

Test1

Choosing work

What kinds of jobs do young people not want to do in your country?

1. 要点提示: Describe some jobs young people don't like and give the reasons.
2. 结构提示: Well, I'm not really sure about that, but I suppose young people don't like jobs which require much labor, like working in a construction factory. The younger generation think working in an office, like a white collar, is a better way to make money. So, jobs like firefighters or bus drivers are not popular among young people, either.

Who is best at driving young people about choosing a job: teachers or parents?

1. 要点提示: Parents/ teachers. Reasons for that.
2. 结构提示: I believe teachers are better roles to help their students or young people to choose a job. Parents are too close to young people to keep objective. Parents usually put their own dreams on young people's shoulders. But teachers are not like this. Usually, teachers know students' abilities, skills and their hobbies or even their dreams better. In that case, most of the time, teachers can give helpful and objective suggestions for young people's job choosing.

Is money always the most important thing when choosing a job?

1. 要点提示: Yes/ No. Money's importance and other characters of doing a job.
2. 结构提示: Not always, but I have to admit that for some people, choosing a higher salary job is the only way to help them out. Reasons for making lots of money can be various. Maybe one of his family members got really sick, so money at that time can be the most important thing. Well, generally, I believe there are also others aspects which can be more important than money, like, working hours, paid holidays or even work environment of the company. For different people, they will have different ideas on choosing a job.

Work-Life balance

Do you agree that many people nowadays are under pressure to work longer hours and take less

holiday?

1. 要点提示: Yes/ No. What the pressure is/ why working longer hours can help.
2. 结构提示: Yes, I agree, and this phenomenon is so common, especially in big cities like Beijing or Shanghai. The cost of living is so high in these cities and in order to lead a decent life, most people have to work overtime and even on bank holidays, you can still see people work in their office or at home.

What is the impact on society of people having a poor work-life balance?

1. 要点提示: Health and relationships/ work efficiency.
2. 结构提示: The biggest problem is going to be health. If people don't take time to relax and instead keep on working hard all the time, they will definitely get tired, and they might even become sick. Workaholics and people who work under a lot of pressure might become upset easily, and they might bring their work problems home with them. In addition, if you always keep a bad work-life balance, I believe that you won't be able to focus on your job as much as you should, and your results will most likely be disappointing.

Could you recommend some effective strategies for governments and employers to ensure people have a good work-life balance?

1. 要点提示: Provide more outdoor activities for employees/ change people's mind
2. 结构提示: People keep working for a long time and having a bad work-life balance usually because they focus too much on promotion and money. So companies should try changing these people's mind. For example, provide employees with mini lectures from professionals to explain that achieving success is not only about money. Working happily may be the most efficient way to get the so called success. Also, companies can hold more team activities and even invite their employees' family to join them together.

Test2

Technology and education

What is the best age for children to start computer lessons?

1. 要点提示: Give a specific age and tell the reasons/ it depends and reasons.
2. 结构提示: Actually I don't think there is a perfect time for children to start learning computer skills. What really matters is that computer use at an early age (before 9-10) must be supervised by parents or a teacher. And Parents must make sure that their child understands computers' role as tools for communication, information, skill development, play. In that case, I think children can use computer at any age.

Do you think that schools should use more technology to help children learn?

1. 要点提示: Yes/ No. The advantages of using technology to teach.
2. 结构提示: Yes, I think so. Education used to be all about hitting the books. Now, with huge advances in technology, education is also about Google searches, PowerPoint presentations, and YouTube clips. All these tools help students better understand knowledge and even know how these knowledge being used in our real life. Pictures, sounds, videos are more vivid than books I believe.

Do you agree or disagree that computers will replace teachers one day?

1. 要点提示: Agree/ Disagree. Describe the functions computers have but teachers don't.
2. 结构提示: Maybe. Computers one day may have the ability to act like a human. Artificial intelligence will definitely reshape the world, education included. AI would make it possible to provide students with real personalized learning. AI may be equipped in a toy car or any other objects to teach children all the things they want to know anytime anywhere. Interesting interactions between students and AI would better motivate students.

Technology and society

How much has technology improved how we communicate with each other?

1. 要点提示: Describe the change technology brings to improve communication.
2. 结构提示: Technology has highly improved our way of communication, especially accuracy and efficiency. In the past, we used letters to delivery messages, which took days or even weeks to receive paper letters from other people. Gradually, we could use telecommunication to send messages and we could make phone calls. Now we can make video calls and even hold video

conferences, which helps us delivery messages more clearly and quickly.

Do you agree that there are still more major technological innovations to be made?

1. 要点提示: Agree/ Disagree. The area where new innovations are needed and why they are needed.
2. 结构提示: Yes, I think so. It's true that now we have already created many brilliant innovations, such as the internet and artificial intelligence, but we still have countless areas to discover. For example, the outer space. In the future, Earth will definitely be doomed one day, so finding other planets to live is kind of a realistic goal for humans. And innovations like machines to transport people in a long distance in the Universe are required.

Could you suggest some reasons why some people are deciding to reduce their use of technology?

1. 要点提示: The disadvantages of technology and their effects.
2. 结构提示: Everything has its own advantages and disadvantages. Technology too has a lot of negative effects. So maybe these negative effects make people reduce their use of technology. For example, cell phones can be addictive today because of the convenience they provide. People can use phones to watch videos, paly games, chat with their friends, etc. But all these convenience take our much time at the same time. So people are more likely to have a sedentary lifestyle, which can be very unhealthy. So put off your sell phone and get away from these technologies for a while can give you more time to go out, to do more outdoor activities, which is beneficial for your health.

Test3

Discussing problems with others

Why is it good to discuss problems with other people?

1. 要点提示: To find a better solution/ improve efficiency.
2. 结构提示: When people discuss they exchange different ideas and opinions, so the team can have a relatively complete understanding of the problem or the situation. And then they may work out a better solution to deal with the problem. That's the biggest advantage of discussing problems with other people I believe.

Do you think that it's better to talk to friends and not family about problems?

1. 要点提示: Yes/ No. Friends or parents know you better/ same age
2. 结构提示: I don't think so. Actually I believe your family always have your back and people, especially children or students, should talk to family about problems more. That's mainly because most people grow up with their family, and their parents or siblings know them better. When discussing problems with their family, people are more likely to receive positive feedback and support, sometimes even good suggestions.

Is it always a good idea to tell lots of people about a problem?

1. 要点提示: Yes/ No. advantages and disadvantages of it and reasons.
2. 结构提示: May be not. Sometimes problems are so big, so serious, that common people have no idea what to do to solve these problems, and a better way can be find out the exactly right people to help you. For example, when a college student has a really big problem with his girlfriend, maybe they are going to break up. What he should do is not to tell the whole world he loves her, but to have a discussion with her girlfriend or her girlfriend's roommates to find out the key point.

Communication skills at work

Which communication skills are most important when taking part in meetings with colleges?

1. 要点提示: Listening/ eye-contact/ body language/ patience and reasons.
2. 结构提示: Being a good listener is one of the best ways to be a good communicator. No one likes communicating with someone who only cares about putting in her two cents and does not take the time to listen to the other person. If you're not a good listener, it's going to be hard to comprehend what you're being asked to do. Also, don't talk too much or too little. Try to convey your message in as few words as possible; this will help you to avoid confusing your audience.

What are the possible effects of poor written communication skills at work?

1. 要点提示: Misunderstanding/ lower work efficiency/ cause other problems.

2. 结构提示: Poor written communication skills may lead to misunderstanding, which will probably cause serious problems. Employees may take wrong action when they receive unclear written instructions. All these things will raise costs. It's not only about money, but also about time and opportunities.

What do you think will be the future impact of technology on communication in the workplace?

1. 要点提示: New ways to communicate/ details or advantages of this technology.
2. 结构提示: Communication means expressing ideas and feelings, and we mostly use verbal language or characters, like emails or letters, to communicate. But we may have the ability to send messages directly by our brains and others can also receive our messages by their brain, like brain waves. So people may easily and fully understand each other.

Test4

The internet

Why do some people find the internet addictive?

1. 要点提示: Too much convenience/ people can easily get access to the internet and do whatever things they want.
2. 结构提示: The internet can be addictive because of the convenience it provides. People are lazy nowadays, and when they need some information they can just use the internet to help them. Directly having results from other people or research is much easier than collecting information in a library or doing research themselves.

What would the world be like without the internet?

1. 要点提示: List the changes and disadvantages without the internet.
2. 结构提示: The internet makes our life easier in many ways, so without the internet, our ways of living may change. For example, people wouldn't have the chance to do online shopping and social media websites, like Facebook, would disappear. I believe changes like these would make people crazy. People would have to buy things in a physical store and they would have nowhere to share their photo-shopped photos and opinions.

Do you think that the way people use the internet may change in the future?

1. 要点提示: Yes/ No. New ways to use the internet/ new functions the internet may bring.
2. 结构提示: Yes, I do think so. Now we use the internet based on devices like cell phones or computers. At least we need a hardware to deliver information through the internet. But in the future, we may not need these devices. The technology may allow us to have a connection between our minds and the internet, which gives us the ability to send and receive messages by our brains. So in that case, the whole world would be totally different.

Social media websites

What are the ways that social media can be used for positive purposes?

1. 要点提示: Charity/ to deliver information about people in need.
2. 结构提示: One way that social media can be used for positive purposes is that people can use social media to do something for charity. For example, there are still many poor children who really need food and clothes to survive. Also, sharing politics that are beneficial for citizens can really please people and that's a good way to use social media for positive purposes.

Why do some individuals post highly negative comments about other people on social media?

1. 要点提示: Virtual world/ responsibility/ vent anger and stress.
2. 结构提示: The internet gives people a chance to share opinions in a virtual world, so some people just use this opportunity to say things they would never say in their real life. These people think they are free on the web and they don't think they should take the responsibility of what they comment on social media. Some of them may just treat this as a way to vent their anger and stress from their real life.

Do you think that companies' main form of advertising will be via social media in the future?

1. 要点提示: Yes/ No. Advantages of advertising via social media.
2. 结构提示: Yes, I think so, simply because people nowadays spend most of their free time on social media. They browse the web or app to know what's happening in this world and what's

happening in their friends' world. They want to have a connection with the society through these social media. So advertising via social media can attract many people's attention. And the technology now can already push specific advertisements to their target consumers on social media websites.