

銘傳大學八十九學年度二年制在職進修專班招生考試

第二節

英文閱讀寫作 試題

Instruction : Please read the following paragraphs and write a short essay (100-150 words) on your position and justify your comments. Please double space and keep your handwriting clear.

It is difficult to escape the influence of television. If you fit the statistical average, by the age of 20 you will have been exposed to something like 20,000 hours of television. You can add 10,000 hours for each decade you have lived after the age of twenty. The only thing people do more than watch television are work and sleep.

Calculate for a moment what could be done with even a part Of those hours. Five thousand hours, I am told, are what a typical college undergraduate spends working on a bachelor's degree. In 10,000 hours you could have learned enough to become one of the world's leading astronomers. You could have learned several languages fluently.

Almost anything interesting and rewarding in life requires some constructive, consistently applied effort. The dullest, the least gifted of us, can achieve things that seem miraculous to those who never concentrate on anything. But TV encourages us to apply no effort. It sells us instant gratification. It diverts us only to divert us, to make the time pass without pain.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of watching TV? What is your opinion on watching TV? State your position and give reasons for your argument.

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