

First, read the following passage.

A persistent doubt about the humanistic enterprise looms large with many undergraduates and their parents. This shift away from the humanities suggests a number of things. One, the rush to make education pay off presupposes that only the most immediately applicable skills are worth acquiring. Two, the humanities often do a bad job of explaining why the humanities matter. And three, the humanities often do a bad job of teaching the humanities. You don't have to choose only one of these explanations. All three apply.

Instruction:

Write an essay in response to the above passage by first answering the following question—Which of the three explanations do you think apply in explaining the decline and fall of the English major? Then with this background information set up, explain why you still set your mind on pursuing study in this department (Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures) by means of an English composition of about 250 – 300 words in length (80%), containing a title in its proper format (10%) and no less than four paragraphs (10%).

試題隨卷繳回