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reason. Any observant person could list many examples aptly illustrating the trend in this direction from trashy talk shows and local news broadcasts to The National Enquirer and People Magazine. This trend dearly serves to undermine a societys collective sensibilities and renders a societys members more vulnerable to demagoguery. thus we should all abhor and resist the trend. 作者运用了让步的手法，先是分析原作为何出此观点的原因，然后再驳斥，提出自己的“正确”观点。我们要特别留意第一句的架构，虽然过分复杂，但是好像ets就是喜欢这种变态句子。

However, for several reasons I find the medias current trend toward highlights and the sensational to be justifiable. First, the world is becoming an increasingly eventful place. thus with each passing year it becomes a more onerous task for the media to attempt full news coverage. Second, we are becoming an increasingly busy society. The average U.S. worker spends nearly 60 hours per week at work now. and in most families both spouses work. Compare this startlingly busy pace to the pace a generation ago, when one bread-winner worked just over 40 hours per week. We have far less time today for news, so highlights must suffice. Third, the media does in fact provide full coverage of important events. anyone can find such coverage beyond their newspapers front page, on daily PBS news programs, and on the Internet. I would wholeheartedly agree with the speaker if the sensational highlights were all the media were willing or permitted to provide. this scenario would be tantamount to thought control on a mass scale and would serve to undermine our free society. However, I am aware of no evidence of any trend in

this direction. To the contrary, in my observation the media are informing us more fully than ever before. we just need to seek out that information. 作者从现实需要和事实证明两方面来驳斥原文观点，这一手法不妨借鉴。必须补充的是，作者运用的“First, ... second...”这样的分层次分析使得结构鲜明，表意清晰也是值得学习的。 On balance, then, the speakers claim is not defensible. In the final analysis the media serves its proper function by merely providing what we in a free society demand. Thus any argument about how the media should or should not behave regardless of its merits from a normative standpoint begs the question. 最后一段照例总结，还可以。 得分：从语言的复杂度和内容的深刻度，=5分! 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)