

Model Essay

8. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

In the past, young people depended too much on their parents to make decisions for them; today young people are better able to make decisions about their own lives.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

In the past, young people only had limited rights to handle their own lives since their parents made all the decisions for them. Yet with the appearance of the Internet and the awareness of most parents, young people today have more rights and a better ability to make their own decision.

In the first place, rapid development of the Internet makes it easier for young people to gather information for decision-making. The Internet can provide almost all the information people need, and with the valuable information got from the Internet, adolescents have the ability to make more considerate decisions than they used to. In contrast, parents acted as the only source of information for young people, for no other information was available, which made young people depend too much on their parents. Take my experience for instance. I used to make a perfect family party plan by searching and collecting useful information of the Internet. I learned from other successful plans online and took key factors into full consideration, such as the weather, financial budget, transportation, the health condition of my grandmother, etc. This party plan makes my parent believe I have the ability to decide by my own and since then I was given more chances to make decisions independently.

Furthermore, parents now attach more importance to cultivating children's ability to think independently. Thanks for the new education concept, a growing number of parents believe that the core of education is the promotion of comprehensive quality and more of them realize that it is important to build children's confidence and independence. This realization makes parents respect young people and to turn the decision over to children. Besides, the school today offered various courses and the children now are educated in a more well-round way than before. Parents do feel powerless to make all decisions for their kids. For example, my cousin, Jack, has been encouraged to make most decisions on his own. His parents, who have read lots of books on child growth, believe that only by training Jack to be independent at a young age can he achieve success in the competitive society. Moreover, sometimes

they also find it difficult to give any valuable suggestions for Jack's study, since they are not the experts of all the fields. How can parents decide which English dictionary should be bought when they know nothing about English?

In conclusion, the situation is much better than it used to, in which parents build trust on their kids and kids are able to decide by themselves. **While at the same time, rational suggestions from parents can never be ignored.**

二选一话题结构设计

1. A好 B不好（可一边倒）
2. 分情况讨论

万能理由

- 效率便捷 (time, efficiency, convenience)
- 知识经验(knowledge, experience, awareness)
- 经济成本(money, cost)
- 环境健康(environment, health)
- 必要可行(necessity, feasibility)

时间对比类话题

- Life: 生活条件改善（有更多的时间进行精神文化生活），生活压力增大（父母没时间陪孩子，人际关系等）
- Education: 受教育人数增加，教学内容的变化（对于事物的认识）
- Culture: 传统文化（如上述从前的尊师重教），政策变化
- Technology（时过境迁的物质改变）
- Environment（健康, 环境变好了，生活质量）