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科技/环境类——科技是否能解决环境问题（1级，难度系数 ★★★★★☆）

## WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

***Nowadays, technology developments are causing many environmental problems. Many people think that we should live a simpler life while others believe that technology can solve environmental problems. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.***

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

Write at least 250 words.

## 谋篇布局

考题解释	当今，科技的发展引起了环境问题。很多人认为我们应该过简单的生活而其他人认为科技可以解决环境问题。讨论双方观点，并表明自己立场。
注意事项	该题目属于双边讨论型，即针对某一话题给出两种截然不同的观点，让考生进行分析讨论。考生的立场应该鲜明，不可模棱两可。
思路扩展	首先承认现代科技的确给人类的环境造成了破坏，如空气污染，物种灭绝，耕地退化，森林消失，这就产生了一方的观点即简单一点的生活方式会更加有益于环境。其实这些人忽视了科技对人类的巨大贡献，如增加的经济产出，有保障的国防，更好的医疗、教育资源，更便利的生活方式等。这些都是我们的先人做梦都想不到的。接下来说一下科技在环保方面的作用，比如治理污染，应用太阳能，找到污染的起因等等。结尾呼吁，虽然科技可以解决环境问题，但是我们不能等到环境被破坏的时候才想到要去保护她，那时未免太晚了。

### Sample Answer

Nowadays, while we are enjoying the convenience and efficiency brought by modern technology we also suffer from some environmental problems it produced. The polluted air, extinction of some species which used to coexist with human beings, degradation of arable land, disappearance of forest...these make some people spontaneously miss the good old days when the sky was clearer and the air was much easier to breathe.

Admittedly, our ancestors managed to lead a simple and healthy life without technology, which is desirable for modern people who have to withstand various environmental problems. However, we should not neglect the fact that the advantages of technology far outweigh its drawbacks. The increased economic productivity, guaranteed national defense, better health care and educational resources, facilitated life style, these are things our ancestors had never dreamed of.

Personally, I side with the people who claim that technology can solve environmental problems. Ever since mankind realized the importance of environmental conservation, the research and problem-solving efforts have never stopped. With cleaner forms of energy, encouraged eco-friendly habits, implementation of sustainable development, modern technology comes into full play. We remove the contamination in the rivers and apply solar energy to power with the help of technology. It is so essential that we may even not be able to figure out how the eco-problems are caused without it.

Overall, it is technology that makes our life a lot easier, though some damage to our vulnerable environment may frequently occur. The question is how we should minimize the side effects of technology and find some solutions to the problems caused. Most importantly, in spite of the fact that technology can solve environmental problems, we should not wait until the environment is destroyed, because that would be too late.

↔ 点滴积累—稳拿6分 ↔

**extinction**

[iks'tɪŋkʃən] n. 灭绝

This will undoubtedly lead to the **extinction** of many species which constitute an integral part of the local food chain.

**coexist**

[kəʊɪg'zɪst] v. 共存

Do you think it would be possible for dinosaurs and human beings to **coexist** on the same planet?

**degradation**

[ˌdeɪgrə'deɪʃən] n. 退化

Poverty and environmental **degradation** are combining to put at risk the very essence of our survival food.

**desirable**

[dɪ'zɑɪərəbl] adj. 值得向往的

Studying abroad is something **desirable** for most of us.

**environmental conservation**

环境保护

Everyone should realize the importance of **environmental conservation**.

**far outweigh**

远远大于, 多于

The benefits of cell phone **far outweigh** the risks.

**national defense**

国防

**National defense** should be strengthened at any expense.

**figure out**

搞清楚

We must make every effort to **figure out** how the fire started.

↔ 锦上添花—冲7必备 ↔

**sustainable development**

可持续发展

**Sustainable development** quickly became the universal goal for environmentalists in the 1990s.

**contamination**

[kən,tæmi'neiʃən] n. 污染

A team of researchers managed to removed the **contamination** in the river.

**vulnerable**

['vʌlnərəb(ə)] adj. 脆弱的

After so many years of development, our planet has become **vulnerable**.

活学活用—翻译练习

翻译：由于我们破坏了它们的自然环境，许多物种现在正面临灭绝的危险。

翻译：地区冲突、环境恶化、国际犯罪等问题依然困扰着人们。

翻译：猪肉的污染使这个地区的很多居民食物中毒。

翻译：对于青春期的孩子，和梦想的异性相爱是非常令人向往的。

翻译：过于自信是他的弱点之一。

翻译：可持续发展需要政府和个人的共同努力。

## 三、工作生活类 (Work and life)

## 1. Words &amp; Expressions 点滴积累

- ◆ career plan 职业规划
- ◆ career ladder 职业发展道路
- ◆ compensation 薪酬待遇

小贴士：“compensation”范围比较广，包括salary、allowance、bonus、commission、welfare、insurance等。

- ◆ job satisfaction 工作满意度
- ◆ promotion and raise 晋升与加薪
- ◆ job hopping / jumping ship 跳槽
- ◆ branch into other areas 扩展到其他领域

小贴士：“branch”作动词表示“扩展”，作名词表示“分支机构、分支机构”。

- ◆ interview technique 求职技巧
- ◆ internal restructure 内部改组
- ◆ hapless job-seeker 运气不好的求职者
- ◆ the sprouting advertising billboards for recruitment agencies 出现了求职中介的广告牌

小贴士：“sprouting”指“长芽、冒出来”的意思。

- ◆ the exploding number of books and websites on work and work-related issues 大量关于工作和相关问题的书籍和网站

小贴士：“exploding”指“爆炸的”，表示数量突然上涨，如常说的“population explosion”。

- ◆ financial independence 经济独立
- ◆ balance work and life 平衡工作与生活
- ◆ the nine-to-five 朝九晚五的上班族
- ◆ an important personal identity tag 一个重要的个人身份标识
- ◆ bring personal fulfillment 带来个人成功
- ◆ labour market 劳务市场
- ◆ graduate job fair 应届生招聘会

小贴士：“fair”一词的用法很多，作名词为“集会”，如“temple fair”就是“庙会”的意思；作形容词为“正当的”，如“the fair use”指“正当的使用”。

- ◆ be in the vanguard of the DIY career-makers 自制职业规划的先锋

小贴士：“in the vanguard of...”表示“作为……的先锋、先锋”。

- ◆ be highly stressed at work 工作压力非常大
- ◆ a US-style workaholic culture 美式工作狂文化
- ◆ a spell of unemployment 失业期

小贴士：“spell”在这里不是“拼写”的意思，而是指“一段时间、时期”，如“干旱期”为“the spell of drought”。

- ◆ to freeze recruitment 停止招聘
- ◆ advance the career with an advanced degree 靠更高的学历来提升工作
- ◆ income / pay gap 收入、薪水差距

## 2. Sentence Collection 好句大盘点

☆ *Does work bring joys or sorrows?*

工作带来的是快乐还是痛苦？



We seem to be workers on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

小贴士：“on the verge of a nervous breakdown”指“在精神崩溃的边缘”。



Work has become our “national obsession”.

小贴士：“national obsession”指“全民困扰”，这里指工作已经成为让大家都无法摆脱的事情。



Our work fixation springs from a series of profound changes in the nature of employment, all of which push work more deeply into our individual lives, our families and our communities.

☆ *Do you think female employees can do a better job in labor market?*

你认为女性员工在职场上有更出色的表现吗？



Women will shortly outnumber men in the labour force, and have been flooding into work for the past few decades.

小贴士：越来越多的女性开始从事工作。  
“outnumber”（数量上）超过；“flood into”指“涌入”、“（大量地）进入”。



The arrival of women has coincided with an increase in the levels of personal interaction at work.

小贴士：“coincide with”指“与……重合，一致”，在这里指“同步带”。

来”。



Results show that qualities such as "vision", "charisma" and "inspiration" are crucial to leaders at the top, rather than their position power.

☆ *Should job hopping be encouraged or discouraged?*

是鼓励跳槽还是反对跳槽?



A job for life has always been a myth, especially in manufacturing.

小贴士: "a myth" 指“神话”, 即不现实的事情。



At any given time, one in three workers are keeping their eyes peeled for a new job opportunity.

小贴士: "keep eyes peeled" 为密切关注的意。



For most people who voluntarily quit, a better pay is the main reason for jumping ship.

小贴士: "jumping ship" 为跳槽的意思。

☆ *Should young adults undertake a period of unpaid work in the community?*

年轻人是否应该从事一段时间的无偿社区工作?



It is increasingly popular that young people volunteer on weekends in the local community service center to help the people in need.

小贴士: "volunteer" 一词可以作名词, 也可以作动词使用。

"people in need" 指“需要帮助的人”。



It can be argued that the advantages of doing unpaid community service are enormous.



As far as the young people are concerned, they can develop a sense of responsibility, independence as well as interpersonal skills in the process of helping others in the neighborhood.

小贴士: "as far as...concerned", 指“就……而言”。



The downsides of volunteer community service are worth mentioning.

小贴士: 表示“缺点”的单词除了“disadvantage”之外, 还有 downside, drawback, shortcoming, weakness, negative 等词。“be