

108 學年度第 1 學期高中部英文作文比賽

1. In Taiwan, everybody works hard all the time. Many students study for more than 12 hours every day. Some people even die from overworking. How do you think about the working philosophy of Taiwanese? Do you think they work too hard? Please write a composition of about 300 words to express your opinions.

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。

"Work hard" is one of the cultures of Taiwan. People work for over twelve hours a day, no matter students or adults. Everyone believes that the more they work, the better it is for them. People choose to work instead of spending time with family and friends, or even give up their health to earn more.

Students of Taiwan go to school for approximately 9 hours a day, which is almost ~~a~~ time longer than ~~students of other countries~~ do. Moreover, when kids should be playing on the field after school, Taiwanese students have to go to tutor classes to study more. Although this seems like a good sign, which all of the students are hard working, we need to look at the efficiency. By spending so much time studying, Taiwanese students do not perform better on ~~Schoolworks~~ and quizzes. The universities are also not better than the ones outside of Taiwan. Most importantly, we do not earn more Nobel Prizes than other countries do. With all those examples above, we have to think more about whether spending more time studying leads to more success.

Besides students, adults work extremely hard as well. In order to afford fees for the whole family, both of the parents would go to work. They leave home early in the morning and comes back in the evening. Some people would work for even longer time to earn more money, and they return home when children are already asleep. Of course people earn a lot of money this way, but is money everything? Is it worth it when you leave your family and work all day? If you don't spend your money on "enjoying life", then what's the purpose of earning it? Taiwanese or most Asians, put money in the first place. Thinking that money is the most important thing, or that money can solve any problem is totally wrong. You cannot buy a healthy body, a happy life, and time. What (more space in the back)

if you earn a lot and dies at a young age? What if someone else passes away and you start regretting that you've spent too less time with that person? What if you got ~~sick~~ due to overworking and has to stay on bed for the rest of your life? These are questions that people should all think about.

Pressure is understandable, for both students and adults. Everyone has the will to win others, and are all afraid to fall behind. But aside from that, we will need to learn to balance life and work. We need to evaluate our abilities and status quo before doing anything. It does not mean that working hard is wrong. ~~It~~ means that we need some time to know about ourselves, to know about people around us, and to know the meaning of life. We do not want to work super hard and earns a little. ~~we~~ we need to find a way to do things efficiently. People who play hard and earn a lot ~~are~~ are the true winners of life. at the same time