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议论文体:

题目: *Putting criminals into prisons is not an effective way to deal with them. Instead, education and job training should be offered. To what extent do you agree or disagree?*

How to handle criminals is a problem that all countries and societies face. Traditionally, the approach has been to punish them by placing them in prisons to pay for what have done. Some, however, advocate for trying to make them better with training and education and it seems that they may have a good point. I do agree with their view.

First of all, consider all the money that we have to spend to lock people up in jail. It does not seem like a good use of public money if the people do not actually get any better. Because most criminals eventually are let out of prison, our focus should be on making them better citizens.

In fact, the reason why many people end up in jail in the first place is because they did not have a good education or happy family. So, if they can learn job skills, they perhaps can find work and feel they can contribute in a positive way. If they do this, they will not need to commit crimes. Surely everyone deserves a second chance.

Of course this does not mean that we should be too lenient on criminals. Those who commit crime should be punished, but during the punishment they should also be treated. If we make an investment in them and show compassion, most will be able to make a new start.

To summarize, we must make more effort to go to the root of the problem.

We need to treat criminals as patients and give them the medicine they need: education and training. By giving people the skills for a second chance we can make our society safer and healthier.

《写作真经总纲》

讨论文体:

题目: *There is an increasing amount of advertising directed at children which encourages them to buy goods such as toys and snacks. Many parents are worried that these advertisements put too much pressure on children, while some advertisers claim that they provide useful information to children. Discuss both vies and give your opinion.*

It is clear that advertisements have become one crucial part of our day to day lives. The issue as to whether children are negatively influenced by the exposure to advertisements has triggered heated debate. In my opinion, children, if educated well, can be positively affected by advertisements.

On the one hand, parents normally are concerned about the misleading effect of advertisements on children. Young children lack the ability to make wise decisions as to what they really want, who are attracted by the colorful pictures and animations in the advertisement. When informed that those advertised items like fast food, fizzy drinks and potato chips can bring energy, happiness and love, children might believe they are not detrimental to health. So, they pressurize their parents to buy those things.

On the other hand, advertisements provide necessary information to the children. This means, the exposure to advertisements is a way for children to get to know the world where they live and to identify the features and functions of various items .For instance, the advert of toothpaste tells children to brush our teeth twice daily and regularly brushing teeth is beneficial to health. Moreover, some advertisements also highlight the

importance of saving water and electricity, keeping our surroundings clean and planting trees. Children are motivated by these ads and try to follow them.

To conclude, it is true that some ads have a detrimental effect on children, but at the same time we cannot deny the fact that there are also many advertisements that enlighten children by providing a lot of useful information. To avoid the potential negative impacts caused by advertisements, parents should take on the responsibility to help children to distinguish right from wrong.

报告类文体:

题目: Many people are busy with work and do not have enough time to spend with families and friends. Why does this happen? What are the effects of this on family life and society as a whole?

It seems to be an increasingly widespread concern that the modern citizens are struggling with the overwhelmingly busy and fatigued work, which results in less quality family time. And I think that the fast-paced lifestyle and endless pursuit of wealth are definitely responsible for this.

In the past, the whole countries and economics were heavily relying on agriculture which means that most people lived in the countryside and led a languorous pace of life. This is no longer the case. Due to the intensive competition in the current workplace, employees nowadays work much harder than before and spend more time on working in order to pay the variety of bills. As a result, more and more families have decreasing time to meet together.

Another important reason leading to this phenomenon is that some people have an insane desire to pursue the material wealth and thus disregard the relationship of families and friends. For example, it has always been reported in the news that some workaholic would rather

extend their working time, and work at holidays, than spoil themselves with families, just in order to get promoted and higher salaries in the business.

The effects of all these trends are not positive. In the families, couples would have less time communicating with each other, and more importantly, children will grow up in a house that is lack of parental care. Likewise, when it comes to the social level, people who are money-oriented would only concern about themselves and the whole society would thus be a depressing and isolated place.

《写作真经总纲》

预测题目

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

概念解释:

The ability to communicate with each other face to face: the abilities one uses when giving and receiving different kinds of information. (how to pose questions, make comments clearly and give response; how to understand the attitude of others through nonverbal cues such as body language, facial expressions and eye contact; how to point out problems politely)

个人立场: disagree

反方立场论点:

To some extent, the reliance on communication tools has more or less affected face-to-face communication.

解释部分: It is now rare to see youth without a phone in hand, earbuds plugged in, texting, instagramming or tweeting. And with all of their scrolling, playing, photographing and status updating, they often miss out on the people and experiences happening around them. As a result,

they will not pay attention to how to understand the attitude of others through nonverbal cues such as body language, eye contact and so on.

个人立场论点一:

However, technology is not the direct cause leading to the decline in the development of communication abilities.

解释部分:

Mobile phones are just tools and, used in healthy and safe ways, can help us communicate and stay connected to people we love and can help us form new relationships with others all over the world. Technology only distances us when we misuse these tools by allowing them to come between us rather than connecting us. communication abilities are the abilities one uses when giving and receiving different kinds of information, including how to pose questions, make comments clearly and give response, which need to be cultivated through education. Therefore, mobile phones should not be blamed for the loss of social skills.

个人立场论点二:

In addition, modern communication tools facilitate human interaction.

解释部分:

The social media platforms are a great way of reaching out to friends, creating more opportunities for conversation which thereby enhance the skills like how to ask questions, how to deal with misunderstanding and how to present ideas. Also, sending emails to others can make people realize the importance of politeness and respect in communication, for example, how to give suggestions and advice without offending others. These skills are also needed for face-to-face interaction.

2. *Billions of dollars are being wasted on space research. The money used*

could be better if used to improve conditions on people on earth. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: disagree

BP1: Space exploration is a powerful driver of new technology. Modern satellite communications, weather forecasting and GPS simply would not exist without space exploration. Modern robotics, computers, digital photography and fuel cells, and many other key technologies have received huge boosts from space-related research and development. Studies of space weather have been important for protecting satellites and preventing blackouts. Therefore, the knowledge generated from science research can always benefit humanity in the long term.

BP2: Moreover, space exploration has also been one of the most powerful drivers of science and technology education for a country. Many leading scientists and engineers were inspired by the space program and by the science-fiction shows and movies that fed off of it. The curiosity about space has motivated more children to learn physics, mathematics and geography, which will eventually positively contribute to social progress. To some extent, exploration is extremely important for fostering a constructive sense of wonder and hope for the future.

BP3: However, those who are against space travel argue that there are more severe crisis going on at our home planet. space exploration is an attempt to escape from the earth where we all will die from starvation, water shortage, diseases and global warming, but cannot substantially address these problems we are facing now. Nevertheless, we have to realize that the by-product of space exploration is scientific knowledge that has helped an unquantifiable number of humans since the beginning of space explorations. The invention of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machines used for detecting diseases would not exist

without the digital image processing NASA developed.

3. *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 to learn in fun.

4. *The older generations have very traditional ideas about the correct*

ways of life, thinking and behavior. However, some people think that these ideas are not helpful for the young generation to prepare for modern life. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

个人立场: disagree.

BP1: **It is true that some beliefs of our forefathers are becoming less applicable in modern lives.** In the past, boys owned the right to receive education while girls were doomed to be housewives. However, this is no longer acceptable in the modern era. Everyone deserves the right to be educated and employed irrespective of their gender in many countries. Therefore, thanks to the change in people's mind and social structure, many practices in earlier days are removed from the society for good.

BP2: **However, we should take forward good values and beliefs we learned from our ancestors.** There are some ideas and beliefs that are even applicable in the contemporary society. Values such as honesty, hard work, helping the needy are lessons taught to us by our forefathers and they need to be carried on. For example, Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest from sundown Friday to nightfall on Saturday, indicates that it is time to put down the work and leave the worries of the work behind you, which enables Jewish people to realize the connection with a group and then form the sense of responsibility.

BP3: **Moreover, the older generation are experienced in life, which can help the young to learn essential life skills which are still crucial for solving the problems in modern society.** In fact, many young people seldom save money for the future, leading to an undesirable consequence that they might feel rather anxious and frustrated when facing an unpredictable financial crisis. If the senior can tell us that we need to prepare a rainy-day fund and manage money well, we would not

fall in anxiety. Thus, some suggestions given by the last generation should be kept in mind.

5. *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.

6. *Many old buildings protected by law are part of a nation's history. Some people think they should be knocked down and replaced by news ones.*

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

BP1: **Preserving certain old buildings can positively contribute to cultural identity.** These structures provide an insight into the history of

our countries, showing us how people many centuries ago lived their lives and what kind of belief they worshipped. For example, The Colosseum is the main symbol of Rome, which is an imposing construction that will bring people back in time to discover the way of life in the Roman Empire, like the exhibitions of exotic animals and the recreations of battles and gladiator fights. Not only this, but on a more practical level, many of these buildings provide important income to a country as many tourists visit them in great numbers.

BP2: **However, this certainly does not mean that modernization should be discouraged.** I believe that old buildings can be protected in modern times. For example, in many circumstances we see old historic buildings being renovated whilst maintaining their original character, and being used for modern purposes like being a library. Also, in no way does history hinder progress, and in fact it is the opposite. By studying and learning about our history, we understand more about the world we live in, and this helps us to build a better future.

7. *Some people believe that some unpaid community service should be a compulsory part of high school programmes (e.g. working in a charity, improving the relationship of neighborhood or teaching sports to children) To what extent do you agree or disagree?*

个人立场: agree 上课讲

BP1: This can nurture the sense of social responsibility.

BP2: Moreover, the participation in community service can develop interpersonal skills.

8. *In some countries, secondary schools aim to provide a general education across a range of subjects. In others, children focus on a narrow range of subjects related to a particular career. For today's world, which system is appropriate?*

个人立场: a general education can be advantageous to individual career and life.

理由一: **General education courses can be valuable to individual career.** That's because no job, no matter how specialized, is removed from the larger world. For example, a marketing executive tasked with

developing a campaign to promote a new pharmaceutical would be better positioned to succeed if they are familiar with the scientific method and have a basic understanding of how researchers develop and test new drugs.

理由二: **Another advantage is that receiving a general education can improve critical thinking.** Not only are most general education courses geared toward analyzing, evaluating, and synthesizing information, but the wide breadth of knowledge you can gain in your general education courses will expand your overall understanding of the world and give you more knowledge to work with when applying critical thinking skills later. For example, when evaluating a marketing case, the students receiving general education can take manifold factors into account, including the political aspect, the cultural perspective and the economic factor.

9. *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.

10. Humans tend to copy one another, especially in fashion, choice of clothes and consumer goods. Do you agree or disagree?

个人立场： agree

BP1: **Global advertisements play an important role in deciding the choices of the consumers in the daily lives**. Many large companies having better advertising power tend to grab most consumers on their wings by adopting a variety of ways for promotion, for example, celebrity endorsement. In addition, the internet has stimulated the prosperity of e-commerce, which has brought the world at the reach of almost every individual. Consequently, people throughout the world can watch the same advertisements, and then are likely to choose the brands their idols recommend subconsciously.

BP2: **Moreover, the tendency to follow fashion stems from individual need for the sense of belonging**. To put it simply, we copy because we

want to fit in. The items we purchase can be seen as a way to show our taste. In most cases, individuals are worried that they might not be acceptable if they do not wear what others wear. As a result, most of us tend to choose the items tagged as 'the most popular item' or 'the one everyone must have', leading to the assimilation in our appearance and lifestyle.

11. In some cities, there are few controls over the design and construction of new homes and office buildings, so people can build in whatever style they like. Do you think the advantages of this approach outweigh the disadvantages?

概念解释:

Human rights: include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more. Everyone is entitled to these rights, without discrimination.

Freedom: the choice to live your life doing what you want, to live where you want, to eat by choice and to learn what your heart desires.

Control: the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a person.

Obligation: a course of action that someone is required to take, whether legal or moral. Obligations are constraints, which limit freedom. Obligation exists when there is a choice to do what is morally good and what is morally unacceptable.

个人立场: the disadvantages of less control on the style of buildings are more than the advantages.

反方论点: One advantage of less control over the buildings' style: it can

raise the sense of happiness of residents.

解释部分： if residents are given the choice to live their own life by designing their houses based on their own demand and interests, they will feel much satisfied because their freedom is respected. The architectural style of a house is a way for one to express his or her feelings and attitudes. Undeniably, a city with diverse types of houses that involve different minds might look incredibly attractive, and residents will devote more effort in creating a better place to live in.

个人论点一： One disadvantage of less control: it is not beneficial to a harmonious society.

解释部分： how to design a building depends on various factors, one important of which is the economic level of house owners. When people are allowed to build homes based on their own needs and interests, they might see the appearance of their house as a way to show off their wealth in the form of size and design. This, as a result, might cause rivalry between neighbors living in the same community. So, the government should place a universal standard.

个人论点二： Another disadvantage of less control: it might not positively contribute to a desirable living environment.

解释部分： individuals tend to give what they like as the priority over whether what they choose will affect others and the whole society or not. For example, sustainability is often ignored by the general public, like whether the construction materials they use will trigger a big threat to nature and whether it will cause the depletion of natural resources, but it should and must be an integral part of design excellence which is vital to the protection of the whole world we live in. Thus, the government must exert their control over how buildings should be like.

12. *International tourism is a good business but can lead to cultural conflicts instead of understanding between tourists and locals. Do you agree or disagree?*

个人立场: disagree

BP1: 让步段落

International tourism might create conflicts when differing beliefs collide. Since each culture has its own values, customs and attitudes, it will unavoidably result in misunderstanding. In other words, some customs which are seen as polite doings in one culture might be seen offensive in another one. For example, the behavior or dressing style of an individual from a liberal culture may not be morally accepted by the people from the country with a religious belief, which may lead to tensions.

BP2: 个人立场第一个理由: **international tourism is one of the effective ways to build cultural understanding between diverse cultures of the world.** To be specific, this creates an opportunity for people at different corners of the world to get to know each other, which means anyone can be fully exposed to fabulous folk artworks which are exclusive, traditional manners and customs, as well as philosophies. As a result, by identifying the similarities and differences in various cultural aspects, individuals can build mutual respect and acceptance towards cultural values.

BP3: 个人立场第二个理由: **international tourism involves cross-cultural interaction among people of different nations and thus promotes understanding.** This means, tourism strengthens dialogues between regions and neighboring countries through a variety of cultural events such as art festivals, agricultural shows and so on, which provides many chances for tourists and local people to communicate with each other. In this way, people can get to know how a unique culture is formed,

making it beneficial for achieving harmony.

13. *Some people think traditional games can be much better in helping children develop a wide range of skills than modern games. To what extent do you agree or disagree?*

概念解释:

Traditional games: the games do not include commercial products such as board games, but do include games which require props such as marbles.

Hide-and-go-seek: a popular game in which any number of players conceal themselves in the environment, to be found by one or more seekers.

Freeze dance: play music and let everyone dance as crazily as they can. When it stops they have to freeze. Anyone moving after the music stops is out.

Modern games: board games; PC games

Monopoly: in the game, players roll dice to move around the game board, buying and trading properties, and developing them with houses and hotels. Players collect rent from their opponents, with the goal being to drive them into bankruptcy.

Animal crossing: taking place in real time, the player can explore the island, gathering and crafting items, catching insects and fish, and developing the island into a community of animals.

个人立场: disagree

BP1:

论点句: To some extent, traditional games can cultivate children's social language skills.

支持句: The rules for many traditional games are not in the written form, which means that when children play a game with their peers, they need to work on conversational turn taking, like presenting how to play

a game and verbally expressing 'my turn' and 'your turn'. If there is one kid who cannot follow the rules, other children need to explain what to do and what rules one cannot break. Such language skills are not frequently practiced in modern games.

BP2:

论点句: However, modern games mostly focus on the development of the skills to solve the problems that take place in real time.

支持句: For example, in the board game, players roll dice to move around the game board, buying and trading properties, and developing them with houses and hotels. Players collect rent from their opponents, with the goal being to drive them into bankruptcy. This real-life game show children money lessons from the early game, including the importance of beginning investing, not pulling all your eggs in one basket and planning for the unexpected by always having a rainy-day fund. As those are the issues that happen in modern society, traditional games do not pay attention to them.

BP3:

论点句: In addition, more modern games put much emphasis on the development of social skills.

支持句: in modern society where social activities are becoming fewer than before, video games are a good way for children to always be connected with their fellows. For example, in a PC game called 'animal crossing', players will be asked to accomplish certain tasks for new animal villagers moving into their town in order to develop a relationship with them, like taking a package to a neighbor or catching a butterfly for them. From the game, younger children can learn how important it is to be helpful to those around you and how to communicate with others.

14. *Lectures were used to be a way to teach large number of students, but with the technology available for education, there is no longer justification for lectures. To what extent do you agree or disagree?*

背景： as our education becomes increasingly digitized, more students are wondering what purpose lectures serve, especially when notes and slides are uploaded to student portals and lecture recordings are available on YouTube.

概念解释：

Lecture: an oral presentation intended to present information or teach people about a particular subject by a university or college teacher; a way used to convey critical information, history, background and theories; a one-way method of communication that does not involve significant audience participation but relies on passive learning.

Online education: an educational experience that has no physical boundary, which allows for students to take part in classes and interact with peers from any location.

个人立场： while digital technology has brought tremendous convenience in the field of education, lectures are still essential.

BP1:

论点句： To some extent, traditional lectures are not engaging.

支持句： lecturing is teacher-centered, which is only a one-way method of communication that does not involve significant audience

participation but relies on passive learning. In other words, lecturers do not bring students into the conversation to ask questions, debate ideas, or share personal experience. Instead, what students can only do on a lecture is to take notes and listen to what teachers tell, which is almost like online education. Therefore, many students do not believe lecturers as a necessary form of study.

BP2:

论点句: **However, lectures can involve students in learning experience.**

支持句: In fact, before attending a lecture, students are always required to do some reading and research. It means that lectures become a way to supplement what students can decipher on their own and to highlight how to think critically about the material. Meanwhile, lecturers will use more improvised examples which are neither outlined on the slides nor covered in course materials on lectures to illustrate basic principles and to inspire students' thinking. Therefore, without the necessity of attending lectures, many students may skip the experience of independent study.

BP3:

论点句: **In addition, lectures can ensure learning efficiency.**

支持句: not all the students have the discipline to spend their time regularly to stay on top of their class while skipping lectures. If not required to attend lectures, the students who are poor in self-control may hang out with their friends or watch online videos to pass time instead of following online study. In the face of this, students must seize

the opportunity of being guided by leading professors who can lead your way with key terms, definitions and solutions, which will save your time when it comes to revision and assignments.

15. The huge amount of time and money for protecting the wild animals should be for human population. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

个人立场: disagree

理由一: **the protection of wild animals must be on the top agenda because it is closely related to human survival.** If more species are endangered, then humans will face an ecological crisis which will seriously disrupt the normal life. For example, if the practice of whaling is not halted, the ecosystems of our oceans will be altered, which will eventually diminish fish stocks on which many communities depend for a living, like Spain. Meanwhile, protecting wildlife means protecting the natural habitats in which they survive, such as jungles and wetlands. If these habitats are destructed, climate change will affect our capacity to cultivate grains to sustain the growing population.

理由二: **the preservation of wildlife reserves can bring economic benefits to communities.** With desirable natural environment, a city can expand eco-tourism by constructing nature reserves or wildlife safaris. As a result, many jobs can be created, and plenty of tax income from tourism can be generated, which can contribute positively to the improvement in the quality of life.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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.

