

# Model Essay

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

**It is important to know about events happening in the world, even if it is unlikely that they will affect your daily life.**

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

The advanced network of mass media today has kept people well informed about what is going on in all corners of the earth. The world has been made smaller. Receiving updated reports from different nations and regions has become a fashionable habit of many people every day. Indeed, although many of these events are not directly associated with our daily lives, modern citizens ought to be encouraged to keep a close watch on them.

Above all, the world today has become a global village, where not a single nation is isolated from others. Chain effects exist in many aspects. These impacts are mostly recessive and thus cannot be sensed immediately. For instance, after browsing the reports about the global economy, people might learn the latest news about major foreign enterprises and the world market. In this modern age, the global market is a coherent whole. The financial crisis occurring in one region might be a reliable sign of an economic nightmare on a grander scale in the near future. Moreover, keeping an eye on world economic news is also helpful to those who have invested in the stock market. Policies issued by other nations might become a key factor of price fluctuations in one's homeland. In addition to economics, regional conflicts or wars that take place faraway will remind people to avoid traveling to these places. Connection between countries nowadays have become tighter than before. Neglect of events in other nations might cause a person's world understanding to be outdated and fall behind the rapid pace of global development.

Secondly, having access to information about the outside world is an effective step to broaden a person's horizon. In a sense, learning about global events resembles setting off on a meaningful spiritual tour. Watching world-wide news broadcasts via the Internet or the TV, listening to global reports from the radio, reading articles in the world-news columns of newspapers and magazines; all these activities could be considerably beneficial to a person's mental development. Thus, reserving a portion of leisure time for such an educational spiritual journey each day is undoubtedly a fashionable choice. After all, open-mindedness is a highly-desired quality in the modern era.

Confinement and short-sightedness would definitely lead to the backwardness of an individual.

Last but not least, gaining knowledge about world-wide events helps people have a more rational understanding about what is happening in their home nations. Through comparison of current situations in different countries, viewers are blessed with the opportunity to obtain clearer comprehension of his motherland and may begin to hold an objective attitude toward national events. Just as famous ancient poem says, " We cannot see the true colors of Lu Mountain only because we are in it." Indeed, knowing about diverse global events brings a person into the outside world and allows him to observe his own country from a new angle. Moreover, in such a process, unwanted prejudices might be diminished and differences between countries might be accepted as well.

Consequently, in order to become qualified inhabitants in this global village, sensible individuals should cover a wide range of information by taking advantage of mass media. Meanwhile, it is imperative(重要) to form an objective attitude toward what is happening both at home and abroad and learn to seek truth from facts.

## 年轻人和老年人的对比

首先，年轻人本身特点：年轻，心理不成熟

现代：思想活跃，容易接受新鲜事物，流行文化

## 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）