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预测题目

1. Some people believe that reading stories from a book is better than watching TV or playing computer games for children. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场： while reading books for pleasure is more beneficial for children's imagination than watching TV, I still believe that both ways can be equally important in their intellectual development.

主体段落一： Reading is instrumental in **developing children's imagination**. Without any clues like audiovisual demonstrations, a kid reading a fairy tale with illustration can feel free to think, fantasize the plots and use their creativity to comprehend the underlying meanings behind the story, which can in turn positively contribute to their mental abilities. However, watching TV or playing computer games might restrict their imagination since all the scenes are directly shown to them. Thus, educationalists still advocate more reading and less reliance on TV and computers.

主体段落二： Nevertheless, when it comes to **children's intellectual development**, watching TV or playing computer games can also bring positive effects. With vivid pictures and animations, children can be inspired and motivated to watch a variety of TV programs which can enable them to acquire a wide range of knowledge in a simple way. For example, by watching a travel channel, children can be exposed to rich information ranging from culture to geography. Compared with computer games and TV programs, books seem to be somewhat monotonous. Therefore, many people view mass media as a way to

learn in fun.

2. The children who grow up in a family short of money are more capable of dealing with problems in adult life than children who are brought up by wealthy parents. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: disagree—the statement is not entirely justified.

主体段落一: **it is commonly believed that children from poor families can be more independent than those from wealthy families.** Stricken by poverty, they are forced to step into the society much earlier than others by taking physically-demanding jobs. Through their working experience, they can learn about how to make a living, how to save money as well as how to deal with interpersonal relationships, which can be crucial for their adult life.

主体段落二: **However, when realizing that problem-solving abilities are mainly derived from the knowledge and experience obtained during children's school years, the children from affluent families have a more distinct strength.** Their parents are willing to select a reputable school for them, where they can participate in a variety of activities that can enable them to acquire professional knowledge and practical skills. For example, by attending group discussion, a child can practice their skill for handling misunderstanding and figuring out a problem by cooperation. By contrast, as tuition fees can take up a large proportion of family income, it seems impossible for impoverished families to send their children to receive formal education. As a result, they are at a severe disadvantage in problem-solving in a working environment.

主体段落三: **Another problem that plagues the children from poor family backgrounds is their limited access to social network.** In fact, children from high-class families have more opportunities to join social events like banquets, balls and so forth, where they can be instructed the skills to build relationships with others, the professional etiquettes

and manners. Meanwhile, if they encounter difficulties, they can seek the support from others. Therefore, compared with children from low-income families, those from rich family backgrounds are more capable of dealing with problems.

3. Studies show that many criminals have a low level of education. For this reason, people believe that the best way to reduce crime is to educate people in prison so they can get a job when leave prison. Do you agree or disagree?

个人立场： agree: it is convincing that education is crucial for turning ex-convicts into good citizens.

主体段落一： **Nurture, not nature, is responsible for antisocial behaviors.** That is to say, everybody is born with good personalities and what turns some into criminals is lack of education. Many studies have shown that children who are not supervised and educated by their parents on a regular basis are many times more likely to go off the rails because they do not know how to distinguish right from wrong and what actions are illegal. Therefore, with moral education provided during the imprisonment, the number of people who recommit crimes would decline.

主体段落二： Also, **education can enable those ex-convicts to become employable.** while being in jail, inmates have plenty of time which can be misspent. For example, some of them spend their time gambling with their inmates or accessing materials with indecent contents. Thus, equipping them with job skills and techniques which are required for certain occupations, like how to fix cars, can make a difference.

4. It is more important for students to study art and literature than it is to study math and science. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场：disagree: science education can bring more substantial benefits.

主体段落一：science and math are more valuable than art and literature because knowledge of math and science **is necessary for understanding and advancing technology**. Technology has led this world to become extremely interconnected. The internet, cell phones and airplanes are all technological advances that people use every day and would not be possible without students of math and science inventing them. To illustrate, used plastic is overflowing in landfills and polluting the seas, but clever scientists have found innovative ways to reuse wasted plastic like mixing plastic waste with asphalt and use it to pave new roadways. Therefore, If students do not continue to learn math and science, then more technologies of the future like this one may never be created, which cannot be achieved by art.

主体段落二：math and science are more important subjects because they are closely related to **individual healthy living**. Doctors, nurses, and medical technicians are all former students of science and math. For example, through learning anatomy, algebra, biology, and geometry which are all science and math courses, students can have the skills to invent medical facilities and medicines that can detect heal patients' illnesses. Thus, for the sake of public health, it is more necessary for students to learn math and science than art and literature.

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?

原因一： 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.

原因二： 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.

解决措施： 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. 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. Also, the growing demand for goods made from animals' products like skins and horns has led to rampant poaching activities. Therefore, 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, which means that if one species becomes extinct, many other animals and even plants will suffer because the food chain is disrupted. For example, if the number of wolves declines, the animals like deer which they prey on will become more in the number, leading to overgrazing. Thus, from the long-term perspective, animal protection is of necessity.

7. 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.

个人立场： it is a subjective issue.

第一方论点: **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.

第二方论点: 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.

8. The society would benefit from a ban on all forms of advertising because it serves no useful purpose, and can even be damaging. Do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: disagree: I believe that social members can reap advantages from advertisements.

主体段落一: It seems undeniable that the ban on multiple kinds of advertisement can be beneficial for consumers in making wise consuming decisions. In fact, driven by profits, advertisers normally tend to exaggerate the functions, values, and qualities of commodities to press citizens to purchase their products blindly, like nutrition supplements. Therefore, in consideration of the adverse impact on the right of consumers, advertisements should not be exposed to the masses.

主体段落二: However, it would appear that the ban to advertisement services would pose potential drawbacks to the community. The first shortcoming could be the joblessness which employees involved in advertising could be confronted with, in all likelihood, giving rise to an

increase in the unemployment rate. Another disadvantage might be that this prohibition can **keep consumers in ignorance of the latest goods available on the market**. Advertising is one main access for potential consumers to get to know a certain brand and the functions of its products. Hence, if advertisements are no longer allowed to be shown to the public, individuals may be faced with obstacles in searching for and comparing the quality and price concerning the products of the same category before deciding to purchase them.

9. 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**. Once 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. For example, Tesla, which is one of the largest automobile manufacturers, focuses on producing stylish electric cars. As a result, 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. Therefore, if climate change is not solved, it will cause extreme financial damage to many industries.

10. Many museums charge for admission while others are free. Do you think the advantages of charging people for admission to museums outweigh the disadvantages?

个人立场: the disadvantages of charging museum visitors deserve much concern.

主体段落一: one main advantage of charging money is that **it sustains both the maintenance and quality of exhibitions**. When museum visitors are required to pay admission fees, the museum can gain a considerable amount of income which can guarantee the daily maintenance and preservation of those exquisite artworks. Meanwhile, with more money collected, a museum can have financial advantage to hold abundant exhibitions. Therefore, charging visitors is reasonable.

主体段落二: However, making all museums free **would encourage more people to appreciate art**. If access to museums is free to the public, anyone can gain the opportunity to appreciate a variety of artworks regardless of their socioeconomic status. As a result, through those artworks, people can be inspired to generate more ideas in a wide range of areas from science to culture, and even can build more understanding to the world they have never experienced. Thus, free

admission is a way to popularize education.

主体段落三：Moreover, free admission to museums can **improve the quality of life to the public**. When people no longer need to pay for entering museums, we can use museums in ways that better fit our lives. To illustrate, we can see one painting everyday during our lunch breaks, we can come back again and again to see all the works we would miss in just one visit, we can take our children together to appreciate artworks, and students can come on school trips to experience history or science or art. As a result, our leisure activities can become more abundant, which can be beneficial to our spiritual satisfaction and mental health.

11. Some people say that government should give priority to health care whereas others say they should spend on other important priorities. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

个人立场：While I agree that medical care is a field that requires huge investments, I believe that the government should also allocate the money for other priorities, such as education and transport.

主体段落一：On the one hand, in consideration of **the survival right of citizens**, a certain amount of tax money must go to healthcare services. Today, a number of particular diseases like pandemics are on the rise in terms of popularity, and it would be costly to supply vaccines, medicines, or treatments. For example, a large proportion of the population is now suffering from respiratory diseases or lung cancer due to exhaust fumes from vehicles and gas emissions from industrial factories. The remedies for those patients and the treatment facilities are often expensive, and the hospitals may find themselves in the

struggle with financial problems without assistance from the tax system.

主体段落二： On the other hand, **healthcare is not the only industry that needs money to be kept running.** Take education as an example, the quality of the schooling system is proportional to the competence of the future workforce. If education is not available to all, individuals have no access to the acquisition of the knowledge related to biology and chemistry which are crucial for being a qualified doctor, which means that the sector of public health would face the lack of talents. Therefore, a country can benefit from such skillful human resources in the long-term if they invest the tax budget to build schools, provide lecturers with training courses, or hire native speakers to teach a foreign language. Moreover, the government should also spend money on solving transport problems. Traffic congestion is a global issue these days, and we can only handle the scenario if new highways are opened, and narrow public roads are expanded.

12. Some people think that zoos are all cruel and should be closed down. Others however believe that zoos can be useful in protecting wild animals.

Discuss both opinions and give your own opinion.

个人立场： the cruelty that animals suffer outweighs this benefit, and that they should be shut down.

主体段落一： **on the one hand, zoos can protect some of these animals that are under threat.** The reason is that they are in a safe environment managed by trained staff who can ensure the animals are looked after and can produce offspring. After all, animals nowadays are under threat from humans in many ways, like their habitats being destroyed through the

cutting down of rain forests, and poaching. There are examples of successes in this respect, such as with Pandas, which have been endangered for many years but have been protected.

主体段落二: **However, there are more convincing arguments for why zoos should be shut down.** Firstly, even though some species are under threat, there are lots of animals which do not fall into this category and who are there just for the entertainment of visitors. While it may be fun and educational to see them, animals are not meant to be caged, and their distress can often be seen in the way many of them pace back and forwards all day. Not only this, if the prime reason of zoos is to protect animals, this could be done in other environments such as wild life parks where the animals have more freedom.

13. some people believe that smartphones are destroying social interaction today. To what extent do you agree or disagree?—课上练习题

14. Governments should be responsible for funding and controlling scientific research rather than private organizations.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: the government should have the primary responsibility for these.

主体段落一: **The role of the government in ensuring the need of the masses is one main reason for their participation in scientific research.** If governments are responsible, then they are driven by the need to make advances in knowledge in order to improve people's lives, for example, developing the medicines that can curb the spread of epidemics. This is because they are accountable to the public and the research is paid for by taxes. By contrast, private organizations are driven by profit. This may

mean that some research that could be valuable to society may not begin because there is no monetary gain.

主体段落二： Moreover, in consideration of the influence on social safety, the government should take the dominant role in scientific research. There is no denying that any scientific experiments or products have their threats to the society if not evaluated and controlled well. For example, self-driving cars, although can greatly improve the quality of life, would cause deadly accidents if no one sets the standard on the safe driving system of it and takes strict road safety testing. So, governments, who put safety as the priority instead of profits, can be a guarantee.

15 . Too much money is wasted on repairing old buildings that should be used to knock them down and build new ones.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?(课上练习)

个人立场： although new buildings are more practical, time-honored buildings are indispensable cultural relics.

主体段落一（让步段落）： It is true that the practical use of a building should be given as the priority when it comes to the pursuit of modernity.

主体段落二（第一个理由）： However, old buildings can generate substantial economic value to a city.

主体段落三(第二个理由)： Moreover, in consideration of cultural identity, the merit of protecting historical buildings is remarkable.

16. In modern society, some people argue that schools become unnecessary as children can study at home via the Internet. Do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: traditional schools are still essential.

主体段落一: **Online education has a large number of advantages. It allows students to set their own study time.** Unlike traditional learning, online courses offer children greater flexibility and enable them to create a timetable in line with their needs and characteristics. In addition, for those who live far away from the school, online education is remarkably favourable. It can be expected that the Internet is very likely to replace a physical school as an education provider in the near future if its drawbacks are removed.

主体段落二: **The first drawback of a virtual school is lack of human contact.** In traditional schools, students can be guided to join a variety of team activities including group projects, sports events and field trips, through which they can learn how to communicate with peers whose personalities and ways of thinking are different, and can gain the sense of group belonging when being supported by others. By contrast, such human touch is always unavailable in a virtual world.

主体段落三: **Educators are also concerned that online learning cannot make all skills and knowledge transferable.** For example, some courses require a high proportion of hands-on practice, which is beyond the capacity of online training. This problem can be nevertheless addressed by introducing multimedia as a teaching aid. By using audio and video, students can sample different learning styles and acquire both general and specialised knowledge of a subject.

17. Some people believe that culture will be ruined if it is used to earn tourism revenue. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: disagree

主体段落一: **Tourism develops sometimes at the expense of part of culture.**

In order to meet the need of tourists, some local authorities may add commercial elements in local food, costumes and festivals, like making clothing by machines instead of handmade skills, causing damage to the unique nature of a culture. Meanwhile, for gaining more profits, they will blindly expand the number of tourists, leading to a threat to the protection of cultural heritages.

主体段落二: **However, providing economic incentives for cultural preservation is unarguably one of the main contributions of tourism.**

To many tourists, culture and history are what they first consider when choosing a destination. Their mindset has been recognised by many tourism sites and money has been then directed toward cultural protection, including the maintenance of key historical sites. Tourism is therefore one of the primary forces contributing to the preservation of a culture.

主体段落三: **In addition to raising financing, tourism can make an indigenous culture known to the world.**

When a historic site or a site that shows a country's cultural heritage is made accessible to the public, visitors from all over the world will soon flock there. They will share their experience in the local culture with their friends and families once they return home, assisting this site to gain international fame. Both financial and technological support will flood in for the conservation of natural and cultural resources.

18.individuals can do nothing to improve the environment; only

governments and large companies can make a difference. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: While governments must no doubt create eco-friendly policy and do their part to bring about change, we, as individuals, have a crucial role to play as well.

个人立场论点一: **In any ecosystem, all the parts are connected.** The food we eat, the type of transport we choose, the way we consume and how much we consume as individuals all have a direct impact on the environment. Our individual habits might seem insignificant from our perspective, but at the macro level they add up in a big way.

个人立场论点二: **In addition, while seemingly powerless, individuals can actually do a lot to make a difference.** We can drive hybrid cars, conserve on electricity and water, buy local organic food and support environmentally-friendly brands. These are sustainable practices that can create a ripple effect.

反方立场论点: **However, this is not to say that governments should not also carry their weight.** By encouraging 'green' business and creating incentives for good resource management and responsible consumption, they can help lead the way. Consider, for example, how US President Obama's words and plans about a 'green economy' have led to signs of renewed economic optimism in America. Governments can set the tone for change and do a lot to harness individual good will and momentum. **But they also need individual support and appreciation to combat environmental problems.**

19. For school children, their teachers have more influence on their

intelligence and social development than their parents. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: both teachers and parents can influence the growth of children, but their roles are different.

第一方立场论点: **In terms of the intellectual development of school children, teachers play the major role.** While not all teachers can inspire their students, they are trained to impart their knowledge of their subject areas in challenging and imaginative ways. For example, some students owe their lifelong love of a subject to dedicated teachers who taught this discipline in secondary school. Of course, at home, parents may also reinforce this passion by encouraging study habits during the formative years of their children. Such support is vital for academic achievement.

第二方立场论点: **From the perspective of social development, parents are mainly responsible for guiding their children.** Firstly, they spend far more time with their children than any individual teacher is able to do. They can therefore monitor the activities of children outside school hours, at weekends and during holidays. Secondly, parents are able to provide role models in a whole range of situations. These might include showing respect towards elders, choice of friends, or proper behavior in public when eating out in restaurants.

20. 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?

原因一: **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.