



# 大范围重点预测

## Zhan Predictions Database Independent Speaking

- 2020 Edition -

Zhan research team conducted an analysis of the independent speaking test, and the following rules were drawn up:

- From August 1st, 2019, task 1 is removed from the TOEFL speaking section, and the new format has only one independent question, which is personal preference. This does not necessarily mean that all the old *question one* topics will be put aside, but it will definitely omit the descriptive ones. Therefore this database only includes the questions that have a chance to repeat on the new format.
- In recent years, the number of repetitive independent questions was far more than the new one. The number of repetitive old questions is almost two-thirds of the total number of questions.
- From the perspective of frequency, the probability of repeating the 2017 & 2018 questions is the highest, and the chance of a re-test from 2014 and before is low.
- In terms of question pattern, the new independent question can be divided into three types: agree/disagree, two/multi-choices, and advantage/disadvantage. In recent years, the proportion of the questions in these three types of questions has been relatively stable, and the trend is 3:2:1.
- In terms of subject category, the high-frequency topics are education, children's growth, facilities planning, entertainment activities, family and friends, accounting for 66% of the total number of questions. After that, there are social issues, social communication, personal preferences, professional work, and character quality, accounting for 29% of the total number of questions. The low-frequency topics are communication media and environmental protection, accounting for only 5% of the total number of questions.



## [2019 Key Questions]

190112SP

When shopping in supermarkets, many citizens would prefer to bring their own shopping bags instead of buying new cloth bags or plastic bags. Talk about the advantage and/or disadvantage of taking your own shopping bags?

190112SP

When visiting museums to see the exhibitions, some people prefer to take some photos while some people prefer just to look around, which one do you prefer and why?

190126SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Being polite is more important than being truthful. Explain why.

190202SP

Sports have a positive impact on students' academic performance.  
Do you agree or disagree?

190216SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Technology has made the world a better place to live.

190223SP

Parents should not be allowed to see children's grades without their permission.  
Do you agree or disagree?

190223SP

What is the most needed for government leaders to Improve society?

- Art
- Business
- Military

190224SP

Some people like to eat fast food at restaurants and street carts.  
Discuss the advantages and disadvantages.

190224SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Children can have a pet at home.



190303SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Explain why.  
We should be completely honest and open to our close friends.

190309SP

What are the advantages and disadvantages of professors' evaluation at the end of semester?

190309SP

Some people prefer to keep old stuff and hold onto them, while others do not.  
What do you prefer?

190316SP

If you are going to choose a roommate, which of the following quality is more important to you?

- Quietness
- Friendliness
- Cleanliness

190316SP

Should we praise children for doing well or punishing them for bad behavior?

190317SP

You are required to be a volunteer in a school beautification day. Which of the following would you like to choose?

- Planting in campus flowers garden
- Picking up garbage and collect the recyclable material
- Paint murals and outside arts

190317SP

Are sports like the sport of athletics and swimming beneficial for children?

190330SP

Your university has allowed some students to open an on-campus café that would be run completely by students with no university involvement.

Talk about at least one advantage and/or disadvantage of this program.

190330SP

Some people believe that all college students should be required to take math courses. Others believe that only those students who will take math-related jobs after graduation should be required to take math courses. Which opinion do you support, and why?



190331SP

Your local community center wants to add some new workshops or programs for children. Which of the following do you think would be most beneficial for children's development?

- Athletic program
- Art Crafts workshop
- Technology workshop

190406SP

Which of the following can help students to have a successful job after graduation?

- Taking an Internship
- Consulting with experienced people
- Improving their resume

190406SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Art students should take mathematics and science courses.

190413SP

Older people like board games and card games. Nowadays people like to play mobile or computer games, which is better?

190414SP

When traveling to a new place, some people prefer to make plans ahead of time, others do not make any plans for the trip (focus on the present). Which do you prefer and why?

190504SP

What kind of final exam do you prefer to choose (choose one)?

- Research paper
- Oral exam
- Paper exam

190504SP

Should the \$5000 scholarship be given to students with high academic performance or students with serious financial problems?

190511SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Children can learn from playing video games.



190518SP

Which one do you think is the most helpful for protecting the environment?

- Government regulation
- Social organizations
- Individual actions

190518SP

Which teacher's courses would you like to take? Serious or humorous.

190519SP

Today, instead of communicating face to face, people communicate more through video chat Applications. Talk about one advantage and disadvantage of communicating through them.

190519SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Schools should no longer require students to do experiments, but should show students the videos of experiments.

190526SP

To face difficulties, it is better to be humorous (sense of humor) or serious?

190615SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

All animals have the right to be treated and respected as humans.

190616SP

Where would you like to choose when discussing a serious topic with your friend or colleague? Public places like café or private places like home.

190629SP

Some people sell or give away (to others) the gifts their friends gave them.

Do you think this is a good idea? Why?

190706SP

Some believe that students should choose what courses to study; others believe that professors should make the decision for students. What is your opinion, and why?

190713SP

Some people prefer to do difficult things first and then do simple, others want to do simple and then do difficult. Which way do you like? Why?



190720SP

Some people believe that it is better for children to learn how to play classical instruments. Others think that modern musical instruments are more appropriate choices. Which of these options do you think is better?

190728SP

What are the advantages and disadvantages of storing information on electronic devices?

190728SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Celebrities should use fame and money to help others.

190803SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Students are required to spend less time on a part-time job at university.

190810SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Parents should teach children how to be independent at a very young age.

190824SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
It is impolite for tourists to take anyone's picture without their permission.

190825SP

Some people like to shop in large grocery stores and department stores. Other people prefer to shop in small specialty stores or shops. Which do you prefer? Explain why?

190901SP

Imagine that you have been accepted by two different universities, one is well-known for its excellent academic program, but it's expensive, while another is less well-known, but has offered you with scholarship to pay for your tuition fee. Which university would you prefer, explain why?

190907SP

Some people think historical sites should be open to the general public, but others think historical sites should only be open to experts and researchers. Which one do you think is better?



190921SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

School decided to close the computer lab/room, because all students have their own laptops.

190922SP

Do you want to report to your parents and friends where you are and what you are doing?

190928SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People should do the hobbies and activities which are interesting for them.

191012SP

Some people think that governments should devote some money to help endangered animals. Others believe that just private budgets should be used for animals' survival. Which one do you prefer?

191013SP

Some people want to change their appearance, even by surgery.

Do you agree or disagree? Give your reasons.

191019SP

Do you think the boss should supervise his employees when they are working, or give his employees more freedom at work?

191026SP

Do you think participation in extreme sports like rock climbing and parachute jumping is foolish or brave behavior?

191027SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The rapid growth of cities has a positive impact on the development of society.

191102SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Students should spend as much time studying the history of the world as studying the history of their own country.

191103SP

Do you agree or disagree with the statement that the university should record all important classes/lectures and put them on the website for students to go over?



191109SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People now prefer to follow negative news rather than positive news.

191110SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

For a person to be successful, good luck is as important as hard work.

191116SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is a good idea to spend some time to read news about other countries.

191117SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People who have ordinary background are able to become a better government leader.

191201SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Parents should exercise control over the social media their children use.

191207SP

Some people believe that postgraduate students should be allowed to teach some basic courses. Others believe that they should only be professors' assistants and not teach any course. Which do you agree and why?

191208SP

Some people prefer to watch entertaining and exciting movies, while others like to watch movies with serious messages or important information to learn something new.

Which one do you prefer?

191214SP

Some people prefer to go and visit the museum alone. Others like to go with their colleagues and friends so that they can talk with them, which one do you prefer?





## [2018 Key Questions]

180106SP

Some countries have approved "home school" as part of education. What is your opinion on this?

180113SP

Nowadays, teachers tend to give homework as group assignments rather than individual assignments. Discuss one advantage and one disadvantage of this.

180128SP

Professors shouldn't allow students to record class lectures.  
Do you agree or disagree with this policy?

180310SP

Big cooperation is planning to invest in a factory in your hometown. This factory will create many job opportunities for people, but also bring a lot of pollution at the same time. Do you agree or disagree?

180311SP

What do you think about smartphones to students? Here are three benefits of smartphones to students. Which do you think is good for students?

- Taking photos
- Listen to music
- Recording courses

180311SP

Some parents think they should protect students from making mistakes. Some think they should let them make mistakes. What do you think?

180324SP

What do you think of the idea?  
Children should listen or read the news at an early age.

180331SP

Describe one advantage or disadvantage of building universities in small towns or rural areas.

180415SP

Nowadays universities usually hold exams in the class, and recently some universities allow students to take exams at home. Talk about its advantages or disadvantages.



180421SP

Do you agree or disagree with the statement?

It's never acceptable to interrupt other people when they are taking.

180506SP

You are required to be a volunteer in a school beatification day. Which of the following would you like to choose?

- Planting in campus flowers garden
- Picking up garbage and collect the recyclable material
- Paint natural and outside arts

180506SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Important business meetings should be held in person rather than use technology such as video conference calls.

180519SP

Talk about at least one advantage or disadvantage of not being active on social websites and social media.

180519SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is acceptable that someone uses other's influence to get a job.

180526SP

One of your friends decided to study more courses in order to graduate one year earlier.

Do you agree or not agree?

180526SP

Your university decided to allow local communities to listen in the campus, they could enter into the class, but can't ask questions and don't have assignments.

Do you agree or not agree?

180602SP

Instead of printing books in paper version, the university decides to release only the online version of textbooks. Discuss at least an advantage and disadvantage of this change.

180602SP

Some professors prefer to answer students' questions at the end of the lecture, and others stop at different points to answer students' questions. Which style do you think is better for learning?



180623SP

With the new technologies, we now have electric books and the internet. Someone thinks that someday the library will totally disappear. What is your opinion?

180630SP

The school decided to cancel the long summer vacation. So students have to attend school all year with some short breaks during holidays. What is your opinion?

180630SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
The best decision is made by groups instead of individuals.

180701SP

Children museum is going to have an exhibition. Which of the following theme will be the most attractive to children?

- Robot technology
- Deep-sea marine
- Solar system

180701SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
We should be completely honest and open with friends.

180707SP

If the government has a large sum of money, which area would suggest the government invest?

- Space exploration
- Education
- Health care

180707SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Parents should discourage children from joining some competitive activities, like sports or entertainment.

180909SP

Which of the following is the most important for the recruitment of new employees?

- Educational Background
- Work Experience
- Interview Performance



## [2017 Key Questions]

170107SP

The university wants to provide students more entertainment and three choices provided below. Which do you prefer and why?

- Theater performance by the student actors
- Concert provided by professional musicians
- Lecture from a professor

170114SP

You will need to accomplish an assignment to do a presentation. Which will you choose?

- Act out a scene from a play with a partner
- Explain your review of a novel you recently read
- Read a selection of poem

170114SP

Someone chooses to work in a small company or organization with a few workers. Others prefer to work in a large company or organization with thousands of employees. Which do you think is better?

170218SP

Which of the following aspects do you think contributes most to country's success?

- Many business opportunities
- Well rounded medical care system
- A developed educational system

170218SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

With the popularity of technology that focuses on entertainment, people read fewer books than before.

170304SP

If you are to choose between two apartments to live in next semester, one apartment is near the campus but slightly expensive, the other is a little far from the campus but cheaper. Which one do you prefer and why?

170311SP

You live in a crowded city with only one green space-the city park. The government recently proposes to build a housing complex on this only green space. Do you think this is a good idea?



170325SP

The university international office is going to hold a social event. Which one of the following choices do you think is the best?

- International food fair
- International music festival
- International film festival

170325SP

Some people prefer sending messages, while others prefer making phone calls directly. Which one do you prefer?

170401SP

The university currently requires all the students to take the physical education course to get graduate. Which of the following choice will you choose? Soccer or dancing

170401SP

Imagine that you have been accepted by two different universities:

One university is well-known for its excellent academic program, but it's expensive, while another is less well-know, but has offered you with scholarship to pay for your intuition fee.

Which university would you prefer? Explain why.

170415SP

Which of the following areas of current events do you most like to read?

- Politics
- Sports
- Arts and films

170513SP

There is going to have a students' TV show. Which show would you like to watch?

- Interview school leaders
- Students' debate on political and social topics
- Comedy about school life

170513SP

Some people want to change their appearance, even by surgery. What is your opinion?

170520SP

Many people think that students study course materials more effectively by taking exams, while others think that students learn more effectively through doing other activities such as writing paper or completing projects. Which do you think is more effective for students to learn?



170527SP

You have been very busy and unable to prepare for the exam tomorrow. You can either stay up late to study and sleep less or just study less and get full night's sleep. Which will you choose?

170610SP

Our degree requires you to take one course, which one would you choose?

- Energy and environment
- Health and nutrition
- Solar system

170610SP

Some people prefer to give their opinions immediately. Others prefer to wait and listen to others' opinions before giving their own. Which one do you think is better?

170625SP

If you are going to have an interview with famous people in your community, which of the following people will you choose?

- Businessman
- Professor
- Artist

170625SP

Which one do you agree with?

Children born with talent should be treated in a different way, or they should be treated in the same way as average children.

170701SP

Some people believe older people should not take risks and participate in adventurous events as young people. Do you agree? Why?

170702SP

Which of the following creative activities do you feel like to get involved in?

- Pottery making
- Writing
- Art creation

170702SP

Some people believe that we should not discuss the private activities of popular people, like movie stars and singers. Do you agree? Why?



170708SP

Among the following jobs, which do you is the most interesting one and why?

- Airplane pilot
- Actor
- Detective

170708SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Female and male university students should have separate residence halls.

170715SP

People are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags when going shopping, and there will be a fee imposed on plastic bags. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of this policy.

170826SP

Some students enjoy decorating their surroundings; others choose to keep their surroundings simple and free of any decorations. Which do you prefer and why?

170826SP

Some students like teachers who often supervise their study and work, while others like teachers who allow them to study independently and check their work occasionally. Which one do you prefer?

170827SP

Your university has acquired a piece of land next to the campus. There have been three options for the use of the land. Which do you prefer? Why?

- The athletic facilities and stadiums
- A park with nature trails
- Centers for students and hotel for campus guests

170909SP

If universities are given financial support to develop researches. Which one do you think would receive more benefits?

- To predict weather more accurately
- To clean rivers and ocean
- To deal with outer space

170909SP

Some people like participating in performance like theatrical or musical shows. Others prefer to be in the audience watching those plays. Which do you prefer?



170917SP

The university is going to increase the price of junk food, to make more money, and use the money to add more kinds of healthy food. Do you agree or disagree?

170923SP

A photography club is planning to hold an activity. Which one do you prefer?

- Going to an exhibition
- Listening to a lecture
- Taking a trip

170924SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Government should pass a law to fine people who use mobile phones when crossing the street.

171014SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Children need to learn to cooperate and get along with others when they grow up.

171015SP

Children will be unwilling to learn musical instruments since they need to keep practicing. What should parents do?

- Force child to learn musical instruments.
- Let child choose whether to learn musical instruments.

171104SP

When giving feedback to students, some teachers would like to talk to their students in person, while some teachers would give written comments to students. Which do you prefer and why?

171126SP

There are several ways you can get to know a country without traveling abroad. Which of the following ways would you like to choose?

- Reading books
- Watching videos
- Joining online communication

171217SP

Some professors prefer to give regular quizzes. Some prefer to give surprising quizzes. Talk about the advantages and/or disadvantages of surprising quizzes.





## [2016 Key Questions]

160109SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Current celebrities (like musicians, actors/actresses, and athletes) set a good example as role models the young people.

160123SP

Which courses about history are you interested in?

- Science history
- Art history
- History of 20th century

160123SP

Do you like to make a plan with friends about social activities in advance or plan it when you attend it?

160124SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Experienced teachers are a deciding factor in the success of a school.

160228SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Schools need to encourage students to be more creative and use imagination to be successful person.

160311SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is more important to maintain relationship with family members than with friends.

160313SP

Which campus improvement do you suggest your school invest in?

- Swimming pool
- Cafeteria
- Dormitory

160313SP

Some people get to know a person by the first observation while others prefer to get to know a person by long-time observation. Which one do you prefer? Explain why.



160423SP

Some people prefer to spend lots of money on vacation. Some people would spend little money on vacation. Which do you prefer and why?

160507SP

Do you think it's a good idea for the university to ask a student to leave school if he was caught cheating on exams?

160522SP

When a friend is coming to visit your place, do you prefer a surprise visit or an informed one?

160529SP

Do you think it is a good idea for parents to give kids monetary rewards if they have good grades in school?

160604SP

In the workplace, do you think the employer should constantly supervise the employees, or is it better that the employer only checks on the employees occasionally?

160702SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Older doctors are more knowledgeable than young doctors.

160709SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
It is easier to teach students in primary school than it is to teach students at the university.

160821SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
If you want to succeed in business, being outgoing and friendly is very important.

160903SP

Which of the following ways is the best in getting to know Italian culture?

- Watching Italian movies
- Learning Italian cooking
- Attending Italian lectures or classes

160910SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Students learn more when teachers assign a lot of homework.



160924SP

Which would you prefer?

Doing exercise every day or only when you are free.

160925SP

Which of the following three would you choose to do in summer vacation?

- Working as a librarian
- Painter in an art center
- Lifeguard in the natatorium

160925SP

Which would you prefer?

Start a project as early as possible or wait until the deadline.

161015SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

A boss or manager should not form a close friendship with their employees.

161022SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Government should not allow violence and bad language in television programs.

161022SP

Your university will sponsor one of the following activities for students, an outdoor camp night, and a music festival to experience the local culture or a computer game contest in the dorm.

Which do you think is the best and why?

161105SP

Which of the following technological developments have made the greatest impact on students' lives?

- Electronic books
- Online classes
- Smartphones

161112SP

If university plans to add a new course that is not being offered to students, which of the following courses, in your opinion, would attract most students?

- Sound engineering and recording
- History of rock music
- Film studies



161112SP

Some are willing to own and manage their own company, and some prefer to work in others' company. Which do you prefer and why?

161203SP

There are two invitations. One is from a party with your friends, and the other is that having a dinner party with your parents. Which one would you prefer and why?

161210SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
In order to be successful, one has to make enemies.

161211SP

Which of the following three activities do you prefer to do with a group of people rather than alone?

- Eat a meal
- Listen to music
- Do homework

161211SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
It is important for young people to learn some domestic skills like cooking, sewing, and taking care of children.

161217SP

Some students choose to enter the university immediately after finishing high school, others prefer taking time off before beginning the university class. Which option do you think is better? Explain why.



## [2015 Key Questions]

150110SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Building zoos helps to protect animals.

150110SP

Some people think in the future students will have classes on the internet, but some think students will still have class in traditional classroom buildings. What is your opinion and why?

150201SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People should always wear fashionable clothes.

150314SP

Which type of professor do you prefer?

An interesting professor with a strict grading policy or a boring professor with a loose grading policy.

150328SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Students should do some part-time jobs before they attend college.

150410SP

Which of the following activities should the university give rewards to its high performance?

- Volunteer service
- Athletic achievement
- Academic performance

150530SP

Some people prefer to solve a challenge all by themselves. Others prefer to depend on other people's help. Which do you prefer and why?

150711SP

Which one of the following characteristics does your friend value most: cheerfulness, kindness, or intelligence?

150712SP

When students have questions about an assignment for class, some prefer to ask their professors for help, others would rather ask fellow students. Which do you prefer?



150912SP

Some people prefer to have their schedules fully and specifically arranged. Some people however, prefer to leave themselves a lot of free time. Which do you prefer and why?

151025SP

Every year, many experienced and inexperienced climbers try to climb the Mount Qomolangma, how would you describe their behavior: dangerous, adventurous or foolish? Explain your choice with details.

151031SP

What kind of activity do you think that children do to cultivate a sense of responsibility?

- Keep a pet
- Do house chores
- Help take care of their younger sisters or brothers

151107SP

Which kind of extracurricular activity would you like to attend if you have a chance?

- Writing essays for students' newspaper
- Joining a hiking club
- Working in the dormitories discipline committee

151107SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Some people think the stories of famous people on TV have no relevance to ordinary people.

151114SP

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is easier to be an adult than it is to be a child.

151121SP

All people should be required to stop working and retire by the age of 65.

Do you agree or disagree?