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Integrated Writing:

第一套:

给了一张非洲大陆和 Madagascar 马达加斯加岛的地图，说马达加斯加岛上的生物有很多是来源于非洲大陆的

阅读文章的要点：很有关系

- 1、非洲大陆的动物要跨海到达马达加斯加岛只能是被暴雨冲到海里，然后借助木板漂到岛上，这种可能性微乎其微；
- 2、非洲大陆沿岸的洋流不是流向马达加斯加岛的，这样一来动物是不会漂往那个方向的；
- 3、从 mainland 到马达加斯加岛有 400 miles, 动物不吃不喝不可能 survive。

听力讲座的要点：认为并没有太大的关联

- 1、科学家通过对现在马达加斯加岛上动物的 genetic analysis 后发现它们是 4 种 species 的后代，在大量动物中有 4 种生物漂游过去并存活是很有可能；
- 2、科学家通过计算分析，很久以前马达加斯加岛的位置更靠南，洋流是到那里的；
- 3、动物有一种能力叫 torpor，这种能力可以减慢新陈代谢的速度，即使没有足够的食物和 freshwater，动物也可以存活三周左右，可以漂游过去。

第二套:

the Chicanos 奇卡诺人在 Cochans 修路的原因

阅读文章的要点：是由于陨石撞击形成的。

- 1、用来运送人和物品；
- 2、宗教原因，提到现在美国西南部有一些人用同样的办法祭祀；
- 3、防御工事，用来抵御外敌入侵。

听力讲座的要点:

- 1、修建的路没有连接 settlements，而且那时没有 wagons 和 carts，运货依靠步行，没有必要建这么宽的路；
- 2、虽然现在有宗教，但那时候可能还没有，没有文字记录能证明 the Cochans 和美国西南部的人是有关联的；
- 3、这些路不可能随时有人看守，也没有发现类似防御物之类的遗迹，敌方也有可能把路据为己用，没有防御用途。

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Independent Writing:

1) 是否同意类

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Nowadays, it is not important for people to have regular family meals together.

Sample answer:

During my parents' time, having family meal together regularly was quite important to maintain and promote family relationship. However, nowadays it is not the only way.

Admittedly, family meals play an important role in family life in most countries. During the meals, family members can share their daily lives with each other, including difficulties at work, funny stories in schools or news all over the world. This kind of sharing cannot only help the family members understand each other more, but also provide the opportunities for them to help the one in need.

However, due to the fast pace and great work pressure in society, people are fully occupied with their work, finding it difficult for family members to be available on the same day. For example, there are four members in my family: my parents are doctors who have to be ready for work at any time, especially in an emergency, while my brother travels on business very frequently. Sometimes I even have to spend the weekends alone when they are all at work, not to mention having lunch or dinner with all of them.

Although the fast pace of society blocks the opportunities for family members to get together, it also brings other ways to promote bonding between family members. The most widely-known way is video chat. When my brother is on business trip while we want to have a family meal, he will order take-out food, video-call us, and have dinner in front of his computer screen, talking and laughing with us. Another much more convenient way is social networks, which can make us communicate with each other without time and space restrictions. When my mother traveled to France last month, she posted her favorite photos and travel-notes on social networks so that we could comment on them and interacted with other relatives and friends.

With all factors being considered, including feasibility and uniqueness, it is reasonable to believe that even though regular family meals had helped and will help us to strengthen our family relationship, it is not an irreplaceable way as some more affordable and efficient ways have been offered.

2) 二选一类

People in daily lives would frequently do the jobs that need creativity, such as the job you have never done before. Under this circumstance, do you prefer to work alone or work with others?

Sample answer:

In an ever-changing society increasingly dominated by the advent of state-of-the-art technologies, innovation evidently constitutes the major source of powerhouse behind progress on virtually every front. On a microscopic level, such qualities as creativity is also a much desired trait of workforce in any organization ready to embrace and shape its future through revolutionary transformations. To maximize their creative potential,

cooperation and collaboration among employees apparently prove a superior alternative to working in isolation.

Creativity requires certain peculiar, outside-the-box thinking that often challenges the established, conventional norms, an endeavor that wouldn't be possible without a fierce clash of uniquely disparate schools of thought. This is particularly true in a corporate scenario, where the belief of every employee rests on assumptions of which they are convicted, possibly as a result of the education they have received over their course of academic life or their subjective perception of what works best for the company and what does not. These assumptions vary considerably from one individual to another, but what remains invariably true is that they do serve as a straitjacket that constrains one's understanding, thus inhibiting brilliant, novel ideas from being raised and shared across the work group or the entire organization. A productive discussion whereby continuous exchange of individual assumptions and perceptions takes place will serve a helpful role in challenging and eradicating those misconceptions harbored by each employee for a long time. Once their minds are set free, whatever is ready to come out is bursts of creative energy that has been stifled in their heads for too long.

Group work also serves as a filter of ideas by reinforcing those truly brilliant ones and casting aside their ludicrous counterparts. After all, creativity is embodied in a unique perspective of an individual; however, such uniqueness may yield polarizing outcomes, turning out to be either positively constructive or embarrassingly immature. It's precisely the concern for the latter that many creative thoughts hidden deep inside the minds of ordinary employees have never been brought up to senior management, for those residing on the bottom hierarchies of corporate ladder feared what they are ready to propose might turn out to be the laughing stock in the eyes of those holding managerial positions. Fortunately, group work can be the first "trial process" that tests the theoretical viability and soundness of any idea employees are willing to share. Through much more intense discussion and debate, truly genius ideas would survive and be passed up along the corporate hierarchy and the preposterous ones would be rejected. In this way, it encourages employees to engage actively in group discussions, for any esteemed individuals would aspire to career success by making their share of contributions to the team and organization as a whole.

In conclusion, in a creativity-driven corporate atmosphere, group discussion is much better appreciated than working individually. It's generally agreed that creative power is only to be fully tapped or exploited by removing any constraints imposed upon it, whether cognitive constraints such as false assumptions or psychological constraints such as fear of being laughed at. Luckily, group work eliminates these constraints and in doing so, primes even an average mind for unleashing of sparks of creative potential.

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3) 三选一类

Your friend is trying to reduce living expenses. Which of the following way would you recommend to your friend and why?

- Find a roommate (housemate) who can share living expenses
- Buy new technology products such as the latest mobile/cell phone
- Buy less expensive food to cook at home (instead of eating in restaurants or buying expensive food items)

Sample answer:

For those who are living in modern cities, the rising living expenses have become one of their concerns. In order to lighten financial burden, therefore, people need to sort out probable ways to cut down the cost of living, such as finding a roommate, buying technology products less frequently or cooking at home. In my opinion, choosing less expensive food to cook at home may be the most practical as well as effective solution.

Firstly, shopping for less expensive food to cook at home costs obviously much less than eating outside, since you are charged not only for the food ordered, but also for some other things, like the services and the rent in a restaurant. Considering the fact that the cost of food makes up nearly a quarter of our total living expenses, this approach is definitely recommended, especially in the long run. Sometimes, perhaps, eating outside can also cause extra expenditure on transportation as you may need to take a bus or taxi to the restaurant or cafe.

What's more, it is widely acknowledged that cooking at home is comparatively healthy and safe, which drastically lowers the risk of suffering from certain food-related diseases such as diarrhea and sometimes even food poisoning. Hence, apart from reducing living expenses, it can avoid unnecessary medical expenses as well.

Finding a roommate who can share part of your living expenses, such as rent, on most occasions, seems to be a means of cutting down expenditure, but it may result in other financial problems, and it is also infeasible for those who are living with their family members or those who prefer to live alone. In addition, although buying technology products less frequently can save a small amount of money, it is not a long-term solution to this problem.

In conclusion, while finding someone to share the rent or saving money which would be spent on the latest technology products can be considered as probable ways of reducing living expenses, buying less expensive food to cook at home is the most practical and effective way to solve the problem.

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