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## English Writing SAMPLES

for non-native speakers & ESL learners



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## Primary Level ESL 小學作文

### **BEFORE** Editing/Correction

#### **When I grow up**

All children want to grow up. They are curious about this world, it's the reason why they would like to think of it. When we were a child, however, a large number of homework used to be done. Including the weekends, the children didn't have any free time to play games, so I asked a boy who would do in the future and he told me that he didn't want to do homework anymore. If he grows up, he will have a plenty of time to travel. As you know, both adult and children are busier and busier than before. Many people think that life is a competition in the social, we must take part in it. When they all grew up, the pleasant days in the past would be missed, but it has never come back again. As a child, parents gave you some money and you could use it to buy something what you want to. When you became the adult, you must earn money at work and you had to solve problems by yourself. At the same time, you need to take care of your parents even if something had had trouble with your life and work.

(200 words, 24 phrases, Score 68/100 before this Review)

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### **AFTER** Editing/Correction

#### **When I grow up**

All children **can't wait** to grow up, as they are curious about this world, **and they want to grow up faster to learn more about it. Every child in school is given a lot of homework to do after class. During** the weekends, the children **don't even** have any free time to play games, so I asked a boy **what he** would like to do in the future, and he told me that he **will not** want to do **any** homework. **When he grows old enough to take care of himself, he would like to travel as frequent as possible. As observed, both adults and children are getting busy nowadays.** Many people think that life is a **matter of** competition in the **society**, we **have no choice but to** take part in **the rat-race. By the time** they grew up, the **carefree** days in the past would be **gone for good.** As a child, parents give you some **pocket**-money to buy **whatever** you like. **As an** adult, you must earn **your own income** and solve problems by yourself. **Moreover**, you still **have** to take care of your parents even **when you encounter crisis or adversity in life and career.**

(200 words, 21 phrases) **Edited/Corrected/Rephrased parts**

**ACTUAL** Edited/Corrected Copy

## When I grow up

All children ~~want~~ can't wait to grow up. , They are curious about this world, it's the reason why they would like to think of it and they want to grow up faster to learn more about it.  
When we were a child, however, a large number of homework used to be done.

Every child in school is given a lot of homework to do after class.

~~Including~~ During the weekends, the children ~~didn't~~ don't even have any free time to play games, so I asked a boy ~~who~~ what he would like to do in the future, and he told me that he ~~didn't~~ will not want to do any homework anymore.

If he grows up, he will have a plenty of time to travel.

When he grows old enough to take care of himself, he would like to travel as frequent as possible.

As you know, both adult and children are busier and busier than before.

(As observed, both adults and children are getting busy nowadays.)

(24 out of 25 phrases edited/corrected, 34 corrections)

Many people think that life is a matter of competition in the social society, we have no choice but to ~~must~~ take part in it the rate-race.

~~When~~ By the time they all grew up, the ~~pleasant~~ carefree days in the past would be ~~missed~~ gone for good, ~~but it has never come back again.~~

As a child, parents gave you some pocket-money ~~and you could use it~~ to buy ~~something what~~ whatever you like want to. ~~When you became the~~ As an adult, you must earn your own income money at work and ~~you had to~~ solve problems by yourself.

~~At the same time~~ Moreover, you still need (have) to take care of your parents even when ~~if had had something you encounter~~ trouble (crisis/adversity) ~~with your in~~ life and work (career).

- (bracket) : alternative words/phrases/expression
- underline/~~strike-through~~ no bracket : rephrase and replace
- underline (bracket) : suggest a better expression



## Secondary Level ESL 中學作文

### **BEFORE** Editing/Correction

#### **Learning through my idol**

Everyone has his or her own idol. Some offer negative stand with the latter. My idol is a Hollywood movie star --- Sandra bullock. I've admired her for two and a half years. I think she has an incredible magical power. She's the best actress in my heart. Actually I am deeply influenced by her.

About two years ago. I rented a video called "speed," starring Sandra. At that time, I still didn't know who she was. Because of the leading man (Keanu Reeves). But after seeing that great movie, I was totally starstruck! Her performance and smile really attracted me.

At that time, I started collecting everything about Sandra from magazines, TV and newspapers. But unfortunately, I couldn't find much information in Taiwan. That really disappointed me. All I could do was to get on the internet. Luckily, there were many foreign web sites. I was really happy then. But there was a big problem for me: the Web sites were all in English. So, English became an important part in my life. I was determined to learn English well and to be able to read and understand everything.

The craziest thing I've ever done was to record all her movies, film previews and interviews. I listened to them over and over every single day. When I heard any vocabulary which I didn't understand, I would look up them in the dictionary. That was a good for me because I could learn them in a very short time. It does work, and I never get tired of doing this. It's been two years since then, and my listening and reading abilities are better than before. I can even chat with my foreign friends on the internet.

Now, just wasn't to say, "Thank you so much, Sandra." Finally, if you guys have an idol like me, I hope you all can get something positive from that person.

(317 words, 49 phrases)

## **AFTER** Editing/Correction

### **Learning through my idol**

Everyone has his or her own idol. **Some people learn the bad things from their ill-behaved idol.** My idol is a Hollywood movie star -- Sandra **Bullock**, whom I **traced and recorded like paparazzi** for two and a half years. **She seems to possess some magical power that overwhelm me.** She is the best actress in my **eyes.** I must admit she had influenced me deeply.

**Some** two years ago, I rented a video called "**Speed**," starring Sandra. **I had no clue who she was, but drawn to watch the famous star Keanu Reeves.** **Having watched** that **nerve-wrenching** movie, **I was swept off her feet totally!** Her performance and smile really attracted me.

**From then onwards,** I started collecting everything about Sandra from magazines, TV and newspapers, **but** I couldn't find much in Taiwan. **What a disappointment to me!** All **that** I could do was to **search** on the internet. Luckily, there were **plenty of** foreign web sites about her. I was really happy then. **However, I was confronted with another obstacle : all web** sites were **published** in English. **As such,** English became an important part in my life. I determined to learn English well to read and understand everything **on the web.**

The craziest thing **I ever did** was to record all her movies, film previews and interviews. I listened to them over and over **again** every day. Whenever I **came across** any vocabulary that **appeared alien to me,** I would **thumb through** the dictionary. That was good for me because I could learn **fast, it works well,** and I never get tired of doing this. **Having done so for two years consistently,** my listening and reading abilities **improved leaps and bounds.** I can even chat with my foreign friends **over** the internet.

Now, I just **want** to say, "Thank you so much, Sandra." Finally, if you **too worship** an idol like **I did, I hope you could turn your admiration or worshiping for idol into something positive and beneficial to yourself.**

(334 words, 43 phrases)

**ACTUAL** Edited/Corrected Copy

**Learning English through my idol**

Everyone has his or her own idol. Some offer negative stand with the latter. Some people learn the bad things from their ill-behaved idol (role model). My idol is a Hollywood movie star --- Sandra ~~bullock~~ Bullock, whom I ~~I've admired~~ traced and recorded like paparazzi her for two and a half years. I think she has an incredible magical power. (She seems to possess some magical power that overwhelm me.) She's the best actress in my ~~heart~~ eyes. Actually I am deeply influenced by her. (I must admit she had influenced me deeply.) About (Some) two years ago. I rented a video called "speed Speed," starring Sandra. At that time, I still didn't know who she was (I had no clue who she was, but drawn to watch the famous star Keanu Reeves). Because of the leading man (Keanu Reeves). ~~But after seeing~~ Having watched that great (nerve-wrenching/nerve-plucking) movie, I was totally starstruck (I was swept off her feet totally) ! Her performance and smile really attracted me. ~~At that time~~ From then onwards, I started collecting everything about Sandra from magazines, TV and newspapers, ~~but But unfortunately,~~ I couldn't find much information in Taiwan. That really disappointed me (What a disappointment to me!). All that I could do was to ~~get~~ search on the internet. Luckily, there were many (plenty of) foreign web sites about her.

I was really happy then. But there was a big problem for me (However, I was confronted with another problem/obstacle) : all ~~the Web~~ web sites were all published in English. ~~So,~~ As such, English became an important part in my life. I ~~was~~ determined to learn English well and to be able (so as) to read and understand everything on the web.

The craziest thing ~~I've I ever done~~ did was to record all her movies, film previews and interviews. I listened to them over and over again every single day. Whenever I heard (came across) any vocabulary which that I didn't could not understand (appeared alien to me), I would look up them in (thumb through) the dictionary.

That was good for me because I could learn them in a very short time(fast), It does work (it works well), and I never get tired of doing this. It's been two years since then (Having done so for two years consistently), ~~and~~ my listening and reading abilities are better than before (improved leaps and bounds).

I can even chat with my foreign friends on (over) the internet. Now, I just ~~wasn't want~~ to say, "Thank you so much, Sandra." Finally, if you ~~guys too have~~ worship an idol like ~~me~~ I did, I hope you all (all of you) can get (generate) something positive ~~from~~ with that person as an idol/role model. (I hope you could turn your admiration or worshipping for idol into something positive and beneficial to yourself).

(32 out of 49 phrases edited/corrected, 47 corrections )



## Pre-U Level ESL 高中作文

### **BEFORE** Editing/Correction

#### **Fashions and me**

Due to the abundance of the material goods and rapid development of civilization, people are becoming more and more particular about what they use and wear. An increasing number of manufacturers have focused on designing things that will appeal to consumers. Those who sell a lot of their products dominate the market and lead a trend that most people will follow right away. If their products do not improve, they are doomed to fade away.

Why are so many people addicted to fashionable things? I think it's because they are fond of showing off . They want to dress themselves in amazing costumes and perform unique actions to draw others' attention. Actually, many people only buy certain trademarks without making sure that the product aren't fakes. This situation allows the market to be flooded with pirated copies. It can't do any good but increase piracy, cause unexpected losses to original companies and harms our international image.

Moreover, following some trends can be dangerous. Some gangsters would like to encourage others to take drugs, have tattoos, and do things that are illegal and immoral. They will call people who reject these things chickens or cowards. Because of this, some people try these bad things to show that they are brave. This disturbs out tranquil society and make more and more young peoples, who are the future's leaders, descend into degeneration. this situation will go from bad to worse.

It is really astonishing, isn't it? As for me, I also like to wear fabulous clothes to make myself look cool. But I am not a blind follower of all fashions. I decide which fashions to follow. A fashion attracts me only if I think it's worthy of my attention, time and cash. Indeed, aside from fashion, there are other meaningful things for us to pursue, such as peace of mind and being kind to others.

I often say to myself, "Self-control is the true nobility. Why just plunge yourself into the pursuit of fashions? Why just be obedient to others' ideas? Why not be your own master?" In my opinion, as teenagers, we should acquire knowledge and do something significant for our society, and not just be snobbish pursuers of fashions.

(375 words, 52 phrases)

## **AFTER** Editing/Correction

Owing to the abundance of the material goods and rapid development of civilization, people are getting choosy on what they use and wear. An increasing number of manufacturers had switched their focus on designing things that will appeal to consumers. Those who sell a lot of their products dominate the market and lead a trend that most people will follow right away. If their products do not improve, then they are doomed to fall out of the market.

Why are so many people addicted to fashionable stuffs? Perhaps the answer lies in their urge to boost one's ego. They want to dress themselves in amazing costumes and perform unique actions to draw others' attention. Actually, many people only buy certain trademarks without checking if the product is fake. This situation allows the market to be flooded with pirated goods. It does no good but encourages piracy, causes unexpected losses to copyright-owners-companies and tarnish our image at home and abroad.

(372 words, 43 phrases)

Moreover, following some trends doggedly can be dangerous. Some gangsters used to persuade people to take drugs, have tattoos, and do something illegal and immoral. They will call people who reject these things chickens or cowards. As such, some people try these bad things to show that they are brave. It had disrupted our peaceful society and make more and more young people, who may be leaders in the future, degrade into trouble-makers. The situation is likely to go from bad to worse.

It is really astonishing, isn't it? Me too like to wear smart-looking outfit to look cool on the street. But I am not a blind follower of all fashions. I choose fashions that suit my taste. A fashionable design attracts me only if I think it's worthy of my attention, time and cash. Indeed, fashion aside, there are other meaningful things for us to pursue, such as the peace of mind and showing kindness to others.

I often tell myself, "Self-control is true virtue. Why just plunge yourself into the whirlpool of fashions? Why are you submissive to others' ideas? Why not be your own master?" In my opinion, being teenagers, we should acquire valuable knowledge and do something meaningful for our society, instead of becoming snobbish worshipers of fashions.

**ACTUAL** Edited/Corrected Copy

Due (Owing) to the abundance of the material goods and rapid development of civilization, people are becoming more and more particular about (getting choosy on) what they use and wear. An increasing number of manufacturers have focused (had switched their focus) on designing things that will appeal to consumers. Those who sell a lot of their products dominate the market and lead a trend that most people will follow right away. If their products do not improve, then they are doomed to fade away (fall out of the market).

Why are so many people addicted to fashionable things (stuffs)? I think it's because they are fond of showing off. (Perhaps the answer lies in their urge to boost one's ego).

They want to dress themselves in amazing costumes and perform unique actions to draw others' attention.

Actually, many people only buy certain trademarks without making sure that the product aren't fakes.(checking if the product is fake) This situation allows the market to be flooded with pirated copies (goods). It can't do any (does no) good but increase (encourages) piracy, cause causes unexpected losses to original copyright-owners-companies and harms tarnish our international image at home and abroad. Moreover, following some trends doggedly can be dangerous.

Some gangsters would like used to encourage (persuade) others people to take drugs, have tattoos, and do something things that are illegal and immorals immoral. They will call people who reject

these things chickens or cowards.

~~Because of this~~ As such, some people try these bad things to show that they are brave. ~~This disturbs~~ It had disrupted ~~out~~ our tranquil peaceful society and make more and more young ~~peoples~~ people, who ~~are the future's leaders~~ may be leaders in the future, ~~descend~~ degrade into ~~degeneration~~ trouble-makers. ~~this~~ The situation will is likely to go from bad to worse. It is really astonishing, isn't it? As for me, I also (Me too) like to wear fabulous smart-looking clothes (outfit) to ~~make myself~~ look cool on the street.

But I am not a blind follower of all fashions. I ~~decide~~ choose ~~which~~ fashions ~~to follow~~ that suit my taste. A ~~fashion~~ fashionable design attracts me only if I think it's worthy of my attention, time and cash. Indeed, ~~aside from~~ fashion ~~aside~~, there are other meaningful things for us to pursue, such as the peace of mind and ~~being kind~~ showing kindness to others.

I often ~~say to~~ tell myself, "Self-control is ~~the~~ true nobility (virtue). Why just plunge yourself into the ~~pursuit~~ whirlpool of fashions? Why ~~just be obedient~~ are you submissive to others' ideas? Why not be your own master?" In my opinion, ~~as being~~ teenagers, we should acquire valuable knowledge and do something significant meaningful for our society, ~~and not just be~~ instead of becoming snobbish ~~pursuers~~ worshippers of fashions.

(32 out of 52 phrases edited/corrected, 48 corrections)



## Tertiary Level ESL 大專作文

### BEFORE Editing/Correction

考研英语看图作文

### 充电学习 Enrichment programs



(197 words, 20 phrases, Score 15/20 before this Review)

There is no doubt that the two cartoons vividly demonstrate a positive and ubiquitous scenario in modern society: increasing number of people go to miscellaneous training programs. A majority of people, with smile on faces, swarm into English classes and attend the lectures about WTO.

What is conveyed by the drawings is both inspiring and illuminating. What might account for this mushrooming phenomenon? Several points analyzed below may equip us with deeper comprehending of what we head for.

First things first, the rapid development of economy has been accompanied with a corresponding of fierce competition. Therefore, many people prefer to attend some lectures about their careers, in the desire to keep abreast of the latest development of technology.

In addition, the constant international communication stimulates people to endeavor themselves to learn something which is beyond their majors, thus subjecting the increasing challenges to their own minds.

Last but not least, the desire for studying signifies the pursuit of individuality. From what has been mentioned above, we can safely conclude that if we are ever going to survive the harsh society, we must persist in learning new skills and knowledge. Only in this way can make us perfect candidates for a promising future.

**AFTER** Editing/Correction

There is no doubt that the two cartoons vividly demonstrate a positive and ubiquitous scenario in modern society: **more** people are **taking up miscellaneous** training programs. Many people swarm into English classes and attend lectures **on WTO with smiling faces**.

**The message that** the drawings **conveys** is both inspiring and **enlightening**. What might account for this mushrooming phenomenon? Several points analyzed below may **provide** us with a **better understanding of the trend in general**.

**Firstly**, the rapid development of economy has been accompanied with fierce competition **among the peers**. Therefore, many people **opt** to attend lectures **that help develop** their careers, **and keen** to keep abreast of the latest development **in** technology. In addition, **active** communication with the world at large motivates people to learn something **complementary to their specialty, and carry their skills and knowledge to the next level to meet new challenges**. Last but not least, **the desire to learn reflects one's quest for higher achievement in life and career**.

**Based on the abovementioned analysis**, we can safely conclude that if we **want** to survive **in** the **competitive** society, we must **keep on acquiring** new skills and knowledge. **Only by doing so can we prepare ourselves adequately to face the challenges ahead**.

(204 words, 18 phrases)

**ACTUAL** Edited/Corrected Copy

There is no doubt that the two cartoons vividly demonstrate a positive and ubiquitous scenario in modern society: increasing number of (more) people go to (are taking up) ~~miscellaneous~~ **miscellaneous** training programs. ~~A majority of people, with smile on faces,~~ Many people swarm into English classes and attend ~~the~~ lectures **about on WTO with smiling faces**. ~~What is conveyed by~~ **The message that** the drawings **conveys** is both inspiring and **illuminating** (enlightening/tale-telling). What might account for this mushrooming phenomenon? Several points analyzed below may ~~equip~~ (provide) us with a ~~deeper-comprehending~~ **better understanding** of what we head for (the trend in general). ~~Firstly thing first,~~ the rapid development of economy has been accompanied with ~~a corresponding of~~ fierce competition **among the peers**. Therefore, many people ~~prefer opt~~ to attend ~~some~~ lectures ~~about that help develop~~ their careers, ~~in the desire and keen~~ to keep abreast of the latest development ~~of in~~ technology. In addition, ~~the-constant-international active~~ communication **with the world at large stimulates** people ~~to endeavour themselves~~ to learn something ~~which is beyond their majors~~ **complementary to their specialty**, thus subjecting the increasing challenges to their own minds **and carry their skills and knowledge to the next level to meet new challenges**. Last but not least, the desire for studying signifies the pursuit of individuality **the desire to learn reflects one's quest for higher achievement in life and career**. From what has been mentioned above **Based on the abovementioned analysis**, we can safely conclude that if we ~~are ever going want~~ to survive **in** the **harsh competitive** society, we must persist in **keep on learning** (acquiring) new skills and knowledge. Only in this way can make us perfect candidates for a promising future. **Only by doing so can we prepare ourselves adequately to face the challenges ahead**.

(15 out of 20 phrases edited/corrected, 34 corrections)



## GRE Writing GRE 写作

### **BEFORE** Editing/Correction

#### **The Result of Natural Processes**

*At various times in the geological past, many species have become extinct as a result of natural, rather than human, processes. Thus, there is no justification for society to make extraordinary efforts, especially at a great cost in money and jobs, to save endangered species.*

At various times in the geological past, many species indeed have become extinct as a result of natural processes, such natural disasters as hurricanes, earthquakes, and so on. But it is the case with the long gone past, when people actually didn't have the ability to exert and significant influence on nature.

Recent centuries have witnessed the prosperity brought about by the ever speeding development of Industry and Technology, but at the same time have caused far much more damages to nature, environment that we rely on to survive. According to statistics, in geologic age, the speed that species extinct is quite slow, one species of Aves disappears per three hundred years, one species of beasts extinct every eight thousand years. But since 1600, the ever recorded number of the extinct animals have raised to 720, not including those died out without noticing. The speed has been accelerated enormously, who is there to be blamed?

The overall condition of nature will never change abruptly, unless due to human process, it's human, since obtained the power to shape the world, has taken over the throne and driven most of species out of their realm. Moreover, to save the species is to save ourselves. Long gone are the days when people thought they can gain ceaselessly without paying back. Now scientists have confirmed the fact that the biodiversity is critical to the stability of biosphere. Many of the environment problems today such as global warming, El Nino and La Nina Phenomena, are one of the aftermath that we human have induced, by endlessly robbing Nature of what we need.

And the extinction of one kind of species doesn't not only affect the circumstances that it lived, but also has global effects in a genetic level. When one species died out, its gene appeared accordingly. The recently thriving technique of gene modification, which aims at improving human gene, will lose one of its precious materials. What if the extinct ones happened to carry the ones that would prevent human forever from genetic diseases?

Far from talking about the biological disaster which will threaten human survival, just think, if we were able to live alone in this world, how sad when we wake up to see nothing but our peers? Admittedly, we can't make 'extraordinary' efforts to preserve endangered species regardless of the expense in effort, time and financial well being. After all, the very survival of human as a species outweighs other affairs of all kinds.

What we do now must be beneficial to human's overall survival, and to protect endangered species also confines to this underlying principles. We save the animals within our ability, just for self-interests that to guarantee their existence is rewarding while to accelerate their extinction amounts to placing ourselves in jeopardy.

In sum, in recent centuries it's human rather than natural processes that precipitated the extinction of various species. Thus is our responsibility to preserve the endangered ones, not only because of culpability but most importantly, we do this to protect ourselves. Thus there is indeed no justification for us to protect them irrespective of the expenses, we should keep a balance between our development and the preservation affairs. Everything we do should obey the rules that benefits the ultimate survival of human beings.

(546 words, 59 phrases, Score 87/100 before this Review)

#### **AFTER** Editing/Correction

At various times in the geological past, many species indeed have become extinct as a result of natural processes, **especially** natural disasters **such** as hurricanes, earthquakes, and **the like**. But it is the case with the long gone past, when people didn't have the ability to exert **any** significant influence on nature.

Recent centuries have witnessed the prosperity brought about by the ever **accelerating** development of **industry** and **technology**, but at the same time have caused **extensive** damages to nature **and** environment that we rely **upon** to survive. According to statistics, in geologic age, **the speed of extinction for species** is quite slow, one species of Aves disappears **every** three hundred years, **and another** species of beasts extinct every eight thousand years. But since 1600, the recorded number of extinct animals **had increased** to 720, not including those that died out **unnoticed**. The speed has been **accelerating** enormously, who **should** be blamed?

The overall condition of nature will never change abruptly, unless **induced by** human process, it's human **who gained** the power to shape the world and **drove** most of the species out of their realm. Moreover, to save the species is **equivalent** to **saving** ourselves. Long gone are the days when people thought they can gain ceaselessly without paying back.

Now scientists have confirmed the fact that the biodiversity is critical to the stability of biosphere. Many of the **environmental** problems today such as global warming, El Nino and La Nina Phenomena, are the aftermath that we **the** human beings **induced** by endlessly robbing **nature for** what we need.

And the extinction of one kind of species **affects not only** the **ecology for survival**, but also **the** global **structure at** genetic level. When one species died out, its gene **disappeared** accordingly. The thriving technique of gene modification **of late that help improve** human gene will lose one of its precious **links**. What if the extinct ones **were** to carry the **missing link** that would **immune** human **beings** from genetic diseases **forever**?

**Apart** from talking about the biological disaster **that may threaten humans'** survival, just think **about it**, if we were to live **without other species on earth but human beings only, it would be boring every day** to see nothing but our peers? Admittedly, we can't make 'extraordinary' efforts to preserve endangered species regardless of the expense in effort, time and financial **resources**. After all, the very survival of human as a species **outweighs** other affairs of all kinds.

What we do now must be beneficial to human's survival **as a whole**, and to protect endangered species **by observing** this underlying **principle**. We save the animals within our **means**. **It benefits us in return, otherwise we will face the repercussion by driving them to extinction.**

In sum, **over the past few** centuries, it's human **beings** rather than natural processes that precipitated the extinction of various **species**. **It** is our responsibility to preserve the endangered **species**, not **simply** because of culpability but most importantly, we do this to protect ourselves. **There is also** no justification for us to protect them **at all costs**, we should **strike** a balance between our development and the preservation **efforts**. **We should live by the rules of nature in whatever we do** that benefit **humankind/mankind**.

(540 words, 55 phrases)

**ACTUAL** Edited/Corrected Copy

At various times in the geological past, many species indeed have become extinct as a result of natural processes, ~~such~~ ~~especially~~ natural disasters ~~such~~ as hurricanes, earthquakes, and ~~so on~~ (the like).

But it is the case with the long gone past, when people ~~actually~~ didn't have the ability to exert ~~and any~~ significant influence on nature.

Recent centuries have witnessed the prosperity brought about by the ever ~~speeding~~ (accelerating) development of ~~Industry~~ ~~industry/science~~ and ~~Technology~~ ~~technology~~, but at the same time have caused ~~far much more~~ (extensive) damages to nature ~~and~~ environment that we rely ~~on~~ (upon) to survive.

According to statistics, in geologic age, ~~the speed that species~~ ~~extinct~~ (the speed of extinction for species) is quite slow, one species of Aves disappears ~~per every~~ three hundred years, ~~one~~ ~~and another~~ species of beasts extinct every eight thousand years.

But since 1600, the ~~ever~~ recorded number of ~~the~~ extinct animals ~~have raised~~ ~~had increased~~ to 720, not including those that died out ~~without noticing~~ (unnoticed).

The speed has been ~~accelerated~~ ~~accelerating~~ enormously, who ~~is there to~~ (should) be blamed?

The overall condition of nature will never change abruptly, unless-~~due to~~ ~~induced by~~ human process, it's human ~~who~~ ~~gained~~ ~~since obtained~~ the power to shape the world, ~~has~~ ~~taken over the throne~~ and ~~driven~~ ~~drove~~ most of ~~the~~ species out of their realm.

Moreover, to save the species is ~~equivalent~~ to ~~save~~ ~~saving~~ ourselves. Long gone are the days when people thought they can gain ceaselessly without paying back.

Now scientists have confirmed the fact that the biodiversity is critical to the stability of biosphere.

Many of the ~~environment~~ ~~environmental~~ problems today such as global warming, El Nino and La Nina Phenomena, are ~~one~~ ~~of~~ the aftermath that we ~~the~~ human beings ~~induced~~ by endlessly robbing ~~Nature~~ ~~nature~~ ~~of~~ ~~for~~ what we need.

And the extinction of one kind of species ~~doesn't not only~~ ~~affect~~ ~~affects~~ ~~not only~~ the ~~circumstances~~ that it lived ~~ecology~~ ~~for survival~~, but also ~~has the~~ global ~~structure~~ ~~effects in a~~ at genetic level.

When one species died out, its gene ~~appeared~~ ~~disappeared~~ accordingly.

The ~~recently~~ thriving technique of gene modification of ~~late~~ ~~which aims at improving~~ ~~that help improve~~ human gene will lose one of its precious ~~materials~~ (links).

What if the extinct ones ~~happened~~ were to carry the ~~ones~~ missing link that would prevent immune human beings forever from genetic diseases forever?

~~Far~~ Apart from talking about the biological disaster which will that may ~~threat~~ threaten humans' survival, just think about it, if we were ~~able~~ to live alone in this world without other species on earth but human beings only, it would be boring every day how sad when we wake up to see nothing but our peers?

Admittedly, we can't make 'extraordinary' efforts to preserve endangered species regardless of the expense in effort, time and financial ~~well-being~~ resources.

After all, the very survival of human as a species ~~overweighs~~ outweighs other affairs of all kinds.

What we do now must be beneficial to human's ~~overall~~ survival as a whole, and to protect endangered species ~~also~~ ~~confines to~~ by observing this underlying ~~principles~~ principle.

We save the animals within our ~~ability means~~., just for self-interests that to guarantee their existence is rewarding while to accelerate their extinction amounts to placing ourselves in jeopardy. It benefits us in return, otherwise we will face the repercussion by driving them to extinction.

In sum, ~~in-recent~~ over the past few centuries, it's human beings rather than natural processes that precipitated the extinction of various ~~specious~~ species.

~~Thus~~ It is our responsibility to preserve the endangered ones (species), not ~~only~~ simply because of culpability but most importantly, we do this to protect ourselves.

~~Thus there~~ There is indeed (also) no justification for us to protect them irrespective of the expenses (at all costs), we should keep (strike) a balance between our development and the preservation affairs (efforts).

Everything we do should obey the rules We should live by the rules of nature in whatever we do that benefit ~~benefits the~~ ~~ultimate survival of human beings~~ humankind/mankind.

(44 out 57 phrases edited/corrected, 74 corrections)



## TOEFL Writing 托福写作

### **BEFORE** Editing/Correction

#### **Factory near residential estate**

*A company has announced that it wishes to build a large factory near your community. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this new influence on your community. Do you support or oppose the factory? Explain your position.*

A new announcement is delivered to our community that a company is willing to build a large factory here. This construction may make our life advanced, however, everything has two sides, it might also cause some disadvantages to us. A new factory will certainly benefit us in many aspects. It could offer a wealth of job opportunities for our community, a portion of us could be offered chances to be employed. That is of course good news to laborers who don't have jobs, for they could get into the factory and earn more money to raise their families. What's more, the factory's operation will promote the development of its surrounding areas in commerce, food and beverage, traffic and transportation service, and then gradually form a new business district. Our residents could get more convenience from the new business district, for example, we could have dinner in the restaurants or go shopping in a new supermarket.

On the other hand, the new factory might also adversely affect our life. The factory, inevitably, will produce some waste and by-product which is toxic and does harm to our environment, then bring about some potential effect on our health. Air, as well as water, is to be polluted easily. We might lose our clean air and water, and suffer the diseases in lungs and stomachs. Also, the factory may produce noise at night and in the early morning, which will affect we residents' rest. If we don't sleep well, we might feel exhausted when working, or even make mistakes. In my view, I oppose the construction of the factory.

The factory should never do harm to us residents, especially to our health and rest, even if the factory offers job opportunities and promotes the economy. The factory should be located away from any living quarters, and before being carried out, it should be verified strictly.

(311 words, 42 phrases, Score 91/100 before this Review)

**AFTER** Editing/Correction

A new announcement is **made known** to our community that a company is **planning** to build a large factory here. **The project may bring jobs and incomes to the local community, but the flip side may be detrimental to the environment.** A new factory will certainly benefit us in many aspects. It could offer a wealth of opportunities for our community, **many of us would be offered employment opportunities.** That is of course good news to laborers, for they could **work in** the factory and earn more money to **support** their families.

**In addition,** the **factory in** operation will **facilitate** the development of its surrounding areas in **terms of** commerce, food and beverage **outlets,** traffic and transportation service, gradually **transform into** a new business district. Our residents could **enjoy all the amenities brought forth by** the new business district, for example, we could have dinner in the restaurants or **do our** shopping in a new supermarket.

(349 words, 36 phrases)

On the other hand, the new factory might also adversely affect our life. The factory will **inevitably** produce some waste and **toxic** by-product **that could pollute** our environment **and could be harmful to our health.** Air, as well as water, could be polluted easily. We might **trade off** clean air and water, and **succumb to** diseases **and bacteria** in lungs and stomachs. **Moreover,** the factory may **make** noise at night **as well as** in the early morning, **deprive the residents a good rest to sleep without annoyance.**

If we don't sleep well, **then** we might feel exhausted **during the day at work,** or make **unnecessary** mistakes. In my view, I oppose the construction of **such a** factory. The factory should never do harm to **the** residents, especially to our health and **annoy us in the evening when we need the peace of mind to** rest, even if the factory offers job opportunities and **contributes growth and prosperity to** the economy **and the community.**

The factory should be located **further** away from any living quarters. **Before it is approved to build, its negative impact on the environment and the community should be assessed thoroughly.**

**ACTUAL** Edited/Corrected Copy

A new announcement is ~~delivered~~ **made known** to our community that a company is ~~willing~~ **planning** to build a large factory here.

This construction may make our life advanced, however, everything has two sides, it might also cause some disadvantages to us. **The project may bring jobs and incomes to the local community, but the flip side may be detrimental to the environment.**

A new factory will certainly benefit us in many aspects. It could offer a wealth of opportunities for our community, a portion of us could be offered chances to be employed **many of us would be offered employment opportunities.**

That is of course good news to laborers who don't have jobs (**who are looking for jobs**), for they could ~~get into~~ **work** in the factory and earn more money to ~~raise~~ **support** their families. ~~What's more~~ **In addition**, the ~~factory's~~ **factory in** operation will ~~promote~~ **facilitate** the development of its surrounding areas in **terms of** commerce, food and beverage **outlets**, traffic and transportation service, ~~and then~~ **gradually form** **transform into** a new business district.

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Air, as well as water, ~~is to~~ **could** be polluted easily.

We might ~~lose~~ **trade off** ~~our~~ clean air and water, and ~~suffer~~ **succumb to** ~~the~~ **diseases and bacteria** in lungs and stomachs. **Moreover** ~~Also~~, the factory may ~~produce~~ **make** noise at night ~~and~~ **as well as** in the early morning, ~~which will affect we~~ ~~resident's rest~~ **deprive the residents a good rest to sleep without annoyance.**

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(17 out of 18 phrases edited/corrected, 37 corrections)



## IELTS Writing 雅思写作

### **BEFORE** Editing/Correction

#### **Capital punishment**

*Without capital punishment our lives are less secure and crimes or violence increase. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?*

Serious crimes need capital punishment so that the offender are unable to get involved in the crime in the future. However, if they want to stop the acts of violation in the future then it would be better to forget him and judge him for a change.

Overall, I agree with the fact that punishment is the way to avoid the crime to be increased and hence our lives become more secure. If the wrongdoer wants to be a good man and there is a particular financial or personal problem that led him to the wrong way, then it would be the nice option to forgive him and try to solve the problem he have.

Although by this way, some bad man may become effective part of the society but some do not bring themselves to the right path because they are very much used to of it. The person that involved in the crime and never try to stop the law-breaking act should be punished in the extremely serious way.

However, it totally depends on the nature of crime. Some crime led to a capital punishment and some may require a small penalty. The law-making institutions are responsible to bring the bad man to the right level of punishment that he deserves. If there is weak legislation to properly handle the offender, it may become our society less secure for the good man.

The government should be the responsible authority to provide a secure and better state to live. Laws should be implemented and executed in the most proper way that do not allow the offender to commit violent acts or to break the law in any way and to any extent.

To sum up, it is the responsibility of the state runner to stop people to involved in crime. It may be done through solving the problems of the people that led them to commit that violence act or by the punishment accordingly.

(325 words, 18 phrases, Band 5 before this Review)

**AFTER** Editing/Correction

Serious crimes need capital punishment so that the offenders are unable to commit the similar crime in the future. However, if they repent and decide to turn a new leaf in life, then we could give them a second chance.

Overall, I agree that punishment is the way to avoid further increase in crime rate and make our lives more secure. If the wrongdoer wants to be a good person and there is a particular financial or personal problem that led him to commit a crime, then it would be a humanitarian approach to forgive him and help solve the problem he has.

Although by this way, some bad people may become well-behaved members of the society, some die-hard criminal will continue to do evil or create havoc again. The person who involved in the crime and never respect laws and well-being of others should be punished severely.

(321 words, 20 phrases)

The punishment shall also be appropriate and proportionate to the nature and severity of crime. Some crimes lead to a capital punishment and some may require a small penalty. The law-making institutions are responsible for bringing the culprit to face the right type of punishment that he deserves. If the legislation is not well-established to handle the offender adequately, it may imply that our society becomes less secure for the good people.

The government should be the responsible authority to provide a secure and better place for all citizens to live without fear. Laws should be implemented and executed in the most proper way that does not allow the offender to commit violent acts or to break the law in any way and to any extent.

To sum up, it is the responsibility of the state to stop people from getting involved in crime. It may be done through solving the problems of the people that led them to commit that violent act or by the punishment to be sentenced by court accordingly.

**ACTUAL** Edited/Corrected Copy

Serious crimes need capital punishment so that the ~~offender~~ ~~offenders~~ are unable to ~~get involved in~~ commit the similar crime in the future.

However, If they want to stop the acts of violation in the future then it would be better to forget him and judge him for a change. However, if they repent and decide to turn a new leaf in life, then we could give them a second chance.

Overall, I agree ~~with the fact~~ that punishment is the way to avoid ~~the crime to be increased~~ further increase in crime rate and ~~hence make~~ our lives ~~become~~ more secure.

If the wrongdoer wants to be a good ~~man~~ person and there is a particular financial or personal problem that led him to ~~commit a crime the wrong way~~, then it would be ~~the nice a humanitarian option~~ approach to forgive him and ~~try to help~~ solve the problem he ~~have has~~.

Although by this way, some bad ~~man~~ people may become ~~effective well-behaved part~~ members of the society but some do not bring themselves to the right path because they are very much used to of it, ~~some die-hard criminal will continue to do evil or create havoc again.~~

The person ~~that who~~ involved in the crime and never ~~respect laws and well-being of others~~ ~~tries to stop the law-breaking-act~~ should be punished ~~in an extremely serious way~~ severely.

However, it totally depends on the nature of crime. (The punishment shall also be appropriate and proportionate to the nature and severity of crime.)

Some ~~crime crimes~~ ~~led~~ lead to a capital punishment and some may require a small penalty.

The law-making institutions are responsible ~~to for bring~~ bringing the ~~bad man~~ culprit to face the right ~~level type~~ of punishment that he deserves.

If ~~there is weak~~ the legislation is ~~not well-established~~ to ~~properly~~ handle the offender ~~adequately~~, it may ~~become our society less secure~~ imply that our society becomes less secure for the good ~~man~~ people.

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Laws should be implemented and executed in the most proper way that ~~do does~~ not allow the offender to commit violent acts or to break the law in any way and to any extent.

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It may be done through solving the problems of the people that led them to commit that ~~violence~~ violent act or by the punishment ~~to be sentenced by court~~ accordingly.

(17 out of 18 phrases edited/corrected, 39 corrections)



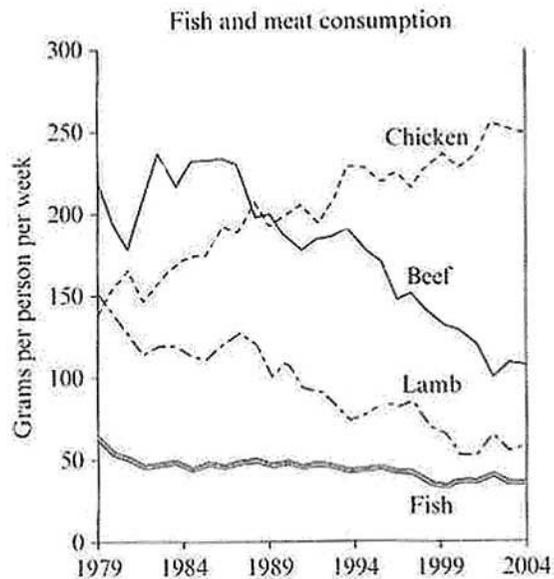
## IELTS Report Writing 雅思图表

### BEFORE Editing/Correction

#### Line graph describing the consumption of fish and meat

The graph below shows the consumption of fish and different kinds of meat in a European country between 1979 and 2004.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least 150 words.



The graph illustrates the quantities of fish and different kinds of meats consumed in a European country between the time period of 1979 and 2004. Over this span of 25 years, the consumption of beef, lamb and fish have all decreased while the consumption of chicken has dramatically risen.

The biggest consumption in 1979 was beef (about 220 grams per person was consumed every week) while the lowest consumption in 1979 was fish (around 60 gram per week was consumed by a person). The amount of fish which was eaten has remained almost constant at about 50 grams from 1979 and 2004. The trends of beef and lamb consumption were similar, with decreases in amount in between the years. While beef consumption had declined from over 200 grams per person per week to around 100 grams during 25 years, lamb's was starting 150 grams to approximately 50 grams at the same period.

In contrast, chicken consumption had grown up gradually to year of 194, reaching a peak at 250grams per person every week in between 1994 and 2004.

(177 words, 13 phrases, Band 7 before this Review)

**AFTER** Editing/Correction

The graph illustrates the quantities of fish and different kinds of meats consumed in a European country **in** the time period **between** 1979 and 2004. Over this span of 25 years, the consumption of beef, lamb and fish **has** decreased while the consumption of chicken has risen **dramatically**.

The biggest consumption in 1979 was **that of** beef, **with** about 220 grams per person was consumed every week, while the lowest consumption in 1979 was **that of** fish (around 60 gram **per person per week**.) The amount of fish which was eaten remained almost constant at about 50 grams from 1979 **until** 2004. The trends of beef and lamb consumption were similar, with decreases in amount in between the years. While beef consumption had declined from over 200 grams per person per week to around 100 grams **over** 25 years, **lamb consumption fell from** 150 grams to approximately 50 grams **during** the same period.

In contrast, chicken consumption had **risen** gradually **throughout the years**, and **reached its** peak at 250 grams per person **per** week between 1994 and 2004.

(178 words, 14 phrases)

**ACTUAL** Edited/Corrected Copy

The graph illustrates the quantities of fish and different kinds of meats consumed in a European country ~~between in~~ the time period ~~of~~ **between** 1979 and 2004. Over this span of 25 years, the consumption of beef, lamb and fish ~~have all has~~ decreased while the consumption of chicken has **dramatically** risen **dramatically**.

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In contrast, chicken consumption had ~~grown up~~ **risen** gradually ~~to year of 194~~ **throughout the years**, ~~reaching~~ and **reached a** ~~its~~ peak at 250 grams per person ~~every~~ **per** week ~~in~~ between 1994 and 2004.

(10 out of 13 phrases edited/corrected, 19 corrections)



Letter Writing 書信

**BEFORE** Editing/Correction

**Item left on the bus**

*Write a letter to a bus company saying you have left something valuable on the bus and tell them what to do if they find it.*

Dear Sir/Madam,

The reason I am writing this letter to you is because I have left my bag in your bus which I took. It was on Tuesday 5th of August at around 3:00pm. The bus station that I board the bus was at Jalan Pinang (bus no 55) and I got down at Jalan Tujuan.

I have tried to locate the bus and the driver but was unable too. It is a brown bag with some samples of custom-made jewellery of my company. There were 165 pcs of it in the bag. It's the last set of samples that I have. With out the samples its impossible for us to show to our customers.

If you have found it could you please call me on 03 1234 5678 or email me at 001@hotmail.com and I will arrange a pick-up from your office.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully  
S. Chua

**ACTUAL** Edited/Corrected Copy

Dear Sir/Madam,

The reason I am writing this letter to you is because I have left my bag ~~in your~~ ~~on your company's~~ bus which I took. It was on Tuesday 5th of August at around 3:00pm. The bus station ~~that~~ ~~where~~ I ~~board~~ ~~boarded~~ the bus was ~~located~~ at Jalan Pinang (bus no. 55) and I got ~~down off~~ (alighted) at Jalan Tujuan.

I have tried to locate the bus and the driver but was unable to (failed). It is a brown bag The bag I lost was brown with some samples of custom-made jewellery of my company. There were 165 ~~pcs~~ ~~pieces~~ of it in the bag. It's the last set of samples that I have. ~~With-out~~ Without the samples its impossible for us we have nothing to show to our customers.

If you have found it could you please call me on 03 1234 5678 or email me at 001@hotmail.com and I will arrange a pick-up the collection ~~from~~ ~~at~~ your office.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully  
S. Chua

(7 out of 11 phrases edited/corrected, 12 corrections)



## Machine Translated Garbage 軟件翻譯的垃圾文

First, do not have the back door, no back door to go. In here, to register their children from school, to buy a house, as long as the line, enough condition, discharged you, certainly you, do not need relationships, through the back door, and there is no back door to go. If you insist on doing so, then waiting for the relevant departments to find you drink tea.

Second, you do not have to bribe, knife remained open, according to cure disease. In here doctor surgery, you do not have to bribe a doctor, even if you want to give, they will not receive. By the end of 2005 I cut a girl at the General Hospital, the doctor did not eat even a chocolate.

Third, almost no debt of gratitude. In addition to wedding invitation people friends and colleagues, the other, such as children, the children full moon, birth parents, family sick in the hospital and other things, almost only told his family and friends. Life in here, almost no pressure favors debt.

Fourth, reflect the situation, there will be an echo, not go down the drain. In here, if you have any questions to the complaint, the relevant departments will give you a solution or answer. Not long ago, I was riding in a taxi, the taxi driver to take a detour, I fight to the taxi companies complained, and they dealt with the black sheep of the taxi drivers.

## 原文

一、不必走后门，也没有后门可走。在这里，从给孩子报名上学，到买屋子，只要排队，够条件，排到你，肯定是你的了，用不着拉关系、走后门，而且也没有后门可走。如果你执意要那么做，那就等着相关部门找你喝下午茶。

二、不必送红包，刀照开，病照治。在这里看病开刀，不必给医生送红包，即使你想给，他们也不会收。2005年底我在中央医院开刀生女，医生连一个巧克力都没有吃。

三、几乎没有人情债。人们除了结婚邀请朋友和同事以外，其他的如生子，孩子满月，父母生日，家人生病住院等事，几乎都只告诉家人和好朋友。生活在这里，几乎没有人情债务的压力。

四、反映情况，一定会有回音，不会石沉大海。在这里只要你有什么问题要投诉，有关部门都会给你解决或答复。前不久我搭德士，德士司机绕道而行，我打去德士公司投诉，结果他们查处了害群之马的德士司机。



### Bad writing beyond correction & editing 不符批改的劣文

According to the picture we can see that people are playing the smartphone on the road.To play the smartphone isn't carefully when across the road for people.Everyone take a walk sticks in order to guide the direction. But what is the reason of this phenaminon?The first,telephones are more and more smarting,people can sanning network on it.Second, nowadays peoples are more and more busy,they use smartphone frequently.The last but not the least,the internet more and more quickly,which make people convenience. In my opinion,smartphone is very important,it can take us messages,news and knockledges.But it's very dangerous when we are accorsing the road use it ,we aren't relay on it everytime.

I consider this is the biggest thing for maintain trust. In the world is have a lot of bad example for disnorest. This is a real story for you ,one day ,I saw a child flowing his father walking on a park's path,the baby said he is thirsty,the man see surroundings there no a retail shop ,the baby to hold to tired,he asked me for a eye to his child ,suddenly ,I shocked ,I never thought that one day I will trusted for one.yes ,the man give his child to me hand ,runing out of the path.but you know the ending ,the man even disappeared from that day to today .I trusted his but he is really really dishoest.

Happiness is the emotion which our people want to be. Some time happiness is so easy. such as paly games have fun finish the homework or have a dilicious dinner with friends. We can find out many matters about happiness. But sometimes happiness is far from us. such as we are poor to eating have some trouble with the work or ger a ill. There are also many things let me down. So how to became to happiness. That a problem which is easy to say but hard to do. I think the happiness is do things following our heart and meeting the society rules. For example today we are required to doing work quickly and well that is the society rules. The other side the job which is we like to do that is means follwing our heart. all above happiness have two sides.

Dear Sigmund, I'm a Grade 9 student in No 2 Middle School. I am not good,study is full in my live, I've never had a free time,but I like cosplay very well,this is my only hobby, I often tall about cospaly with my friend after school. Cospaly spent much in my free time ,so I can't finish my homework in time,my teatch was very pleased,he picked me on sometime. My Achievement is better bad,parsents and my teatch asked me to give up cospaly,my only hobby,I'm very no happily,what can I do.can you give me some idea I hope to hear from you soon. Best wishes!



## Model Composition 模范作文 : 小学 Primary Level

Written by primary student at native-speaker's standard

### A Frightening Experience

The most frightening experience I have ever had was a close encounter with a mad dog. It occurred one evening when I was jogging along a dirt track beside a lake. It was near the end of the deserted track when I came face-to-face with a ferocious dog.

The shabby mongrel appeared out of nowhere. I was terribly surprised at its sudden appearance. Saliva was dripping from its mouth. I stopped dead in my tracks, hoping it would go away. But I turned pale with fear when it came nearer and gave a growl. Immediately, I panicked and took to my heels. Knowing that the dog was going to catch up with me, I jumped into the lake. Standing chest-deep in the water with both feet in soft mud, I watched the dog as it stared at me with blood-shed eyes. I felt for stones at the bottom of the lake with foot. Quickly, I jured one of the stones at the dog with all my strength. It hit the creature and I felt greatly relieved when it ran away howling.

I still remember the incident clearly. Whenever I think of the nasty experience, I would shudder with horror.

(200 words) (underline well-written expression 划线皆好句)

### 看图作文：母语程度

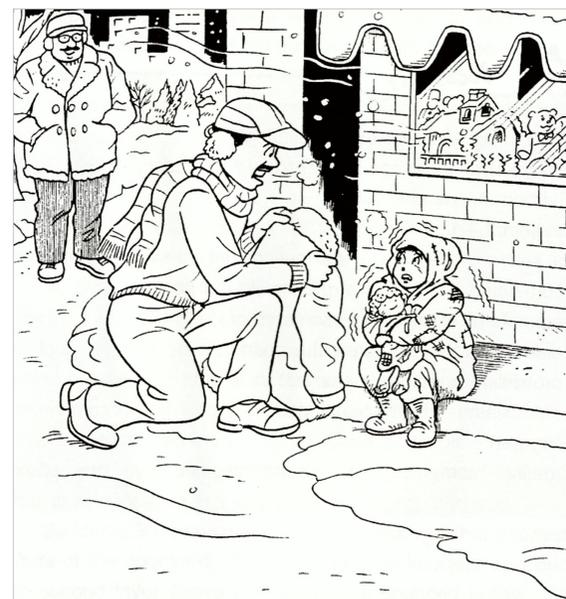
Compositon written by primary student learning and using English as first language.

Write a composition of at least 150 words based on the picture below. You may use the following guidelines:

Who was the girl?

Where was she?

What happened to her?



The cold winter wind blew mercilessly against the little girl. She was dressed in rags and looked extremely filthy and undernourished.

Buzz, which was how she addressed herself, shivered with the cold and balled herself up as she sat at the corner of the old toyshop. In her arms was a dirty old rag doll. It looked like it had followed her everywhere for as long as she had owned it. There was a tear on its leg and little puffs of cotton were constantly falling out of it, but Buzz didn't mind. It was her only possession. Buzz sneezed as the cold get into her. Here fingers were frozen and stiff. Her teeth chattered incessantly. Buzz tried to hide behind the short wall that protruded from the side of the shop, but it was no use.

It was late at night and hardly a soul stirred on the streets. Then, from a distance, Buzz heard the sound of laughter and faint sounds of people talking, the wind carrying disjointed words to her.

Buzz closed her eyes and prayed. She had seen her mother doing it and thought it would be good to do just that now. When the people came nearer, Buzz looked up, eyes wide with wariness. Two men came along, talking and laughing as they had been doing. Buzz knew by their looks that they were good people. They were dressed decently, with thick cloaks and woolen caps on their heads. Their hands were stuffed deep into their pockets to keep them from freezing, the way Buzz's hands were doing.

As they were walking past her, silence fell for a moment, and one of the men looked around. At first, he missed the little girl, but for some reason, he turned back and halted when he saw the little girl huddling miserably at the corner. After speaking a word with his friend, he came towards Buzz and knelt down beside her.

"Hello," he said kindly, "what are you doing here?"

The little girl looked at him, afraid to speak at first. Then, after a moment, she said between her chattering teeth, "S-ss-sitting." The man took off his cloak and wrapped it tightly around the little girl, leaving only his scarf around his neck and the cap on his head to keep himself warm.

"Come on," the kind man said to the little girl, and carried her in his arms. His friend, who had been waiting for him, put his arm around his shoulders to add heat to his body, and together they hurried home.

That was how Buzz, the runaway child, ended up living with her benefactor, Phil. Years later, when Phil recalled how his mother had removed Buzz's clothing to scrub her down after he had returned home with her, and had found welts and scars betraying abuse on the frail body, he was glad that the girl had run away from home and had been found by him, Buzz, too, was thankful for the guardian angel that she had found.

(507 words)



## Model Composition 模范作文 : 中学 Secondary Level

### A Ruined Project

My seven-year-old brother, Christopher, was a cheery, frivolous child. His hair, as fine as gossamer, was cut in the shape of an inverted bowl. His expressive, amusing face and his owlish eyes made all the little girls fall for him 'at first sight'. He was well-liked by the uncles and aunts in the neighbourhood.

He would always be accompanied by his eight-month-old female Jack Russell which was white and brown in colour. It was his sixth birthday gift from our Uncle Peng. Though it was feisty, energetic and very intelligent dog, I never fancied it the moment I set my eyes on it. It often required constant mental and physical stimulation on a daily basis. Thus, it would bark disturbingly until my brother returned from school.

'Phew!' I heaved a sign of relief as I had completed my Science project after two days of hard works. Stretching languidly, I shuffled out of the room for a five-minute rest and stood at the balcony to inhale some fresh air. The unwearied sun was pouring its torrid rays out of a cloudless blue sky, shining like a mirror.

When I returned to my room, shock siphoned the blood from my face. I could not believe my eyes. "What a stupid dog! Look what you have done to my project?" I roared like a thunder, and gave the little animal a punt like a footballer. It howled in pain and almost flew out to the hall!

It had defecated on my huge colourful cardboard which was my finished work. There were also stains of its urine. In a fury, I grabbed it and threw it out of the window! My cheeks felt heated by boiling blood and the veins in my temples beat wildly. I let out a series of ferocious, shrill screams and began to weep aloud.

"What am I supposed to do now? Tomorrow is the deadline ....." I had no answer to my own question. I could only shake my head mournfully as I took out a new cardboard to work on whatever that was possible.

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*Creative writing edited by author/teacher for upper primary and secondary students at first-language standard*



## Model Composition 模范作文 : 高中 Pre-U College Level

### Seeing is believing

From a very tender age up until of late, I used to believe in so many things which I had not put to test yet. I was so positive with life, always believing in everything for the mere beauty of how sincere it looked. Sometimes I would simply believe everything because I was told, not considering the fact that anything emanating from a human being can either be the truth or the opposite of the truth-lies. It always caught me by surprise when I would be brought back into reality with the fact that all I had thought to be true was a mere factor of letting things flow in the right direction to please me-but not a reality of the same.

Not only did I believe everything I heard but I would also believe that there are people in this world who are stronger than others in each and every single way. I believed that they were stronger in all aspect; emotionally, spiritually, physically and mentally. I believed that even when shaken, my father was the strongest man in the world. I was little boy by then and I did not know that he also was human and that he had a weakness.

From the time I was a small boy, I viewed my father as being a hero and a legend at the same time. He was big physically, rich and had the power to do anything. To me, there was no one on this earth like him. I feared him because he was a no nonsense man. He did not entertain any form of failure. These are some of the qualities that made him respected and feared by everyone around him. Even my very own mother feared him in a way. I would notice her change of behavior in my father's presence, for instance, my mum would address us different while my father was present.

There was no mountain that my father could not move and this had built inside me so much so that I started to view him as a point of reference in everything that I did. He did everything perfectly as I thought. My father would not put up with any form of indiscipline neither would he tolerate any form of failure in school work. He viewed failing exams as lack of respect for school work and would reprimand us whenever we failed our exams. I remember once I came second position after doing my examination, he gave me long lectures and even threatened to beat me up for failing. "Dad I came second out of forty two students" I remember saying once. "I will not entertain that kind of nonsense" he always said to me.

One day, one of his companies went through a huge loss. The loss was so huge that it forced the company to take a loan. Unfortunately, the company could not recover but rather started going down slowly experiencing loss after loss and later collapsed. The other three companies followed. With the maturity date of the loan coming up, he decided to close down the company. The bank sent auctioneers who came and sold all the company's assets to recover their debt. My father became so depressed that his life changed drastically to a person so different from whom I thought he was. He began to drink alcohol from morning to evening he was speaking to no one. He never used to sleep at home but rather came in for meals and left without saying a word. When my mother tried to confront him, he threatened to become violent and she did not bother him again. She even went to the point of getting a psychiatrist to come and try to counsel him but he beat the psychiatrist to the point that the poor doctor was admitted in hospital due to the injuries.

Now there came this day when I saw what I never thought I would. I was sitting in our living room watching the news when my father came and sat next to me asking me to help him. It was such a disbelief that this could happen. He then broke into tears right in front of my eyes and I then knew he wasn't the father I thought he was. The man I had adored all my life was sitting next to me in tears asking for my help.

I told him to compose himself and to start all over again. Luckily, he heard me, stopped his drinking habits and after a few months he had borrowed money from his friends and had launched another company and since he had created a name in the industry, he got clients whom he had been servicing in the former company. He was soon back to his own self. I was happy for him but did not view him the way I had done all my life. My belief had been put to the test and it failed. I now understand that, depending on which blogs and magazines one reads, which television programs one watches and who one follows on Facebook, Twitter or any other social site, no one is perfect and no one is better than everyone. I now live my life believing what I want to and not swayed by the character of who is saying it or doing it.

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*An essay written by native speaker in plain English with simple words and sentences to express delicate situation, details and thoughts succinctly in a consistent tone befitting the context of the story*



## Model Composition 模範作文 : 议论文 Discursive Writing

Topical essay written by pre-u student taking English as an academic subject for Cambridge paper sat outside UK, equivalent to language standard of UK students, using English as non-native speaker.

高中生寫的專題作文，以學術英文為國際劍橋試卷的應考副修科目，與英國本土高中生的寫作水平相當，同屬於母語水平。

### **"Brains are what count in one's career." To what extent is this true?**

In this modern age, it is no longer possible to depend on 'brains' alone to be successful in one's career. The degree one receives after graduating from a university cannot guarantee one a place in the job market, not to mention if the economy is facing a downturn. There are several other factors that have to be considered. The degree just reflects that one has the certified ability in a particular field of knowledge. However, such knowledge, often treated as the equivalent to having 'brains', is not the focus of career development anymore. Having 'brains' is important because it is one of the basic requirements for entering the job market, but it is not what counts in one's career. Hence, it is true only to a relatively small extent that brains are an important factor in one's career.

What firms and corporations look for nowadays is emotional intelligence (EQ). The ability of a worker to cooperate and relate well with his colleagues is very important. He has to communicate well with fellow workers, learn to keep an open mind to accept feedback and comments for self-improvement and share skills with them. Companies appreciate such workers because they would not be faced with strained work relations which may in turn lead to a great deal of unhappiness. Good interpersonal skills also make things easier during teamwork because everyone is able to communicate effectively. Gone are the days when success depends on an individual's efforts. Hence, communication barriers have to be eliminated before the team can succeed and this is important in one's career because having a good and strong relationship with colleagues brings about many benefits.

A positive attitude towards one's career is another factor. Imagine a worker who comes to work everyday sighing, hoping that time will pass by faster and that there will be less assignments for the day. How far can this worker, with a negative attitude, go in his career compared to another employee who comes to work smiling, is willing to work overtime and hopes that there will be more challenging assignments on hand to stretch and improve himself? In times of recession, which worker will be retrenched first? Which worker will be able to establish a career faster? I am quite sure

even if the former worker is equipped with a higher educational level, his poor work attitude will get him nowhere.

One's character or personality also counts in one's career today. Characteristics such as perseverance, determination and optimism may be the key to a successful career. Entrepreneurs have to persevere through difficult times to get to where they are today. They have to learn to accept failure and setbacks along the way, to pick themselves up and continue running the arduous race. Risk-taking is also necessary because they have to explore new areas and make important decisions based on their foresight. They also have to be optimistic about their investments and businesses and be backed by strong determination so as not to give up. These three qualities also apply to other careers.

Creativity is another important factor. Companies constantly want fresh and new ideas for proposals and reports. Office workers have to improve on this aspect if they want to climb the corporate ladder. Even the self-employed have to be creative in their marketing techniques to keep up with the ever-changing tactics employed by other firms. The people in the advertising industry constantly come up with new concepts because creativity determines their success.

I would not deny that the image that one projects and one's physical appearance are also important factors. One has to look presentable and professional to leave a good impression on customers and bosses. How can a worker in a sloppy outfit expect to leave a good impression? Hence, image can be important, especially when working for big corporations.

Job devotion is another significant point. Liking your job and putting your heart and soul into each assignment represents your enthusiasm in what you do. The more enthusiastic you are and the more attached you feel to the job, the higher the chances of working well with others and being successful in your career.

Lastly, I would consider linguistic abilities to be an important factor. The ability to speak well and being bilingual help especially when China's markets and economy are opening up fast. Being able to converse in different languages and dialects will help expand one's career as one is able to communicate effectively and to network with partners in foreign countries.

Brains are certainly not all that count in one's career. Of course, I am not implying that they are not necessary, but they have become a pre-requisite for entering a job market and are no longer a bonus. One has to learn to cultivate the right qualities to succeed in a career with a brighter future.

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