第一节 现象分析类议论文

【学习目标】

- 1. 了解现象分析类议论文的题型和特点
- 2. 熟悉现象分析类议论文的行文结构
- 3. 掌握现象分析类议论文的写作技巧

现象分析类议论文在大学英语四级写作命题中十分常见。题目通常要求考生先描述某一社会现象或问题,然后对这一现象或问题的原因、利弊或影响等进行分析,最后对其进行评述,或者提出解决问题的建议和措施,或者预测将来的发展趋势等。这一过程可概括为: what—why—how,即提出问题、分析问题和解决问题。

现象或问题描述是此类作文最典型的开篇形式,在其他类型的作文中也很常见,比如 观点类作文、对比类作文、图表作文以及情景作文等。这类作文一般都要求考生先对所给 的文字、图表或情景进行描述。

纵观近年大学英语四级考试作文题目或主题,可以看出现象分析类议论文在四级写作中的重要地位。详见下表:

考试时间	作文题目或主题	写作提纲
2012年6月	On Excessive Packaging	1. 许多商品都存在过度包装的现象 2. 出现这一现象的原因 3. 我对这一现象的看法和建议
2011年6月	Online Shopping	1. 现在网上购物已成为一种时尚 2. 网上购物有很多好处,但也有不少问题 3. 我的建议
2010年6月	Due Attention Should Be Given to Spelling	1. 如今不少学生在英语学习中不重视拼写 2. 出现这种情况的原因 3. 为了改变这种状况,我认为

(续表)

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2008年12月	Limiting the Use of Disposable Plastic Bags	1. 一次性塑料袋曾经被广泛使用 2. 造成的问题 3. 限制使用的意义
2008年6月	Recreational Activities	1. 娱乐活动多种多样 2. 娱乐活动可以使人们受益,也可能有危害性 3. 作为大学生,我的看法是

【真题再现】

2010年6月大学英语四级考试作文真题

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a short essay entitled **Due Attention Should Be Given to Spelling.** You should write at least 120 words but no more than 180 words following the outline given below.

- 1. 如今不少学生在英语学习中不重视拼写
- 2. 出现这种情况的原因
- 3. 为了改变这种状况, 我认为……

【写作步骤】

第一步: 审题

根据作文题目 Due Attention Should Be Given to Spelling 可以判断这篇文章的主题是关于英语学习中的单词拼写问题。再根据中文提纲,可以看出这是一篇非常典型的现象分析类议论文,在描述现象后对原因进行分析,再提出解决方法。

第二步: 写前准备

1. 谋篇布局

根据所给题目和中文提纲,可将作文的内容和结构安排如下:

第一段	引言 (Introduction)	描述现象,引出话题:如今,很多学生在英语学习过程中忽视拼写,并举例说明		
			原因一: 试题多以客观题为主, 较少涉及 拼写	
第二段	第二段 正文 (Body)	阐述具体原因	原因二:有些教师在日常教学中对拼写不够重视	
			原因三: 很多学生自己忽视拼写的重要性	
	结尾		建议一:改革考试内容,增加拼写比重	
第三段	(Conclusion)	提出个人建议	建议二:在日常英语教学中加强对拼写的重视	

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2. 词汇联想

根据题目和结构安排, 联想与作文内容相关的词汇:

如今,现在	currently, today, now, nowadays, recently, at present, in recent years
不少, 较多	a growing number of, quite a few, a majority of, a lot of
重视	pay attention to, value, attach importance to, emphasize the importance of
忽视	ignore, overlook
拼写错误	spelling error, spelling mistake, wrong spelling, inaccurate spelling, misspelling
原因	reason, cause
导致	account for, contribute to, lead to, result from
为了	in order to, for the sake of
采取措施	take measures, adopt measures, take steps

第三步:完成初稿

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第四步:修改完善

作文自我修改清单			
评判要素	检查项目	YES	NO
内容结构	思想内容: 切题、完整		
	整体结构:引言+正文+结尾		
	段落结构: 主题句+拓展句		
	论证过程:论点鲜明、论据充分		

作文自我修改清单			
评判要素	检查项目	YES	NO
	词汇:准确、丰富、地道		
语言表达	句子:表达准确、结构完整、语意连贯、逻辑性强		
	句式:句式多样、长短句交替使用		
	语法:时态正确、主谓一致、词性正确等		
我的问题			
自我评分			

【范文赏析】

范 文

- ①Currently, a growing number of students do not pay much attention to spelling in English study. ②Just a quick glance over a student's paper will reveal many spelling errors, such as "forign" vs. "foreign", "nowday" vs. "nowadays".
- ③There are possibly three reasons accounting for this phenomenon. ④First of all, the exam-oriented education system makes students pay less attention to spelling. ⑤Then, some teachers should also be responsible for it because they don't emphasize the importance of spelling in class. ⑥Last but not least, a great many students lack serious learning attitudes. They are too lazy to memorize words and thus are incapable of spelling accurately.
- Tin view of the seriousness of the issue, effective measures should be taken before things get worse. ®For one thing, it is essential that exams should be modified to highlight the significance of spelling. ®For another, effective mechanisms should

赏 析

第一段: 描述现象

- ①为主题句, 简要概括现象, 引出主题。
- ②为拓展句,举例对现象进行具体描述。

currently、a growing number of、pay attention to、glance、reveal、error 为亮点表达。

第二段:分析原因

- ③为主题句,起到承上启下的作用,由 现象描述过渡到原因分析。
- ④⑤⑥为拓展句,分别从教育体制、教师和学生三个方面分析原因,层次分明,论证很有条理。

first of all、then、last but not least 这些结构性词语使文章语意连贯,结构严谨。there be 句型、account for、exam-oriented、be responsible for、too... to、be incapable of 为亮点表达。

第三段:提出建议

- ⑦为主题句,起到承上启下的作用,由原因分析过渡到提出建议。
- ⑧⑨为拓展句,从进行考试改革和学校 建立有效机制这两个方面提出建议,并与第 二段中指出的原因相呼应。

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be set up in schools to help teachers as well as students to recognize the necessity of correct spelling. @Only in these ways can we improve the situation of poor spelling in the near future.	⑩总结全文。 in view of、effective measures、for one thing for another、it is essential that、modify、highlight 为亮点表达。

范文结构框架:

- ① Currently, 概述现象 . ② 举例描述具体现象 .
- ③ There are possibly three reasons accounting for this phenomenon. ④ First of all, _______. ⑤ Then, 原因二.⑥ Last but not least, 原因三..

【写作加油站】

多样表达

- 1. 如今不少学生在英语学习中不重视拼写。
- In English learning, spelling receives the least attention among quite a few students nowadays.
- In recent years, quite a number of students tend to ignore spelling in their learning of English.
- Recently, there are many students who attach little significance to spelling in English learning. 2. 产生这种现象有如下原因。
- Many factors result in/lead to/give rise to/contribute to this phenomenon.
- The phenomenon mainly results from/arises from/stems from the following factors.
- The factors that contribute to this situation include the following.

相关句式

1. 提出现象

- •最近, ……问题/现象成为了焦点/引起了人们的关注。
 - Recently, the issue/problem/phenomenon of... has been brought into focus.

Nowadays, the issue/problem/phenomenon of... has aroused wide concern among the public. There is a growing concern over the issue/problem/phenomenon of... among the public.

• 现在, ……在我们的日常生活中扮演重要角色 / 成为常见现象。

Nowadays, ... plays a significant role in our daily life/... has become a common occurrence in our daily life.

- 在过去几年中, 人们越来越……
 - In the past few years, there has been a growing trend among people/the public that...
- 随着经济 / 社会 / 科技的发展, ……受到人们的关注。
 - With the development of economy/society/science and technology, ... is becoming a concern for a great number of people.
- 近年来, ……越来越受欢迎。
 In recent years/In past few years, … has gained (in) growing popularity.
- 2. 分析原因
- 原因有很多,主要如下。首先……; 其次……; 最后…… Causes are various, but the primary ones are as follows. To begin with... Next... Last but not least...
- 这种现象事出有因。首先……; 其次……; 最后…… This phenomenon emerges for a number of reasons. First and foremost... In addition... Finally...
- 3. 提出建议
- 是时候采取紧急措施阻止这个情况了。

It is time for us to take urgent/immediate actions to prevent the situation.

It is high time that we took urgent/immediate actions to prevent the situation.

- 考虑到问题的严重性,我们必须采取严厉/必要的措施解决它。
 Considering the seriousness of the problem, we must take drastic/necessary steps to solve it.
- 我们应采取有效 / 恰当的措施。

There are effective/appropriate measures for us to adopt.

【我来练练】

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a short essay entitled **Online Shopping**. You should write at least 120 words but no more than 180 words following the outline given below.

- 1. 现在网上购物已成为一种时尚
- 2. 网上购物有很多好处, 但也有不少问题
- 3. 我的建议

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	拓展训练】
Ta	ask I Sentence writing
	irections: Write sentences according to the cues.
1.	全球城市化进程造成了诸多不利影响,交通拥挤是大城市面临的紧迫问题。
	(urbanization, adverse, pressing)
2.	环境污染可能是现代世界最令人不安的问题之一。垃圾的产生量在不断增加,但其处
	度却往往缓慢,对环境构成了极大的威胁。(disturbing, disposal, pose a threat to)
3.	人生来就有不同的性格,这可能会影响他们成年后的发展。但是教育和他们的社
3.	子可能更有影响力。(character, social circle, influential)
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4.	子可能更有影响力。(character, social circle, influential) 如今,不健康的生活方式是导致超重的主要原因。尤其,缺乏体育锻炼和过多摄

Task II Passage completing

Directions: *Select one word for each blank to make the passage complete.*

A. severe	B. adds	C. effective	D. conserved	E. pose
F. primary	G. reduced	H. efforts	I. prediction	J. challenge

In recent years, global climate change has become an enormous $\underline{1}$, drawing increasing attention from policy makers, the media and citizens around the world. According to scientists' $\underline{2}$, it will lead to more intense and frequent extreme weather events, which will $\underline{3}$ a great threat to the globe.

This <u>4</u> issue is largely due to human activities. The <u>5</u> reason lies in greenhouse gas emissions which are mainly caused by the burning up of gas, coal and oil. What's worse, the destruction of forests <u>6</u> much severity to the problem.

In view of its harmful effects, we should take __7_ measures to combat it. First of all, greenhouse gas emissions must be __8_. Meanwhile, clean energy sources should be developed, such as solar power and wind power. In addition, the remaining forests must be __9_ and more trees should be planted. To sum up, it is high time that we made joint __10_ to tackle global climate change.

Task III Outline writing

Exercise 1

Directions: Write topic sentences and supporting sentences according to the title **What Optional** Courses to Choose? and the outline given below.

- 1. 所有大学都开设了各种各样的选修课
- 2. 学生因为各种原因选择了不同的选修课
- 3. 以你自己为例

What Optional Courses to Choose?

Paragraphs	Topic sentences	Supporting sentences
		1.
Paragraph 1		2.

Paragraphs	Topic sentences	Supporting sentences
Paragraph 2		1.
		2.
Paragraph 3		1.
		2.

Exercise 2

Directions: Read the following passage and then work out the structure of Paragraphs 2 and 3 by filling in the charts.

A recent study clearly demonstrates a sharp decrease in the number of rhinos (犀牛). According to the research, the rhino population fell dramatically from half a million in 1910s to less than 30,000 by now.

This catastrophic decline mainly arises from the following factors. First of all, illegal hunting for rhino horns is the most pressing cause of the reduction. Secondly, habitat loss and environmental pollution also add much severity to the problem. To make matters worse, most rhinos live in Africa, but political and military conflicts there often adversely affect conservation programs.

Now, since rhinos are on the verge of extinction, urgent and effective measures must be taken to save them. To start with, governments and other organizations can make joint efforts to establish research centers and nature reserves. Moreover, we must raise the awareness of protecting rhinos. For one thing, we can stop buying products made of rhino horns. For another, we can donate money, raise funds or even become volunteers for conservation programs. Only in these ways can we save this critically endangered species.

The structure of Paragraph 2	
Topic sentence	

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Supporting sentence 2	<u> </u>	
Supporting sentence 3	\downarrow	
The structure of Paragraph 3		
Topic sentence		
Supporting sentence 1		
Supporting sentence 2		
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【佳句赏析】

- 1. The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been kindness, beauty, and truth. (Albert Einstein) 有些理想曾为我们指引道路,并不断给我新的勇气来欣然面对人生,那些理想就是——真、善、美。(阿尔伯特·爱因斯坦)
- 2. If you wish to succeed, you should use persistence as your good friend, experience as your reference, prudence as your brother and hope as your sentry. (Thomas Edison) 如果你希望成功,当以恒心为良友,以经验为参谋,以谨慎为兄弟,以希望为哨兵。(托马斯•爱迪生)
- 3. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for circumstances they want, and, if they cannot find them, make them. (George Bernard Shaw) 在这个世界上,取得成功的人是那些努力寻找他们想要的机会的人;如果找不到机会,他们就去创造机会。(乔治·萧伯纳)