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1. Some people think students in primary school / secondary school should be taught how to manage money because it is an important life skill. Do you agree or disagree?

School curriculum is already fully packed. Students face tremendous pressure to complete academic requirement.	Also, students are not income-earners. Learning how to manage money is not a skill of urgent need	Students neither have the time to add one more subject, nor the urgency to learn. Besides, they may not have the maturity to fully grasp this abstract concept
Avoidance is never the solution. Money is an essential part of everyday life, from everyday grocery shopping to mortgaging a house. Besides, schools' responsibility is to help students form good habits young and prepare them for real life.	If money edu is part of the curriculum, students learn about the uses of money, the operation of financial institutions (banks), the functions of a range of sophisticated financial products and services (credit cards)	Understand the importance of personal budgeting, develop sensible spending habits, spend more responsibly
The current society gives much importance to monetary value and money plays an exaggerated role	By learning about how to manage money, students gain an understanding of the power and the limitation of money (what it can measure and what it cannot)	Form a balanced view about money, not buy into the consumerism and materialistic lifestyle

2. Some people believe public transport should be in charge of free. Do you think the advantages are more than disadvantages?

Car congestion is a common phenomenon in big cities (esp. rush hours), smog caused by car exhaust	Fair elimination encourages people to give up driving private cars and take PT instead.	Cut down traffic on the main road, solve congestion problem, reduce a city's overall carbon footprint immensely, eco-friendly
Many low income residents refuse to take public transport due to financial concern	Free public transport makes it more accessible to everyone regardless of their income level	Provides these people with the possibilities to live and work in entirely different parts of a city, gain more job opportunities, gain financial ground

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PT system costs money to expand, maintain and repair, which is often paid by fares. Transport workers also need to be paid.	Free PT means the government loses one important source of revenue, allocate budget from other sectors to meet the needs	Financial pressure on state budget, also it may mean a lower quality service
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3. Most children want to watch the same TV programs and play the same computer games like their friends do. Shall parents allow them to do this?

Children, especially as they grow up, tend to form groups and socialise with those sharing the same interests	Watch the same ... gives them common topics to share with their peers, related to each other, connect with others easily	Feel included, form strong friendship, no sense of isolation
Some TV programs or games can be educational, with complex ideas and challenging tasks	Watch or play the same..., they can draw on each other's understanding and experience, learn from, collaborate or even challenge each other	More motivated, eager to delve into the tasks, better learning outcome
Some children may do so simply to fit in	Children miss the opportunity to cultivate own interest and explore their full potential (science vs soap opera)	Ignore individuality, give too much importance to collective action, and lose a sense of own identity.
Children lack the ability to differentiate the appropriateness of TV content	They blindly follow what their peer watch, some of which can have violent content or instill incorrect moral values	Have negative effects on their social and emotional development.

4. In many countries there is a lot of rubbish (garbage) because more and more people buy things. What are the causes? In your country, does it have the same problem?

The capitalism system is based on creating artificial consumer demands, and one way is to use advertisements that the modern life is inundated with.	Buying into those ads, often times people purchase products or services for wants rather than needs and end up buying more than it is necessary (e. g.)	Many of these products are abandoned or thrown away after being used few times, increase the amount of waste
In order to stand out in the market, products are being excessively packaged to attract customer attention	Consumers purchase those products, some of which the package itself is heavier than the content (e.g. mooncake)	This creates a large amount of waste, which is negative to the environment



5. As economy develops, people get richer. Studies show that people in developing countries feel happier than before, while people in developed countries feel less happy. Why do you think is it? What lessons can we learn from it?

Economy develops, disposable income increases	Able to afford not only the necessities (food, clothes) but also products and services for pleasure (holiday, entertainment)	Improved standard of living, larger degree of satisfaction
Economy develops, society needs more talent, productivity to keep up with the pace	When it is translated into work places, it means people may face more workload, more intense competition and requirement to constantly update skill sets	This creates a great deal of pressure, reduced time to spend with families and friends, lead to stress, anxiety and less happiness
Money plays an important role in maintaining a satisfying standard of living		
It is important to reflect on life priorities and learn to balance work and life		

6. In many countries, the proportion of older people is steadily increasing. Does this trend have more positive or negative effects on the society?

Old people tend to suffer from chronic health conditions, require long term and extensive care	If a society has a high proportion of old people, the demand for medical resources would increase (such as doctors, nurses, medication, nursing homes)	Governments have to increase spending on medicare, increase budget pressure
After working for decades, old people choose to retire	An increasing amount of senior citizens means the positions they left vacant may not be filled up by the young immediately	Cause labor shortage, negatively affect productivity and economy
Old people have rich life experiences which young people can draw on	They can offer the young generation valuable and constructive advices about life decisions	Help them avoid making the same mistakes and make more sensible decisions

7. Some children find some subjects such as mathematic and philosophy too difficult to learn, so some people argue that those subjects should be optional rather than compulsory. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Math and philosophy include abstract concepts which require cognitive capacity to understand	If not taught in a suitable way, students may find these subjects difficult and irrelevant	Lose motivation to learn and it becomes a waste of time, add behavioural problems
Despite what it may seem, Math and philosophy are two	Including these two subjects as mandatory subjects provide	They will be more well-rounded in adult life and be



subjects closely related to everyday life. Math develops students' logic thinking, metal arithmetic, problem solving skills while Philosophy cultivates critical thinking, analytical skills and develop the habit of asking why.	students with the op to practice those essential life skills and develop high order thinking skills	independent thinkers who challenge the conventional and self-reflect.
Math and philosophy can be difficult, however, being in school also means learning qualities such as persistence, resilience and diligence.	Despite the benefits, getting rid of certain subjects simply because some students find them too difficult not only deprives students of the important skills and knowledge, but also fails to teach students the importance of these qualities.	This fails the purpose of education. It can be easily solved by using effective teaching strategies to make these subjects fun, e.g. using multimedia materials and adopt a project based learning approach.
Include these subjects, but teach it in a developmental way that suits students' intellectual level.		

8. Some people think the qualities a person needs to become successful in today's world cannot be learned at a university or similar academic institution. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Universities are institutions where students have access to the latest research results, fully equipped labs, structured learning supported by experts in the field	They are able to acquire professional knowledge and skills that can not be learned elsewhere (esp. high-entering fields such as engineering, medicine and law which require many years of systematic learning)	Lay a solid foundation for their future career and is the cornerstone of their success.
One has to have the emotional capacity and self-discipline to adapt to the academically demanding and physically draining tight schedule. Besides, universities provide extra curricular activities (student clubs), involve group work, challenging projects, in class debate.	Students can cultivate their self-confidence, resilience, and organizational skills. They can also develop social and communication skills with a network of people who share similar passion and interests.	These qualities are the defining factors to a person's success in the future.
Knowledge in uni is often theory based, sometimes disconnected from the industries	People who learn from trial and error working in real business, gain the practical skills to analyze and respond quickly to each unique situation, make	These abilities form the base of their success more than what they learn from universities



	accurate judgments and come out with the most effective plans	
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9. Some people think foreign visitors should be charged more than local people when they visit the cultural and historical attractions in a country. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Cultural or historical attractions often depend on state subsidies to keep them going, which means that the resident population already pays money to these sites through the tax system.	Charge foreign visitors more can be considered as tourists paying the fair share to have equal access to the sites	It is fair for the locals
Foreign tourists contribute to the economy of the host country with the money they spend on a wide range of goods and services, including food, souvenirs, accommodation and travel.	If being charged a different price, they are less willing to visit the country for holiday	Few tourism related jobs, lose financial income for locals and negative on the local economy
Many of the places, mostly historical buildings with cultural heritage, require international tourism to generate funding for maintenance.	A different price makes tourists feel a sense of unjustness, few would go	There would be a risk of insufficient funding for the maintenance of these important buildings. Also the country fails to promote the nation's cultural heritage.

10. Many people think it is very important to protect the environment but they make no effort to do it themselves. Why do you think it is the case? What actions can be done to suggest individuals protect the environment?

Environmental problems tend to be complex and often happen at a global scale, which require long term research, a large amount of fund, expertise, advanced technologies or even collaboration between governments	When facing these challenges, people may think the individual efforts are too trivial to make any difference	Thus making no personal efforts in changing life habits, which can be difficult to alternate once they are developed.
Besides awareness, to make behavioral change on a personal level, access to facilities and knowledge of what and how to is also crucial.	In many communities, facilities and services that promote a sustainable lifestyle (recycling, PT) are insufficient, underfunded or poorly maintained.	It is inconvenient or requires more commitment (people to go out of their way) from the public to make a difference, resulting in a resistant attitude among the public.



Launch media campaigns that establish the link between the environmental problems and individuals	People start to understand how each individual is responsible to maintain a healthy planet earth and how collective efforts, consisted by small steps of individual contribution, can lead to significant social change	They are more likely to make personal efforts and commit to this shared mission
Governments need to invest more in building facilities and providing services that help to improve the environment	When such facilities and services are more accessible and requires little efforts for people to carry out tasks (recycling bins at home, reliable public TP system)	People are more willing to follow the steps and change their habits

11. Some think that children should start school as early as possible, while others believe that they should start school at the age of seven. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Schools have teaching facilities, resources (books, games) and professionally trained teachers	Attending school early, have early access to these resources, start learning symmetrically from an early age	Acquire more knowledge and develop better skills, earn a competitive edge among peers
Schools provide an environment where students are closely monitored. They have the op to interact with others from different age groups and backgrounds	Those who go to school early can learn how to share, negotiate, collaborate with others in school activities	Develop their social skills, communication skills, get along well with others later
The time children, especially young ones, spend with parents in their early developmental stages is crucial to how secure and confident they feel in later years.	Attending schools at 7 ensures that children get to spend sufficient amount of quality time with parents who can provide them with emotional support and guidance	Strengthen family bond and beneficial to their emotional development
Children at 7 tend to be more emotionally, intellectually and socially mature	Those who attend school at 7 have the self-discipline and management skills to adapt to schools' face-paced routine and structured learning. Able to grasp complex concepts better.	More motivated to learn, learning becomes more effective.

12. Some people suggest that a country should try to produce all the food for its population and import as little food as possible. To what extent do you agree or disagree?



Due to its unique climatic and soil condition, every country has its own specialised and seasonal agricultural products.	Without food import, in addition to locally produced foods, consumers would have no access to a variety of meat, produce and packaged goods from around the world. Also the country is susceptible to food shortage caused by poor harvest.	They miss out on the choice benefits brought by a global food market, also the country may suffer from seasonal shortages,
Shipping food over great distances uses a tremendous amount of fuel (cars, boats, trucks)	By only eating locally produced food, carbon food print is reduced.	It is sustainable and more eco-friendly.
Also to keep food fresh during the transport, they are often picked before being ripe enough and chemicals are used to slow down the rotting process.	Eating local produce helps to reduce health risks. Also, consumers are clear of where the food comes from, how it is grown and under what standards they are tested and processed.	More guaranteed in terms of food safety.
Although imported goods are subject to the same health and safety requirements as domestically produced foods, government does not have the same ability to inspect factories, farms and processing plants, as it would with domestically produced foods. Consumers have little clue of how the food is produced (e.g. how much pesticides were used and whether it is GM)		

13. Some people believe that women should play an equal role as men in a country's police force or military force, such as the army, while others think women are not suitable for these kinds of jobs. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

The selection of success candidate for job positions should be based on merits (e.g. qualification, experience)	Allowing equal role alters the stereotypes that the police or army are mostly men and gives both genders alter the same opportunities to pursue a career in military force	Women can fulfill their career goal if they are passionate and it eliminates gender-based discrimination
Women and men may look at issues from different angles	Allowing both genders to participate equally provides a platform where more ideas can be shared and more perspectives are brought in	Generate more possible solutions to problems, well-balanced



Military involve physically demanding tasks such as combats, marching long distance and carrying heavy equipment	Women are in general less able physically than men	It is not suitable for them
Military job requires long term and consistent commitment	Women at one stage in life are likely to become a mother, which can be difficult in a military base. Maternal leave means the responsibility and job tasks will be postponed	It would present challenge to the smooth running of military missions

14. We are surrounded by all kinds of advertising, which is having an increasing influence on our lives. Do the positive effects of advertising outweigh its negative effects?

Inform customers about the newest products, the functions and the price range	Consumers can obtain useful information and make informed decision based on own needs	Find solutions to problems. Also boost economy as it increases sales.
Advertisement often use surprising or humorous plot to glorify the use and the ownership of certain products.	It creates an artificial demand and a false sense of entitlement, e.g. those who own the product are the privileged	Consumers are likely to purchase more than what they need, also it encourages a wasteful and materialistic lifestyle
	Some products may not be beneficial to people (e.g. fast food, alcohol)	Seeing those ads and consuming them has negative effects on consumers' health.

15. Nowadays, we rely on news for our knowledge, but we are uncertain about the truth of these news. Should we believe journalists? What qualities should a good journalist or correspondent have?

With the development of communication technology such as the Internet, social media and smart phones, journalism has become a low-entry market where people no longer need certain qualification to call themselves a journalist.	The content written by these so called 'citizen journalists' lacks fact check. Besides, these journalists do not have the skills and background knowledge to present stories objectively, nor the time as full time journalists to investigate issues in depth	Audience needs to have a critical approach to such content and not believe completely in what is written, find multiple sources to get to the truth
Also, media world is highly competitive (esp online). To stand out among all agencies and fight over audience's limited attention	Many journalists choose to over-sensationalise and exaggerate or even distort facts (e.g. they may crop pictures in a certain way to make stories more aggressive,	The stories written in this way are biased and misleading

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	to create staged conflicts, to imply tension unnecessarily)	
There are reputable news sources with professionally trained journalists (BBC, CNN)	They follow code of ethics and dedicate time and efforts chasing credible sources and digging facts.	News written by them are reliable and trustworthy
Sense of justice Persistence Good writer (fact based yet engaging story telling)		

16. Today, advanced science and technology have made great changes to people's life, but artists such as musicians, painters and writers are still highly valued. What can arts tell us about life that science and technology cannot?

By rejecting the norms and creating new elements and concepts through their works	Artists can stimulate people's imagination	They can instruct us to observe and interpret objects from different perspectives and cultivate creativity.
Comparing to science, whose aim is to objectively reflect the physical world,	Art allows people to channel their individual emotions, feelings and preferences through their own unique and non-linguistic language.	Different form of communication between creator and the audience, enrich cultural, intellectual and spiritual experience.
Art is a language that transcends any racial, cultural, social, educational and economic barriers.	Help to promote one's culture when language fails to do so and to advocate universal values	Allow global collaboration and push social progress on a larger scale.

17 Some people think that teachers should be responsible for teaching students to judge what is right and wrong so that they can behave well. Others say that teachers should only teach students academic subjects. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Education should be holistic, whether at home or at school, and academic performance, moral values and appropriate behavior are equally important for students to become contributing members of the society in the future. Besides, teachers are professionally trained with skills and knowledge compared to parents.	If teachers play a major role in teaching students those skills, they can choose the most suitable materials (e.g. videos, picture books) and teaching strategies (e.g. use social stories, role play, music, group games)	Students feel more motivated to learn and can understand better
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<p>To learn appropriate behaviors and a sense of right and wrong, it is important to have the opportunities to practice what one has learned. Unlike home environment where students interact mainly with parents, at school, students get to socialize with peers from various backgrounds and age groups.</p>	<p>By giving teachers the responsibility, they can spot and utilize the social scenarios happening in schools, such as conflicts, item sharing and group activities, to which students can apply their skills and knowledge right away</p>	<p>Students can deepen their understanding and the learning is likely to be more effective</p>
<p>Teachers face tremendous pressure, time-wise and energy-wise to implement curriculum, assess students and meet academic standard</p>	<p>If adding moral education into the currently fully packed curriculum, teachers will have more workload, having to spend more time planning and teaching</p>	<p>Time spent on other academic subjects will be sacrificed and teachers will face more stress</p>
<p>Moral values can be subjective, being influenced by one's upbringing, education and religious as well as cultural background. Sometimes parents and teachers may disagree on what the correct moral values are and how to teach them</p>	<p>When conflicts of opinions happen, it is more suitable if parents teach those values consistent with the family tradition as parents are the legal carers of their children and have the right to decide educational options for them</p>	<p>Besides, the low teacher-student ratio at schools may mean that students do not get sufficient attention from teachers as they get at home from parents.</p>

18 Traditional food is being replaced by international fast foods. This has negative effects on family and society. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

<p>Unlike a proper meal, fast foods are prepared and served quickly (within minutes) and can be eaten at anytime and location</p>	<p>It is time saving and suits better to the fast-paced modern lifestyle</p>	<p>Where time is measured by money and people have irregular working hours, juggling between work and life with little time for a sit down meal.</p>
<p>Gradually forming throughout the history, the cuisine from an area can be viewed as a local signature, reflecting the uniqueness of the area such as its soil and climate condition, people's lifestyle and cultural traditions.</p>	<p>If traditional foods are replaced by single styled international fast food chains, all these diversities will be lost</p>	<p>This is damaging to the preservation of local's cultural heritage and a sense of belonging</p>



<p>Cooking and having traditional homemade meals also provides opportunities for family members to gather together, exchange opinions, resolve conflicts and bond at the table</p>	<p>If families ignore this important occasion and consume mostly fast foods instead, not only does eating become a chore, the family miss out precious bonding moments,</p>	<p>which would have negative impacts on the family relationships</p>
<p>Mostly being deep fried and heavily processed, fast foods tend to lack nutritional value and are high in fat, sugar and preservatives</p>	<p>Massive consumption of such foods instead of locally grown traditional ones would lead to health problems such as obesity and cardiovascular diseases</p>	<p>This is damaging to the public's health especially to young children who cannot make sensible dietary decisions on their own.</p>

19 In schools and universities, girls tend to choose arts subjects, while boys choose science subjects. What is the reason? Should the trend be changed?

<p>Societies have gender roles that assign certain strengths and weaknesses to each gender, e.g. women are sensitive, nurturing, lack rational thinking and domestic while men are tough, logical thinkers and are the breadwinner of the family.</p>	<p>These expectations are deeply rooted in the society's culture and children learn them from a very early age from parents or from pop culture (e.g. scientists in pop culture are mostly men)</p>	<p>Such expectation is likely to affect how they behave and decide their major. For one, it causes less controversy, for another, it creates less obstacles (e.g. female scientists are likely to face more challenges in a male-dominated field)</p>
<p>Choosing the major that each gender normally would choose</p>	<p>Students follow gender expectation, not realizing their capacities, or they are forced to give up what they are good at or interested in just to match the stereotypes.</p>	<p>It puts a limit on people's potential and creates gender-based discrimination</p>
	<p>It creates one gender's dominance in certain jobs, eliminating diversity in ideas and skills</p>	<p>It restricts the development of certain industry</p>

20 Some people think newspaper is the most effective way to get the latest information because it has more influence than other forms of media. Do you agree or disagree?

<p>Newspaper has been one of the oldest and widely circulated forms of media.</p>	<p>There are many reputable news agencies with dedicated journalists, such as BBC and CNN, producing quality news with reliable and accountable information compared to other media forms</p>	<p>Effective way to get the latest information (especially feature stories that require long term investigations)</p>
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Newspaper is also cheap to produce, portable and does not require specific devices to access	Making it the most affordable and easily accessible media, suitable in disadvantaged areas and countries	Also it help readers be updated about the news in places where the Internet and radio signals are not available
(However, the status of newspaper is dropping and it is giving way to new media forms such as the Internet) The information online covers a wide range of topics and are constantly updated	Also with the wide use of smart phones and social media, audience can get the newest information from people near the incident location within seconds, much sooner before the journalists are able to get there.	It is becoming a popular way for people to get news (however, it can be confusing to differentiate news with opinions in an online world)

21 The best way for a country to prepare for the future is to invest more resources in its young people. How true do you think of it? What is the best way to invest resources?

Many countries are having the largest generation aged 15-24, with high fertility rates, the trend is likely to continue. Some are experiencing a 'youth bulge,' which can often lead to increased levels of unemployment, teen pregnancy and homelessness	At the same time, a country's economy is highly dependent on its productivity, which young people play a major role contributing to with their talents and ability to innovate.	Engaging with young people and investing more resources in them can benefit society as a whole.
In order to prepare for the future better, the first step, I think, is through improving the choice of education throughout the country.	As a person's education normally involves various stages, then education authorities have the reason to get resources and public money used to improve all these stages of education, such as early childhood education.	Therefore, it can be argued that investing in young adults alone is far from being a good policy in future preparation if other groups, such as children cannot get benefit.

22 Today, food travels thousands of miles from farms to consumers. Why is this? Is it a positive or negative trend?

Market globalization, many countries trade products with each other to meet the demand in domestic market.	At the same time, technology advancement, esp transport tools makes it easy to import and export food	Explains why it is common to see foreign produces in markets nowadays
Due to its unique climatic and soil condition, every country has its own	Also, as economy develops, consumers have more disposable income, starting to demand	The domestic demand drives the supply, making foods

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specialised and seasonal agricultural products.	international goods that cannot be produced locally	travel long distance to consumers
Same as topic 1 (negatives outweigh positives)		

23 All over the world, people watch foreign film much more than locally produced films. Why? Should the government provide financial support to local film industries?

Globalization, cultural intermingling increases and every nation tries to know more about the other nations cultural preferences.	Curiosity towards other cultures grows (bk, movies are snapshots of other cultures, effective source to get a better understanding of others)	Overseas films are the preferred choices
The development of web and electronic technologies (the Internet, computers, smart phones, tablets)	Easy accessible, widely available, inundated (e.g. blockbusters, impact of Hollywood)	Explains the popularity of overseas movies
Western film industry is more mature with longer history (Hollywood and Bollywood), have capital and technological advantage	Have the capacities to produce high quality movies, (screen play, talented actor/actress, special effects), producing more enjoyable viewing experience	Overseas movies are more attractive
Government financing local movies industry	(e.g. bite of China) Record and promote cultural heritage, especially to the younger generation	Preserve cultural identity, prevent loss of cultural diversity and create a sense of belonging

24 Some people think developing countries should invite foreign companies to open branches, offices and factories to promote their economics. Others say that they should keep the foreign companies out and depend more on their own local companies. Describe both views. (社会类是否该外商引进)

Developing countries are usually structurally unstable and are burdened by debt and unemployment	Capital brought by foreign companies may increase the productivity and the scale of industries, while creating tax return and job opportunities	
When foreign companies enter the market, advanced technologies and new business models are brought in as well	These can be learned by local companies and helped to improve the management efficiency and skill level of workers	
Foreign companies may monopolize the market and pose serious threat to	This would cause the country to gradually lose its economic independence	

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local companies who are less competitive and are likely to go bankrupt		
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25. Some people believe that governments should make investment in building public libraries in every town, while others think it is a waste of money because we have access to information via Internet. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (公共图书馆)

Libraries provide the users with comprehensive, precious and historical reading resources	These materials can only be found and read in libraries due to the issue of copyrights	They are valuable to researchers who need to consult those well preserved books.
Library creates good study atmosphere	It is easier for readers and students to concentrate on their work when free from distracting factors from the surroundings	
The expenditure on building, maintenance and supporting staff members for a library can be waste of money when Internet is available	People can always acquire the most updated information via various websites.	In this case, library seems less significant and no longer have a role to play in this community

26 Some people think that young people should follow traditions of their society, and others think young people should be free to behave as they will. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Traditions help people develop and mould their attitudes and characters to be productive, useful and progressive lives.	These attitudes and characters can hardly be cultivated with age as elderly people tend to repeat what they have done for the past of their lives.	Young people, main labour force in all walks of life, need to equip themselves with these qualities to perform their duties at present and in the future.
Celebrating traditional festivals such as Christmas is another aspect of following good traditions.	The traditions help bond tribes together.	Quality family time, closer relationship between family members
In many Asian countries, students normally go to college or university	However, gap year has gained its popularity among youngsters in Asian	Valuable experience as they may find out what their real interests lie in,

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directly after graduating from high school.	countries and it is not uncommon to see increasingly young people are taking one year off to travel or work.	choose a more suitable major for later study.
Young people are encouraged to express themselves freely as the contrary to some traditions which discourage this behaviour as it may represent disrespect in some cultures.	Efficient communication requires free expression of different opinions.	

27. Nowadays, full-time university students tend to focus on their studying. Some people think it is essential for university students to be involved in other activities. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (大学学习和课外活动)

Universities do provide students with the most fundamental knowledge and relevant theories about their majors.	By completing all the required subjects and courses, students will be able to receive their degrees or qualifications.	This may enable individuals to become competitive in the job market
University students may participate sports and debate competitions	These activities will help students develop communication, co-operative, interpersonal and leadership skills. It also may improve students' time management skills.	All of these extra curriculum will benefit students' future career and their later life

28 Do you think how important it is for people to want success in life? Is ambition a positive or negative characteristic?

It is hard to define a successful life as people hold different views towards success. It can be happiness, richness, power or something that is of importance to an individual.	Most people would support the opinion that it is the desire of success that drives a person to succeed.	No matter what kind of success people are striving for, the desire or the ambition plays a crucial role in achieving either the materialistic success or success in terms of happiness.
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Positive: setting clear goals	Having a goal written down with a set date for accomplishment gives people something to plan and work for.	A written goal is a constant reminder of what needs to be accomplished.
Negative: pursuing materialism	The values of some ambitious people is that the route to lasting happiness and well-being is through more material goods, popularity or the right type of appearance.	Make money at the expense of sacrificing family time ...

29 In most countries, prison is an effective solution for the problem of crime. Some people think it is a more effective solution to provide a better education. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (犯罪与教育)

Proper education from the general public may be an effective way to reduce crime	It can relatively raise individual's awareness about the consequence of committing crimes	However, there are alternative ways to better combat crime problem
Governments should improve the social welfare and create more job opportunities	By applying such methods, People who experience life difficulties are likely to better cope with their financial burden and have regular income from work	This may contribute to a lower crime rate
Authorities may give longer prison sentence to criminals	Such a prison extension would largely pose a threat to those potential criminals; these people may reconsider themselves before committing crimes.	This may also be an effective measure lower crime rate

30. The increase in food production owes much to fertilizers and better machinery, but some people think that it has a negative impact on human health and community. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (食物的农业化肥)

In many countries and regions, food shortage and malnutrition remain a serious issue, posing a threat to people's survival and health.	As the amount of arable land is limited, there is no doubt that traditional agriculture needs to be update in order to feed the growing number of people	The introduction of fertilizers, pesticides and machinery has proved to be an effective way to raise the production of grains and has extricated
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These practices are harmful to people's health	Pesticides can kill pest and fertilizers enhance the growth of plants, but contain chemical ingredients that threaten people's health	
The popularization of farm machine would replace labors	As a result, this will increase unemployment rate of farm workers	

31. Some people believe that the government should support the funds for the arts, while some other people suggest that the money should be used for public health and education. Discuss both views. (政府补助艺术)

Statues and sculptures in the city represent culture, heritage and history.	They serve to educate people about the city and act as landmarks or talking points for visitors and tourists.	Without funding the arts, the city would be much less interesting and attractive
The states have more important concerns like health and education	These public services are vital for a country to function properly, whereas some of the art works may be too costly	Therefore, it is suggested that the authorities should always prioritize their tasks. In this case, it is necessary to fulfill the basic needs for the general public then to fund the arts

32. Many people believe that scientific research should be carried out and controlled by the government rather than private companies. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (科学技术该被政府还是私人公司所控制)

It is suggested that scientific research should be controlled by the government	This is mainly because governments relatively have sufficient funds than the private companies	The state can better allocate its money and wisely distribute the benefits to the general public
The states have the authority to carry out these scientific researches	They have the full access to all the latest researches	Governments can provide their citizens with the most updated results which contribute to their life and health
Private companies should be restricted away from those valuable information	They may commercialize these scientific researches for profit	

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	purpose and potentially monopolize the entire market	
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33. Advertisements encourage consumers to buy in quantity rather than in quality. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (广告的量与质)

Advertising informs potential customers of their products, including product features, advantages and effects.	When deciding which product to buy among many similar alternatives, most people tend to choose the brand they know	As a result, products advertised frequently are more likely to be customers' choice in terms of their quantity
Advertising campaigns could include marketing strategy such as 'the second one free', which means customers can have two items together in a cheaper price	This encourages customers to buy more	

34. It is better for students to live away from home while studying at university than living with parents. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Independence, the most important quality of an adult, is cultivated when students live away from home	By living alone, the young adults have to learn how to take care of themselves and how to cope with all kinds of difficulties either from study or from daily life.	
Adaptability to new environment	Get familiarise with learning facilities and various student support services	Able to develop a new network of support. Find new friends, perhaps a teacher, a community member or a flat mate who you can talk to and seek advice.
Develop unhealthy habits without supervision of parents.	Do not eat the recommended amount of fruit and vegetables and do not get the recommended levels of weekly physical activity	Obesity/overweight
Hard for parents to monitor learning progress of their children	Poor attendance, skip lectures	Fail subjects

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35 Some people think that technology makes life complex, so we should make the life simpler without using the technology. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (科技对人们生活的影响)

<p>The technological development does not complicate our life, but instead, it makes our life much simpler under many circumstances</p>	<p>E-commerce is an example to simplify our ways of purchasing goods. We used to travel long distances to stores in multiple locations in order to purchase items, but this method helps us to buy almost everything at home. Another example is the introduction of video teleconference, as it gathers people from different parts of the world to have 'face-to-face' interaction without travelling</p>	<p>The goal of new technologies is to simplify people's life</p>
<p>Although it is sometimes a good idea to live without some technology for a while, it is not a solution to get the simpler life people want</p>	<p>It is not rare to see people who choose to get away from the online social network for some time. Their feedbacks are generally positive but eventually they all come back because simply living without the technology is not the solution</p>	<p>It is not hard to imagine if we give up technology development and innovation, human societies will move backwards rather than forward</p>

36. News media are important in modern society. Why are they so important? Are their influences generally positive or negative? (媒体为什么重要和对人的影响)

<p>News media are essential because they offer the latest information to the general public</p>	<p>Without having these sources, people can hardly socialize with their family and peers, but also makes it difficult to make informed decisions and formulate opinions</p>	
<p>Another major reason why it is important is that news media serve educational purpose</p>	<p>These include rights, moral, social and religious obligations</p>	<p>By acquiring knowledge from these areas, people could manage to develop their literacy in general</p>
<p>Their influences are</p>	<p>On one hand, news media</p>	

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generally positive in an informative and educational way	keep people updated with all the necessary useful information, on the other hand, they educate the general community in a various way, so that people are allowed to gain knowledge from it.	
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37. An increasing number of people do not know their neighbors, and there is no longer a sense of community. What do you think are the causes of this situation? What solutions can you suggest? (对邻里的陌生原因和解决办法)

Few community activities for people to get to know each other.	Not as many barbeque or church events as before	No opportunity to socialise with neighbours
Hardly meet their neighbours during the day.	People leave early in the morning and come back home late in the evening, so they do not even have a chance to come across each other.	When they finally return home, they are too exhausted to say a word, let alone visiting their neighbors.
Knock on their doors, perhaps bearing a small gift (like a candle), and introduce yourself.	try to look for common interests, e.g. sports, food, community activities	
Invite neighbours for dinner	Have regular catch up	Develop friendship

38. Nowadays, mobile phones and Internet have become increasingly important in people's social life. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this? (网络和手机)

Mobile phones tend to provide users with the most efficient and convenient way connecting with their friends and family members	By adopting these devices, people are allowed to share and interact with each other, and this would help to build up and enhance users' relationship with others in their social life.	
Internet offers the latest and rich information to people	Through the experience of using the Internet, users could manage to update themselves about the	Equip people with the necessary knowledge and broaden their horizons.



	current affairs and have the full access of whatever they are interested in	
The virtual world may involve some forms of potential privacy and security issues	During the process of digital experience, some people may disclose or divulge their private details without enough awareness	This will mean a disclosure of personal confidentiality and result in serious crimes related to this loss.

39. In some countries, museums charge people for admission, while in some other countries, people are admitted into museums free of charge. Do you think the advantages of charging admission outweigh its disadvantages? (博物馆是否该免费)

Charging admission will contribute to the fund required for the sound development of the museum	With the revenue generate from the tickets, the management can renovate the old buildings, acquire more valuable exhibits, and provide more thoughtful services	With such an enhancement, it may attract more visitors
Admission helps to control the number of visitors	If the museum is free of charge, the flow of continuous visitors may lead to disorder and chaos	As a result, these people undermine the quality of the museum tour
Paying a price for entering the museum may demotivate people's interests and enthusiasm	As it is unjustifiable for museums to charge the public when it is sometimes financially supported by the governments	People may form a negative attitude toward

40. Many countries spend a lot of money preparing competitors to take part in major sports competitions such as the Olympics, football world cup etc. Some people think that it would be better to spend this money to encourage children to take part in sports at a young age. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (东道主国的钱该怎么用)

Major sports events like Olympics and World Cup may help the host country to promote its culture worldwide and boost its local economy	By hosting these competitions, a country is allowed to spread its cultural spirits like traditions, customs and behaviors. In the mean time, it can also attract travellers from all over	
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	the world. In this case, profits can be generated from the tourism industry which benefits the overall domestic economy as a whole	
By investing money to encourage children to participate in sports, teenagers can freely dedicate themselves into these activities	In this way, the overall health condition and physical fitness can be greatly improved among children	

41. In some countries, young people are not only richer but also safer and healthier than ever before. However, they are less happy. What do you think are the causes of this? What solutions can you suggest? (年轻人的快乐)

Young people are unhappy mainly because they do not have enough challenges in their lives and some of them may have problems finding out the purposes of their lives	Unlike their parents, most young people today do not have to fight for a better life since they already have almost everything needed for a decent life	As a result, it is easy for many young people to constantly indulge in meaningless activities, which may lead to a huge waste of time and feelings of loss and regrets
Young people are encouraged to travel and know more about the world	This sometimes can change one's life just to see a different part of the world because it inspires people to rethink about the meaning of life, e.g. in some countries in Africa, there are people who are still struggling to survive	The key is to get young people inspired and put the thoughts into action

42 A large number of young people cannot find jobs after they leave school. What problems will youth unemployment cause for individuals and for society? What measures should be taken to reduce the level of unemployment among young people?

For individuals: long time of unemployment after graduation may lead to laziness, lack of ambition and enthusiasm	Result in bad living styles such as party lovers and night owls	More difficult to find a job
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For society: youth unemployment means some positions are not filled with young blood	Lack innovation	e. g. high-tech companies
More job-related seminars and workshops in university and college	Help students and fresh graduates familiarise themselves with job market and understand their employability skills set	Revise resume and cover letter
Companies provide more intern opportunities to current students in their final year.	Students are able to combine textbook knowledge with real practice in the working environment.	Evidence indicates that it is easier for students with intern experience to find a job after graduation.

43. Most of the urgent environmental problems can only be solved with international cooperation. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (环境问题是该被国际机构解决)

Admittedly, international cooperation is an option to address urgent environment problems	As it can provide people with the constructive and practice solutions through the collaboration of different worldwide organizations	
However, governments can also act as a significant role of in mitigating these imminent issues	They have the full access to all the latest environmental research, so that the states are able to make better use of outcome to combat the environmental issues accordingly	In this way, the authorities could also make great contribution

44 Some people believe that arts such as painting and music cannot directly improve the quality of people's lives so that government money should be spent on other things. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (艺术是否提高人们生活质量)

The arts clearly make people's lives better.	Painting, photographs add color to our lives and often inspire people to create works of art of their own	
Music also improves people life quality.	It not only helps to relax our mind but also releases	



	stress from work and study	
Many people feel that governments should spend money on more significant areas like healthcare, education and national security	While these aspects are essential to ensure the country functions properly, the state should also consider allocating money on arts. Not only because they raise our quality of life, but also they remind us of our heritage and show the world what kind of a country and people we are.	For example, the recent Olympic Opening Ceremony in London is a perfect example of this. It achieved world wide praise and served as a reminder of how British artists and entertainers have contributed to the worlds of music, film and culture

45. In some countries old people are highly valued, which in some cultures young people are highly valued. Discuss both views and give your opinion. (年长和年轻人的价值)

The seniors have sound experience in terms of work and life so they play an important role in contributing to society.	Elderly people are able to deal with tough interpersonal problems. This is mainly because that they have encountered various kinds of people and different situation.	Consequently, aged people have the ability to tackle the problem based on certain kind of person and circumstance.
Elderly people, on average, are more patient and careful so they can accomplish tasks without making mistakes.	A case in point is that people prefer to trust old surgeons rather than young one.	
The youth also constitutes an indispensable role in promoting the development of society.	It is easy for them to adapt to keep pace with the constantly changing world.	In this case, young people are like to become more familiar to the latest technologies than seniors and manage to use them accordingly
In addition, the youth are dynamic and energetic.	In order to fulfill their professional potential and get promotion, they tend to work hard which benefits companies and society as well.	

46. In the past, buildings often reflected the culture of a society but today all modern buildings look alike and cities throughout the world are becoming more and more similar. What do you think is the reason for this, and is it a good thing or a bad thing? (传统建筑和当代建筑)



Globalization is the major cause of these similar buildings	Designers and architects nowadays are heavily influenced by the ideas and impressions of other global buildings	Therefore, their work are designed and done in an identical way of those iconic buildings throughout the world
It is a bad thing as it is considered as a loss of culture	As more and more traditional buildings are often torn down to make room for modern ones in order to please foreign investors and clients for commercial purpose, less cultural heritage and historical landscape would remain	The entire culture identity will be gradually eroded from our society

47. Some people think that personal happiness is directly related to economic success, while others believe this depends on other factors. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (个人快乐)

Economic success may be a reasonable indicator of one's social status	The general public gives more respect to those high social status individuals	Such a respect makes successful people happy
Physical condition is one of the factors which relates to people's happiness	Most people would feel happy when they are healthy. Such happiness are often linked to longevity	
Psychological condition is another essential aspect associated with individual's joy		

48. Nowadays, it is more convenient and easier for people to travel to other countries. Is this development a positive or a negative effect? (去别国旅行的好坏)

This development helps travellers to broaden their horizons	Through the experience of visiting other countries, individuals may perceive better understanding of their culture. This includes traditions, behaviors and customs.	This enriches one's life experience in a long term
This trend may greatly boost local economy of the host country	As people no longer find difficult to visit other nations, they are likely to travel on a regular basis	Because of that, host country could generate profits from tourists' expenditure and thus

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		stimulate its overall economy
However, it also brings negative effect in terms of environment	More fuels from airplane and vehicle are consumed in order to accommodate the frequent travellers. Given this level of excessive consumption, it would contribute to global warming and undermine the environment	

49 Many people are afraid to leave their homes because of their fear of crime. Some believe that more action should be taken to prevent crime while others feel little can be done to stop crime. What is your opinion? (犯罪的解决方法)

People who believe that nothing can be done to stop crime for several reasons.	One is that a fear of crime is a state of mind perpetuated by the media. For example, we are constantly exposed with negative news stories about crime and violence in our community. Thus, the belief is that whatever we do to reduce levels of crime, people will still be scared.	Another reason is that crime is caused by wider structural issues in our society that are too difficult to combat. The gap between the rich and the poor is always there, and little can be done about this issue in our capitalist societies.
However, there are solutions that will ensure people feel safer outside their homes.	Governments can increase the numbers of police in local communities and more 'neighborhood watch' schemes should be encouraged	The media should also be encouraged to present more positive stories in the news about how crime is being tackled rather than the focus on the negative. In terms of the structural issues, governments should attempt to address issues of poverty through better income distribution

50. In most cities and towns, the high volumes of road traffic have become a problem. What are the causes and what actions should be taken to solve the problem? (交通堵塞的原因和解决办法)

One of the major reason is that cars have become more affordable for the average	The solution for this is that governments should discourage the consumers	
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consumer and they are no longer a luxury item, but something that most families expect to own	from owning vehicles by imposing higher tax on the purchasing price	
Another reason is that public transport has become increasingly unreliable in recent years	This not only because many bus and train services have been reduced because of the difficult in funding them by the state, but also their punctuality rates are relatively low	The authorities should improve and enhance the public transport system in order to provide efficient and thoughtful services to the general public

51. Advertising discourages us from being different individuals by making us want to be and look the same. Do you agree or disagree? (广告是否同化人类)

It is human nature to pursue the latest trend of the society. One way to gain the latest products and service is to follow the advertising.	For example, half of the mobile phone users today are using iPhone, because attractive marketing promotion stops potential buyers from looking any further	In this case, consumers are influenced by the commercials and look the same when they use similar products.
General public has become more vulnerable to identify these marketing tactics and perceive these messages as truthful and unbiased.	This phenomenon is rather evident among the younger generations as they excessively relying on social media to fulfil their vanity. For example, a brand new handbag could be sold instantly by young people because of the advertising.	These people are in fact the victims of social advertising as it undermines their critical thinking ability. Youngsters are more likely to purchase products based on slogans, and not their true needs.

52 Some people think that governments should spend money on measures to save languages with few speakers from dying out completely. Others think that this is a waste of financial resources. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Saving minority languages is saving cultures of these countries from declining.	Descendants in memory of their ancestors, or just communicate with their grandparents.	Cultural exchange, opportunity for the outside to know more about the country.
A new way to attract tourists is to use the 'linguistic diversity'.	Visitors may find it interesting to attend a short language learning workshop which teaches a few greetings such as	Promote language to a wider range of people...also raise public awareness of saving these languages.



	hello', ' thank you' in local language.	
Saving languages on the brink of extinction does not provide financial value.	These languages are not commonly used by large groups of community and cannot be used to communicate with the rest of the world for international business.	Rather spend money on promoting English as the common language nowadays used all over the world
Governments may have other priorities when it comes to the allocation of financial resources.	Education, infrastructure construction	Example or explain

53 Nowadays, there is a trend that reports of media focus on problems and emergencies rather than positive developments. Some people think it is harmful to individuals and to society. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

媒体, 中立

Detailed coverage of crimes may further traumatize the victims of crimes reported by the media.	The victims have already suffered greatly for what they have experienced.	Normal life without interruptions
It may terrorise communities so that people are frightened to go to big events as emergencies may happen	Argue over reaction is a direct consequence of over coverage of emergencies	Feel unsafe and uncomfortable
Presenting problems existed in local governments can raise public awareness of certain issues.	Reporting environmental problems may lead to more green energy being used by local manufacturing industries.	People may not be aware of the effect of their daily activities, such as driving, on local ecosystem without detailed report regarding this matter.
Reporting emergencies make people to remain vigilant of surroundings at all times.	Emergency situation can develop at any time. It is important that communities remain calm and take reasonable course of action.	The report of emergencies normally ends up with emergency procedures and survival tips.



54 Nowadays, a growing amount of advertising aims at children. Some people think this has negative effects on children and should be banned. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Advertising provides information of the latest features or technologies of a product	Most efficient means of communication...simple and direct	Often attractive to children by using Disney characters...
Some children simply follow the trend and want to have the advertised products.	May not be interested in playing or using the products after purchase.	e. g. toy, latest model
Children are given too many toys (or others) and they won't have a chance to play with all of them.	Kids are spoiled and do not appreciate what they have already.	

55 Some people think that planning future is a waste of time and people should focus on the present. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

生活方式, appears but not a waste of time

Appears waste of time: it is impossible to predict the future.	You will not know where you will be and what you will be doing in the next few years, let alone in decades of time.	No need to plan
People in modern world tend to focus on the present and talks about seizing the day.	Given the unpredictability of future, time and money are better spent on the present.	This also explains why nowadays young people will seize every opportunity to hang out with friends and do leisure activities.
Planning is an important part in order to achieve life goals.	When following a plan, you can always see how much you have progressed towards your project goal and how far you are from your destination.	You will be able to make decisions and adjustments based on progression.
Avoid wasting time	Goals give life a sense of direction and purpose.	Put more time and effort/energy on things worth doing.



56 Some visitors are interested in other countries' culture and tradition. How can visitors learn it? Why are other visitors not interested in it?

文化

Visit museums and art galleries	Museums are a place to engage and educate the community by presenting interesting histories to inspire and educate visitors.	It becomes nearly impossible to exit a museum without having gained any information or insight during the visit.
Make local friends	Look for opportunities to meet locals and learn more about the local culture	Head to a non-touristy bar, stop in a cafe that is a local favourite, wander through a bookshop and ask someone about what they're reading.
Depends on the purpose of overseas travelling	Some travellers want to get the most out of their experience abroad so that they cannot wait to immerse themselves in the culture they are visiting.	Other travellers prefer to simply sit back and observe as an outsider.
It is hard for visitors to understand a country's culture through a short trip.	By visiting famous attractions alone, visitors can hardly gain a thorough understanding of the local culture	

57 We have a mixture of people from different cultures and ethnic groups in a country. Why this happens? Is this a negative or positive development?

文化, 总的来说是positive

Australia has received millions of migrants and gradually developed into a multi-cultural nation.	Australia's population is made up of people from all over the world.	More than one hundred cultures are represented, from Victoria's original Indigenous inhabitants to more recent migrants from Asia and Africa.
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Conflicts among different ethnic groups/religion groups	Can be properly managed by understanding each other's cultural backgrounds and build friendship.	
An opportunity to learn different cultures	Able to understand people from diverse backgrounds... language, religion, custom, dining culture...	e.g. food diversity in Melbourne
New immigrants can easily find a sense of belonging	can always find their culture represented in this culturally inclusive environment	Familiar food, speakers of the same language

58 There is too much stress in the workplace. What can employees and employers do about it?

Regular exercise can effectively manage stress form work.	It not only keeps the heart healthy and gets oxygen into the system, but it helps deplete stress hormones and releases mood-enhancing chemicals which help people cope with stress better.	Quality sleep and good rest
Healthy eating is another way to reduce stress level.	Low blood sugar can make you feel anxious and irritable, while eating too much can make you lethargic.	By eating small but frequent meals, the body will maintain an even level of blood sugar, make people stay focused, and avoid mood swings.
Companies may organise social events, such as sports or cocktail, to provide an opportunity for employees to socialise with each other after work.	Employees are able to relax and have fun after work.	Outdoor activities can also build strong teamwork.
Discourage employees to work overtime.	Performance and review policies based on not only meeting targets but also	



	the overall time used to accomplish the target.	
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59 With the increasing use of mobile phone and computers, the number of people who write letter has decreased. As a result, letter writing will disappear soon. Do you agree or disagree? How do you think letter writing is important?

科技, 承认写信的人确实越来越少了但不会消失

Mobile phones and computers have become the most commonly used means of communication as it only takes seconds to reach another people.	send emails to clients... answer phone queries...	Letters have been gradually replaced by electronic communication in business world.
Telecommunication technologies have enabled people to make real-time communication.	Voice or video communications e.g. skype, facetime	Keep in touch with friends in other parts of the world more conveniently by using real-time communications rather than writing letters.
In formal occasions, letters are still being used.	Letters can establish a voice of authority.	Indeed, a business letter is often used to communicate information within an organization to indicate official policy shifts or organizational changes that have been approved by top-level executives.
Letters convey more genuine affections in the age of digital communication.	The handwriting letters remind people of memories and time spent with the person who wrote the letter.	People normally keep letters for long.

60 Traffic jam is a problem in many towns and cities. Some people suggest that governments build wider roads in order to solve the problem. Do you agree or disagree?

It appears that building wider roads may solve traffic congestion.	allow more traffic concurrently	but it will cause inconvenience when re-construct the road, cars need to take the bypass to
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		avoid construction → more traffic jams
A plausible and effective way to tackle this issue could be to promote the use of public transport.	Local governments will need to plan and construct a better public transport system.	If sufficient train systems were built and effectively maintained in our cities, then traffic on the roads would be dramatically reduced.
Promoting bicycle commuting programs can also be implemented to encourage commuters to reduce the use of cars when travelling to work.	People who live in inner suburbs are encouraged to ride, leading to less traffic on the road in rush hour.	

61 Some people think traveling abroad is a valuable experience of young people. Others think it wastes too much time and expense. Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

Overseas travelling can be of great value to young adults as they are able to learn independence through travelling.	They will need to organise trips, book accommodations and make plans of daily activities.	Unexpected things may happen during the trip so that they will have the chance to cope with difficult situations and seek help from strangers.
Travelling to another country is a great way to broaden their horizon.	They will encounter different cultures and religions.	Interaction with people from a different culture background can be a lot of fun.
Waste time: It may take weeks or months to visit a foreign country.	Visa application of some countries can also take long.	
Waste money: it is never inexpensive to travel abroad.	Accommodation is normally the most expensive part of overseas travelling unless they choose to stay at backpacker hostels	Young people will need to seek financial support from their parents in order to travel overseas.

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62 Some people think it's bad for children to watch TV, while others believe watching TV can bring positive effects on children when they grow up. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. (科技+教育)

When a parent is concerned about the effects of television, he should consider a number of things: what TV offers the child in terms of information and knowledge, how many hours a week a youngster his age should watch television, the impact of violence and sex, and the influence of commercials.

There are some remarkable things for a preschooler to see and enjoy on television,		and parents can impart the wonders of it while discouraging undesirable programs.
Children need to discover their own strengths and weaknesses in order to find fulfillment as adults in both work and play.		Watching television does not lead to these discoveries; it only limits children's involvement in those real-life activities that might offer their abilities a genuine testing ground.
Any child's weekly schedule normally involves a certain amount of time for school, naps (for young children), outdoor play and indoor play.		There should not, therefore, be great amounts of unfilled time when the child gravitates towards the TV set.
The main concern is about the type of TV programs that attract children.	These are probably some movies that tend to be intense and rather violent.	The audience is usually the hero in the movie and too much exposure can encourage children to become self-centred and insensitive to others.

63 Some people think students in primary school / secondary school should be taught how to manage money because it is an important life skill. Do you agree or disagree?

School curriculum is already fully packed. Students face tremendous pressure to complete academic requirement	Also, students are not income-earners. Learning how to manage money is not a skill of urgent need	Students neither have the time to add one more subject, nor the urgency to learn. Besides, they may not have the maturity to fully grasp this abstract concept
Avoidance is never the solution. Money is an essential part of everyday life, from everyday grocery shopping to mortgaging a	If money edu is part of the curriculum, students learn about the uses of money, the operation of financial institutions (banks), the	Understand the importance of personal budgeting, develop sensible spending habits, spend more responsibly

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house. Besides, schools' responsibility is to help students form good habits young and prepare them for real life.	functions of a range of sophisticated financial products and services (credit cards)	
The current society gives much importance to monetary value and money plays an exaggerated role	By learning about how to manage money, students gain an understanding of the power and the limitation of money (what it can measure and what it cannot)	Form a balanced view about money, not buy into the consumerism and materialistic lifestyle

64 Individual greed and selfishness has been the basis of the modern society. Some people think that we must return to the older and more traditional values of respect for the family and the local community in order to create a better world to live in. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

In many countries, the birth rate is seriously declining, so families are smaller with fewer children. (社会现象 A)	These children are often found to be self-centred and have less respect for parents or relatives. (A 社会现象的拓展--B)	If the traditional values of respect and politeness are resumed, then it is possible to claim that a person will be encouraged to love and care their family as deliberately as people did in the past. (好结果充当观点--point C)
In recent days, the majority of local communities are not as close or ready to help as they were previously. (社会现象 A)	And 第二观点无需 B 的衔接	Awareness to be helpful and considerate of others will be raised within a community if older values are introduced. (C 观点结论 point)

65 Nowadays, people are encouraged to buy more and more consumer products, and some people believe this is bad for the society as a whole. Do you agree or disagree? 消费类

The more products are bought, the more money the producer earns.		Therefore, the dramatic increase in consumption power facilitates industries to make possibly most profits as they can.
A sizable minority of consumers are easily affected by various publicity campaign, such as advertising, so as to consume the goods that they probably do not need.		Such way of consuming goods is nothing more than a waste of money as they spend money without much consideration but just impulsively, which is largely detrimental to the use of limited resources the world over.



The main concern is about the type of products to be consumed.	Many food products have some ingredients that are very harmful for people in long time, such as: preservative, desiccant, MSG, natrintrite, tartrazine, allura red.	Excessive consumption of any of these will be , as scientific research shows ,damaging to both brains as well as organs, eventually leading to the serous decline in public health.
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66 It is said that work is the most important of people' s life. Without the success of career, life will become meaningless. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?职场类

People study many years in school in order to get required expertise and skills for their future work.	If they cannot succeed in their careers, their past endeavors on learning professional knowledge is no doubt a waste of time, which is absolutely a big tragedy.	They may lose their confidence in their life and finally be destroyed by their negative mind-set .
A good career can offer a favorable salary to people, which can support the purchase of living necessities and additional entertainment activities for people. .	they will also have extra money to spend on other things, such as study and financial investment	Thus, their life standard will be improved and they can lead a colorful life.
people prefer to make friends with them and they may find various opportunities when they interact with others.	They are more attractive and sociable.	Thus. they will be more successful in not only career life, but also other aspects.

67 Nowadays, many children are not as fit and healthy as children used to be in the past. What are the causes? How could it be solved?教育类

Many parents try to give better life style to their children, they have been given more freedom and not forced to do any work, even daily household chores.		As a result of which they become more indolent and obese.
Various indoor distractions like television and computer games dissuade them from doing outdoor activities,		And this makes them couch potatoes and become short-sighted at an early age of life.



Parents should stop indulge of their children and keep control over their leisure time.	They should encourage their children to play outdoor sports and do some exercise.	
Some children have habit of stay up and wake up late,		they should be reprimanded by their parents to follow normal schedule strictly. If children are lazy in doing exercise and daily work then it is parents' responsibility to make their children to do all those things.

68 In some countries, parents expect children to spend long time in studying both in and after school and have less free time. Do you think this has positive or negative effects on children and society? 教育类

Childhood is a time for not only education but growth as well.		If a child concentrated on stressful study too much, then it is possible that they would not have an enjoyable childhood or grow as happily as others.
It is important to remember that children need to develop skills rather than intellectual ones	And the best way to do this is through activities, such as sport, games and playing with other kids.	This is often not possible if a child has little leisure time for these activities but simply study both in and after school.
Education has become a priority for parents seeking to secure a good future for their children.	They believe that if they apply themselves and work hard at school, then they will increase the opportunity for entering higher education and eventually getting a good job.	As the access to the best education and best jobs is becoming more competitive, then it is true that children should make the best of study time when they are young.

69 Some people think that school children should learn a wide range of subjects and develop knowledge, but others people think that they should only learn a small number of subjects in details. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. 教育类

		Some subjects are essential for children to cope with every day problem, such as Mathematics and English.
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<p>A child needs to decide which subjects they would like to study in-depth for their university time.</p>		<p>Therefore, it is advisable for younger children to study more subjects gaining some basic knowledge before being able to make such decision.</p>
<p>However, children would have their career plan in their mind once they have gain sufficient knowledge on the subjects they learned. (C) For example, Those who want to become engineers would probably have a passion for science subjects, such as Physics and Mathematics. Similarly, science subjects seem to be helpless for those who want to become accountant, as numbers are the only things they will be dealing with in their career. 举例子</p>		

70 Some people think that charitable organizations should help people in their own country while others think they should help those in the greatest need, no matter where they are. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. 政府机制类

<p>Hard economic realities mean that large populations in some countries are suffering from poverty and find it rather difficult to make a living.</p>	<p>An effective way to combat such poverty is through fortunate countries donating the surplus to or funding the most needed.</p>	<p>Charitable organizations in these countries, for example can exercise the donation and help those in need out of sufferings.</p>
	<p>There have been misunderstandings and bias between nations</p>	<p>, and if charity were given to some of these nations which are in real need, then the mutual bias would be , to some extent, removed.</p>
	<p>The local have paid for financial support provided to charitable unities via tax systems.</p>	<p>Therefore, if it comes to the beneficiaries, the local tax-payers should certainly benefit the most.</p>
<p>Exclusively donating to the outside world may result in complaints in the general public.</p>		<p>Rather than being cared for by local charities, they may feel upset on hearing about the continued various help given to outsiders.</p>

71 The gap between the wealthy people and the poor is increasing. What are the causes of this problem and what are the solutions to this problem? 社会经济类

<p>Rich people in developed countries have smartphones, laptops, wireless broadband Internet etc. (A)</p>	<p>They can now work from home or from anywhere in the world. They can do their shopping online and have things delivered to their homes. (B)</p>	<p>Their quality of life is significantly improved via using the technology inaccessible to the poor. (C)</p>
<p>A second cause lies in the level of education received. (C)</p>	<p>Unlike the wealthy, poor populations are typically those who are less educated or</p>	<p>It is the shortage of practical skills and knowledge that naturally</p>



	who lack qualified working skills for a proper position. (A)	leads to unemployment and eventually to the gap becoming widened. (c)
One possibility that is sometimes suggested is through making technology solutions more affordable. (C)		If technological devices were made less expensive and accessible, then both the fortunate and poor would make the best of these devices, which minimizes the inequality caused. (C)
Another solution to the gap is to provide the whole population, regardless of economic background, with quality education. (C)		With such provision, almost every adult would be able to become in employment, making an earning on their own. (C)

72 Some people think that children should be made to obey rules while others think students who are controlled too much will not be prepared for the future. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. 教育类

Our society is running with a variety of rules and laws, and each individual needs to abide by rules to ensure the society would not be chaotic. (A 定义社会)		That is to say, for the purpose of making society stable and function appropriately, children need to be imparted with the sense of obeying the rules in advance as a preparation before stepping into the future.
Excessive control might disadvantage children's development in several respects. The first one is associated with character. (C 影响性格)	For example, in some cases that students are required to wear uniform in school to achieve the conformity, this rule has largely suffocate the individualism of children and suppress the creativity as well, because appearance or wearing is the way people express their character. 举例子	
Another drawback lies in the disability to deal with life challenge. (C 影响解决问题能力)	Children over-controlled from their parents are required to obey the strict rules that parents provided to prevent them from hazard or going astray. (A 这类孩子的现状)	However, the children cultivated with such education are usually immature or unformed, finding it difficult to cope with the challenge in their future lives. (C 解决问题能力)

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73 Technological progress in the last century had negative effects, despite its remarkable contribution to human society. To what extent do you agree or disagree? 科技生活类

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There is certain threat to human life. 论点 (C)	Weapons of mass destruction have been devised within the past century. 观点解释论据 (A)	The widespread of these devices imposes unparalleled threat to the world's population and the Earth. 论点重述 (C)
	In many countries, manufacturers and factories have discharged tons of pollutants to the nature and most of the waste is difficult to dispose of. (A)	This would be serious if the environment is thus permanently poisoned simply because of the discharge. (C)
Technological breakthrough makes a person's life healthier more enjoyable. (C)	Medical advances allow an individual to live better and longer. (A)	, and are thus of profound impact on public health. (C)
	From the discovery of fire, the invention of wheel to the development of the Internet, (A)	we have been moving on from previous ways of doing things. (C)

74 The life expectancy is longer in many countries, which is causing problems for society. What kinds of effects does this situation have on individuals and society as a whole?

A person over 55 years old tends to suffer from chronic health conditions, require long term and extensive care. (A 对老年人的定义)	If the life expectancy were extended, then the demand for medical resources would also increase (such as doctors, nurses, medication, nursing homes)	Governments have to increase spending on medicare, increase budget pressure. C 缺点, 造成经济问题
Medical advances make people live longer and better, and are thus of positive impact on public health. (C)		This means that a person can enjoy their life more and live perhaps healthily for longer than their last generations did in the past. (C)
The world has been changing rapidly throughout decades and the recent inventions, such as smartphones and wireless Internet, make it		If a person could live longer, then it would be possible that they can experience the ongoing and energizing changes in person,



stimulating to witness the innovations. (A)		which seemed impossible centuries ago. (C)
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75 Some people think governments should help citizens adopt healthy lifestyles while others think citizens should live in ways they like. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. 政府类

One today's pressing problem is the serious decline in the level of public health.	The main cause of this problem is the unhealthy lifestyle most people have adopted and the insufficient knowledge on how important keeping an active lifestyle can be.	Therefore, governments should take the responsibility of delivering this knowledge until healthy lifestyle is developed in the public.
In some countries, such as China, governments have natural authority over their citizens who have been used to following official advice. (C)		In comparison with living in ways the individual prefers, they change to good lifestyles more easily under the influence from the government.
Everyone has the right to choosing their own way of living.		So, if someone wants to stay overnight, celebrating anniversary or graduation, then they should be allowed to and the government cannot say what they should do.

76 Some people think that computers and the Internet are more important to a child's education than going to school. However, others believe that schools and teachers are essential for children to learn effectively. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. 科技教育类

The obvious benefit of computer skills cannot be denied. (C)	Today's adult world is changing constantly in terms of technology and the Internet is the key to all the knowledge and information available throughout the world. (A)	Therefore, a child should learn from an early age to use computers confidently and with enthusiasm because they need these skills in this rapidly changing world. (C)
The prerequisite for entering high education and getting a good job is sufficient knowledge on computer use.		It is thus important that children need to become computer literate simply to get more prepared for later studies and working lives.
At school, children experience working and living with people from a whole variety of backgrounds from a wider society.	This experience encourages them to interact, cooperate with other people	, and thus develop faster socially than children always sitting in front of a screen, learning to live in a virtual world.



Study is a human activity and it works best with as much interaction as possible. (A, 对学习的定义)		Impersonal technology cannot replace face-to-face contact found in traditional tutorials or seminars.
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77 International tourism sometimes makes people prejudiced rather than broad-minded. Give our reasons why people cannot benefit from it and suggest ways to improve people's understanding about the countries they visit. 旅游类

The most important reason why some are opposed to international tourism is that tourists may unknowingly show disrespect for local culture.	For instance, Iraq people generally cover their heads in a religious place. A tourist may not do so or take his shoes inside a temple.	This may offend the local people.
	Young people are typically attracted towards the western cultures which the tourists bring with them. (A)	, and many may find this as a threat to the local culture.
The solutions are not simple.		First of all, the tour operators should take the onus of guiding the tourists about the main things of local culture.
Secondly, the local should be made aware of the fact that their local culture will not disappear if ever their younger generations have followed western cultures rather than their own.		If they had an idea about this fact, then many of them would not be that panic so as to understand other countries or perhaps accept the outside cultures.

78 Major cities grow into surrounding countryside; as a result young people from the country are living in the city. What problems are caused due to the cities' continued growth? What are the reasons and solutions can you suggest? 城市生活类

- Life in cities has its drawbacks:
- The cost of living is higher than in rural areas.
- Housing is usually much more expensive.
- Homelessness and poverty are common in cities.
- There is a gap between the rich and poor.
- Life in cities can be extremely stressful.
- There are problems like traffic congestion and crime.

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- Cities lack a sense of community.
- People do not even know their neighbours.
- Cities are sometimes described as “concrete jungles”.
- Rubbish issues

Today's urbanization means that major cities are developing into the countryside nearby and the country population are living in the cities.	The marked increase in city population subsequently requires a rise in accomodation within cities.	As it is impossible to increase the number of apartments or units, then housing in cities is usually much more expensive than ever before.
We are producing more rubbish on a daily basis because we consume more than families did in the past.	In the densely-populated city areas, there is a tremendous amount of waste produced	, and this seriously threatens the environment we are living in.
One possibility that is sometimes suggested is to encourage young workers to live in suburbs rather than living in cities.		This would reduce the number of city dwellers and eventually eliminate the accommodation pressure caused.
Another solution to this is through raising awareness in the general public.		If everyone were fully aware of the consequences of producing much rubbish detrimental to the environment, then they would probably make a halt, saving it from being poisoned.

79 With computer technology becoming cheaper and more accessible, more adults work from home and more children study from home. Do you think it is a positive or negative development?科技生活类

Perhaps, the principal effect lies in the savings. (C)	Today, the expenditures on daily commuting has been substantial and commuters have to pay for the increasing tranport fares every day. (A)	If workers could work and children study from home, then the high cost would be significantly reduced and there would be huge savings created.
	Convenience is very important in a person's life(A)	, so we choose to work and study in the home via the Internet, which is an easy way of living and fulfilling tasks.
The first drawback is the lack of interaction. (C)	Study and working are both human activities and they work best with as much interaction as possible. (A)	Working alone in front of a screen (适当变化主语, 配合扣题)

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		cannot replace fact-to-fact contact found in traditional classrooms or offices.
	There are a great variety of indoor distractions, such as electronic games, TV programs or movies that will discourage workers to focus on work or children to keep dedicated to academic study.	This would be serious if they become demotivated while working at home, becoming interested in video games, watching television instead.

80 For some students from poor families, it is a tough mission to attend college nowadays. Some believe that it is governments' obligation rather than individual duty to pay the tuition fees. To what extent do you agree or disagree? 教育类

The purpose of university education is to prepare adult students for later careers.	The students who will be in employment would contribute to the society or perhaps economy in the future.	Therefore, it is understandable that governments need to pay for the higher education cultivating able and valuable employees.
	It is true that some families are suffering from poverty and have found it rather difficult to have their offspring better educated in colleges.	An effective way to ensure higher education is through the state using public money to subsidize these families.
A person who has received tertiary education has the high possibility for getting a good job and good career can lead to a favorable salary and a more enjoyable life.		It is the factual benefits to the student individuals that justify the duty of each student to pay for the tuition fees on their own.

81 Some people think that cultural traditions may be destroyed when they are used as money-making attractions aiming at tourists. Others believe that it is the only way to save these traditions. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. 文化旅游类

Perhaps, the principal argument relates to the overpopulation of uninformed visitors. (C)	In some cities, millions of visitors are coming to the tourist destinations and bring large amounts of revenues to these places. (A)	Despite the money, as such large populations have little knowledge about the local culture, then they probably show less respect for local traditions. (C)
	In the pursuit for profits, tourism operators have attempted to modernize historical sites, for example, to attract more tourists. (A)	It is the modernization that unfortunately weakens the cultural traditions these sites reflect and thus should be discouraged. (c)
In order to save cultural traditions, there needs to	Governments do not have sufficient public money used	Therefore, it is important that tourist resorts



be sufficient funds to be raised. (A)	to subsidize this and there are many other priorities for public money. (B)	themselves should charge customers admittance fees for invigorating the local cultures to a higher level. (C)
	Typically, tourist spots will be updated and restored annually simply to make more earnings. (A)	If these spots could be restored properly and be maintained in an innate state, then the cultural value would be preserved as well as centuries ago. (C)

82 Some people think governments should pay for health care and education, but other people think that this is not governments' responsibility. Discuss both sides and give your own opinion. 政府+健康

Perhaps, the principal argument is that it is the governments' duty to care for the general population.	It is true that an adult worker needs to pay a certain amount of tax to the government and this is their responsibility while they are in employment.	If they were financially unable to pay for medical care or education, then the governments does have the responsibility to care for the current or previous tax-payers who may not be well off.
	It can also be argued that a healthy and well-educated person will contribute to society and perhaps local economy,	, and therefore for sake of a country' s overall development, governments should fund health and education of its local population.
Equally, it is fairly easy to understand the reasons why governments should not take this responsibility.	Governments do not have sufficient funds to subsidize all public sectors, such as health care or education, and there are many other priorities for public money.	Therefore, it is understandable that individuals themselves should save money for their future use rather than only depending on governments' financial support.

83 Pressure on school and university students is increasing and students are pushed too hard when they are young. Do you think this is positive or negative development? 教育类

There are good grounds for arguing that students can benefit from the stressful school life. (C)	Today' s adult world is changing constantly and young adults are facing very intense and rather constant pressure in the workplace. (A)	If a student could learn to adapt to the stressful later life in advance at school, then they would improve their ability to work under pressure and get more prepared for combating the competition at work. (C)
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	Education has become a priority for parents seeking to secure a good future for their children.	If children can apply themselves and work hard at school, then they would increase their opportunities for entering higher education and eventually getting a good job.
Not everything relevant to this school experience is positive.	It is important to remember that a child needs to develop skills, such as physical coordination rather than intellectual ones at an early age and the best way to do this is through activities, such as sport, games or playing with other kids.	Too much exposure to schoolwork discourages children to do these activities and many of them may be found underdeveloped physically.
It can also be argued that The hardest-working students may feel demotivated or lose interest in study.		If everything a student had to do must have academic relevance, then they would probably get tired of study altogether, which is the last thing parents and teachers want.

84 In many countries, good schools and medical facilities are available only in cities. Some people think that new teachers and doctors should work in rural areas for a few years but others think that everyone should be free to choose where they work. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. 城市+职场

There are good grounds for arguing that those in education or medical positions should work in rural areas for several years. One is the accessibility of education and medical facilities.	In some countryside, hard economic realities mean that there are few schools or medical facilities available to the local residents and some children have to go to cities for medical treatment or education.	Rather than breaking up families by sending children to cities, it is likely within the policy that children can access schooling or medical care in their local community.
	It can also be argued that new doctors or teachers working in these harsh areas will experience coping with the challenges in new life	, and it is this experience that encourages them to become independent and confident, which is an important factor in a person's career.
Equally, it is fairly easy to understand the reason why a person, regardless of their profession, should choose where they work	A person needs to feel that they are working in a satisfactory workplace,	, and if someone felt dissatisfied with the place they have to be working in, then they may become

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freely. This is that without the freedom, they may not work in an effective way.		ineffective and demotivated at work.
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85 Science tell us some activities are good for our health and there are some unhealthy activities. But millions of people still do those unhealthy activities. Why does this happen? What can we do to change this situation?健康

Perhaps, the principal reason relates to modern lifestyles. (C)	Computer technology has made possible people working or studying from home via the Internet rather than traveling to the workplace or to school. (A)	This sedentary lifestyle means that physical exercise is no longer part of either our work or our leisure time. (C)
	There is a connection between what people know about health and their daily activities. (A)	By way of illustration, most smokers have become hardened since they have no clear perspectives in the consequences of excessively taking cigarette.
One possibility that is sometimes suggested is through adding sports facilities in the workplace or at school.		If there were sufficient sports centres or facilities, then there would be much possibility for making healthy physical activity a regular part of daily life.
Another way of changing this is via health education.		For example, children who have learned in schools about the need to go jogging every day tend to live a much healthier lifestyle.

86 Children who grow up in families which are short of money are better prepared with the problems of adult life than children who are brought up by wealthy parents. To what extent do you agree or disagree?教育类

An obvious argument in its favor relates to today's adult life.	Hard economic realities mean that there is intense competition in the workplace and a person has to work harder to combat such competition.	As children who come from less fortunate families often understand how diligence and persistence can be for a person's life, then they may be better prepared for this competitive adult life from an early age.
	The majority of families from the disadvantaged families have always been improving their living conditions through working longer hours or seeking promotion.	It is this dedication that sets a good example for their children who may devote themselves to developing a reasonable career in later life as much as their parents did in the past.



Of course, there are some advantages to children being raised up in wealthy families.	It is extremely difficult for young adults to find a job and make a living on their own once they enter society after school.	If their families are financially able to help them, then they will probably set up their own business and soon learn to become financially independent of family support.
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87 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 these views and give your own opinion. 广告媒体类

In some areas such as the toy industry, some censorship should be there to limit children's access to excessive advertisements.	Children are easily attracted by colorful pictures on advertisements and swayed by misleading information.	Therefore, they ask their parents to buy those things and this may upset the budget of many families.
	Children do not understand that the slim-trim models advertising Mac Donald's for example hardly ever eat such food themselves.	They are simply attracted to less nutritious fast food and this diet is very detrimental to their health.
Equally, it is fairly easy to understand that advertisements also provide much information. Perhaps, the principal point is that part of the information gives a lesson.	For example, the advert of Colgate toothpaste which tells that we should brush our teeth twice daily is good for children to know.	
Some advertisement also conveys positive attitudes towards life.	By way of illustration, the advertising slogan of NIKE "impossible is nothing" is very stimulating and energizing.	

88 Some people believe they should keep all the money they have earned and should not pay tax to the state. Do you agree or disagree? 政府类

There are good grounds for arguing that individuals should better save their own money rather than paying taxes.	Some governments do not make informed decisions by making the best of the tax but use it to some wrong places.	In Asian countries, for example, government officers have been found to use the taxes to purchase their own property.
Taxation system is extremely impractical and rather unfair	, as in hard economic realities, not all families are financially able to pay tax on the one hand while	

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	establishing a reasonable living standard on the other.	
Of course, paying taxes to the state is a person's duty.	A country's infrastructure and basic facilities need to be constructed and sufficiently maintained out of public purse.	Without taxation system, then the population would not have access to these facilities and this discourages the country to achieve overall development.
	In many economically developed countries, governments use public money to provide and pay for public medical services and education.	A major part of this money comes from the taxes individuals pay and without it, governments would be unlikely to make such provision.

89 Far too little has been done to prevent animals and plants from dying out although people have been aware of this problem for a long time. Why do people do so little about this? Give your suggestions on how to solve this problem. 动物环境类

Animal and plants issues tend to be complex and often happen at a global scale, which require long term research, a large amount of fund, expertise, advanced technologies or even collaboration between governments.	When facing these challenges, people may think the individual efforts are too trivial to make any difference.	Thus making no personal efforts in changing life habits, which can be difficult to alternate once they are developed.
Besides efforts, to make behavioral change on a personal level, access to facilities and knowledge of what and how to is also crucial.	In many communities, facilities and services that promote animal protection are insufficient, underfunded or poorly maintained.	It requires more commitment from the communities to make a difference, resulting in a resistant attitude among the public.
We need to launch media campaigns that establish the link between extinct animal and individuals.	People start to understand how each individual is responsible to maintain the variety of earth creatures and how collective efforts, consisted by small steps of individual contribution, can lead to significant biological change.	They are more likely to make personal efforts and commit to this shared mission.
Governments need to invest more in building facilities and providing services that help to protect animal and plant habitats.		If such facilities and services are more accessible and requires little efforts for people to carry out tasks, then people are more willing



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90 Some people think that national sports teams and individual men and women who represent their country should be financially supported by the government. However, others argue that they should be funded by non-government sources. (eg. business scholarships etc.). Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. 政府+体育

There are good grounds for arguing that governments should be financially responsible for this. First among these relates to the pride and prestige brought to a nation.	In an international sport event, an athlete is competing against opponents from all over the world and when they break a record or set up a new record in a world-class tournament, they inspire national pride and arouse patriotism among its citizens.	It is the patriotism that is worth the government financially supporting these representative individuals who triggers the public to feel honored.
	Governmental help is not determined by the representation of the country or the success of the sports person.	Instead, as sports teams improve the public popularity of sport in general and the level of public support that successful stars can generate, then sports life needs to be ensured out of public purse.
The major argument in favor of raising funds from other sources is financial.	Governments do not have sufficient funds to subsidize all sectors, such as sport and there are many other urgent projects on Earth that require investment.	If governments spent less money on sports sectors, then they would be able to help solve some of these problems, such as population control, elimination of diseases like cholera, global warming and food shortages.
	It is quite common that some successful sports persons have been helping companies and businesses advertise the goods and products, promoting the sales in general.	It is the sale promotion that justifies the responsibility of businesses for providing scholarships which may help athletes develop a successful sports career.

91 In modern societies, it is possible to go shopping, work and communicate via the Internet without face-to-face contact with another. To what extent do you think this is a positive or negative development? 科技生活类

Perhaps, the principal argument is the decline in social skills.	A person needs to make friends and communicate with other people in the real world.	If they used too much computers, shopping, working for example, then they would no longer attempt to have
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		real face-to-face talks with others and this naturally leads to them becoming less able to communicate in real life.
	Modern technology has made possible people studying working and shopping online rather than traveling the world place or to school.	This sedentary lifestyle means that physical activity is no longer part of either our work or our leisure time, which is the last thing we want.
Not everything relevant to this virtual lifestyle is negative. Firstly,	Convenience is very important in modern life,	, so if we could live a comfortable and easy life by using online devices, then the whole community would benefit.
It can also be argued that technology affects family relationship for the better.	For example, rather than breaking up families by sending children to the mainland, education authorities have been able to deliver schooling online.	

92 Many people think that cheap air travel should be encouraged because it gives ordinary people freedom to travel further. However, others think this leads to environmental problem so air travel should be more expensive in order to discourage people from having it. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. 交通环境

There are several arguments in favor of air travel which gives travelers freedom. (最好支持理由段都针对自由方面) One is the significant reduction in travel time.	In the past, a person had to take long hours traveling on sea or by long-distance train when they intended to go overseas, for example.	However, now it is possible for individuals to reach a place from long distances within a relatively brief period of time via using air travel services.
	Some isolated places, such as islands, are inaccessible and land transport modes cannot provide any access to such places.	In such circumstance, it is the advent of air plane inventions that makes it possible for researchers or scientists to land on these spots rather than being unknown for ages.
Equally, it is fairly easy to understand why restriction is encouraged to be put on such travel. One is environmental.	There has been considerable amounts of exhaust emission from air planes, which partly contributes to global warming and air pollution,	and therefore air travel should be discouraged simply to prevent the environment from being affected for the worse.
	It can also be argued that there should be a rise in air	as many people resort to taking aeroplane simply

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	flight fares so that air travelers would stop too much relying on air flights	because some air companies have made air travel so affordable and competitive over their rivals.
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93 News media is more influential nowadays. Some people think this is a negative development. To what extent do you agree or disagree? 媒体类

With the development of communication technology such as the Internet, social media and smart phones, journalism has become a low-entry market where people no longer need certain qualification to call themselves a journalist. (A)	The content written by these so called 'citizen journalists' lacks fact check. Besides, these journalists do not have the skills and background knowledge to present stories objectively, nor the time as full time journalists to investigate issues in depth. (B)	If such content were widely delivered and rather influential, then audiences may believe in the content and trust the unqualified journalists, which is the last thing media industry wants. (c)
Also, media world is highly competitive (esp online). (A)	To stand out among all agencies and fight over audience's limited attention, many journalists choose to over-sensationalise and exaggerate or even distort facts (e.g. they may crop pictures in a certain way to make stories more aggressive, to create staged conflicts, to imply tension unnecessarily) (B)	The stories written in this way are biased and misleading. (C)
Not everything relevant to influential new media is negative. (TOPIC SENTENCE)	Today's world is facing with many issues, such as overpopulation, ozone hole, epidemic diseases, and increasing crime rate.	If news media were able to publicize these issues on a large scale and attracted much attention, then we would probably have a better world with these issues being considered and then addressed.

94 Today, advanced science and technology have made great changes to people's life, but artists such as musicians, painters and writers are still highly valued. What can arts tell us about life that science and technology cannot? 科技类

By rejecting the norms and creating new elements and concepts through their works	Artists can stimulate people's imagination	They can instruct us to observe and interpret objects from different perspectives and cultivate creativity.
Comparing to science, whose aim is to objectively reflect the physical world,	Art allows people to channel their individual emotions, feelings and preferences	Different form of communication between creator and the audience, enrich



	through their own unique and non-linguistic language.	cultural, intellectual and spiritual experience.
Art is a language that transcends any racial, cultural, social, educational and economic barriers.	Help to promote one's culture when language fails to do so and to advocate universal values	Allow global collaboration and push social progress on a larger scale.

95 Some people think that family life and parents have great influence on children's development while others consider that external influence play a more important role in children's life. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. 教育类

In any society, the individual must learn to respect others and obey rules of society.	Educating children to understand the need to do these often begins in the home	, and is thus thought of as the responsibility of parents.
The time children, especially young ones, spend with parents in their early developmental stages is crucial to how secure and confident they feel in later years.		Those children who have had quality time with their parents tend to become more independent and confident in later life than others who grow up without parents' love and attention.
On the other hand, those in favor of external influence also make one of two arguments. One is that children develop faster socially once they enter the real community.	When a child gets to school age, they experience working and living with other people from a whole variety of backgrounds from a wider society.	This experience encourages them to learn how to interact, and then communicate with many different people from an early age, which cannot be provided simply at home.
	It can also be argued that a child who just stays at home with their parents are rather restricted in terms of general knowledge and experience of the world	, and those with access to the Internet, TV news, for example, often have broader views of life and better resources to draw on.

96 An increase in production of consumer goods results in damage of the natural environment. What are the causes of this and give some possible solutions. 环境类

Research, relating to the world's sustainability, has highlighted how detrimental industrial chemicals and toxic exhausts can be for our natural environment.	Most of these poisons come from the continued process and production of products and goods consumed on a daily basis	, and the increase in such production therefore affects environmental well-being for the worse.
It is quite common that consumers tend to use plastic bags to carry		, and the increased use of packaging difficult to dispose of and plastic bags used everywhere will make

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shopping home or purchase packaged items.		it rather difficult to create a better natural world.
One possibility that is sometimes suggested is through stricter systems of penalties and punishments.		If there were strict regulations and punishments for discharging poisonous waste to the environment, then industries and manufacturers would probably not release chemicals and rubbish on Earth.
Awareness needs to be raised in the general public.	Children should be educated about recycle at school	, and adults need to take action and reduce plastic bag use as much as they can.

97 Some people say that professional workers such as doctors, nurses and teachers who make greater contribution to the society should be paid more than those people in the field of sport and entertainment. To what extent do you agree or disagree? 职场类

There are good grounds for arguing that individuals in professions, such as doctors, nurses and teachers should be highly paid.	People working for medical and educational establishments are contributing to high levels of public health and have devoted a lot to educating the next generation,	, which are determining factors of how our world would look like decades later. It is this far-reaching influence that dictates the size of salaries these professionals can earn.
	To become skillful professionals in these fields, a person has to undergo many years of training and learning before being in employment,	, and these long-term dedication and high cost coming with it may be the reason why these elites should earn more than other workers.
Those who feel that sports or pop stars' salaries should be also made high might argue that the number of professionals with real talent are very few	, and the money is a recognition of the skills and dedication a person needs to be successful.	
	Competition is constant and a player is tested every time they perform in their relatively short career.	The pressure from the media is intense and there is little privacy out of the spotlight. So all these factors may justify the huge earnings.



98 The development of technology changes the way people connect with each other. In which way does the development of technology change the types of relationships among people? Does it have positive or negative effects on the relationships? 科技类

Modern technology has made it possible for an individual with access to the Internet to work, study, or go shopping simply at home.	Within these online activities, they no longer need to communicate or have face-to-face contact with others as the last generation did in the past	, and it is the lack of interpersonal contact, I think that naturally leads to relationships among people becoming less close than ever before.
	There may also be a change in family relationship	, as young people who are in employment or live in other countries believe technologies, such as facetime, to be effective alternatives to paying a visit to their elderly parents.
Despite its instant and convenient properties, there are, I think, more negative than positive effects to over-relying on modern technologies.		One is that the users may become less able to communicate with others and find it difficult to make friends in the real world. They may think that it is better to keep in contact with families and earlier friends via phone or the Internet.
		There would also be damaging to family relationship if a person were unaware of how important visiting parents in person can be for these elders' later life.

99 Some people think that governments should act to decide how people live in order to make a healthier life. Others think individuals should decide their own lifestyle. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. 政府生活类

One today's pressing problem is the serious decline in the level of public health.	The main cause of this problem is the unhealthy lifestyle most people have adopted and the insufficient knowledge on how important keeping an active lifestyle can be.	Therefore, governments should take the responsibility of delivering this knowledge until healthy lifestyle is developed in the public.
In some countries, such as China, governments have natural authority over their		In comparison with living in ways the individual prefers, they change to good

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citizens who have been used to following official advice. (C)		lifestyles more easily under the influence from the government.
Everyone has the right to choosing their own way of living.		So, if someone wants to stay overnight, celebrating anniversary or graduation, then they should be allowed to and the government cannot say what they should do.

100 Nowadays, distance-learning programs are such common things for us (the study material by post or by Internet), but some people argue that courses can never be taken as good as those by attending a college or university in person. To what extent do you agree or disagree? 教育类

Perhaps, the principal argument is that distance learning is much more practical for some learners.	Those in employment or living in other countries find it rather difficult to attend a local college or university in person	Instead, it is fairly practical for them to take online courses and get academic qualifications simply at home rather than traveling to the school campus.
		The greater flexibility of the online timetable allows for shorter and more frequent sessions, thus maintaining learners' enthusiasm and progression.
There are, of course, certain problems involved that there is little interaction between learners online.	Study is a human activity and it work best as much as interaction as possible.	Impersonal technology cannot replace face-to-face contact found in traditional tutorials or seminars. However, these issues can be addressed strategically within the policy adopted.

101 Some people think that students benefit from going to private secondary schools. Others however feel that private secondary schools can have a negative effect on society as a whole. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

It is fairly easy to understand the reasons why private secondary schools benefit teenagers more. One is that they can concentrate more on their study.	It is evident that the majority of private schools in some countries are separate ones where there is little or even no distraction from the opposite sex in comparison with the mixed counterparts.	In such single-sex environment, the students can focus more on their academic study and research within school hours.
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	It can also be argued that there are more quality facilities and professionally-trained experienced teachers in some renowned private secondary schools which charge higher tuition fees because of this	, and adolescents educated in these accredited places are more likely to become able and independent individuals, which is in the interest of both teenagers themselves but the society as well.
On the other hand, those who argue that these personally-owned schools can be of negative impact on society believe that school needs to be public services and there should be free access to every household and family in local community.		If fewer children can attend schools simply because their parents cannot afford the relatively high admittance fees for private education, then the standard of education would fall, which is the last thing the whole society wants.

102 Some people think museums should be enjoyable places to attract and entertain young people while others think the purpose of museums should be to educate not entertain. Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

Those who argue that museums should be more educational make one of two arguments. Perhaps, the principal one related to the type of items displayed.	The majority of things displayed in today's museums are historical relics, works of art or images relevant to what The world was like centuries ago.	The nature of these things is more of education and visitors aware of such nature intend to acquire some knowledge on culture and history rather than simply being entertained.
	In many countries, some places, such as libraries or galleries which were ever established to be educational are now replaced by shopping malls or parking zones.	If museums were also removed or made entertaining centres for this modern-day development, then there would be few places where we can learn something.
On the other hand, it is also easy to understand the reason why museums should be made enjoyable and attractive. This is that young people will be more enthusiastic and motivated to come.	Typically, young adults are more interested in technological devices with which they feel relaxed and entertained by playing electronic games, for example.	As there is little such entertainment or exciting experience in traditional museums, then it is not surprising that young people seldom come for a visit. This can be changed probably by introducing some technologies into museums



		which may become recreational as well as educational.
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103 Exposure to international media such as films, TV and magazines has a significant impact on local cultures. What do you think has been the impact? Do you think its advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

Today, there have been many different interesting news, TV programmes and documentaries about other countries or other societies online or on television and magazines, for example.	We can learn more but at the meantime, are thus profoundly influenced by other cultures via accessing these international media.	It is this overwhelming influence that makes us forget about our own origin and makes our own cultural identity gradually weakened
	When a person is exposed to foreign films, or TV Series, then they will have better understanding of foreign food, clothes and ways of life.	The acquisition of such understanding will broaden their horizon and many of them may think of other cultures as an important existence.
I think, therefore, this is more of positive than negative impact on local cultures.	Despite the loss of cultural uniqueness,	, the advent of cultural globalization is inevitable.
	The more we share habits, products and services, the better we understand each other	, and this reduces prejudice against other nations, which also achieves development of local cultures.

104 Throughout history, male leaders always lead us to violence and conflict. If a society is governed by female leaders, it will be more peaceful. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

To begin with, I admit that men's human nature tends to be more aggressive.	In ancient times, conflicts between two men would usually be solved by fighting, which was kind of cruel. Even in modern society, men are easy to get angry and sometimes you can see some people fighting with each other because of losing control.	When it comes to making political decisions, males tend to use violence as the effective measure to solve problems.
it is not necessarily true that female leaders would	First, in modern government, it is not the case that any single person	This would make the decision more rational.



result in a more peaceful world.	can make the final decision about starting a war. Usually, a large group of people such as congress would participate in the decision-making process.	
	Also, there is no evidence showing that women would choose more peaceful measures when they have the power to use violence.	As a matter of fact, there were some female leaders in history who were very cruel to their people.

105 The world of work is changing rapidly. Working conditions today are not the same as before and people no longer rely on taking one job for life. Discuss the possible causes for these changes and give your suggestions on how people should prepare for work in the future.

Competition from the job market is one reason why some employees look for other jobs. High levels of unemployment mean that it would often be cheaper for an employer to hire someone else to do the same work. This naturally has a negative psychological effect on employees. It can result in their looking for new jobs that gives the sense of security in the workplace.

Increased competition caused by globalisation is also significant. Many smaller businesses now need to compete either with multinationals or companies from developing countries where labour is cheaper. The effect of this on employees is that they know they may be made redundant if the business they work for fails. This is not only stressful, but can also lead to the decline in employees' loyalty to the company they work in.

I think, therefore, several measures need to be taken.	One is that companies need to provide training opportunities for employees and the professionally - trained workers will feel much more confident in the positions they are working in.	Rather than feeling insecure, they believe themselves to be more valued and valuable for their generous company.
	For another, employers should work more on increasing their competitiveness and make the business powerful enough to survive through the intense competition.	If all workers have the faith and believe in their companies' Future, then they will choose to stay in the promising businesses in general.



106 Some people think that the government should decide which subjects students should study at university while others think that students should be allowed to apply for the subject they prefer. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

There are good grounds for arguing that governments should decide the specific subjects university students should study. One is that they can make more informed decision.	The state has access to all the latest educational research and experts in educational professions.	Therefore, it is much easier for governments to make better decisions than individual students themselves.
	In today's job market, with the marked increase in unemployment, there are constant changes in the requirements for new graduates,	, and I think, it is the state's responsibility to spot these changes and prepare them better for future careers by making compulsory subjects catering for current employment situations.
Those who argue that students should be free to choose subjects they like also make one of two arguments. First among these is the increased level of motivation with study.	A learner needs to be interested in whatever they learn and thus feel their study life to be both attractive and productive.	Allowing adult students to apply for subjects they prefer encourages them to have such school life which enables a student to become effective and motivated learners.
	It can also be argued that everyone should have the right to choose whatever subjects at university	, as governments cannot say what knowledge a person needs, but only students themselves can make this decision.

107 Mobile phones and the Internet are very useful. However it is rare for old people to use them. What ways could mobile phone and the Internet be useful to old people? How does the old people to be encouraged to use this new technology?

There are quite a few ways the elderly can benefit from the modern technology. One is that they can be in contact with their friends or relatives simply at home.	The elderly typically have chronic illness or problems with mobility and many of them cannot leave home for visiting others.	The provision of mobile phone and the Internet allows them to have frequent conversations with close relations and this has a positive influence on how elderly people live their later life.
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	A second way that benefits old users lies in entertainment electronic devices make possible.	, and the elderly may find somewhat fun that interests them while exposed to certain electronic games, such as playing chess or card, sitting in an armchair at home.
It is fairly important to encourage the elderly to adopt new technology.	Elderly generations may suffer from the lack of technological skills and the best way to combat this suffering is through educating them about the know-hows, such as sending TXT message or checking E-mail online, as my local council do, and assist them in technology use.	If they find themselves able to use mobile phones and the Internet independently, then they will attempt to be in touch with someone via phone or the Internet as the young generations do now.
	The choices of modern technology should also be improved.	Manufacturers should devise new variants which cater for old people's needs and characteristics, if they feel comfortable with these devices, it is not surprising that they will make the best of the use on a daily basis.

108 Some employers think that formal academic qualifications are more important than life experiences and personal qualities when they look for an employee. Why is the case? Is this a positive or negative development? 职场类

It is fairly easy to understand the reason why some employers prefer applicants with academic qualifications to others who seem less competitive with only life experiences.	Universities are institutions where students have access to the latest research results, fully equipped labs, structured learning supported by experts in the field	They are able to acquire professional knowledge and skills that can not be learned elsewhere (esp. high-entering fields such as engineering, medicine and law which require many years of systematic learning) and it is these acquisitions that most employers tend to value.
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<p>One has to have the emotional capacity and self-discipline to adapt to the academically demanding and physically draining tight schedule. Besides, universities provide extra curricula activities (student clubs), involve group work, challenging projects, in class debate.</p>	<p>Students can cultivate their self-confidence, resilience, and organizational skills. They can also develop social and communication skills with a network of people who share similar passion and interests.</p>	<p>These qualities are the defining factors to a person's success in the future workplace.</p>
<p>I personally think it is a largely positive development.</p>	<p>Despite the fact that not everyone is academic and that some individuals do benefit more from vocational training, those who are qualified through formal academic education have valuable qualities that positively contributes to a reasonable career.</p>	<p>The employers who hire these advantaged graduates are of much possibility to succeed in today's competitive market.</p>

109 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?传统社会类

<p>There are good grounds for arguing that traditional values are fairly important in some contexts.</p>	<p>In many countries, the birth rate is seriously declining, so families are smaller with fewer children. (社会现象 A)</p>	<p>These children are often found to be self-centred and have less respect for parents or relatives. (A 社会现象的拓展--B) If the traditional values of respect and politeness are resumed, then it is possible to claim that a person will be encouraged to love and care their family as deliberately as people did in the past. (好结果充当观点--point C)</p>
<p>In recent days, the majority of local communities are not as close or ready to help as</p>		<p>Awareness to be helpful and considerate of others will be raised within a community if older values</p>



they were previously. (社会现象 A)		are introduced. (C 观点结论 point)
On the other hand, those who argue that traditional ideas may not benefit the young generation much in preparing for the future.	In modern societies, there has been constant competition and intense pressure both at school and in the workplace.	The best way to overcome the ongoing pressure is to try to adapt to the changing world rather than always being restrained within traditional rules.

110 As the number of cars increases, more money has to be spent on road systems. Some people think the government should pay for this. Others however think that the user should pay for the cost. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (政府交通类)

Perhaps, the principal argument in favor of car drivers paying for the road cost is financial.	Governments donot have sufficient funds to subsidize all transport systems and there are many other priorities for public money.	Therefore, it is understandable that road users themselves should pay for the fares required for maintaining and developing roads particularly in some less fortunate countries.
It can also be argued that the drivers have the responsibility to share the bills.	It is important to remember that road users are the direct beneficiaries of road development and if the road were made wide and unproblematic, then the users can drive with enthusiasm and reach destinations more much easily.	
However, with the increase in costs relevant to road maintainance, it is extremely difficult for only individuals to pay for road systems.	As the majority of car drivers have been or are tax-payers and the taxes should be used to update the infrastructure as my local council do,	, then it is true that governments do need to fund developing roads out of public purse.

111 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 whole? (现代生活类)

Hard economic realities mean that unemployment has been increasing and there is little choice in the type of work a person can do.	In most cases, workers are doing very arduous and rather repetitive jobs that tend to require working overtime and be time-consuming.	It becomes extremely difficult for such workers to be as available for their family as ever before.
	The financial pressures of setting up a house and establishing a reasonable	The best way to make this happen is through working harder in the workplace

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	standard of living require a person to have reliable income.	while leaving family behind.
There are multiple effects to this trend. One is that family relationships become less close than previously as full-time hard workers are unable to be with their families, having dinner, watching movies or playing sport.	Children's growth will also be affected and they are often spoilt not in terms of love and attention because working parents donot have the time for this but in more material ways.	

112 In modern societies, fashion is becoming more and more popular in people's choice of clothes. Why is the case? Is this a positive or negative development? (时尚类)

Fashionable clothes make us more presentable. When people dress fashionably they feel good about themselves. (A)	This boosts their level of confidence and makes them perform well in the workplace. (B)	It is now a known fact that people who dress and look well have better chances of getting a job. (C)
However, it is unfortunate that fashion can blind people. (C)	Fashion trends are often launched by films and rich people and what celebrities wear on and off screen soon become a craze with the general public. (A)	In a bid to become the most fashionable among their peers, youngsters often spend insane amounts of money on clothes and other accessories. This could make their poorer friends and colleagues feel inferior. (C)
	Fashionable clothes are not always the best. Fashion trends that originate in the US or Europe may not suit the climate or the culture of Asian countries. (A)	This often leads to a conflict of interest. (C)

113 When visiting foreign countries some people think it is advantageous to learn their cultures and traditions. How do you think people can learn other cultures and traditions? Why do you think some people are interested in learning those traditions and cultures while others not? (旅游文化)

Visitors can learn foreign cultures and customs in many different ways. One is through living in that country and making friends with local population.	A tourist needs to experience working and living with local people on a daily basis. This experience encourages them to understand how they make a living and get along with others.	, and many of them come to have clear perspectives of their traditional skills and ways of life.
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	Visiting the culture center, such as museums, can also allow them to learn about their culture and tradition.	By visiting the local library and reading the books about their history and tradition, a person can acquire more knowledge about how the country looked like centuries ago.
Tourists who are devoid of proper knowledge about the places they visit, are likely to find the local customs and traditions beyond their comprehension. This lack of knowledge demotivates tourists to become interested in learning more about the alien places.		

114 Some people believe that children will have a promising future if they are always rewarded by their parents or teachers when they well behave. However, other people argue that if the children misbehave, they should be punished so that they could be qualified citizens. Discuss both sides and give your own opinion. (教育话题)

An obvious argument in favor of parents and teachers rewarding children is that this is an ideal way of educating children about their behavior.	A child needs to respect others and obey rules of society. When they show respect and share social values, we need to ensure they know they are doing the right things.	The best way to do this is through approving these behaviors by rewarding them, for example.
	Research, relating to childhood education, has highlighted that children over-punished will be less confident and have no idea about what they should do when the situation is unclear.	By contrast, positive feedback from parents and teachers encourages children to become confident and keep clear perspectives in the rules of their community before being able to make decisions independently.
There are, certainly, some advantages to parents and teachers adopting some kinds of penalties and punishments.	A small proportion of young children who are naughty and are unaware of what discipline means misconduct repeatedly both in the home and at school.	Stricter systems of punishments have deterring effects on these children and many of them eventually learn the future consequences of their misbehavior, obeying rules and becoming good-mannered and well-behaved individuals.

115 Young single people no longer stay with their parents until they marry, but leave home to study or work elsewhere. Do you think more advantages or more disadvantages on this trend? (生活方式) 修改

There are good grounds for arguing that young adults	Research, relating to young adults' education, has	Living far from home encourages young students
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benefit more from living independently of their family. First among these is that they tend to become confident and independent.	highlighted how significant coping with life chores, such as paying for bills and sorting out issues with landlord can be for a young person's life.	to tackle these issues on their own rather than relying on their parents as ever before and many of them feel themselves more independent than others always staying with their parents.
	Today, young people talk more about privacy and prefer their life to be different from that their parents had decades ago.	If they can live alone or with their peers, then they may feel their private life and values to be respected when their parents cannot make much intervention.
Of course, not everything relevant to this lifestyle is positive. It may be argued that this may be damaging to young people's emotional development.	There is a clear risk that people living by themselves can become isolated and lonely because they live without the daily support that a family can provide.	This is particularly the case with young people from problematic families who are more at risk of depression, which is becoming an increasingly severe problem in society.

116 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? (教育话题)

		Some subjects are essential for children to cope with everyday problems, such as Mathematics and English.
A child needs to decide which subjects they would like to study in-depth for their university time.		Therefore, it is advisable for younger children to study more subjects gaining some basic knowledge before being able to make such decision.
However, children would have their career plan in their mind once they have gain sufficient knowledge on the subjects they learned. (C) For example, Those who want to become engineers would probably have a passion for science subjects, such as Physics and Mathematics. Similarly, science subjects seem to be helpless for those who want to become accountants, as numbers are the only things they will be dealing with in their career. 举例子		

117 The spread of multinational companies and resulting increase of globalization produces positive effects for everyone. Do you agree or disagree? (全球化)

There are good grounds for arguing that the advent of multinational companies	Some economically underdeveloped countries are usually structurally	Capital brought by multinational companies may increase the
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and the increase in globalization are largely positive. Perhaps, the principal one is that the local economy can benefit from this.	unstable and are burdened by debt and unemployment	productivity and the scale of industries, while creating tax return and job opportunities
It can also be argued that local industries can be assisted and eventually develop faster.	When multinational companies enter the market, advanced technologies and new business models are brought in as well	These can be learned by local companies and helped to improve the management efficiency and skill level of workers
Not everything relevant to this has to be positive. Multinational companies may monopolize the market and pose serious threat to local companies who are less competitive and are likely to go bankrupt		This would cause the country to gradually lose its economic independence.

118 Some people prefer to see live events (such as music and sports), but others think it is better to watch the events on television. Discuss both of the view and give your opinion. (科技娱乐生活)

Those who argue that watching events, such as music and sport on television is better make one of two arguments. Firstly,	in the nineteenth century, only a small proportion of people could go to the ballet or the theatre probably because the tickets to these entertainments were rather expensive.	However, it is now possible for everyone to enjoy these on television.
	It can also be argued that on television we can watch a football match without missing a concert, for example, due to traveling for long distances.	That is to say, television audiences can instantly enjoy long-awaited symphony concert after finishing watching other programs simply by changing to another channel.
It is fairly easy to understand the reason why some people prefer to watch live events. This is that their passion for music or sport will be maintained.	Live music show or sports competition, for example, tends to be stimulating and energizing.	Those who have had such live experience are encouraged to ignite enthusiasm with interest in music, for example and this may have a positive influence on how they live in later life.

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119 Some people are giving more importance to employing people with good social skills in addition to with good qualification. Do you agree or disagree? (职场技能)

There are good grounds for arguing that in today's job market, employees do need to have both social skills and good qualifications. First among these is that these skills are indispensable.	Work is a human activity and it works best with as much interaction as possible.	Academic qualification cannot replace the skills of communicating and cooperating with colleagues, which are often developed within the real interaction in the workplace.
Today, the job market is becoming increasingly competitive and sometimes there are hundreds of applicants for a single position in a company .		Only those that have both good communication skills as well as required qualifications will win this competition.
Of course, it is easier for most people to find a good job if they are university graduates with a good degree.	In other words, having tertiary education puts people one step ahead of others who do not and this can be the deciding factor in getting a good job.	The competition to get into universities and the marked increase in the number of graduates show just how significant this level of education is for people's future work opportunities.

120 In some countries around the world men and women are having children late in life. What are the reasons for this development? What are the effects on society and family life? (现代生活)

There are several reasons why young couples today choose to have children later than previously. One relates to the harsh economic situations.	Hard economic realities mean that the financial pressures of setting up a house and establishing a reasonable standard of living require two incomes.	The young working couples are too busy with money-making careers to make a further life plan, such as having a child in the near future.
	There has been a marked increase in living cost and it seems rather difficult for an average family to have the children better provided for.	It is understandable that newly-married couples delay having a child until they find themselves much more financially able to raise up a child.
While the young couples without children may enjoy their life to a higher	In some countries, the birth rate is seriously declining, and young	These children might be spoilt and be allowed to buy whatever they want,

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level, in fact the effects, I think, are largely negative. One is that the children might be spoilt.	adults have had children in their 30s or 40s.	regardless of price and to behave as they please, growing up emotionally immature or unformed.
	Another possibility relevant to this is that these children will be faced with caring for their elderly parents when they are still young	, and it is extremely impractical and rather unfair that one day these young children have to take care of probably disabled old parents at the school age.

121 People aim to achieve the balance between their work and lives. But few people achieve it. What are the causes of the problems? How to overcome it? (职场生活) 修改

Hard economic realities mean that unemployment has been increasing and there is little choice in the type of work a person can do.	In most cases, workers are doing very arduous and rather repetitive jobs that tend to require working overtime and be time-consuming.	It becomes extremely difficult for such workers to be as available for their family as ever before.
	The financial pressures of setting up a house and establishing a reasonable standard of living require a person to have reliable income.	The best way to make this happen is through working harder in the workplace while leaving family behind.
There are multiple effects to this trend. One is that family relationships become less close than previously as full-time hard workers are unable to be with their families, having dinner, watching movies or playing sport.	Children's growth will also be affected and they are often spoilt not in terms of love and attention because working parents donot have the time for this but in more material ways.	

122 Students at schools and universities learn far more from lessons with teachers than from others sources (such as the internet, television). To what extent do you agree or disagree?

As well as academic performance, moral values and appropriate behavior are equally important throughout an individual's years of education.	Education about these moral levels and correcting a student's misbehavior usually require everyday interaction with continued guidance	Impersonal technology, such as the Internet or television is unable to replace the face-to-face contact happening in real classrooms and thus cannot be as effective as teachers
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		in educating students to behave properly .
In today ' s world, academic qualifications are essential in developing a reasonable career and a graduate can hardly enter higher education or eventually get a good job without being academically qualified.	Teachers who are professionally trained with required skills and academic knowledge are quite able to impart academic theories and to help develop students faster academically.	, and it is this ability that exceeds electric devices and may be some justification for the important role teachers play in academics.
Our adult world is changing constantly in terms of technology and the Internet is the key to all the knowledge and information available throughout the world.	Therefore, it is important that young people should gain exposure to the Internet or watch television	, as they can learn the wider range of knowledge by watching discoveries, for example on television or getting online than from teachers.

123 Some think that environmental problems are too big for individuals to solve, while others think that these problems cannot be solved unless individuals make some action. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Environmental problems tend to be complex and often happen at a global scale, which requires long-term research, a large amount of fund, expertise, advanced technologies or even collaboration between governments	When facing these challenges, people may think the individual efforts are too trivial to make any difference	Thus making no personal efforts in changing life habits, which can be difficult to alternate once they are developed.
Besides awareness, to make behavioral change on a personal level, access to facilities and knowledge of what and how to is also crucial.	In many communities, facilities and services that promote a sustainable lifestyle (recycling, PT) are insufficient, underfunded or poorly maintained.	It is inconvenient or requires more commitment (people to go out of their way) from the public to make a difference, resulting in a resistant attitude among the public.
The increase in environmental pollution is mainly a result of our production of rubbish and our tendency to use something once and throw it away.	The best way to reduce the waste is to raise the awareness in the general public. Children and adults need to be educated about how important their personal efforts can be in saving our clean world.	Nobody wants to see our valuable resources used up and our planet poisoned.

解决方法:



Launch media campaigns that establish the link between the environmental problems and individuals	People start to understand how each individual is responsible to maintain a healthy planet earth and how collective efforts, consisted by small steps of individual contribution, can lead to significant social change	They are more likely to make personal efforts and commit to this shared mission
Governments need to invest more in building facilities and providing services that help to improve the environment	When such facilities and services are more accessible and requires little efforts for people to carry out tasks (recycling bins at home, reliable public TP system)	People are more willing to follow the steps and change their habits

124 Some people think music plays an important role in society. Others think it is simply a form of entertainment. Discuss both sides of this argument and give your own opinion.

The most common way one could involve himself or herself with music is by listening to or attending a concert.	This is an experience that people can and do enjoy and satisfy themselves in an artistic way.	Music is also important because a concert venue creates a unique experience one can hardly find in any other place.
Today's fast-paced lifestyle and stressful working conditions mean that we do not have the time to sit down to a proper way of relaxation.	Therefore, it is important that some kind of music becomes an important part of our life,	, as it is usually thought of as an effective way of releasing pressure, be it from work or life chores.
The main concern is about the type of music that a person is exposed to.	Many individuals keep listening to cheap music, for example, pop music online which tends to have instant ear appeal, have melodies, preferably well-known and recognisable, and clever orchestrations, contrived to deliver maximum impact.	The listeners of such music are simply being attracted by the designed effects, thus simply being superficially entertained rather than learning from the experience.

125 If a product is good or it meets people needs, people will buy it. So advertising is unnecessary and no more than an entertainment. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Good advertisements are to inform customers about the newest products, the	Exposure to these advertisements enables consumers to obtain useful information and make	This is necessary as many consumers may regret making that purchase after they occasionally encounter
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functions and the price range.	informed decision based on own needs.	advertising on other products.
The majority of consumers prefer to consume both quality and affordable products and these products will often become soon popular among consumers.	Advertisements on these products can facilitate them to become more popular in the general public,	, and there is an advantage if more people can benefit from the popular and quality goods and companies can thus produce large profits because of this.
Of course, it is true that the lines between advertising and entertainment are blurred.	As the competition for viewers increases, then the quality of film and video production has also improved, and producers and brands alike seek to attract more potential clients.	The best way to achieve this is through making the images and videos interesting and entertaining, so the trend that advertisements, as it is stated, become more recreational is inevitable.

126 Fossil fuels (coal, oil, natural gas) are the main sources in many countries, but in some countries the use of alternative sources of energy (wind energy and solar energy) are encouraged. To what extent do you think it is a positive or negative development?

Perhaps, the greatest danger facing our world today is a combination of global warming and the greenhouse effect.	The danger is caused partly by burning fossil fuels which leads to our polluted atmosphere.	Cleaner sources of energy, such as wind or solar energy, are much greener alternatives which do not have such negative effects.
Research has highlighted that a sizable minority of countries have suffered from the risk of fossil fuels being used up and complained about the energy crisis they are in.	Alternative sources of energy, as we all know, are infinite and inexhaustible,	, and the widespread use of them can save from this pressing crisis these disadvantaged countries which have relied on traditional energy for years.
It is important to remember that the facilities required to process and use new energies often come at a substantial cost and many governments are financially unable to take action.	Fossil fuels are available all over the world and the methods to extract energy from them are also not that expensive.	All these factors may be some justification for the reason why many governments in developing countries still have to depend on the affordable fuels.

127 Some believe that those who are not talented in language learning should not be required to learn a foreign language. Do you think school should require students to learn a foreign language?



Education systems are based on the belief that a person can be taught particular skills, including those associated with language learning.		So from our own school experience, we can find plenty of evidence to support the view that all individuals can manage to acquire these skills at school with continued teaching and guided practice.
Research, relating to linguistics, has highlighted that language acquisition mainly relies on the level of dedication the learners make to repeating and imitating rather than on inherited talent.		Such efforts facilitate a language to be learned and eventually be use, so the term "talent" is not a determining issue.
Of course, talent makes language learning more attractive and productive.	A learner needs to feel they are making progress and perform better than their peers,	, and as talent gives them a facility for the skills that allow them to excel, then they are more likely to keep motivated and effective.

128 Developing countries require international organizations' help. Some people think that financial aid is important. However, others believe that practical aid and advice is more important. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

In some developing counties, the primary reason for becoming impoverished is perhaps epidemic diseases, sudden natural disaster or in debt.	It is extremely difficult for the governments to divert a large proportion of already tight budget to cope with the imminent issues.	In this case, financial aid from international organizations is of paramount importance as it brings direct benefit to the governments affected.
Education is thought to be one of the first priorities for a country, and a great proportion of underdeveloped countries suffer from insufficient educational resources, such as professionally-trained teachers or suggestions on building up structured education	If economically developed countries can provide aid relevant to education rather than simply offering financial support, then not only can the young students benefit from the practical provision but the local educational establishments can also be improved because of this.	Without such particular help or advice, there may not be immediate change in the level of local education structure as any other form of aids may not produce such direct effect.

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provided to the young students.		
In developing countries, lack of transparency and an ineffective management system have enabled prevalent corruption in the governments.		It is therefore likely that monetary support from other countries would bring about benefits to only government officials instead of the poor who mostly need it.

129 The subjects and lesson contents for children are decided by the authorities, such as central government. Some people think that teachers should decide these for students. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

There are good grounds for arguing that authorities should decide the specific subjects young children should study. One is that they can make more informed decision.	The state has access to all the latest educational research and experts in educational professions.	Therefore, it is much easier for governments to make better decisions than individual teachers can.
	In today's job market, with the marked increase in unemployment, there are constant changes in the requirements for new graduates,	, and I think, it is the state's responsibility to spot these changes and prepare them better for future careers by making compulsory subjects catering for current employment situations.
Those who argue that teachers should be involved in choosing lesson contents they deliver also make one of two arguments. First among these is the increased level of motivation with study.	A learner needs to be interested in whatever they learn and thus feel their study life to be both attractive and productive.	As teachers know students better and keep clear perspectives in what contents may mostly interest students, then the subjects they choose are more likely to encourage a student to become effective and motivated learners.
	It can also be argued that everyone should have the right to choose whatever subjects at school	, and as children are too young to make this decision, it is understandable that their teachers take their role in this context.

130 Some people think that governments should offer financial support and care to elderly people, while others think that old people should save money for their future life themselves. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. 政府



A large proportion of elderly people are suffering from chronic health conditions and thus require long-term and extensive medical care. (A)	In most cases, such medical services typically come at a substantial cost and elderly populations are often unable to afford this high and ongoing cost. (B)	Therefore, governments need to bear the financial cost and offer support to those who are both sick and not well off in their later years. (C)
	Most retirees have contributed to the community or perhaps local economy through the tax system.	It is this earlier contribution that justifies public money being used to support the previous tax-payers who are in real need.
It is fairly easy to understand the reason why old people themselves should become financially able for preparing future life.	In reality, not all governments have sufficient funds to subsidize the life of all populations and there are many other priorities that require investment.	Therefore, it is understandable that elderly people need to save money for their later life given the hard economic realities most governments face.

131 Young people who commit serious crimes, such as a robbery or a violent attack should be punished in the same way as adults. To what extent do you agree or disagree? 犯罪

Perhaps, the principal argument relates to the reason for juvenile delinquency. (C)	It is obvious that some underage criminals do not have a clear understanding of the consequences of behaviour when they make the mistake for the first time. (A)	The main point is to make sure that they are fully aware of the consequences but not to punish them for becoming ignorant of rules and laws.
	Adolescents are usually easy to show remorse for their actions through moral education or community services. (A)	If they spent time with adult career criminals in prison, then these young offenders would probably become hardened criminals rather than being changed for the better.
That is not to say that if these underage criminals never learn the lesson and keep crossing the bottom line of the legal system, a severer	The law could not forgive a law breaker repeatedly, which can trigger people's doubt on legal justice.	So no matter how young they are, breaking the law seriously for the second time deserves the equivalent punishment as adults.
treatment is still unnecessary in this case.		

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132 Many parents go to work in other countries, taking their families with them. Do you think this brings more negative or positive effects? 家庭

There are usually different kinds of cultures in different countries. (A)	Exposure to the unfamiliar cultures may trigger the feelings of insecurity or homelessness. (B)	If a family moved from one culture to the unfamiliar completely different from their own, then they would probably end up returning to the country of birth. (C)
	In their own country, children have probably made friends in schools.	Moving from home to a strange place means that they cannot play with earlier friends, leading to the sense of loneliness when they are young.
Of course, not everything relevant to this is negative. Firstly, they tend to become independent and confident.	Without the support from relatives or friends, immigrant families are experiencing coping with the challenges in new life on their own.	This experience encourages them to learn how to address unexpected issues overseas independently.

133 In recent years, responsible tourists have paid attention to preserving both the culture and the environment of the place they visit. However, some people say that it is impossible to be a responsible tourist. To what extent do you agree or disagree? 旅游类



<p>It is evident that to adapt oneself to an alien environment and culture is no easy task, which is the first step to be taken if one wants to make a contribution in preserving the culture and environment.</p>	<p>Tourists who are devoid of proper knowledge about the places they visit, are likely to find the local customs and traditions beyond their comprehension.</p>	<p>This lack of knowledge limits tourists' ability to take the right action.</p>
	<p>The culture of their country of origin can be radically different from that of the places they go</p>	<p>If not made with great caution, any effort of tourists in helping preserve local culture</p>
	<p>to.</p>	<p>and environment could even be counterproductive.</p>
<p>Our time has witnessed a society which is developing at such an unprecedented rate that anything we take as normal thing this second might as well turn into treasure right the next.</p>	<p>In other word, it is required by our society that the tourists should seek to protect the attraction and keeps it intact after their visit.</p>	<p>Many local traditional cultures have become extinct due to the proliferation of modern concepts, so it is absolutely the visitors' duty to protect native culture of the attraction from being impacted by their own points.</p>

134 A rise in the standard of living in a country seems to only benefit cities rather than rural areas. What problems might this difference cause? How might the problems be



reduced?

One of these problems is the increase in the gap between cities and regional areas.	In comparison with regional areas, cities are typically more densely-populated and in order to secure quality life for these larger populations, more resources are usually allocated to these cities.	It is such allocation that unfortunately leads to the gap between cities and rural regions becoming widened.
	Young people are often attracted by better city lifestyles and tend to pursue wealth in these attractive cities.	If most young people in the countryside chose to reside in cities, then there would be imbalance between the number of city dwellers and rural populations.
One possibility that is sometimes suggested is through governments providing more funds and resources to rural areas.		If sufficient funding and support could be offered to the backward countryside, then the economic gap identified above would be substantially reduced.
A second way of addressing the issues is to encourage young generations to develop regional areas rather than focusing on the attractions in cities.		It is the encouragement that contributes to able and valuable young individuals moving to the countryside, devoted to rural development.

135 Maintaining public libraries is a waste of money since computer technology is now replacing their functions. To what extent do you agree or disagree? 图书馆类

It is certainly true that reading and learning is a human activity and it works best with as much interaction as possible.	Impersonal technology can neither replace the face-to-face contact found in traditional libraries nor replace the real conversation between friends.	Sharing the reading experience and discussing about the confusion in books is an important part of being a happy reader.
	The simple fact is that it has been extremely hard for many people to find a quiet and organized place for learning in their community probably because they are	, and without a quiet library being accessible, then they would not be able to focus on what they need to read or study but be distracted by life chores

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	annoyed by crying babies or construction noise,	or trivial things in the home.
Despite these arguments, there is still a strong case to be made that public libraries are not that necessary given the wide use of computer technology.	The Internet is the key to all the knowledge and information available throughout the world and a person has an easy access to almost any story they attempt to know on the Internet.	Going to library for learning knowledge or reading stories is no longer a must if computers and the Internet are both at hand.

136 Some people think that schools should select pupils according to their academic abilities while others believe that it is better to have pupils with different abilities study together. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. 教育类

School is a wider community where a child experiences working and living with other people from a great variety of backgrounds from the wider society.	This experience encourages them to interact and communicate with many different individuals of a similar age.	If, however, they were required to study exclusively with those who are from similar study backgrounds or who have similar academic abilities, then they would be less likely to know how to get along with many different people in later life.
	Recent survey has shown that different children have different kinds of skills and talent from the moment they were born,	, and studying together, regardless of their academic performance, enables them to learn these different skills from each other.
Despite these arguments, it is equally easy to understand the reason why school should select students based on the level of academic abilities.	There is a good research to show that there is often a sequence of distraction from other children who are unable to concentrate on academic study and research,	, and if they were separated from relatively excellent students, then this would lead to such distraction being reduced to a lower level, thus allowing these students to learn more effectively.

137 Some people think governments should provide assistance to all kinds of artists including painters musicians and poets etc. However other people think that is a waste of money. Discuss both views and give your opinion. 艺术类

It is certainly true that concepts such as beauty matter in and of themselves and arts are important in that they offer us an	For example, if we listen to Mozart, we can learn about harmony and joy through the media of music or if even we read an	These essential aspects of life would be absent from our world if all arts disappeared from the world, and this probably explains
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alternative and more spiritual outlook.	author like Shakespeare we learn about the value of ancient ideas and literature.	why governments need to fund all types of artists, such as musicians or poets, continually working and creating.
	As we all know, a large proportion of artworks are displayed in public museums and libraries and the artists do not make profits out of such exhibition.	If governments stopped financially supporting the non-profitable action, then these artists would not be able to make purchases for their art careers or even to make a living.
On the other hand, it is equally easy to understand the reason why the state is not totally responsible for this.	There is good research to show that governments do not have sufficient funds to subsidize all professions, and there are other priorities for public money, such as population control, global warming, water pollution and food shortages.	It seems to me that if governments spent less money on art-related activities, then they would be better able to help solve some of these problems.

138 It is known to all that the technological and scientific advances have made greater changes to the range and quality of our food. Some people regard it as an improvement while others believe that the change is harmful. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. 科技食品类

In many countries and regions, food shortage and malnutrition remain a serious issue, posing a threat to people's survival and health.	As the amount of arable land is limited, there is no doubt that traditional agriculture needs to be update in order to feed the growing number of people	The introduction of fertilizers, pesticides and machinery has proved to be an effective way to raise the production of grains and has extricated numerous people from hunger.
	These practices are harmful to people's health	Pesticides can kill pest and fertilizers enhance the grown of plants, but contain chemical ingredients that threaten people's health
	The popularization of farm machine would replace labors	As a result, this will increase unemployment rate of farm workers

139 Some people think that we should invent a new language for international communication. Do the benefits of this outweigh the problems?

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<p>There is a good research to show that throughout the world, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of workers and students travelling overseas for working and further study lives within the past decade.</p>	<p>One of the biggest problems they will certainly encounter is to learn a foreign language because most of these foreign countries speak completely different languages from the one that is used in their country of birth.</p>	<p>Therefore, it seems to me that if there were a common language that dominates and is spoken all around the world, then all population would feel free to travel and much easier to understand each other without difficulty associated with language barrier.</p>
	<p>Studies have shown that globalization and international trade have increased the opportunities for communication and negotiation between business bodies,</p>	<p>, and if ,however, they could have a commonly-used language while negotiating, then there would be a pleasant situation where bi-lateral trade between different nations would be free of misunderstanding and thus become more efficient.</p>
<p>Despite these arguments, there is an equally strong case to be made that a new language for worldwide use is not totally unproblematic.</p>	<p>The simple fact is that language has been thought of as the vehicle invigorating local culture and linguistic diversity has become a priority for national authorities seeking to secure the survival of different languages and cultures.</p>	<p>It would not just lead to local languages becoming gradually extinct if an international language were created, and there is also the real danger that we can predict our next generation would not be able to know the value of exotic different civilizations.</p>

140 Some employers think that formal academic qualifications are more important than life experiences and personal qualities when they look for an employee. Why is it the case? Is it a positive or negative development?

<p>There is no doubt that in order to get academic qualifications from universities, a person has to devote years of efforts and they are able to acquire professional knowledge and skills that can not be learned later.</p>	<p>This long-term devotion and learning life lay a solid foundation for their future career and is the cornerstone of their success,</p>	<p>And it is this earlier pavement that justifies most employers preferring to select graduates according to their academic abilities.</p>
<p>One has to have the emotional capacity and self-discipline to adapt</p>	<p>Students can cultivate their self-confidence, resilience, and</p>	<p>These qualities are the defining factors to a person's success in future</p>

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to the academically demanding and physically draining tight schedule. Besides, universities provide extra curricular activities (student clubs), involve group work, challenging projects, in class debate.	organizational skills. They can also develop social and communication skills with a network of people who share similar passion and interests.	working careers.
My own view is that there are more advantages than disadvantages to most employers looking for an employee in this way.	In today's job market, there is an increasing demand for workers who are both professional with particular skills and meanwhile good at communicating with clients and colleagues.	All these qualities can be developed throughout university study and without this form of selection, there would not be an excellent measurement as good as formal academic qualifications can be.

141 Many people believe that main aim for university education is help graduates to find better jobs while some people believe that university education has wider benefit for individual and society. Discuss both view and give your opinion. 大学教育

The purpose of education is to prepare children for their working life after school, so the subjects on the curriculum should be relevant to their potential careers.	The simple fact is that in most countries, there has been an increase in unemployment and many graduates end up finding it hard to get in employment after school probably because of the constant change in today's market.	Therefore, it is important that in universities, students are in advance getting prepared for the changing market by developing various required skills before stepping into the real society.
One has to have the emotional capacity and self-discipline to adapt to the academically demanding and physically draining tight schedule. Besides, universities provide extra curricular activities (student clubs), involve group work, challenging projects, in class debate.	Students can cultivate their self-confidence, resilience, and organizational skills. They can also develop social and communication skills with a network of people who share similar passion and interests.	These qualities are the defining factors to a person's success and the whole community can also benefit from this.
The purpose of education is not just to prepare children for later careers, but also to develop all aspects of	It is important that a graduate leaves school with some knowledge of art, music and sport, for example, as all these help	, and the whole society can benefit from this development.

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142 Today it is common that TV news programmes show the images of disasters and violence to the public. Discuss the reasons and the effects on the individual and the society. 媒体类

Media world is highly competitive. To stand out among all agencies and fight over audience's limited attention,	, many TV news operators choose to over-sensationalise and exaggerate or even distort facts (e.g. they may crop pictures in a certain way to make stories more aggressive, to create staged conflicts, to imply tension unnecessarily by reporting disasters or violence, for example.	The stories written in this way attract audiences' attention and thus help make possible great profits from the bloody images.
	Of course, not all these TV programs are money-oriented. A sizable minority of them are fully aware of the possible threat to public safety while profoundly impressed by the pain of victims,	, and thus attempt to raise the awareness in the general population by delivering information and images relevant to these life-threatening incidents
While there may a benefit that the resident population will become vigilant of the potential dangers in their community, there are certainly many problems for news agencies doing so.	One is that people will be scared of going to public events due to the concern about public safety.	If there were fewer reports on these frightening incidents, then the local population would feel more confident with the level of safety in the street.
	The fact that fewer people would trust news reports is another consequence of this trend.	This is inevitable given the contents being distorted and overstated simply for making more profits.

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