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Topic131：你是否同意成功的标志就是赚到很多的钱？ Topic131 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Only people who earn a lot of money are successful. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. [ 参考提纲 ]

131 不同意挣了很多钱的人是成功的 (1) 钱不代表一切。很多人非常富有，但是是因为他们的成就，人们才认为他成功 (2) 有些人非常贫穷，如有些科学家，但是他们作出了巨大的成就，被认为所纪念，他们虽然没有钱，也一样成功的 (3) 有些人虽然挣了很多钱，但是都是非法的，所以他们并不成功。 [ 托福参看范文 ]

Topic: 131 Is it true that only people who earn a lot of money are successful? Recently the controversy has been brought into focus. We cannot deny the fact that money is one of the yardsticks against which how much one has achieved is measured. However, in stark contrast, many people would rather stick to an opposite view. The rhetoric that only when people have earned a colossal sum of money can they be regarded successful is not only unreasonable, unconvincing, or misleading but also absurd and ridiculous in that it has obviously neglected the celebrated scientists, sociologist, psychologists, philosophers and anthropologists who may have never had enough money to live a comfortable and convenient life yet they are virtually successful. For instance, Albert Einstein, The greatest physicist of the 20th century

who created the theory of relativity and was awarded the Nobel Prize, was immune to becoming wealthy. Besides, not all wealthy people are successful. A good case in point is that in West China, some farmers cut down millions of trees each year and sell the timber at a high price. As a result, environment has been devastated. Innocent people have to suffer floods and air pollutions. Although the farmers are rich, they are never successful but guilty. Last but not the least, besides money, there exists a diverse array of other calibrations to measure one's achievement. The society awards its members in different ways. As long as one makes contributions to the society, he or she would earn respects. Taking account of all these factors, we may easily reach the conclusion. Undeniably, people who disagree with the statement have a much stronger argument. Besides the wealthy, other people could also be regarded successful.

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Nowadays, many people who are living in the material world tend to believe that money is synonymous with success, and thus only people who earn a lot of money are successful. But is it the case? I beg to differ. On one hand, the riches are not necessarily successful. To some extent, we can not consider an officer who was charged for his abusing his authority for personal gains successful, nor can we call a rich man who was left dying without care, while his sons were quarrelling for bigger share of his legacy a successful person. A person's success is measured by, as far as I am concerned, a good reputation in the community, a desirable role in the family, and satisfaction which comes from within. On the other hand, not only those who earn a lot of money are successful. Numerous people who are universally

deemed to be successful not because they make big bucks. An eastern Orthodoxy sister of great altruism, Mother Theresa threw this eager vitality of hers into a vehement striving after the social welfare of the needy and won the Nobel Prize. Michelangelo achieved immortal with his painting and sculpture, Beethoven with his music. Outside the spotlight, even common civilians live their respective life of success, seldom of which have something to do with large purse. Doctors are respectable with their patients, teachers with their students. It is manifest from the above argument that the proposition " only people who earn a lot of money are successful " is still subjected to serious reconsideration.

Topic: 131 Many people believe that a large income equals success. I believe, however, that success is more than how much money you make. Some of those measures of success include fame, respect, and knowledge. Most people assume that famous people are rich people, but that isnt always true. For example, some day I would like to be a famous researcher. Few scientists are rich by todays standards. Still, I will feel myself to be successful if I am well-known. Additionally, there are many famous humanitarians who are not rich. Mother Theresa was one. Certainly, no one would say she was not successful. I also believe that being respected by coworkers indicates success. Without that respect, money means little. For example, I once did some work for a top attorney in a law firm. He made a very good salary, but he wasnt a nice man. No one ever did work for him willingly. He ordered everyone around, and we didnt respect him. In contrast, however, I had a wonderful band director in high school. He had to take extra

jobs just to make enough money to support his family. However, his students had great respect for him and always listened to what he said. As a result, we were a very good band. In my opinion, my band director was more successful than the attorney was. Finally, I think one of the most important indicators of success is knowledge. Wealthy people don't know all the answers. For example, in the movie Good Will Hunting, the only person who could solve some complex problems was the janitor. He knew a lot, and decided what he wanted to do with that knowledge rather than just think about money. In my opinion, he was extremely successful. When we think of history, there are few people that we remember simply because they were rich. Overall, we remember people who did something with their lives—they were influential in politics, or contributed to science or art or religion. If history is the ultimate judge of success, then money surely isn't everything. 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)