综合写作

A. 讨论 2000 年在阿拉斯加发现的虎鲸 orca 和 2010 年在俄罗斯发现的虎鲸 iceberg 是不是同一只。

阅读给出的三种观点:不是同一只

- 1. 皮肤的颜色不一样, orca 的皮肤颜色比 iceberg 的皮肤颜色深;
- 2. 发现的地点相距太远,相差 1500km;
- 3. 2000 年发现 orca 的时候,科学家通过它的 fin size, 估算它的年龄大约为 20 岁; 而在 2010 年通过 fin size 估算 iceberg 的年龄时,发现也是 20 岁左右,所以不可能是同一只;

听力逐一反驳: 是同一只

- 1. algae (海藻)覆盖住了它的皮肤,所以看上去颜色较暗,而且皮肤颜色会随着季节变化;
- 2. 不同虎鲸的饮食结构不一样,一些虎鲸吃哺乳动物,一些虎鲸吃鱼类。那些吃哺乳动物的虎鲸会待在靠近海岸的地区,不会长途迁徙。而吃鱼类的虎鲸会随着鱼群迁徙长达 2000 公里。恰巧 Iceberg 就是属于食鱼类虎鲸,所以会长途迁徙:
- 3. 只凭 fin size 估算年龄是不准确的, 虎鲸的 fin 到一定年龄就不再生长了。

B.关于讨论铅导致南极科学家死亡的事情

阅读文章要点: (反对)

- 1. 用于封装的铅是不会进入食物的
- 2. 没有其他案例表明是铅引起的
- 3. 可能是由于净水系统

听力逐一反驳:

- 1. 工人很懒,公司对于密封程序不严格
- 2. 其他案例未检测,而且由于铅引起的症状很普遍
- 3. 净水出的水是运用于 steam 的,不是用来喝的

独立写作: 事实类

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People can solve important problems in their daily life by themselves or with the help of their family, so help from the government is not necessary.

Model Essay

There has been a heated debate on whether help from the government is necessary as people can solve important problems on their own or with the help of their family. When it comes to this topic, I reckon that governmental help is of necessity under any condition.

First of all, the government has funds from a wide variety of aspects of life so that it can resolve loads of difficult situations easily. As is well-acknowledged, with the development of society, people are no longer content with the living environment, facilities and so on around them. Once relevant government agencies learn about this need and determine to install infrastructures in many different cities, which may take hundreds of millions of even billions of money, they will make it come true as soon as possible. However, it is something that people cannot solve by themselves or with the help of their family since individuals and corporations don't have that much money available.

What's more, the government has macro-control over many social problems that cannot be solved by individuals. There are many areas to invest money in, the most profitable one of which is real estate, especially in big cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen etc., which helps to drive housing price to rise dramatically since the latter half of 2016. People in big cities complain that they cannot afford to have something to eat, let alone afford to buy an apartment, which makes their life much more stressful than before. When people can find no way out, the government enacts some laws and regulations on housing prices and establish restrictions on purchase to make it affordable for numerous people to buy a house of their own, which can't be realized with individuals' or families' efforts.

In fact, I have to admit that many problems in life can be settled by people and their families, like moving house, getting a job, raising a baby etc. and we need each other. However, help from the government is also necessary when we cannot handle what happens and will happen.

From what I have stated above, I believe that governmental help is still necessary even though people can resolve many problems by themselves or with their families' help.

重点词汇

resolve

vt. 决定;溶解;使...分解;决心要做...

Barnet was desperate for money to resolve his financial problems.

content

adj. 满意的

Andy was a good husband, and Nicky was clearly very content.

facility

n. 设施;设备;容易;灵巧

What recreational facilities are now available?

relevant

adj. 相关的;切题的;中肯的;有重大关系的;有意义的,目的明确的 Relevant documents were presented in court

invest

vt. 投资;覆盖;耗费;授予;包围

Oliver made a fortune by investing in antique furniture.

profitable

adj. 有利可图的; 赚钱的; 有益的

The advertising campaign proved very profitable.

dramatically

adv. 显著地, 剧烈地

The price rises dramatically.

enact

vt. 颁布;制定法律;扮演;发生

Congress refused to enact the bill.

affordable

adj. 负担得起的

The challenge is to supply sufficient amounts of affordable energy to power our lives and build an energy system that can sustain future generations.

• handle

vt. 处理;操作;运用;买卖;触摸

I handled most of the paperwork.

实用句型

When it comes to... 当提到.....的时候

在表达自己关于某一个话题的论点时,可以适当的利用本句,来引出自己的观点: 如范文原句:

When it comes to this topic, I reckon that governmental help is of necessity under any condition.

(当提到这个话题的时候, 我认为政府的帮助无论在什么情况下都是很有必要的。)

再比如,当提到看电视的利弊时,我认为看电视是有很多好处的。

When it comes to the merits and demerits of watching television, I believe that there are many advantages liking to it.

个人观点类

Some people think that lessons for young children aged 5-8 should include video games as an effective way to enable them to be interested in the lessons, while others think that this way is distracting and wasting time.

What is your opinion?

Model Essay

It is not rare to see that modern teaching system includes video games as a practical teaching aid for lower level teaching in tons of primary schools. Although some people would like to see them banned as a source of distraction, I personally would like to suggest schools keep this practice for reasons that their learning effectiveness is going to be leveled up and diverse skills are in a position to be developed through playing video games.

Granted, those who are convinced that video games adopted as a teaching aid are distracting have their own points. They stand on the ground that kids at the age of 5 to 8 are highly absent in self-control and judging ability. This means, unsurprisingly, that they are easily drawn into the games and potentially shift their focus supposed to be on learning to gaming. However, critics of video games underemphasize an important fact that these video games are only used in class time and in homework, the moments when teachers or parents are able to play a supervisory role so that kids are less likely to be addicted and waste their time. Based on reasonable time of using video games as a part of lessons, this practice will for sure exerts a larger amount of conducive influences on children.

The first benefit that children would enjoy must be higher learning efficacy. Different from textbooks which solely contain texts with countable pictures, video games possess fascinating videos that children are more interested in. In this case, children naturally pay more attention to what they have learned from the games and have deeper memory of the contents they learned. Instead of spending much time and energy explaining a boring theory or formula to kids, teachers now are in a position to make children learn by playing. Besides, if children win the games, they feel a sense of accomplishment and probably build up more confidence to do more tasks and learn more things than we expect.

Higher learning effectiveness is not the whole story. Video games are gaining more popularity also because they offer kids opportunity to develop and sharpen their skills, such as hand-eye coordination, problem solving skill and accurate decision making. As an illustration, some video games used in math classes often require kids to finish a calculating task in a given period of time, which for sure demand quick identification of information from the tasks and quick decisions of definite answers. These video games, accordingly, fulfil a function of nurturing kids' relevant skills that are profound in future study and life.

In sum, I concede that video games are disadvantageous for children if they are not carefully controlled and supervised. However, with careful cooperation between schools and parents, children are more likely to enjoy more far-reaching influences from video games.

重点词汇

- teaching aid
- n. 教学工具, 教学辅助

Schools are now using interactive whiteboard in their teaching system.

- ♦ self-control
- n. 自制力

After all, when you have little self-control, anything is possible.

- judging ability
- n. 判断力

Young kids are likely to imitate violent actions because they lack judging ability.

- ♦ underemphasize
- v. 低估,忽视

I think we underemphasize the prevalence of certain normal errors inherent in medical practice.

- ◆ sharpen
- v. 使敏捷, 使锋利

A young person has a lot of skills to sharpen before they step into the real society.

- ♦ nurture
- v. 培养, 养育

Think of pregnancy as an opportunity to nurture your baby and prepare for the exciting changes ahead.

- ♦ hand-eye coordination
- n. 手眼协调能力

Involving children in food preparation activities, like measuring, pouring and stirring helps them

learn the names and colors of foods, and develops their hand-eye coordination.

♦ supervise

v. 监督

Citizens have the right to know and to supervise the government.

实用句型

有条件做某事 sb. be in a position to do sht.

这个表达可以代替考生们写作中用的非常"滥"的一个情态动词——can. 当考生们在表达某人能做某事的时候,通常不管句意不管逻辑通通用 sb. can do sth.来表达。而这往往使得文章意思既不精确,还显得语言匮乏。所以,当考生们再遇到这个意思时,仔细思考你是不是在表达某人有条件能做某事,那就可以用的上这个表达了。

In order to adapt to the life in university and succeed, if you are a freshman, which method do you think is better:

- ①attending a one-week orientation or introduction program when you are in the university campus, and it will begin before you have the classes.
- 2 Meeting regularly at your first year with a student in your major field who has entered the university for several years.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Model Essay

It is always joyful and delightful for high school graduates to get enrolled in their ideal university after fierce college entrance competition. However, it is not uncommon for these freshmen to encounter some difficulties when they really want to settle down in the school. Therefore, when it comes to the way that can better help students adapt to their university life, two choices have surfaced----attending an orientation program before classes or having regular meetings with senior students who are in the same major within the first year. Though some people may prefer the introduction program, I strongly insist on the latter choice.

First and foremost, communicating with senior students regularly enables freshmen to acclimatize themselves to campus life more easily. Actually, the major reason why students have difficulties in fitting in university life in their first year is that the school is totally unfamiliar to them. In other words, they will be confused about many things in the school, including how to use the dining card in the canteen, which path can help them get to the library within a short time and so forth. Fortunately, students who have already lived in the school for a long time are able to offer freshmen help with regard to these issues. Hence, with these problems tackled, freshmen are more likely to get integrated into their university life at the very beginning. On the other hand, the orientation program may only provide relatively official introduction about the campus life, which is neither detailed nor practical enough to freshmen.

Furthermore, freshmen's academic performance in university can be enhanced if they have regular meetings with senior students who major in the same field with them. In fact, it is common that university courses are more complex than those in high schools and probing into a specific major deeply is stressful as well. Usually, many senior students are aware of the difficulties in their major and may have already figured out the methods that can help them better understand and digest knowledge. Thus, their experience in the aspect of the major learning can play a crucial role in helping freshmen keep pace with the study progress as beginners. On the contrary, the introduction program in the first week usually offers little information concerning students' major knowledge because instead of aiming at specific major students, it is designed for all the freshmen in that year.

Admittedly, orientation program is not without its advantages. For instance, freshmen can develop their interpersonal relationship with their peers through attending the

program together and will know what the campus is like before starting their study in school. Nonetheless, a week is far from enough for freshmen to interact with others as intimate friends and to have a deep knowledge of campus life because they are even unaware of their problems and difficulties that they may confront. Instead, regular communication with senior students within a year enables freshmen to solve their problems that gradually appear as they advance their study and life in school.

To conclude, I am convinced that meeting senior students in the same major regularly in students' first year in university can bring more benefits to freshmen in respect of their adaptation to campus life and to major study as well.

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重点词汇

♦ Get enrolled in

v. 被...录取

Scarcely did students get enrolled in boarding schools, the teachers would exert greater control over children's study and daily lives.

◆ Fierce

adj. 凶猛的;猛烈的;暴躁的

Consumers have a wide array of choices and price competition is fierce.

♦ Encounter

vt. 遭遇, 邂逅, 遇到

We encounter so many problems in work.

◆ Surface

vi. 浮出水面

Two choices have surfaced after drastic discussion.

◆ Acclimatize oneself to

v. 使。。适应新环境

I believe they will quickly acclimatize themselves to the new school.

♦ Integrate

vi. 成为一体,融入

The committee integrated some of the suggestions into its plan.

♦ Probe into

v. 探究, 探索

Innovation of this text is to probe into some unexplored issues.

◆ Confront

vt. 面对, 遭遇

Here is the problem that we confront--and this is a solvable problem.

♦ Advance

vt. 使。。前进

We should advance our project as quickly as possible.

♦ Interact with

v. 与。。相互作用, 互动

You must be around others and interact with them.

♦ Keep pace with

v. 跟上,适应,与。。并驾齐驱

They are planning to move to a larger shop to keep pace with demand.

实用句型

◆ It is not uncommon that....

。。。不是一件不同寻常的事情(此句为双重否定句,是 it is common that 的变体,体现句子多样性,类似的还可以改成 it is no longer uncommon for sb. to do sth.)

◆ Admittedly, xxx is not without its advantages/disadvantages. 我承认, xxx 也不是全无好处/坏处(此句主要是用于让步段开头,形式是双重否定,所以同学们在使用时要注意不要用反,前面是对方观点,则后面用 advantages,前面是本方观点,则后面用 disadvantages)

◆ To conclude, I am convinced that... 总的来说,我深信。。。(此句用于结尾段第一句话)