture, and films offer a cheap way for them to get access to a different world.

I believe it is necessary for governments to support the growth of locally produced films. The French film industry has a particular artistic style, but has had to rely on government support, the similar situations can be seen in other countries in Europe. In the UK, there was once a thriving film industry, but Hollywood blockbusters are overshadowing the UK-made movies now. It would be a shame that there are few options in the movie industry and people only watch movies made by one or two countries.

In most countries, talented film-makers need to have government support to produce and promote their works. Moreover, there are viewers who love the wide cultural variety that only small locally made films can offer them. From the point of promoting local culture, it is worth the effort and support.