



# 大范围重点预测

## Zhan Predictions Database Independent Writing

- 2020 Edition -

After analyzing the independent writing questions, Zhan research team summed up the following rules:

- In recent years, the ratio of old to new writing is about 3:7. The independent writing questions are mainly repetition the titles of 2014-2017. However, unlike the large-scale repetition of the last year's topic in the speaking and integrated writing sections, the independent writing repeatedly repeated the 2014 questions, followed by questions of past years. What they have in common is that the probability of repeated questions is extremely low.
- From the perspective of the subject, the education category is still the highest topic of independent writing, a total of 13 times, and accounting for 33%. The frequency of other topics is not high, and the proportion is relatively average, ranging from 5% to 12%.
- According to the trend in recent years, it can be predicted that independent writing is still mostly based on old questions, but the new questions will also maintain a certain proportion. Therefore the machine can still be used as review material, and even these questions do not repeat again, it is still worth to brainstorm them.
- The hot topic of education is not reduced. It is a topic that should be prepared by the majority of test-takers. The frequency of other topics is relatively low, but test-takers should also collect some relevant materials during the review and make themselves ready for these kind of questions too.



## [2019 Key Questions]

190112WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

One can learn about another person from the books and movies that the person likes.

190126WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

In order to succeed in study or job, the ability to adjust or adapt to changing conditions or circumstances is more important than having knowledge.

190202WR

If you want to choose a purpose, which one do you choose?

- Helping other people
- Enhancing time management
- Improving physical well-being and eating healthy food

190216WR

Recently the school principals find out that the students are cheating in their homework assignments. To prevent this, which of the following actions do you think is more effective?

- Intensifying the penalty and punishments
- Controlling the students by their parents
- Giving more challenging assignments to students

190224WR

A university recognized first-year students have poor study skills in its university. Some in the university believe the best way to address this is to ask all first-year students have to pass course on study skills. Others don't agree with this requirement. What is your opinion?

190303WR

Elementary School intends to extend the science time for children aged 5-11, reduce music and art time, and ask for consent? What is your opinion? (Agree or disagree)

190309WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The most important problems affecting our society (or the most important problems in today's world) today could be solved within our lifetime.

190317WR

Do you agree or disagree?

People who always criticize others cannot be a member of a group.



### 190330WR

Except for doing homework, parents should limit the use of children under the age of 13 on electronic devices such as computers and mobile phones. Do you agree or disagree?

### 190331WR

Your school wants to improve the quality of students' life in the dormitory. Which one of the following do you think the school should build in dorms?

- Quiet study area (A quiet place for study)
- Exercise room for students to keep physical well-being
- Room for entertainment (like watching movies)

### 190406WR

Some young people (14-18) tend to divide their free time to participate in several activities, such as competitive sports, piano, and dance classes. Others prefer to focus on one activity. Which one do you think is better?

### 190414WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Students do not respect teachers as much as they did in the past.

### 190504WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
The most important goal of education is to teach people how to educate themselves.

### 190518WR

Which one can make friendship stronger?

- Having a good time with your friend (Enjoy good time)
- Solving your problem with him or her (talk about problem)
- Support each other

### 190519WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Asking young children to study together in school groups is the best way to teach (educate) them.

### 190526WR

Some people prefer to take small classes (fewer students), such as the professors can remember students' names. Others like big classes (lots of students), which one do you prefer?



#### 190601WR

Some people prefer to go and visit the tourist attractions where there are many people. Others like the ones with fewer people. Which one do you prefer?

#### 190615WR

Some companies decided not to allow employees to discuss business by sending emails or messages on weekends. Some people believe that this policy is great, others believe that this policy will discourage employees. What is your opinion and why?

#### 190616WR

Imagine that you are going to visit a new city, which one of the following ways do you think is the best way to know the city in a short time?

- Visit historic sites
- Go to shops and markets
- Enjoy the restaurant and spend time in cafe

#### 190629WR

Which of the following do you think would be the most effective way that a teacher can use to make students more interested in classes?

- Using more technological ways
- Asking students to work in groups or teams
- Explaining how the lessons have a connection to real-world

#### 190706WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

To be successful, businesses must spend a lot of money on advertising (put more money into advertising.).

#### 190713WR

A company wants to use money to help employees work better. One way is to improve the technology equipment (computer, printer) used by employees and improve efficiency. Another way is to redesign the space to make the working environment more comfortable and have more meeting rooms for discussion. Which way do you recommend? Why?

#### 190720WR

Some students enjoy taking distance-learning courses on the computer or by television. Other students would rather take all of their courses with a teacher in the classroom. Which of these options do you think is better?



190728WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Primary school teachers should not give children (aged 5-10) assignments for more than 30 minutes, because there are enough instructions to learn in regular school classes.

190803WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

In modern times, parents will learn more from their children than their children will learn from them.

190824WR

A new teaching method, professor record a video (lecture) in advance for students to learn, class time used to answer questions, and have discussions. Do you think this is an effective way and why?

190825WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Although science and technology will continue to improve, the most significant improvements for the quality of people's lives have already taken place.

190901WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is easier to maintain good health today than in the past.

190921WR

The government wants to invest money to develop open space. Do you think it is better to build a park to provide entertainment for everyone, or to build a sports ground for a high school without a sports field?

190922WR

Many companies provide important products or services, but also damage the environment. Some people believe that the best way to stop companies from harming the environment is to require them to pay the penalty such as higher tax or a large fine when they cause environmental damage. Other people think there are better ways to stop the companies from harming the environment. Which view do you agree with and why?

191012WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is better to stop reading and listening to the news for a period of a few days or weeks.



### 191013WR

Which way do you think is the best for a student to make new friends?

- Joining a sports team
- Participate in community activities
- Traveling.

### 191019WR

Some people think that we should not limit the time students (6-12-year-old) spent on technology products. Others think that because technology products are harmful, they should be limited to less than one hour. Which do you prefer, why?

### 191026WR

Which one of the following do you prefer to choose/find a successful job?

- Asking the opinions of others (real-life and online friends)
- Sending letters to the company
- Looking for information on the internet or advertisements in the newspaper

### 191102WR

Celebrities (such as actors, musicians and athletes, etc.) sometimes express their political views in public. Some people appreciate knowing the political views of celebrities, others think it is not appropriate or useful to know the political views of celebrities. Which opinion do you agree with?

### 191109WR

Which of the following three ways do you think would be most effective in protecting the natural environment and why?

- Walking or cycling instead of using cars
- Recycling and reusing objects instead of throwing them in the trash
- Buying organic and chemical-free foods

### 191116WR

High school teachers (teachers of students ages 14-18) spend most of class time lecturing (speaking) while the students listen and take notes. Other high school teachers spend most of class time on discussion and projects that students are highly involved in and exchange their ideas. Which of these two approaches do you think is more effective for student learning and why?

### 191117WR

For the students (ages 5-10), it is better to take a break for every one hour of instruction or let them focus on lessons for a longer period of time.



191201WR

If you are required to give feedback about your classmates/colleagues (work or performance), would you like to give positive comments or negative comments first?

191201WR

When you give money to charitable organizations, do you prefer to choose how the donation will be used (e.g., donate money on food or service) or leave the decision to the organizations?

191207WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Movies and television programs should present stories in which good people are rewarded, and bad people are punished.

191208WR

Which of the following is the most effective way for parents to get children (aged 3-6) ready for the start of the school?

- Providing appropriate books for children to learn how to read
- Reading books aloud for children
- Improving children's communication skill by engaging in conversation with adults

191214WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

All university students should be required to take at least one class that teaches the culture of a country other than their own.

191221WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Drivers have to pay a fee for driving in busy city streets when there is a great amount of traffic.



## [2018 Key Questions]

180106WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Nowadays, it is not important for people to have regularly family meals together.

180107WR

It is important to read or watch the news presented by people whose views are different from your own or presented by people whose views are similar to your own. Which one do you agree?

180113WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It's a waste of money for government to fund space travel or space exploration.

180127WR

Which one do you think is the most important factor for a student to success at university?

- Tutors in university
- The encouragement from family and friends
- High-quality education from high school

180128WR

The government wants to improve education levels. Which of the following is the best way?

- Hire more teachers to teach in a small class
- Preschool education before kindergarten
- Provide some training courses so that teachers can be more professional

180204WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is better for younger people to take risk and explore new things than older people.

180303WR

As a final course to graduate, which professor will you choose?

The one you used to sign up for courses or the one you have never learned from before.

180310WR

Which one is the most important factor to help you work productively?

- Having an environment free of noise and distractions
- Knowing that you will receive a reward
- Doing something you are interested in



### 180311WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People would meet many problems in their daily life, and they would solve them by themselves or from the help of their families; help from the government is not necessary.

### 180421WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is difficult for teachers to be both popular (liked by students) and effective in helping students in learning.

### 180506WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Some lessons for young students (5-8 years old) increase their interest to learn, including video games. But some people believe it will distract young students.

### 180526WR

At work or school, you might encounter a problem that requires creativity -for example, you are given a task to complete that is very different from other tasks you do. In work or school situation that requires you to think creatively, would you prefer to work alone or with others?

### 180602WR

Schools always collect information about teaching performance and give rewards to those teachers who perform well. Which way do you think is more useful? Why?

- To evaluate teachers' performance by students
- To evaluate teachers' performance by teachers

### 180707WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is better to relax by watching a movie or reading a book than doing physical exercise.

### 180708WR

Which one do you prefer?

A company offering you a job with challenging and interesting project but fewer vacation days or another company offering you a job that is not so challenging and interesting but more vacation days.

### 180825WR

If you need to take a course, which professor's course would you like to take?

- A professor who was voted the most popular
- A professor who has just won an award for an outstanding research



180902WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It's the best way for teachers to help students become more interested in a subject by explaining how this subject can help students live better outside the school.

180908WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Professor should prohibit the use of devices that can connect to the internet in class.

180909WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

In universities, people tend to concern more about the career prospect of the subjects they learn. Some people propose that students should learn subjects with fast job growth, including science, technology, and engineering even if they are interested in other subjects.

180916WR

Nowadays, people are busy with many things. If you were given a short period of time, what would you choose:

- Learn to play a new sport you never played
- Learn to cook food in a different way
- Learn to do some hand-made work like clothes

181104WR

One of the most challenge problems in modern society is to have the most up-to-date skills for workplace. For solving this, government decides to give all adults over the age of 25 a training course to learn new skills. Do you think it is an effective way for government to spend its money?

181111WR

Are government doing well in educating people to pay attention to the importance of the food nutrition and healthy eating?

181117WR

Which one do you think is important to long-lasting friendship?

- Help you when you need
- Share same interest and hobby
- Mutual trust

181201WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is as important for older people to learn and study new things as young people to do so.



## [2017 Key Questions]

170114WR

As a student of university that has a long break between university semesters, the university requires all students to do one of the following for one month during the break:

- Take a course on the subject that has no direct connection to their majors of study
- Work as a volunteer to improve some aspects of life of the city or their home town.

Which one do you think is more beneficial for students in their university? Why?

170218WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

In a group project, the group will be helped more by person who will be willing to do what other group members want than by person who often strongly insists that things should be done in a way that is different from what the group wants to do.

170225WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The way people dress is a good indication of his or her personality or character.

170304WR

Nowadays, many movies or films are based on books. Some people prefer to read the original book before they watch the movie, others prefer to watch the movie before reading the book. Which one do you prefer?

170325WR

Which one of the reasons is most important in helping students to study in colleges and universities?

- Having access to the university to tutors who can provide individual instruction for the students who have difficulty in study.
- Having the help and encouragement from the family and friends.
- Having an excellent teachers in high-school who can help the students before the university.

170401WR

You have long been friend with someone. If they do something that you don't like, should you still be friend with him or her?

170415WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is better to make friends with intelligent people than with the people who have a good sense of humor.



170423WR

Some young people are free in the evenings or have days off at school, which way can bring them the most benefit?

- To accumulate work experience by a part-time job or volunteering in a community
- Learning to play a sport
- Learning to play a musical instrument

170506WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is impossible to always be completely honest with your friends.

170513WR

Which one of the following values is the most important to share with a young child (5-10 years old)?

- being helpful
- being honest
- being well-organized

170520WR

At some universities, students take part in making decisions about the issues that affect daily life of everyone on campus (such as how many hours that the libraries should be open each day or what kinds of food should be served in the cafeteria). But at some universities, experts are hired to make these decisions, students rarely involved.

Which approach do you prefer and why?

170610WR

Some people like to buy and eat their meals at restaurants frequently, while others like to do this at home. Which do you prefer? Why?

170625WR

Do you agree that it is better to work for business owned by someone else than to work for the business of one's own family?

170701WR

If people want to contribute to society, which of the following is the best way?

- Riding bicycle or walking on foot
- Recycling the waste
- Buy local organic food



### 170702WR

A city wants to help teachers of its high school students (age 14-18) improve their teaching. It is considering two plans, which one do you prefer?

- Choose a small group of excellent teachers; these teachers will attend a class led by an expert for additional training in how to teach effectively, and they will then come back to their schools and provide that training for other teachers in school.
- Provide additional training in teaching effectively for high school teachers, using online material that each teacher will study individually.

### 170715WR

Do you prefer watching TV programs for knowledge or just for entertainment?

### 170716WR

Students aged 13-18 are taught different subjects by different teachers while younger students are taught by only one teacher all day long. Some people suggest it would benefit young students to be taught by different teachers. Do you agree with this view? Why or why not?

### 170827WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Sometimes people think nowadays the media (TV, newspaper, Internet) are less concerned about the accuracy of news than in the past, and the incorrect information may cause more problems for the public.

### 170909WR

Your friends have the opportunity to choose either one of two types of majors (fields of study), which one of the following two majors do you think is a better choice, and why?

- A major that would allow him to finish years of study and get a degree sooner (so that he would begin to work full-time quickly).
- A major that requires many years of study that would provide him with more employment opportunities and offers in the future.

### 170917WR

School teachers have found that this year more and more students copy homework from others, which one of the following choices is the best way to reduce this phenomenon?

- Parents should supervise their children's homework and sign their names
- Teachers should punish those children who copy homework from others
- Teachers should assign homework that cannot be easily copied



170924WR

The university has provided students who are going to enter university with two summer vacation programs. Which one do you think is better for students?

- Take some college-related courses in advance
- Visit some history museums or historical relics

170930WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Company should pay for employees to get university degree.

171028WR

Many filmmakers made movies based on books. When a movie is produced based on books, some people prefer to read books before watching films, other people choose to watch movies first. What do you think?

171029WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Universities should require every graduation students to take public speaking courses.

171111WR

Parents give their children weekly money to buy whatever they want. Some people think this can cause bad habits and ideas about money in children. Others think the opposite.

What's your opinion?

171126WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

In the past, people ate food that was better for their health than they do today.

171216WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The most important way to improve people's health is to clean the environment.



## [2016 Key Questions]

160109WR

Some people think it is the best approach for students to learn if school starts the day at an early time in the morning. But someone thinks the school should start the day at late time. Which one do you prefer?

160227WR

High school students should be required to study many different subjects at the same time, or they should study only three or four subjects at a time. Which one do you prefer?

160228WR

Nowadays, children rely too much on technology, like computers, smartphones, video games for fun and entertainment; playing simpler toys or playing outside with friends would be better for the children's development. What do you think?

160311WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Students do reading by their own personality is as important as, or more important than reading assigned by teachers.

160313WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

After high school, students should have at least one year to work or travel. It's better than attending university straight away.

160319WR

Students in a university club want to help others, but they can only choose one project a year, which one of the following is the best?

- Help those students in a nearby primary school with reading and mathematics
- Help people who cannot afford to build or rent a home to build a house
- Visit and assist elderly people with daily tasks.

160522WR

As the leader of a city, what would you do to ensure the prosperity and success of the city?

- Creating job opportunities for the unemployed
- Lowering food price
- Providing affordable housing



160528WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Movies are worth watching only when they teach something about real life.

160618WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

In order to be successful, a person must be open to new ideas and willing to change his or her mind.

160625WR

The government can take a variety of actions to help protect the environment. Which one of the following do you think is the most important for this purpose?

- Fund the research to develop environmentally friendly energy sources (solar/wind energy)
- Preserve natural places like forests and protect the animals that live there
- Enforce laws to prevent the pollution of air and water by large companies

160702WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Competition among friends usually has a negative effect on friendship.

160703WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People who develop many different skills are more successful than people who just focus on one skill only.

160709WR

If you were offered two jobs, one has average paid, and you work normal hours (40 hours a week), the other one has much higher salary, but you need to work long hours. Which one would you choose?

160716WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Universities should spend more money on facilities (such as computer labs and technology in general) rather than on hiring some famous professors.

160820WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Taking a lot of time making an important decision is a good/bad quality of a person.



160821WR

Some believe that one should spend more time being far away from the people we care about, because it is necessary for people to understand the importance of relationship of people we care about, while others think being away from people we care about can damage our relationships with them. What do you think?

160910WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The Internet should be like other services (such as roads), and government should provide it to the public at no cost.

160911WR

Do you think the students should spend more time learning computer and technology or music and art?

160925WR

The university will spend money on dormitory to improve the life quality of students, which of the following do you think is the best way?

- Providing a room for quiet study
- Building an exercise room
- Providing entertainment place (watch film)

161015WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Young people should try many different kinds of jobs or careers before they decide the long term career of their life.

161022WR

Some teenagers took part in kinds of activities such as musical classes, sports classes and so on, but others only focus on one activity which is important to them. Which idea do you support?

161029WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is better to use your own knowledge and experience to solve problems than to ask other people for advice.



### 161105WR

University students are often encouraged to study fields in which significant job growth (a large increase in job opportunities) is expected; these fields currently include science, technology, engineering, and math. Do you believe students should consider studying fields related to these subjects even if they are more interested in other subjects? Why or why not?

### 161119WR

Imagine that a professor requires students to learn as much as possible about a subject in a short period of time. Is it better for the professor to require students to work together in a group, or is it better to require students to work alone?

### 161210WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is better to travel abroad to visit different countries when you are younger rather than when you are older.

### 161211WR

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

### 161217WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Children should spend most of their time studying and playing, they shouldn't be required to help family with household chores, such as cleaning and cooking.



## [2015 Key Questions]

150110WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

All university students should take basic science courses regardless of their fields of study.

150111WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The most important characteristic of a successful leader or politician is the ability to communicate well.

150116WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The parents should let children make mistake and let them learn from their own mistakes.

150307WR

Some people think that it is an important part of a child's education to go on field trips (for example, museums), other people think a child's time is better spent learning in a classroom at school. What is your opinion?

150314WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

More and more people are spending money on their pets unnecessarily when the money could be spent on something better.

150328WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It's better to complete a project and then start another one than to do several things at the same time.

150412WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The government should spend money helping more people access the Internet instead of improving public transportation.

150418WR

Some people always follow their dreams even if the dreams are ambitious. Some think we should focus on achieving realistic goals. Which do you agree with? Why?



150509WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

All university students should be required to take history courses no matter what field they study in.

150516WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

When people spend a lot of time watching sports on television or following their favorite team, it has negative effects on their lives.

150606WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People nowadays spend much more time than they should use text messages and new technologies such as social media to communicate with each other.

150613WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It's better to spend money enjoying life like going on vacation than to save money for the future.

150704WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The best way for parents to teach their children about responsibility is to have them care for animals.

150712WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

These days, children spend more time doing homework or participating in organized activities related to school or sports. However, they should be given more time to do whatever they want.

150830WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is important to have rules about the types of clothes that people wear in their workplace and at school.

150905WR

In order to attract more tourists, the government could either improve safety by hiring more police or improve its appearance by repairing old buildings and streets. Which way do you think is more effective?



150917WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Grandparents cannot give useful advice to their grandchildren because the world of today and the world of 50 years ago are too different.

151031WR

Which one is the most important for teacher of high school? The ability to help students plan for their future; the ability to find the student who needs the most help and to give that help; or the ability to encourage students to learn on their own outside of the classroom.

151108WR

School used to offer three after-class activities: Sports, Art, and Volunteering. But this year, school's extra money may only offer one activity. Which one do you choose and why?

151114WR

When parents cannot afford time to accompany their children, they could choose to send their children to child-care center where many children are cared together; or they could send their children to an individual caregiver. Which one is better?

151115WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The more money a person has, the more he or she should give away to the charities.

151128WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is more important for the government to spend money on art museums and concert halls than on recreational facilities such as swimming pools and playgrounds.

151129WR

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

One quality that a successful leader must have is to make decisions quickly; when a leader takes too much time to make decisions, he will be seen as inefficient to the people he leads.

151213WR

Some people think that older children should be required to take care of younger children. Others think that this should be done by parents or other adults. Which do you prefer?



151212WR

Many companies sell products or services but at the same time, cause environmental damage. Someone said it could be stopped by asking them to pay the penalty, such as a higher tax when they cause the environmental damage. Others said there are better ways to stop them from harming the environment. What do you think is the best way to prevent the environment from deteriorating?

151220WR

If you want to change one aspect to improve your health, which would you choose? Why?

- The kinds of food you eat
- The amount of exercise you do
- The amount of stress in your life