

GRE写作

4.3 ISSUE 论证方法-目的型题目

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论证题型

TYPES	FORMULAE
Comparison	A > B
Reason	A o B
Purpose	$A \Rightarrow B$
Conclusion	В
Duo-subject	X & Y

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Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

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$$A \Rightarrow B$$

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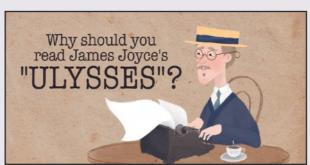


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e.g. stream of consciousness writing Ulysses by James Joyce





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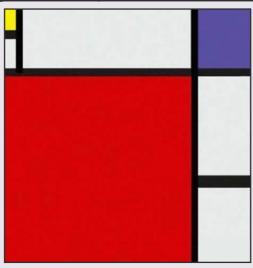
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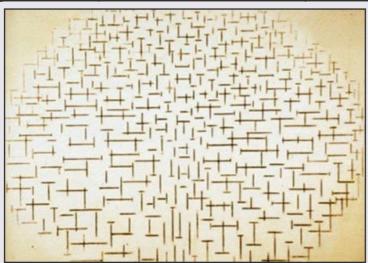


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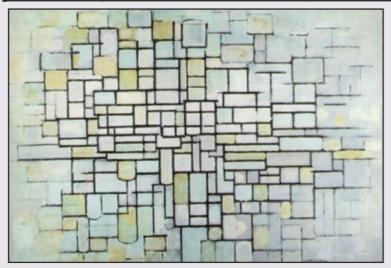


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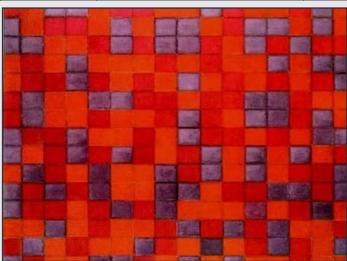


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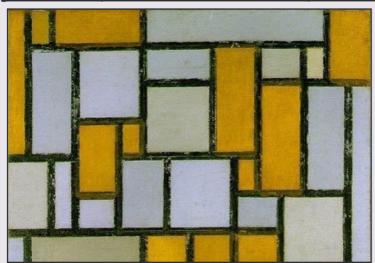


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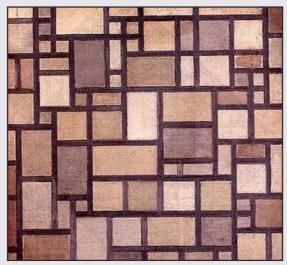


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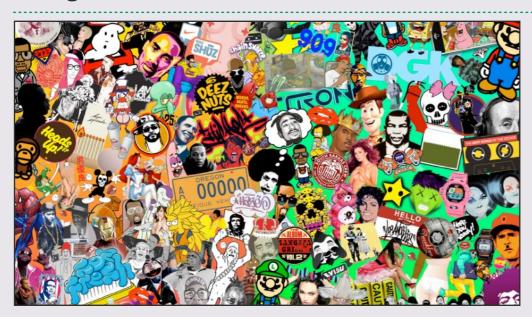
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side effects: understandability ⇒ merit

1. Intentionally creating works that are easily understandable, artists are in fact pandering to the taste of the general public, which, more often than not, is not artistically commendable. e.g. pop culture



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→ merit ← worth appreciating

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Lithium Kurt Cobain



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4. How is the merit of an art work defined?



开头段 The Introductory Paragraph

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The statement that art must be widely understood to have merit is wrongheaded. It misunderstands the final objective of art, which has little to do with cognitive understanding. **[position]** (28 words)

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中间段 One Body Paragraph

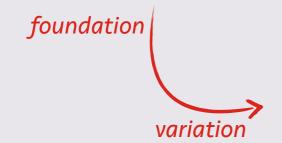
Finally, how is the merit of an art work defined? Can't a person simply enjoy a piece of art without understanding either its intended meaning or professional techniques? Isn't being able to provide a moment of enjoyment not considered a merit? [reason] Consider the musical art form. The fact that the listener must "understand" the composer's artistic expression without the benefit of words or visual images forces us to ask: "What is there to understand in the first place?" Of course, the listener can always struggle to appreciate how the musical piece employs various harmonic, melodic, and rhythmic principles. Yet it would be absurd to assert that the objective of music is to challenge the listener's knowledge of music theory. In fact, listening to music is simply an encounter--an experience to be accepted at face value for its aural impact on our spirit and our emotions. [example with explanation] (146 words)



中间段 - 实操中的变化

Variations in Practice

- 1. Reason
- 2. Explain the reason
- 3. Example
- 4. Explain the example



- 1. You can explain the reason first.
- 2. You can integrate your example into your reasoning.
- 3. You can use counterargument within a paragraph.
- 4. You can use multiple examples.
- 5. You can explain your example as you describe it.
- 6. You can use more than two sentences describing examples.



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