

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。

In recent years, as the internet and social-media have become more and more popular, and as the number of internet users increase, numerous Youtubers have began to gain fame and fans of their own by uploading various types of videos onto their Youtube platforms. Normally, singers, politicians, actors, and other celebrities are the people who have a larger influence on people. Fans and admirers' thoughts and opinions often change because of their point of views. Yet after these Youtubers started to gain fame and social attention, celeb's might not be the only source of influence any longer.

"Self-media" has brought alot of opportunities for average people, people just like you and me, people who weren't born into fame, and people who lack the funds to start their own business. We can put these tools to good use, and not only can they help us gain public attention much more easily, we can also receive money based on the number of views we have. People are able to learn new things from Youtubers for free, and Youtubers can also use the funds for charity, which is good for viewers and also for the Youtuber. With the great influence they have, Youtubers are able to give advice to people, and share their experiences with those in need. This is beneficial for our society, and helps make the world a better place.

Yet even though self-media can provide us with good advice, and bring satisfaction to our everyday lives, the great influence Youtubers have can also be a bad thing, if not handled correctly. Sometimes Youtubers take videos of themselves reacting to a certain video or TV program, either criticizing the video or complementing it. When Youtubers give their opinions on things, it can cause their viewers' perspectives to change, and people often end up agreeing with the Youtuber's point of view. There was a video I watched once about an asian chef criticizing the way an european chef cooked, and that video caused many of the asian chef's Youtube followers to start to post cruel messages about the european chef all over social-media. Later on, the european chef spoke out, saying that she was deeply hurt by the messages, and that it wasn't right of the asian chef to criticize the way she cooked, as different people all have different ways to do things. That story showed me the fact that, although people may not know it, they lives and the way they see things have been influenced by Youtubers, and rather than change for

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the good, their actions have also become the cause of social-bullying and much much worse. I think that "self-media" is a good tool people can use to promote themselves, help the world know them, and start their own business. For example, the music video "Stuck with You" released this year by Justin Bieber and Ariana Grande, has been a huge success and helped raise a lot of funds for charity causes. Their work not only showed people what they could do, but it also helped show the world how simple it is to help those in need. If people can all learn to use self-media properly, it can become a great thing we can use to learn more knowledge, entertain ourselves, and share our thoughts and opinions with other people. I believe that if YouTubers can express their thoughts and feelings in a proper way, self-media can turn into an excellent place for them to build their own fame, gain their own fans, and make their living. If viewers and YouTubers could both hold respect and kindness when using self-media, this world would definitely be a better place.