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### Task 1 考题预测

#### 1) Table chart (表格图):

The table shows the changes of oil production in four African countries from 2000 to 2004. (barrels per day)

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Nigeria	2,000,000	2,100,000	1,900,000	2,200,000	2,300,000
Chad	0	0	0	15,000	50,000
Congo	270,000	250,000	230,000	210,000	200,000
Cote	8,000	7,000	15,000	40,000	55,000

Write at least 150 words.

#### Model Essay (王爽)

The table illustrates the changes of the amount of oil produced in four selected countries over a four-year span from 2000 to 2004.

A salient feature that can be readily identified from the graph is that Nigeria topped the list of oil production throughout the period. To be more specific, the figure rose steadily from 2 million barrels per day at the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century to 2.3 million four years later, despite a minor decline of 200 thousand between 2001 and 2002. Cote registered a similar change in the first two years, though the real data was much lower. However, the rebounds of oil production experienced after 2001 were particularly drastic, doubling to 15 thousand by 2002 from its 2000 figure and shooting up to 55 thousand in 2004, a nearly sixfold increase from its data in 2000.

Turning to Chad and Congo, the picture was entirely different. Chad did not manufacture any oil until 2003, when its oil output stood at 15 thousand, before more than tripling to 50 thousand the next year, almost comparable to the data for Cote. Congo, on the other hand, experienced a steady decline in oil production, falling constantly at a rate of around 200 thousand annually from 270 thousand at the beginning of the new millennium, to merely 200,000 by 2004, though the figure was still twice as much as the data for Chad and Cote combined.

Overall, Nigeria manufactured the greatest amount of oil, while oil production industry was of the smallest scale in Chad.

## Task 2 考题预测

### 1) 利弊讨论题:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

**Online shopping is replacing shopping in stores.**

**Is it a positive or negative development?**

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

Write at least 250 words.

### Model Essay (蒲玲玉)

Online shopping has growing popularity among people nowadays, and an increasing number of people choose to do their daily shopping on line instead of going to actual stores. As far as I am concerned, this is a positive trend.

To begin with, no one can deny the convenience brought by this phenomenon not only to customers but also to businessmen. Without leaving their homes, ordinary people can just sit in their comfortable chairs and make a few clicks on the keyboard to buy whatever they need. If they had no other choices than going from store to store, they would have to encounter numerous troubles even just after they left their homes, such as traffic congestion, problems in finding the right place. As for sales persons, they do not have to provide extra services to please their customers, except for some friendly emojis. In addition, this kind of shopping style actually increases people's choices and widens the area that local business people can manage, because distance is no longer the barrier between consumers and dealers. In this case, people can have a wider range of choices to buy or to sell whatever from or to whomever as long as they can afford a comparatively small amount of delivery fee.

Admittedly, the fact that shopping on the Internet is substituting shopping in stores will be quite a challenge for businessmen who are running those stores in the street. However, this trend is, as a matter of fact, inevitable. What those businessmen should consider is changing their mode of making profits instead of complaining about the loss that the web economy has brought to them. On condition that they change their ways of thinking, "the web" can indeed help them make more money.

It is true that more and more people are choosing to shop online, and this trend has more advantages than disadvantages.

2) 同意与否题:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

**Too much money is spent in maintaining and repairing old buildings. People think that old buildings should be knocked down and give way to the new buildings.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

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

Write at least 250 words.

**Model Essay** (丁小莉)

Although some people claim that such old buildings should be knocked down in that their maintenance costs too much and stands in the way of constructing new buildings, I still believe that most of them need to be protected rather than be demolished.

First of all, some old buildings are culturally valuable to their community. This is because traditional buildings, as part of the architectural heritage, form the cultural identity and keep a unique record of the country, so they possess significant value to research into the past and play an important function in the education of future generations. For example, the churches in western countries and the temples in Asian countries tend to stand for Christianity and Buddhism. By protecting them deliberately, not only local residents but also foreign tourists can have access to its splendid history and culture.

Apart from the historic value, booming tourism industry resulting from such old buildings must be a boon to boosting economic development. A good case in point is Colosseum, where many classical buildings could be seen. Millions of travellers throughout the world are flocking to this historic site not only for the breathtaking beauty but also for the centuries-old history. It's free to walk around the forum, but a ticket is required if you want to have a closer look at the interior. However, if Italian government attached little importance to the maintenance of this old architecture, it is unlikely for Italians to attract tourists around the world for hundreds of years.

In conclusion, with sufficient budget, it is reliable and valid to prevent such old buildings from disappearing. And if we do not want to regret in the future, just to remember that there is no chance for us to renovate or save a historic site which has gone already.



You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

**A rise in the standard of living in a country only seems to benefit cities rather than rural areas.**

**What problems might be caused and how to solve these problems?**

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

Write at least 250 words.

**Model Essay (李怡静)**

In this day and age, the fast development of the economy and the increasing care from the government lead to the rising standard of living in a country. However, it seems that cities rather than rural areas have reaped more benefits from this phenomenon. In the following parts of this essay, the problems brought by this and the possible solutions will be discussed.

Attracted by the huge benefits the cities enjoy, a large population in rural areas may migrate to cities to improve their quality of life. As a result, the cities will be packed with too many people, putting so much strain on the government's budget that educational resources, transportation and health care can hardly be guaranteed. A further dire consequence is that relatively less educated citizens will cluster in some neighborhoods, bringing about potential security issues and even social instability. Besides, this urban sprawl means that few people focus on agriculture and more people from all walks of life become labor force in cities, exerting a deterrent influence on the economic development in rural areas and giving rise to much imbalance between cities and rural areas.

To tackle these problems, the government can invest more in rural areas, building more schools, hospitals, office sites and recreational facilities so as to satisfy the needs of local people and create more job opportunities for them. Moreover, subsidies can be offered to those who stay in rural areas and make contributions to agriculture. In doing so, those who are eager to move outside will think twice before making the final decision.

In conclusion, in the light of more benefits gained by cities from the rising living condition, the gap between urban and rural areas has been enlarged and other severe problems may arise. In an attempt to address these issues, the development in rural areas and the compensation for local people should be taken into account.

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