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The primary goal of technological advancement should be to increase peoples efficiency so that everyone has more leisure time." The speaker contends that technologys primary goal should be to increase our efficiency for the purpose of affording us more leisure time. I concede that technology has enhanced our efficiency as we go about our everyday lives.

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intranets, the Internet, and satellite technology make us more efficient messengers. and technology even helps us prepare our food and access entertainment more efficiently. Beyond this concession,

however, I find the speakers contention indefensible from both an empirical and a normative standpoint. 注意这种新结构: 运用了大量的事实作出对原文观点的让步性同意, 但是在最后还是有所创新的提出自己的读到见解。这种开头给人一种很爽的感觉

have forcibly posed your viewpoints.让我们记住: The speaker contends that.....I concede that.....Beyond this concession, however, I find the speakers contention indefensible from both an empirical and a normative standpoint. The chief reason for my disagreement lies in the empirical proof: with technological advancement comes diminished leisure time. In 1960 the average U.S. family included only one breadwinner, who worked just over 40 hours per week. Since then the average work week has increased steadily to nearly 60 hours today. and in most families there are now

two breadwinners. What explains this decline in leisure despite increasing efficiency that new technologies have brought about? I contend that technology itself is the culprit behind the decline. We use the additional free time that technology affords us not for leisure but rather for work. As computer technology enables greater and greater office productivity it also raises our employers expectations or demands for production. Further technological advances breed still greater efficiency and, in turn, expectations. Our spiraling work load is only exacerbated by the competitive business environment in which nearly all of us work today. Moreover, every technological advance demands our time and attention in group to learn how to use the new technology. Time devoted to keeping pace with technology depletes time for leisure activities.

精华：注意breed的含意：generate, bring in可以说，这就是自己的见解，这就是the power of shavings been thinking。作者一反常规，提出advanced technology在给人类带来这样那样的方便的同时，反而在蚕食人的time and energy。 I disagree with the speaker for another reason as well: the suggestion that technology's chief goal should be to facilitate leisure is simply wrongheaded. There are far more vital concerns that technology can and should address. Advances in bio-technology can help cure and prevent diseases. advances in medical technology can allow for safer, less invasive diagnosis and treatment. advances in genetics can help prevent birth defects. advances in engineering and chemistry can improve the structural integrity of our buildings, roads, bridges and vehicles. information technology enables education while communication

technology facilitates global participation in the democratic process. In short, health, safety, education, and freedom and not leisure are the proper final objectives of technology. Admittedly, advances in these areas sometimes involve improved efficiency. yet efficiency is merely a means to these more important ends. 确实精彩！读者也会不得不承认 technology has resulted in short, health, safety, education, and freedom and not leisure, the final destination. In sum, I find indefensible the speakers suggestion that technologys value lies chiefly in the efficiency and resulting leisure time it can afford us. The suggestion runs contrary to the overwhelming evidence that technology diminishes leisure time, and it wrongly places leisure ahead of goals such as health, safety, education, and freedom as technologys ultimate aims. 精华：.....value lies chiefly in.....The suggestion runs contrary to the overwhelming evidence that.....and it wrongly places.....ahead of This is really an outstanding response towards the paradox of technologys influence upon mans life. The author shows us cogent reasoning , insightful and persuasive analysis, and superior control of language. It indeed deserves 6 scores. 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)