

# Writing : Coherence and Cohesion三大对策

可能不少人也注意到 IELTS Band Descriptors (雅思评分标准) 描述的 "Coherence and Cohesion", 今天我们主要探讨在 IELTS 写作 (Writing) 的这两个方面。

首先, 什么是 "Coherence and Cohesion" (C&C)? 简单来说, coherence是把你的想法连接在一起, 让人明白你想说什么; 而 cohesion是指句子和句子的部分如何联系在一起。如果句子连贯, 文章就会比较容易让人理解, 考官还可能对你的文章评分也「松手」一点! 试问如果有一篇思维错乱的文章, 你会摆多少effort去看呢? C&C确实是非常重要的, 因为:

1. 它占IELTS写作分数的25%。
2. 令你的写作过程变得简单。
3. 它可以使你的写作观点更吸引。如果你的文章是连贯, 考官能清楚明白你的论点, 从而断定你的Band Score。

以下是三个常见的错误, 以及相应的解决方案, 可以提升大家的考试技巧。

### 段落分配 量力而为

如果你的写作没有划分段落或分段混乱, 你的分数将不超过Band 5。Band 5说明: "may not write in paragraphs, or paragraphing may be inadequate"(可能无法写段落, 或分段不足)。

常见错误: 把一些聪明但难表达的论点放在一起。考生往往忘记了这是一个语文考试,

不是通讯考试, 他们会偏向选择最有理据的想法, 但不是最容易让自己表达的想法。

解决方案: 在规划阶段时, 谨记要确保有足够的资料才动笔, 要选择自己语文能力范围内可清楚表达的想法。

### 逻辑结构 清晰表态

文章缺乏一个清晰的思路。

常见错误: 文章欠缺对每个段落的总体规划, 以及每个段落之间没有连贯性。

解决办法: 一种最简单的解决方案是在 introduction (前言) 或 conclusion (结语) 部分, 清楚地说明立场。另一种解决方案是把重点放在每个段落的第一句, 成为段落的主旨句。

### Cohesive (衔接) devices 的运用

考生须通过不同的 grammar items, 把句子各个部分联系起来。

常见错误: 不懂使用、错误使用或过度使用少数连接词 (connective), 例如 furthermore、moreover、although 等。必须注意它们的意思及用法, 并善用不同 connectives。

解决方法: 学会运用各种 connectives 和 phrases (短语)。例如可用 despite 代替 although, 但切记 despite 后面不能跟子句 (clause)。

# Beijing monitors senior citizens

## Data collected to help improve services



Beijing is gathering data on what the elderly do in a bid to adopt policies that will best suit their needs. (Xinhua)

文: Anvil Ong

These days, when people over 80 in Beijing (北京) take a bus, see a doctor or spend money, their activities are digitally tracked by the government, as part of an effort to improve services for the country's rapidly ageing population.

The data amassed with each swipe of the multi-purpose 'Beijing Connect' ("北京通") old person's card goes into a massive database of the elderly in the capital. City authorities hope the information will enable them to better cope with their burgeoning population of over-60s, which already stands at three million.

Though geared towards senior citizens, the programme demonstrates how China is using big data more broadly to better direct the deployment of government resources for the country's 1.4 billion people.

Beijing's strategy is to use new technology and its heavily censored internet to innovate and propel China's transformation to a services-based

economy - a strategy that Premier Li Keqiang (李克强) has said "will trigger a new Industrial Revolution".

In a sophisticated example, Beijing's municipal government is collecting the disparate data on the elderly in order to predict what services will be needed in the future.

This is to make sure it has the necessary budget and services in place, by taking into account, for example, people's decreasing mobility, said Bai Qiang (白强), vice president of Beijing Community Service Association (北京市社区服务协会), a city government agency.

"All of the data we are collecting now, including visits to parks, the use of public transport and (number of) shopping trips, will help us to predict whether the elderly will become disabled in the future," Bai said.

The government can then judge what the disability rate will be in future and prepare a budget plan in advance, Bai said.

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