# 20160109 A

Difference between countries are becoming less evident recently. People can see the same films, brands, fashion, advertisements and TV channels. To what extent do disadvantage outweigh advantages?

# 20160109 B

Some people think government should invest more money in teaching science than other subjects in order for a country to develop and progress. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

# 20160114

A recent newspaper article reports that a 14-year-old boy who seriously destroyed his school got a punishment to clean streets instead of sent to the prison, do you think this is right, or the young criminals should be sent to the jail?

# 20160123

News media has become more influential in people's lives. Others believe it is a negative development. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

#### 20160130

In some countries, the government has tried to reduce traffic. For instance, they imposed a congestion tax during rush hour. Do you think this development is positive or negative?

#### 20160213

In some countries, there has been an increase number of parents who educated their children themselves at home instead of sending them to school. Do you think the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

## 20160218

Human activities have negative effects on plant and animal species. Some people think it is too late to do anything about this problem. Others believe that effective measures can be taken to improve this situation. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

#### 20160220

Nowadays a large amount of advertising aiming at children should be banned because of the negative effects. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

#### 20160227

In many countries women are allowed to take maternity leave from their jobs during the first month after the birth of their baby. Does advantage outweigh disadvantages?

#### 20160305

We can get knowledge from news. But some people even think we should not trust the journalists. What do you think? And what do you think are the important qualities that a journalist should have?

## 20160312

In modern life, it is no longer necessary to use animals as food and in other products like clothing and medicines. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

### 20160319

Some people think health care should be free for everyone, while others think they should pay medical costs for themselves. Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

# 20160331

Today many children spend a lot of time playing computer games and little time on sports. Why is it? Is it a positive or negative development?

#### 20160402

Multicultural societies, where people of different groups live together, can bring more benefits than drawbacks to a country. To what extent do you agree and disagree?

#### 20160416

When new towns are planned, it is important to build more public parks or sports facilities than shopping centers for people to spend their free time. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

#### 20160421

The increase in the production of consumer goods results in damage to the natural environment. What are the causes of this? What can be done to solve this problem?

#### 20160430

People's shopping habits depend more on the age group they belong to than any other factor. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

#### 20160507

Some people think teaching children with different abilities benefits everyone, while others think intelligent children should be taught separately and given special treatment. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

#### 20160519

Now, in many countries women are able to join the armed forces on the equal basis of men. However, some people think only men should be members of the army, navy and Air Force. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

# 20160521

Some people argue that countries should have a moral obligation to help each other; on the other hand, some people argue that a large amount of aid money does not reach the poor of the world. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

## 20160528

New parents should attend parenting courses to learn how to bring up their children well. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

#### 20160604

Many schoolchildren and students are taught to push themselves and try hard to be better than their classmates, rather than work together for everyone's benefits. Do the disadvantages of training students to be competitive outweigh the advantages?

# 20160616

Some people believe that the country would benefit a lot from more young people entering into university; however, others think that the large number of people receiving college education only leads to graduate unemployment. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

# 20160618

It is the responsibility of schools to teach good behavior in addition to providing formal education. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

#### 20160625

It is known to all that the technological and scientific advances have made greater changes to the range and quality of our food. Some people regard it as an improvement while others believe that the change is harmful. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

#### 20160709

In some countries, advertisers increase the amount of advertising which try to persuade children to buy snacks, toys, and other goods. Parents object to such pressure on children. But some advertisers claim that there is useful information in these advertisements. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

#### 20160714

People still value artists in the age of advanced science and technology. What are the reasons? Are arts as important as science and technology?

#### 20160716

Some people think instead of preventing climate change, we should find ways to live with it. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

# 20160730

Some people think that the government should decide the subject for students to study in university. Others believe that students should be allowed to apply for the subject they prefer. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

# 20160804

Some people think traveling abroad is necessary while others think that is not necessary because TV and the internet can give the same information. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

# 2016813

In many countries, people can eat a wide variety of food today. As a result, they eat food from other regions than local food. Do you think the advantages of the development outweigh disadvantages?

# 20160820

Some people believe that charity organizations should give aid to those in greatest need, wherever they live. Some people believe that the charity organizations would better concentrate on helping people who live in own country instead. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

#### 20160827

Some people think that it is more important to plant more trees in open areas in towns and cities than provides more housing. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

#### 20160903

Some people argue that they would have more choices if the number of TV channels increases, but some would think that it would lead to poor TV programs. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

#### 20160910

Many customs and traditional ways of behavior are no longer relevant to the modern life and not worth keeping. Agree or disagree?

#### 20160915

More and more people buy and use their own car.do you think the advantages of this trend for individuals overweigh the disadvantages for environment?

#### 20160924

These days, people in many cities know little about their neighbors and do not have a sense of community. What do you think are the causes and what solutions can you suggest?

#### 20161008

Some people think that the library is a waste of money and the computer technology is replacing its function. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

## 20161013

Some people believe there are intelligent life forms existing on other planets and it is better to send messages to them, but others think it is a bad idea because it is very dangerous to do this. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

# 20161022

In some countries, the criminal trials are shown on the TV and the general public can watch them. Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

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## 20161105

Some people think individuals are more and more dependent on each other. Some people think individuals are more and more independent. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

#### 20161119

In some countries, more people choose to live by themselves in recent years, why is it case? Is it a positive or negative development for society?

# 20161126

People believe that using mobile phones and computers to communicate. Therefore, people are losing the ability to communicate with each other face to face. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

#### 20161203

Some countries achieve international sporting success by building specialized facilities to train top athletes instead of providing sports facilities that everyone can use. Do you think it is a positive or negative development?

#### 20161210

Some people think they have the right to use as much fresh water as they want, while others believe governments should tightly control the use of fresh water as it is a limited resource. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

# 20161215

Some people think international cooperation has brought benefits to world environment protection, while some people think more benefits have been brought to international business. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

# 20161217

Some people think getting old is entirely bad, but other people do think it's much better for old people to live now than in the past. Please show your idea with explanation, examples and your knowledge.

