

1. Read utterances 1a),2a)and 3a) and 1b),2b) and 3b) carefully.(40 points)
 - i. Which do you consider to be more polite,1a),2a)and 3a) and 1b),2b) and 3b) and why?
 - ii. Please explain what your your understanding of politeness is in the Chinese culture.
 - 1a) You could be more careful.
 - 1b) You weren't careful enough.
 - 2a) Her performance was not so good as it might have been.
 - 2b) Her performance was quite poor.
 - 3a) I've tasted better apricots than poor.
 - 3b) These apricots tastes awful.
2. One of the difficulties that middle school English teachers in China come across is that the students' goals,the educational system's goals and the teacher's goals do not always agree with each other. Suppose you are a middle school English teacher,how are you going to reconcile these different goals?(20 points)
3. It is widely known that animals have their own ways of communicating with each other. For example, bees can dance very complicated dances and some birds can sing very complicated songs. It is also generally agreed that there are fundamental differences between human language and other animals' way of communicating.
 - i. What is your view on this point?
 - ii. If you also think that fundamental differences between human lg and other animals' ways of communicating, according to you, what are the differences? Please give short explanations. If you don't think that there are fundamental differences between human lg and other animals' communicating, please also defend your position. Illustrate your points with examples if necessary.
4. In a coherent piece of writning, words and clauses are tied together in some ways. Use the following text to discuss what are some of the ways of tying together words and clauses to make a coherent piece of writing.(30 points)

With the careful dress of a bank manager and a flat, classless accent, John Major is impossible to pigeonhole on either right or left of the Conservative Party. He has made remakably few enemies in his rapid rise, although his easygoing charm reputedly conceals "a bit of temper", and he can be caustic. Nevethless, he numbers Labour MPs among his long-standing friends.
5. The following four sentence present four different usages of the word 不过. Please discuss the distinctions and connections among the four usages, illustrating your points with your own examples where necessary.(30 points)
 - (1) 不过二年，君必无患。
 - (2) 他十七岁就结婚，一年后当了爸爸不过十八岁。
 - (3) 这是个乖巧不过的孩子。
 - (4) 我也没有长策，不过这种事情，其事已迫，不能计出万全的。