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Why? Is it positive or negative?

- 1. Introduction
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Conclusion 预测题目:

1. In some countries, students pay their college or university fees, while in some others, the government pays for them. Do the advantages of governments paying for fees outweigh the disadvantages?

个人立场: while free education will cost the government a great amount of money, it can bring more advantages to the society in the long term.

主体段落一: Indeed, some may argue that free access to university education is a waste of public money. In recent years, there has been a rise in the number of graduates. But many graduates are now leaving university to take jobs which do not require a degree. Therefore, it is a mistake to continue to fund the public expansion of university education because the economy does not need more graduates.

主体段落二: However, when it comes to the achievement of equality, the government should fund university education. If students must pay for university education, this may dissuade them especially those born in impoverished families. In theory, students could take out loans or work part-time, but this may discourage students from studying and instead may enter the job market earlier.

主体段落三: Also, university education can **reap enormous economic benefits to society**. Higher education leads to a more educated and productive workforce. Countries with high rates of university education generally have higher levels of innovation and productivity growth. Therefore, there is a justification for the government subsidizing higher education.

2. In most countries, prison is the common solution for the problem of crime. However, the more effective solution is to provide people with better education so that people will not become criminals. To what extent do you agree or disagree? 个人立场: although education is important, imprisonment remains the primary solution that copes with criminality.

主体段落一: Indeed, education is a better remedy when it comes to how to reduce the crime rate in the long term. The main cause of crime is poverty and that can be linked directly to education. For example, in Singapore, which has one of the most well-regarded school systems in the world, most graduates can find well paid jobs and the crime rate is consequently among the lowest globally. After all, there is no reason for people to commit a crime if they have enough money to provide for yourself and your family. Therefore, the focus on education is a key solution to criminality.

主体段落二: However, it does not mean that imprisonment is not effective. In other words, **deterrence** remains the main reason why people do not commit crimes. If there was no threat of prison, people would feel free to steal, murder or commit whatever crime they choose. For instance, since Chinese government imposed severe sentences on drug-related crimes, the criminal activities like drug trafficking and distribution have been effectively curbed. Thus, strict and mandatory sentencing guidelines can deter potential criminals from breaking laws.

主体段落三: in addition to the warning role of prisons, the effect in **reshaping the worldview of criminals** can be positive. Imprisoning an individual does not simply mean the deprivation of his or her freedom but involves rehabilitation. In fact, even if some people have received education, they might commit crimes because moral education is absent in schooling. So, the activities in prison designed to turn criminals into law-abiding citizens, including community service and counselling programs, can lower the rate of recommitting crimes.

Young people are leaving their homes from rural areas to study or work in big cities.
Why? Do advantages outweigh disadvantages?

个人立场:

原因: The abundant life in metropolises is one primary reason that attracts the young to

move to big cities. living in big cities is regarded as the most efficient way to get close to the advanced development of all walks of life, ranging from education to career development; In addition, the diversity of lifestyle in the city is more entertaining, like clubs and bars, by which they can have access to an easier environment for socializing. The expansion of social network is highly valued by most young people.

缺点—: although the movement of the young to major cities can bring vigor to big cities because they are full of energy and passion to almost everything, they would encounter the heavy pressure both financially and mentally. Undeniably, modernization means a high living cost including the rising rental cost and the soaring price of essential items, which could not be affordable for the young with limited income. Consequently, in order to earn more money, they must work overtime by sacrificing their social life, leading to the risk of mental diseases.

缺点二: Even worse, the movement of the young to big cities would cause a big threat to the economic development of rural areas. If there are fewer young people that engage in practical jobs in countryside, many industries like agriculture and manufacture will fall in the shortage of labor force which will lead to economic decline. As a result, the gap between metropolises and rural areas will be widened.

4. These days, an increasing number of people from 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?

原因—: In today's technology-dependent era, people are mostly busy with their own work. Major streets in the cities are filled with busy people walking fast to reach their office or business place. They are even busy talking to their office colleagues and family members over the phone. After they return home late evening, they watch television, use computer and the Internet, or spend time with family members. As a result, they scarcely have any time to socialize with neighbors. In some scenarios, people do not even know who live next door in city areas.

原因二: Moreover, the constant rise of crime rate in the urban community makes individual become unnecessarily cautious and suspicious about other people, especially with the people they meet for the very first time. As they are fear of being harmed, they can hardly trust their neighbors. As a result, city dwellers tend to become isolated as they are afraid to mingle because of undeveloped acquaintance. Unlike rural areas, city areas are highly populated and it is not unlikely that several thousands of people live in a block. Thus, maintaining social relationship with all of them seems quite impossible.

措施段落: To solve this pressing problem, the governments can build more parks, social gathering places, community centers and children's playground in the community, which could be a good measure to create more opportunities for people to socialize and know each other. As a result, people living in the community would develop a sense of friendship. Meanwhile, media can also make a difference. If they expose positive news and events among community members, like helping neighbors to evacuate from a disaster, it can eliminate the fear people have about unknown people.

5. Nowadays people waste a lot of food that was bought from shops and restaurants. Why do you think people waste food? What can be done to reduce the amount of food they throw away?

BP1: The low cost of food seems to be one of the obvious reasons, exacerbating the problem. Due to the revolutionary technological achievements, people have increased both the quality and the quantity of their crops. In turn, according to the laws of supply and demand, the prices of the crops have immensely dropped. This enables people to buy excessive amounts of food without a real need.

BP2: Furthermore, the absence of strict regulations to discourage or punish this attitude can also be considered a major cause. Not everyone is aware that wasting food may create problems. Consequently, they are likely to resist any calls for controlling the consumption of dietary supplies unless they are forced by the power of law. Several countries in the world saw a drop in their national food waste after implementing a ban on the excessive purchasing of food.

BP3: Fortunately, there are some possible approaches that can be adopted by both people and governments. Firstly, raising the awareness of this issue is immensely important. Using social media platforms can draw public attention to the potential dangers of food waste and how communities can confront it. Secondly, enforcing laws that prohibit the wasting of food by people and companies will deter such harmful practice.

6. Some people think that international sporting events are the ideal opportunity to show the world of the qualities of the hosting nation. Others believe that these events are mainly a large unjustifiable expense. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

个人立场: sports events, if economically administered correctly, can reap massive benefits.

主体段落一: On the one hand, hosting sports event is a way to show the image of a city to the world. It is a large-scale event that can grasp the world's media attention, which enables the city to receive enormous amounts of publicity. As a result, the stadiums and the cultural heritages are exposed to all, which can then appeal to more people and thereby boost tourism and convey national culture.

主体段落二: On the other hand, the expense of hosting sports events can dwarf the benefits. the events are funded by the public sector who raise money from taxpayers, and the early investment is huge in amount because stadiums, Olympic parks and infrastructure are expensive to construct which need large capital expenditure. Therefore, having realized that the events cannot benefit the general public at all, many taxpayers think that it is not worthwhile.

7. The restoration of old buildings in major cities throughout the world often involves numerous government expenditure. Some people think this money will bring more benefits if it is used to provide new housings or road development. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?(课上论点展开练习)

个人立场:although repairing old buildings costs much money, it is worthwhile to a great extent.

主体段落一: Indeed, in consideration of modern living demands of city dwellers, the construction of new houses or the expansion of roads can be more practical than restoring old buildings to some extent.

主体段落二: However, it does not mean restoring old buildings has no any substantial value. When it comes to social economy, the renovation of them can bring positive impacts.

主体段落三: Moreover, it can positively contribute to cultural identity which is crucial for cultivating the sense of social belonging.

8. Some people argue that job satisfaction is more important than job security, while others believe that they cannot always expect job satisfaction and a permanent job is more important. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

背景: employment

- 讨论对象: which factor needs to be taken into account
- 个人立场: it is a subjective issue.

BP1: On the one hand, some people opine that having a permanent job is essential for stable life even if it is not as fulfilling as one wants it to be. They are more inclined towards making a living without thinking about the long-term purpose. For instance, a daily-wage worker is more focused on earning his bread and butter rather than worrying about the amount of labor that needs to be put in as he has only one goal and that is to feed his family.

Overall, being able to work and generate income is itself a blessing for these people.

BP2 :On the other hand, many others, especially youngsters, believe that having a satisfying job is crucial for the mental health of an individual. If not content with the job he or she takes, an individual would generate negative emotions such as anxiety, frustration and so on. For example, if employees are required to devote a surplus of time and energy to their on-the-clock pursuits at the expense of their personal lives, their personal lives will inevitably result in exhaustion, and then both work and life will unquestionably suffer. Therefore, work-life balance, which is a main element of job satisfaction, is mostly considered by individuals.

9. The government should lower the budget on the arts in order to allocate more money to education.

To what extent do you agree?

个人立场: the investment in arts remains necessary.

主体段落一: Indeed, when it comes to social stability, education plays a more crucial role than arts. Undeniably, through access to education, individuals can not only acquire a wide range of knowledge and professional skills which are essential for employment but also learn how to distinguish right from wrong, which can reduce the risk of criminality. By contrast, the exposure to arts cannot directly help people to be employable. Thus, for the public, the investment in education should be given as the priority. arts are an important reminder of national history.

主体段落二: However, it does not mean that the investment in arts is meaningless because arts can positively contribute to **mental health** which is also one key factor for social stability. In fact, arts are used in a variety of ways to heal emotional injuries, increase understanding of oneself and others as well as change behaviors and thinking patterns, such as music engagement, visual arts therapy, expressive writing and so on,

because arts provide an access for people to express their negative feelings and emotions. As a result, the healing power of arts can prevent people from committing extreme behaviors.

主体段落三: Moreover, arts can facilitate education. A good example of this would be the countless paintings of historic events and key figures that became prominent and fashionable during the Renaissance. These pictures now deepen not only our understanding of those events but also the extensive knowledge about culture, lifestyles, and the minds of people at that time. It is therefore likely that arts give important clues to future generations as to a wide range of areas in a vivid form.

10. Information technology enables many people to do their work outside their workplaces. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this trend?

个人立场: remote working has made a big difference to individual life.

主体段落一: On the one hand, working from home creates many opportunities to the society. Not restricted by geographical barriers and time, people living anywhere can get jobs which used to be only available in metropolises, which can lead more people to achieve a life of well-being. Meanwhile, the physically-impaired are enabled to realize their personal value in a society, thus building self-confidence. In addition, remote working can also benefit family connection. Nowadays, many women must quit their jobs to take care of their children. If companies allow them work from their home, they can join the workforce but also can look after their kids. This can enhance their life satisfaction.

主体段落二: On the other hand, remote working has its drawbacks too. Working separately might not always ensure working efficiency. Without the experience of working together in a team, employees cannot easily build the sense of group belonging when handling working tasks alone at home. The feeling of isolation is not good for people

to build mutual trust and accomplish a common task cooperatively. <u>As a result</u>, the quality of work cannot be entirely ensured.

11. Scientists believe computers will become more intelligent than human beings. Some people think the development will be negative. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: this development can bring tremendous benefits to humans.

主体段落一: Indeed, the advancement of computer technology would cause job destruction. when computers can enable a variety of problem to be solved efficiently and accurately, a great number of jobs would be displaced particularly in the service sector and the manufacturing industry, leading to the rise of unemployment rate. Thus, what people fear is the speed of job loss through computerization.

主体段落二: However, the fast development of computers can positively contribute to job creation. Although the intelligent computerized system will eliminate jobs, it will create a demand for new job positions. For computers to function properly, humans will be needed to check work, improve it and manage it. It is predicted that the new positions will require additional skills for managing the interface between technology and humans. Therefore, computers can promote human progress.

主体段落三: Moreover, computerization can help human beings to cope with substantial social problems. For example, an Israeli company called 'Prospera' has developed a system that uses a machine learning system that can identify signs of insect damage in plant images as well as analyze plant nutrition data, weather forecasts, and other data to predict if a particular plant is at risk of becoming sick, which can positively contribute to agriculture. Therefore, it is worthwhile to enhance computer technology.

12. Some think that climate change will negatively affect business. Others feel this is an opportunity for businesses.

Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

个人立场: although there is potential in green business, climate change can cause dire consequences.

主体段落一: _on the one hand, climate change can promote the development of green businesses. <u>Once</u> climate change has concerned the masses, numerous corporations worldwide have switched to producing eco-friendly items such as electric cars, organic foods, plant-based accessories and so on. <u>For example</u>, Tesla, which is one of the largest automobile manufacturers, focuses on producing stylish electric cars. <u>As a result</u>, in the face of climate change, there appears the emerging sector of green energy consumer products, which has inspired the new generation of entrepreneurs to see environmental protection as a core competitive force for growth in profits.

主体段落二: on the other hand, climate change would increase the risk for businesses. Due to climate change, many countries have been seriously affected by climate-related natural disasters, such as wildfires in Australia, record temperatures in America, flooding in Pakistan and China, which has not only caused the loss of living places for humans but also economic decline in the industries depending on climate like agriculture. For instance, Pakistan, which is vulnerable to climate change and lacks resources to deal with it, has fallen in poverty because of the power outage caused by floods. <u>Therefore</u>, if climate change is not solved, it will cause extreme financial damage to many industries.

13. It is a natural process for animal species to become extinct (e.g. dinosaur, dodos ...). There is no reason why people should try to prevent this from happening. Do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: disagree: it is still essential for people to take actions to combat animal extinction.

主体段落一: The main reason why people should undertake measures to deal with endangered species is that **the disappearance of certain species is caused by human activities**. In fact, industrial activities have been devastating the natural habitats of wild life and disturbing the food chain, which has caused many species being in danger. <u>Also</u>, the

growing demand for goods made from animals' products like skins and horns has led to rampant poaching activities. <u>Therefore</u>, if humans can change behaviors, the lives of animals can be saved.

主体段落二: Moreover, saving animals plays a significant role in **ensuring the balance of ecosystem**. Everything in nature is connected, <u>which means that</u> if one species becomes extinct, many other animals and even plants will suffer because the food chain is disrupted. <u>For example, if the number of wolves declines, the animals like deer which they prey on will</u> become more in the number, leading to overgrazing. <u>Thus</u>, from the long-term perspective, animal protection is of necessity.

14. Advertising discourages from being different individuals by making us all want to be or look the same. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

背景: advertising

辩论对象: the result of discouraging individuality

个人立场: I cannot entirely agree with the given statement

BP1: It is true that people are influenced by advertising and end up buying the same things. the essence of advertising is profit-driven, which means that products are always promoted as the items showing popularity. consumers particularly those people who are fashion followers tend to choose what they see in advertisements. As a result, they would wear the same style of clothes to show their sensitivity to fashion.

BP2: However, to decide whether to buy advertised items or not is ultimately a subjective issue. Even if some people may choose those trendy clothes or accessories, what enables them to make buying decisions is not only the consideration about whether the items are in fashion or not but also whether they are suitable to them or not. Therefore, advertising is not the main reason.

BP3: In addition, there are a variety of advertisements that provide consumers a wide

selection of items. In the context of commercial competitions, the items in the same category are different in brands, styles and functions, and the potential consumers they target vary from each other. The brand ' Zara' is promoted as a symbol of fashion among the young, while the brand 'Muji' is advertised as a representation of the simplicity of life. Thus, advertisements do not make people indistinguishable from each other.

15. Some people believe that children's leisure activities must be educational. Otherwise, they are a complete waste of time. Do you agree or disagree?

背景: children education

辩论对象: whether leisure activities should involve educational factors.

个人立场: the activities simply for amusement are meaningful to some extent.

论点一: the purpose of leisure activities is far beyond equipping students with knowledge. 举例: sports activities ---strengthen their muscle and immune system—reduce the risk of suffering from diseases like obesity and diabetics

解释: to acquire academic knowledge is not the only task of an individual / any activities have distinctive purposes.

结论: attending leisure activities is one important way when it comes to the comprehensive development of children.

<mark>论点二:</mark>in play, children can build their own understanding and thinking.

解释: leisure activities ---be in spare time when one is free to do anything they like--children understand themselves and others and acquire the knowledge of the physical world

拓展: be educational ---restrict the freedom of children –deprive them of their happiness from having fun in engaging co-curricular activities with peers---not learn knowledge but simply want to share moments with friends

举例: role-play games can develop their imagination by nature.

16. Some people think personal happiness is directly related to economic success, while others believe this depends on other factors.

Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

On the other hand, the majority of individuals, wealthy and otherwise, would state that happiness is more a consequence of quality time with family. A comfortable home filled with luxuries is enjoyable but the most sustained happiness comes from social relationships. Someone who has lost interpersonal bonds with their family and their relatives is more likely to suffer negative emotions like frustration and despair when falling in hardship if he or she does not get any mental support from their friends and family. Additionally, good health is a more powerful pre-condition for happiness since no amount of wealth can buy relief from chronic suffering.

17. some people want the government to spend money on researching life on other planets. Others, however, think it is a waste of public funds and there are too many problems on our own planet to be fixed first. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

个人立场: it is worthwhile

On the one hand, the state funds should be distributed to the aspects aiming to deal with substantial living problems facing human beings. poverty, disease, violence, environmental pollution, and more are constantly plaguing humanity, and even our best efforts far cannot address all of everybody's needs. Governments should prioritize humanitarian needs. Why study the resources on other planets when air pollution existing on Earth is still becoming severe? Thus, if individual suffering is not solved, it is not wise for the government to fund the research on other planets.

On the other hand, investing in exploring other planets is investing in the betterment of humanity. The result of space exploration is not only fantastic scientific discoveries, but also many useful inventions which have impacted our daily lives in more ways than most people imagine, from helping to improve artificial limbs to using lasers developed for monitoring gases in the atmosphere for heart surgery. Thus, we should not be shortsighted when evaluating the importance of doing space research.

18. Shopping is now one of the most popular forms of leisure activity in many countries for young adults. Why this? Do you think this is a positive or negative development? <u>Unlike the past, it is common that</u> the young at present consider shopping as a popular leisure activity. <u>This is most likely the result of the overall transformation in</u> market economy, <u>and I do not believe this trend positive</u>.

The prosperity of market economy **is viewed as one main reason behind this phenomenon.** The modern world we live in has many new technologies and fashion items, so it means that people cannot remain trendy without shopping regularly. For example, digital advertisements by big brands also reach millions of young people and constantly lure them to purchase updated items to look and feel good, and sometimes their offers and discounts always drag them to stores.

<u>When it comes to the evaluation of this particular change</u>, it can boost social economy. shopping directly generates revenue for the government in the form of tax and creates employment. If they purchase goods, about 10 percent of the bill will go to the government. As a result, the government can also provide good facilities such as proper roads and safety to citizens. That is why most of the metropolitan cities encourage shopping malls and stores to increase their revenue.

However, this would lead to consumerism which should not be advocated. this negative trend adopted by young people is forcing themselves to spend extravagantly while they got out for shopping. Moreover, when they visit the market then ultimately, they are wasting their precious time which can be spent cautiously on upgrading professional skills which might help at work. A recent survey by Times revealed the more than 50% of the young respondents admitted that they spend at least 20 hours per week at shopping centers and most of the time they purchased from the store. Therefore, this habit of young is not beneficial for their overall growth.

<u>To conclude, I believe that</u> shopping is important for the economic development of a country. But if it becomes obsessions by young people, it is a problem. They should better spend the money and time doing things that would benefit them in the long run.

19. Some people believe that children should do what their parents tell them to do; others think children must learn to think for themselves. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

个人立场: the young should be given more freedom.

主体段落一: Parents who want to have strict control over their children believe that it is the best way of parenting. There are certainly some positive aspects to this style of parenting. To start with, children can benefit from the immense experience of their parents. Since parents know better than children, in most situations they will be able to make more informed decisions. However, there are also some downsides to this approach. For one thing, times have changed. The challenges that our kids face today are entirely different from what we faced when we were their age. As a result, the assumption that parents can always make the right decisions does not hold much water in the current scenario.

主体段落二: By contrast, if children are encouraged to think independently, they develop confidence which will stand them in good stead when they grow up. For example, children with independent thinking skills would prefer to work out a solution rather than ask other people for help when they are confronted with a problem. On the other hand, children who are used to getting told what to do are reluctant to take initiatives and when they meet difficulties at work or life, their first reaction is to ask their parents for help. Obviously, it is not difficult to see which of these two types of kids will become successful later in life.

20. There are more new towns being built nowadays. It is more important to include public parks and sports facilities than shopping centers for individuals to spend their free time. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: shopping centers are as important as parks and sports facilities, so when designing new towns, all these public spaces should be given equal importance.

To begin with, public parks can be beneficial to building social connection. A great urban park is a safety valve for the city, where people living in high density can find breathing room. Public parks are places where all people feel safe to play and relax, and can relieve stress. Another benefit is that these places also have substantial environmental benefits. Trees reduce air and water pollution and thus they help to keep cities cooler.

Furthermore, sports facilities need to be designed and constructed so as to be functional as well as attractive in a way that encourages people to do sports and boost their feeling of well being. Modern lifestyle is very sedentary, and such public spaces such as stadiums and playgrounds would definitely promote active living and provide important physical, psychological and social health benefits for individuals and the community.

Meanwhile, visiting a shopping centre is one of most desirable activities of people everywhere in the world, which can positively contribute to mental health. Today, it is observed that shopping centers are used as public spaces by many urban inhabitants. Shopping centers have become places where social life is experienced and leisure time is spent through a wide range of activities offered besides shopping. For example, some shopping malls have skating rinks, where parents and children can spend good time together and have fun. The elderly come there for sitting and relaxing on the sofas and couches placed at regular intervals.

图表作文必备表达

A. 引出数据特征的句型

- 1. As is presented in the diagram/graph,....
- 2. As is shown in the illustration,...
- 3. Now, turning to the details,...
- 4. The graph clearly shows that...
- 5. It is interesting to note that...
- 6. It is apparently seen that...
- 7. It is explicitly observed that...
- 8. It is worth noticing that...
- 9. It could be noticed that...
- 10. It is conspicuous that...

B. 用于描述趋势变化的词汇及例句

上升 v. rise/ascend/grow/go up/*surge

- 上升 n. rise/growth/increase
- 下降 v. decrease/decline/descend/fall/ plunge
- 下降 n. decrease/decline/fall
- 保持不变 remain unchanged/ maintain constant
- 大幅度的 adj. sharp/dramatic/significant/considerable
- 小幅度的 adj. slight/marginal
- 稳定的 adj. stable/constant
- 达到高峰: hit the peak
- 跌到低谷: drop to the bottom
- 占有: account for/occupy/constitute/take up

1. The overall sale of the company increased by 20 percent at the end of the year.

2. The expenditure of the office remained constant for the last six months but the profit rose by almost 25 percent.

- 3. There was a 15 percent drop in the ratio of student enrollment in this university.
- 4. The population of the country remained almost the same as it was two years ago.
- 5. There was a sharp drop in the industrial production in 2009.
- 6. A sharp drop took place in 2009.
- 7. The population of the country dramatically rose in the last decade.
- 8. The price of the goods fluctuated during the early three months in 2007.
- 9. The number of passengers oscillates throughout the day.

10. The number of students joining the fitness center fluctuated in different months of the

year and obvious ups and downs could be noticed in the last two months.

11. the number of visitors reached a peak in 2008 and it exceeded one million.

- 12. a fluctuation can be observed from the data
- C.总结性数值表达
- 3% : a tiny fraction/a tiny portion/a very small proportion
- 24%: almost a quarter
- 25%: exactly a quarter
- 27%: over a quarter

33%: nearly one third

48%: around a half

52%: over a half

74%: nearly three quarters

D.介词区分

1. it started at 20% and then peaked at 40% in 2000.

2. it reached at/to 20.

- 3. it increased from 50 to 80.
- 4. There was a decline of almost a quarter.
- 5. it dropped by almost a quarter.
- 6. There was a 10 percent drop in the following three years.