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主题:成功之道

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Everyone wants some degree of success. Many people believe that they deserve success simply because they believe that they deserve success.

But there is a widespread belief that people who get on in life may be successful not because they deserve it, but because of influential(有影响的) friends or the right background. Sometimes it may just be a comforting and harmless belief, while at the other extreme(极端) it can be very destructive(破坏性的). I once met a brilliant(有才气的) young engineer who worked in a chemical plant. Because of her knowledge and experience, she should have been promoted(提升) to Production Manager. Instead, the job went to a man who was totally unsuited for the post. Everyone knew that he only got it because he was politically acceptable to his superiors(上司). This injustice discouraged the young engineer and many of her colleagues. It also meant that the factory was much less efficient than it could have been.

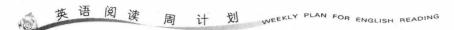
All the same, we should not be pessimistic(悲观的). More and more, the modern world depends on having people who are in the job because they are good enough, not just because their face fits. There is a story of a factory owner who sent for an engineer to see to a machine which would not go. He examined it, then took out a hammer and tapped it, once. The machine started up immediately. When he presented his bill, the owner protested, "This can't be right! \$ 100 just for tapping a machine with a hammer?" The engineer wrote out a new bill: "For tapping a machine, \$ 1; for knowing where to tap it, \$ 99."

1 The engineer at the chemical plant was not promoted because

- A. it is more difficult for a woman to get a promotion than for her male colleagues
- B. her boss did not think she had the right qualifications for the job
- C. the man who got the promotion was more experienced than she was
- D. her bosses did not approve of her political views and opinions

2) The engineer who repaired the machine was right in charging \$ 100 because __

- A. he was the only person who could find out what was wrong with it was a server works of the could be server with the could be server works of the could be server with th
- B. the factory owner could not have repaired it himself openA and to Irigil a saw II works of C
- C. he hit the machine to get it started again and to soo need and the drive group anisotration
- D. he was charging for his knowledge and expert skills



- What can we learn about the author's attitude toward the widespread belief?
 - A. He quite agrees with it.

B. He doesn't quite agree with it.

C. He completely disagrees with it.

- D. He doesn't express his opinion at all.
- According to the text, which of the following is NOT true?
 - A. Having influential friends or right background seems helpful sometimes.
 - B. The engineer had good reason to overcharge the factory owner.
 - C. Not all those who are good in their jobs have the chance to be promoted.
 - D. Those who are good in their job are still largely needed by the modern society.



主题:新闻报道 字数:330 建议时间:6分钟

The war against terrorists was as much a battle about values as it was about arms, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said in an address to a rare joint sitting of parliament today.

"And to win this struggle we have to win the battle of values as much as arms."

Britain, along with the United States and Australia, has been one of the prime forces in the war against terrorism.

Mr. Blair said the key to winning the battle against extremist elements was to show it was not a fight of the West against Islam, but about the ownership of common values.

"We have to show that these are not Western ... American or Anglo Saxon values, but values in the common ownership of humanity, universal values that should be the right of the global citizen," he said.

"This is the challenge I believe that we face and ranged against us are of course the people who hate us, but beyond them are many more who don't hate us but question our motives, our good faith, our even – handedness, who could support our values but believe we support them selectively."

These were people that countries such as Britain had to persuade, Mr. Blair said.

"They have to know this struggle is about justice and tolerance as well as security and prosperity (繁荣)," he said.

"And in truth today there is no prosperity without security and no security without justice."

Earlier today, Mr. Blair told the ABC that Britain should be able to substantially reduce its troop commitment in Iraq as the Iraqi government develops its security forces.

He would not be drawn on how long British troops might remain in Iraq but said the Iraqi security forces and army were building up their capability.

"As that happens, we can draw down," Mr. Blair said.

"Will we be able to make substantial troop reductions? ... In my view, that is possible provided of course that the Iraqi capability has been built up and sustained."

- What is the key to winning the battle against extremist elements said by Tony Blair?
 - A. To show it was a fight of the West against Islam.
 - B. To show it was a fight about the ownership of common values.
 - C. To show it was a fight about Western values.
 - D. To show it was a fight of the American values. The shows the state of the American values.
- 6 Britain, along with _____, has been one of the prime forces in the war against terrorism.
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- C. United States and Canada D. America and Australia.

• According to Blair, what Britain should do as the Iraqi government develops its security forces.

- A. Draw down its troops immediately.
- B. Reduce its troop commitment in Iraq substantially.
 - C. Remain its troops in Iraq as before.
- D. Increase its security forces in Iraq. and yeard even bluow speeded, nothing as fundified

♦ Which one is true according to the text? At bloom best broose and most established another brook and br

- A. Tony Blair mentioned how long British troops might remain in Iraq. add was avoided with a supplier of the s
- B. Tony Blair said that Britain will make troop reductions without conditions.
- C. Tony Blair mentioned that Britain will make troop reductions as the Iraqi government develops its security force.
- D. Tony Blair said that to win the struggle Britain has to win the battle of arms only.

今日 A 篇文章是议论文,议论文一般结构比较鲜明。比如该篇第一段就是总 说,引出话题。第二段说明一般人所持的观点(belief)的害处,而第三段递进一层, 说明"the modern world"有赖于出众者,鼓励人们获取成功。总分总的结构对于高 考写作很有借鉴意义,虽然不免带有"八股"之嫌,但对于读者了解大意十分方便, 因为看了首尾就知道了全文。



主题:新闻报道

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SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic - An infant girl born with a second head bled to death Saturday after complex(复杂的) surgery(外科手术) to remove her partially formed twin, her parents and doctors said.

A medical team completed the 11-hour operation Friday night and said 8week-old Rebecca Martinez died seven hours later. Doctors had warned after the

surgery that the girl would be at great risk of death.

"We knew this was a very risky surgery, and now we accept what God has decided," Rebecca's father, 29-year-old Franklin Martinez, said at a news conference with his wife. "Rebecca is no longer with us physically, but no one will forget her. "our aliabet not decide with sea new years

Martinez said the family would bury Rebecca in a private funeral(葬礼) later in the day.

The girl lost a lot of blood in the operation, which apparently(明显地) caused her to suffer a heart attack, said Dr. Jorge Lazareff, the lead surgeon. Friends and family donated(捐赠)almost 4 gallons of blood for surgeons to use during Rebeca's operation.

"This was not a failure or an error," Lazareff said. "When we left here last night the girl was in stable(稳定的)condition. At some point in the middle of the night, she started to bleed."

Rebecca was born Dec. 10 with the undeveloped head of her twin, an extremely rare condition known as craniopagus parasiticus. Rebecca was the eighth documented case in the world of craniopagus parasiticus, doctors said.

All the other infants documented to have had the condition died before birth, making Rebecca's surgery the first known operation of its kind.

Without an operation, Rebecca would have barely been able to lift her head at 3 months old. Her doctors said the pressure from the second head would have prevented her brain from developing.

"We always saw Rebecca without the extra part of her body," her father said after her death. Rebecca was their third child—along with a 4-year-old boy and a 1-year-old girl.

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- after she went to the operation table. Rebecca Martinez died
 - A. 8 weeks
- B. 11 hours
- C. 7 hours

3 Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the text?

- A. Rebecca died because mistakes happened during the operation.
- B. Rebecca most probably died of bleeding.
- C. Rebecca was her parents' third child.
- D. Without an operation, Rebecca would have little hope of living.

• Which of the following would be the best title for the passage?

- A. Infant Girl Dies After 2nd Head Removed
- B. Rebecca, Hiciano's Third Child
- C. The Death of a Girl With Two Heads
- D. Rebecca's Surgery: the First Known Operation



主题: 求职指南

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Filling in company application(申请) forms can become a boring and repetitive task, yet any carelessness on an applicant's part can draw a negative(消极的) reaction from readers. Blow it at this stage and you won't get a chance to persuade them in person, no matter how good you are. Each company or organization usually uses its own specially designed form that, although it generally asks for the same basic information, may vary in detail. So the suggestions below will help you to know what to do rather than what you should write. The specific well and should write when the same and the same a

- When visiting future employers, always carry your personal data(数据) record with you so that you can readily search for details such as dates, telephone numbers and other useful information.
- Treat every application form as though it is the first one you are completing—write carefully The girl lost a lot of blood in the operation, which apparently (明显别) caused be veltaen ban
- Use words that describe each job you have held as fully as possible rather than list only the duties you performed.
- Particularly describe social activities that show your involvement(参与) in the community, or activities in which you held a teaching or coaching role. In this amount of the coaching role in which you held a teaching or coaching role.

Pay particular attention if there is a section on the form that asks you to say how your education and past experience have especially prepared you for the position.

Think this very carefully before you write so that what you say shows a natural progression from past experience to the job you are applying for. If you can, and if they fit naturally, add a few words to explain how the position fits your overall career plan.

Follow these suggestions and you can get your foot in the door of a great future!

6 The first sentence of the passage means that

- A. you may have to fill in a long application form where as how a self-only evil only anadisem.
- B. the filling up of an application form takes much time and applied up of your since all the filling up of an application form takes much time and applied to the filling up of an application form takes much time and applied to the filling up of an application form takes much time and applied to the filling up of an application form takes much time and applied to the filling up of an application form takes much time and applied to the filling up of an application form takes much time and applied to the filling up of an application form takes much time and applied to the filling up of an applied to the filling up of an applied to the filling up of a filling up of
- C. one may have to fill in many application forms before one gets a job
- D. application forms are usually difficult to read and require good skills

6 Although all application forms demand the same basic information,

- B. different companies may take different attitudes toward them
- C. applicants may be required to answer all the questions in detail
 - D. applicants may have to send in the forms by person

• Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. Your personal data record will be of much help to your interview.
- B. You should put in your personal data record in the application form completely as possible.
- C. Your personal data record is more important than the interview.
- D. You should write your personal data as clearly and neatly as possible. Who who allowed the property of the state of the property of the pro

3 Which of the following would be the best title for the text?

- A. Importance of Application Forms.
 - B. Nature of Application Forms.

C. Job and Its Application.

D. How to Fill in an Application Form.

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新闻报道往往段落较多,因为新闻必须从各个侧面报道,但如同散文的形散神不散一样,它也有鲜明的主题,而且一般从主题句(topic sentence)就可获知,尤其是首段首句和末段末句,因为阅读新闻往往是浏览新闻,阅读开头结尾足够知道当天的事件。如今天 A 篇的文章首句: An infant girl born with a second head bled to death Saturday after complex surgery to remove her partially formed twin...,整个报道其实都是围绕这句话展开的。



主题:美国印象

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Many visitors to the United States find that the fast pace at which people move is very troubling. One's first impression(印象) is likely to be that everyone is in a rush. City people always seem to be

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hurrying to get where they are going. And they are very impatient if they are delayed even for a brief

At first this may seem unfriendly to you. But drivers will rush you; storekeepers will be in a hurry as they serve you; people will push past you as they walk along the street. You will miss smiles and brief conversations with people when you shop or dine in a restaurant. Do not think it is because Americans are in such a hurry that they are unfriendly. Life is often much slower outside the big cities, which is true in other countries as well.

Americans who live in cities such as New York, Chicago, or Los Angeles, often think that everyone is equally in a hurry to get things done. But when they discover that you are a stranger, most Americans become quite kindly and will take great care to help you. Many of them first came to the city as strangers and they remember how frightening a new city can be. If you need help or want to ask a question, choose a friendly looking person and say, "I am a stranger here. Can you help me?" Most people will stop, smile at you, and help you find your way or answer your questions. But you must let them know that you need help. Otherwise they are likely to pass you by, not noticing that you are new to the city and in need of help. Occasionally(偶尔), you may find someone too busy or perhaps too rushed to give you aid. If this happens, do not be discouraged; just ask someone else.

0	In American big cities, people rarely	ollowing statements is TRUE?		
	A. smile to each other	B. move at a fast pace		
	C. chat with each other in a shop	D. dine away from home		
0	According to the writer, American people are at proper stabilization			
	A. unfriendly only when they are shopping	B. actually friendly to foreign visitors		
	C. indeed cold to foreign visitors	D. in no hurry when walking in the s		
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- Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the text?
 - A. Life pace is different inside and outside big cities. B. Life pace is quite slow in other parts of the world.

 - C. Life pace is the same in different parts of the world.
 - D. Life pace is similar in American cities, big or small.

A. you are a foreigner

B. you know their way of life

C. you are as busy as they are D. you are a stranger there



主题: 汽车导购 字数: 289 建议时间: 6分钟

The first step in wise car care and service is to buy a car that is in perfect condition. Look the car over carefully to make sure that it doesn't have any built-in flaws(瑕疵) or service headaches. Look at the vehicle during the daytime as darkness may hide problems. Be sure you know how to operate your car. Sit in the driver's seat and have the salesman explain how to start the car. Make sure you learn the location(位置) of all the controls.

First things first—check the outside of the car. Open and close the car doors two or three times. Do the doors fit the frames? Do they close completely? Roll the windows up and down. Do they work smoothly and close all the way? Have the salesman try all the lights and signals while you stand out-



side the car to make sure they work.

The engine is the heart. Start the engine and listen for any noise. The car should run smoothly after it has warmed up. All these simple things should be checked before you leave the shop.

Next, road-test the car. It should speed up without jerking(颠簸), and the brake(刹车) should work evenly(均匀地) and quickly. Check out the gearbox(变速箱). When driving, check that the transmission(传送) changes down into each gear properly under full acceleration(加速) and at the right time. If possible, take it on a drive that covers a mixture of conditions i.e. fast motorway driving, slow driving in the city, twisting(扭曲的) roads—and don't forget to check reverse.

If the car fails to perform on any of these points, do not take it. Insist that the faults be fixed before you accept it. I guille not ed of ameed if fud. Her notizeup sint of newens tont on all enemp

- 6 When you want to buy a car, you'd better first _____. I gold smooth of shoots all the shoots are the shoots a
- A. learn how to operate the car

 B. check the condition of the car

 - C. try to ask about its service headaches D. tell the salesman to start and stop it describes the salesman to start and start and stop it describes the salesman to start and stop it describes the salesman to start and start and stop it describes the salesman to start and start and
- 6 While the salesman is testing the lights and signals, you should need a least of the lights and signals, you should
- A. sit in the driver's seat and abaseless B. roll the windows up of evidence chomiens nemoW*
 - C. watch from outside
- D. open the car doors
- What does the underlined word "reverse" most probably mean?
 - A. movement in the opposite direction. B. oil tank of a car.

- C. weight of a car.
- begins belief D. something that slows or stops action.
- - A. How to select a car.

B. Whether to buy an old car or a new one.

C. How to operate a car.

D. How to learn to drive a car.



词义的猜测理解是阅读理解的一项重要能力指标,上下文和构词法知识是两 把解开词义的钥匙,而且有时还需要结合生活常识等。如今天 B 篇文章第四段出 现的 gearbox 文中给出了汉语注释,但下文出现的 gear 就没有汉语意义,因为既然 前者为变速箱,里面装得就是后者,那么 gear 就一定是排挡了。这一点可以从下 文"...the transmission(传送) changes down into each gear properly..."得到验证。



主题: 社会现象

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Some people take lots of exercise. Others keep to strict diets. But according to recent research, the best way to live a long and happy life is simple. Get a dog.

"We have known for many years that the company of a pet can increase well-being(康乐) in a number of ways, says Dr Bonnie Beaver, an animal

