

好坏类题目补充讲解

Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

1. 这是两面写作题
2. 必须分出多少/高低
3. 所以说这个题目基本等同于 **discuss** 的弱强写作结构, 不要给自己增加负担觉得新学了一种题目。

结构安排:

1. 引出争论/背景句 + 给出明确的偏向 (.....does more good than harm.)
2. 先写弱的一方 (1 或 2 个分论点)
3. 再写强的一方 (1 或 2 个分论点)
4. 一定通过对比得出结论: 问题可以被解决 或者 好处是短暂的或者受益人不多 - 高分来源

范文 1:

In many cities, many people are living in large apartment blocks. Does this accommodation have more advantages than disadvantages?

An increasing number of people are choosing to live in high-rise apartment blocks. Although these blocks of flats are often cheaper, they offer cramped living space and can present serious fire risks. Therefore, I believe that this accommodation does more harm than good.

One obvious advantage to living in a multi-story apartment block is that it offers people affordable accommodation in urban areas. With the growth of urban populations, land is becoming increasingly expensive and. As a result, many people are no longer able to afford their own house. Large apartment blocks require a small area of land but can provide a lot of flats which enable people on low incomes to continue living near city centers and near their jobs.

However, high rise apartment blocks usually offer small apartments with no outdoor areas. This can be a problem as each individual member of the family has little personal space which can result in a build-up of tension as relationships can become strained. Additionally, another problem of living in a high-rise block of flats is the fire risk that it presents. If a fire should break out in one of the flats, the number of floors in the building means that people can become easily trapped on the top floors, unable to escape the fire. This was unfortunately illustrated by the Grenfell Tower block fire that claimed 71 lives in London in 2017.

In conclusion, large blocks of flats could offer a cheaper living option, but such an advantage may bring residents a low quality of life and put their safety at risk, which are far more important factors to take into consideration. Thus, I strongly believe that living in high-rise buildings brings more cons than pros.

范文 2:

Task2: Today, people in many countries can live and work anywhere they want because of improved communication technology and transport. Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

One of the advantages of ever improving communication and transportation technologies is that people today are allowed far more freedom to choose to live in the city or town that they like. In my opinion, while this modern development enables people to live a better and easier life, it is likely to have more negative impacts.

It is true that being free to choose where to live and work alleviates people's pressure. This is most evident for those who reside in large cities where residents are faced with various problems. For example, people living in Beijing have long been concerned about the dangerously polluted air as it has been proven to be a highly possible cause of some life-threatening diseases, such as lung cancer. Fortunately, those who are able to do their work through the internet are free from this concern by relocating in an idyllic location without quitting their jobs. In addition, it is not uncommon that many people choose to work in mega cities where salaries are more satisfying but live in towns where living costs are considerably lower. What makes this possible is the rapid development of high-speed trains and budget airlines.

However, I believe that these benefits are outweighed by problems. Firstly, excessive reliance on a virtual working environment can be very risky. To be specific, people may fail to perform their daily planning and tasks as a result of technical problems, such as the failure of internet connection or breakdown of their computers. This definitely leads to low work efficiency. Also, a lack of face-to-face communication with colleagues is undoubtedly harmful to problem solving because neither emails nor text messages can precisely deliver one's intentions. Secondly, increased commute time causes people to feel exhausted and sometimes annoyed. If anything unexpected occurs, such as delayed train departure or extremely congested traffic, then the experiencing of traveling across cities and even countries would be so frustrating.

试着自己练习一下结尾段

Do you think it is a positive or negative development?

这种题型完全可以按照 **agree or disagree** 类型来完成

1). 我认为是积极的-好处 1-好处 2-好处 3

2). 我认为是消极的-坏处 1-坏处 2-坏处 3

3). (如果想两面都写, 必须明确表达个人观点) 我认为这个趋势对...是有好处的, 而对...是有坏处的

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Countries are becoming more and more similar because people are able to buy the same products anywhere in the world.

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is said that countries are becoming similar to each other because of the global spread of the same products, which are now available for purchase almost anywhere. I strongly believe that this modern development is largely detrimental to culture and traditions worldwide.

A country's history, language and ethos are all inextricably bound up in its manufactured artefacts. If the relentless advance of international brands into every corner of the world continues, these bland packages might one day completely oust the traditional objects of a nation, which would be a loss of richness and diversity in the world, as well as the sad disappearance of the manifestations of a place's character. What would a Japanese tea ceremony be without its specially crafted teapot, or a Fijian kava ritual without its bowl made from a certain type of tree bark?

Let us not forget either that traditional products, whether these be medicines, cosmetics, toys, clothes, utensils or food, provide employment for local people. The spread of multinational products can often bring in its wake a loss of jobs, as people turn to buying the new brand, perhaps thinking it more glamorous than the one they are used to. This eventually puts old-school craftspeople out of work.

Finally, tourism numbers may also be affected, as travellers become disillusioned with finding every place just the same as the one they visited previously. To see the same products in shops the world over is boring, and does not impel visitors to open their wallets in the same way that trinkets or souvenirs unique to the particular area do.

Some may argue that all people are entitled to have access to the same products, but I say that local objects suit local conditions best, and that faceless uniformity worldwide is an unwelcome and dreary prospect.

范文 1: Nowadays, more people are choosing to socialise online rather than face to face. Is this a positive or negative development?

An increasing number of people meet and talk to their friends online instead of in person. In my opinion, this is a negative development **which can lead to isolation, potentially harmful situations and also problems later on in life.**—注意这三个预告

One serious problem that can arise from people socialising online is that it can lead to isolation. Before the internet, people would frequently go out to meet friends, for example in cafes, bars or restaurants, whereas now people prefer to stay at home alone, chatting online. As a result, people are starting to spend the majority of their time alone at home in their room without meeting others. Isolation of this kind is not healthy and can sometimes lead to depression and other issues.

Another issue is that meeting people online can be risky. In other words, people can assume fake identities online as well as hide their true characteristics. This is particularly concerning for teenagers who are impressionable and can easily be led into dangerous situations. Furthermore, as this interaction is online, parents have no way of monitoring it and protecting their children.

Finally, socialising online can end in difficulties years later as conversations and shared photos that had been forgotten reappear. This situation is currently critical for many people, again especially for teenagers who do not think carefully before posting online. That is to say, information which is put online can remain there forever and while people may share intimate communications with close friends, these words can then resurface later on leading to much embarrassment.

In conclusion, although it has become more popular for people to socialise through the internet, it has brought about too many problems for this to be considered a positive trend.

范文 2: More and more people choose to shop on line rather than go to real stores. Do you think it is a positive or negative development?

版本 1(完全好):

The development of communication and information technology has incredibly changed people's lives in many ways, and the most obvious change arousing debate among consumers and retailers is that online shopping has been gaining far more popularity than trudging to a store or shopping mall. In my opinion, the increasing popularity of web-based shopping is a generally beneficial tendency.

In comparison to a brick and mortar store with fixed business hours, online shoppers can choose any time of the day or night to get on Amazon or EBay. This is especially useful for moms with small children and people that are home-bound, or simply in times of inclement weather. It is very rare to find any conventional retail stores that are open 24/7. The availability of online stores gives people the freedom to shop at their own pace and convenience.

Online shoppers are also allowed more freedom to buy whatever they want and need without feeling embarrassed. There are always times when people have to buy something out of the ordinary that can be really embarrassing when seen by other people. Items such as weird ornaments, sexy lingerie, and adult toys can be easily bought on and delivered by an online shop where all transactions are basically done privately.

Finally, shopping via the internet offers people better deals, because the advanced innovation of search engine allows shoppers to easily check prices from hundreds of vendors and compare them with just a few clicks. It is very straightforward to conduct price comparisons from one online shopping website to another. This gives people the freedom to determine which online seller offers the most competitive price.

Some people may argue that online shopping increases the risks of poor shopping experience and personal information leakage, but I say that making purchases digitally is an unstoppable trend given all the benefits it can bring.

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版本 2 (对消费者好, 对商家坏):

The development of communication and information technology **has incredibly changed** people's lives in many ways, and the most obvious **change arousing debate among consumers and retailers** is that online shopping has been **gaining far more popularity** than trudging to a store or shopping mall. In my opinion, the increasing popularity of web-based shopping brings obvious benefits to consumers but causes significant problems of unemployment and environment.

On the one hand, online shoppers enjoy a convenient and free way of buying what they need. **This is especially useful for** moms with small children and people that are home-bound, or **simply in times of** inclement weather. The availability of online stores gives people the freedom to shop **at their own pace and convenience**. In addition, online shoppers are **also** free to buy whatever they want without feeling embarrassed. Items such as weird ornaments, sexy lingerie, and adult toys can be easily bought on and delivered by an online shop **where** all transactions are basically done privately.

On the other hand, e-commerce **is always accused of** having negative impacts on the society. To start with, online shopping makes many employees of traditional businesses redundant. **It is not difficult to understand that** web-based stores need a much smaller size of staff than their physical counterparts do. The energy shortage crisis is also worsening with the development of digital commerce, as a large amount of electricity is needed to power thousands of servers supporting online shops day and night without any suspension throughout the whole year. **This leads to** a waste of energy when the number of users is minimal.

In summary, while there is no doubt that online shopping is detrimental in certain ways, it is an unstoppable trend **given** all the benefits it can bring.