

109 學年度第 1 學期高中部英文作文比賽

1. Recently, Youtubers such as RD English (阿滴英文) and TGOP(這群人) have become a hot topic. They have attracted the public's attention and made enormous influence. What kinds of influence might "self-media" bring to the society? Please write a composition in about 300 words. The composition should include your observations and opinions under this issue.
2. 比賽時間：13:10~14:50，共 100 分鐘。
3. 不得使用任何形式的字典與電子載具，其餘依本校考試規定辦理。

① Introduction

② Positive influences
negative

③ conclusion → my opinion

As modern technology becomes more advanced, the access to social media and online platforms is becoming easier and more common. Many individuals have utilised this advantage to turn themselves into "self-media", which allows them to express their ideas or thoughts to the public in today's society.

Personally, I'm a daily user of Youtube and I believe that my thinking and mindset could easily be influenced or affected depending on the type of "self-media" that I'm exposed to. For example, my perspective or viewpoint on a particular topic such as global warming could vary since the information I receive is from certain "self-media" which can impact my own way of thinking. In my opinion, "self-media" brings about both positive and negative influence to the society. For instance, "self-media" like RD English can have a positive influence to the public because of the type of content they create. RD English's channel is mostly consisted of educational videos, specifically related to the English language. Their content can enable the audience to get in contact with English in a free and indirect way. Therefore, it allows the audience to learn while watching their videos. In addition, "self-media" can generate content that entertains the public, which meant that people could use it as a way to relax or replenish their mind with happiness and positivity. As a result, it brings another positive influence to the society. However, "self-media" can also have a negative influence to the society. For example, the videos and content presented to the audience has already been processed and edited through the hands of "self-media". This meant that the audience is gaining information in a restricted and limited way. As a result,

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the audience may not be able to depict the full picture of a particular subject. Therefore, people may not be able to understand a matter completely or even in a correct way. Furthermore, "self-media" can potentially eliminate people's ability to undergo critical thinking. This is because the audience is exposed to a large amount of summarised information and it causes their brain to passively process them instead of carrying out active analysis and categorizations.

To conclude, I believe "self-media's" influence to the society depends on the way the creator uses it. If people use it for educational and teaching purposes, it definitely has a positive impact to society; if some uses it to spread disinformation or try to manipulate the public, then it brings a negative impact. After all, we should thank modern technology to allow "self-media" to even exist.