

Class of 2020 预测：2020 中印毕业生人数将位居榜首

Vocabulary: trends 词汇：趋势潮流

According to a **forecast** from the OECD (The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) 40% of the world's young graduates will be from China and India by the year 2020.



This shows a **far-reaching shift** in the balance of graduate numbers from around the world. The rising Asian economies push ahead of the United States and Western Europe, which together are likely **to account for** little more than 25% of the graduates aged between 25 and 34. The UK, however, is **bucking the trend**, as it is **projected** to increase its **share** from 3% to 4% in 2020.

Analysts also see a **trend** in Asian economies which are beginning to **veer in a new direction**: **rather than** offering low-cost manufacturing they now want to compete for highly-skilled, high-income employment. This could **bring about** an expansion in **the demand for** professionals with a background in science and technology.

But the **new kids on the block** from the Asian economies might have a big challenge ahead. Although many businesses have **jumped on the** information technology **bandwagon**, the West still **holds up** its position of strength through cultural **dominance** by controlling various institutions. A team at the University of Oxford's Internet Institute has produced a set of maps showing the 'geography of the world's knowledge'. It **evaluated** levels of user-generated material in Google, academic activity and the geographical focus of Wikipedia articles.

Professor Viktor Mayer-Schonberger, from the Oxford Internet Institute, observed: "Each era has its own distinct geography. In the information age, it's not dependent on bases of knowledge. Instead of coal and steel it will be about universities and innovation."

He continued, "There are more students in China than ever before - but they still use Western mechanisms to publish results, they accept the filters. The big question will be whether the Chinese researchers can be as **insightful** as their Western counterparts - we don't know yet."

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What areas of the world are likely to see their share of graduates reduced?
2. Look at the article. What sort of professional might have more job opportunities in the future?
3. What expression in the article refers to newcomers?
4. What verb means 'assessed the situation and gave an opinion about it'?
5. What word means that something has great repercussion?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. Some football supporters are fickle. When a team becomes champions they jump on the _____ and change their allegiance to it.

trolley	car	bandwagon	boat
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2. When the rate of inflation decreases next year the government might present a more positive _____ for the economy.

precast	forecast	miscast	podcast
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3. John is an ambitious musician. He hopes the success of his debut album will bring _____ the funding for his second one.

about	to	at	into
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4. Meryl Streep is a very sensitive actress. She studies her characters for a long time so that she can present a truly _____ and compassionate picture of them.

outside	in the sight and full	insightful	out of sight of
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5. Last year, in spite of the recession some manufacturers of luxury items _____ the trend and prospered.

baked	booked	bowled	bucked
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What areas of the world are likely to see their share of graduates reduced? The US and Western Europe.
2. Look at the article. What sort of professional might have more job opportunities in the future? A professional who works in science and technology-related areas.
3. What expression in the article relates to newcomers? New kids on the block.
4. What verb means 'assessed the situation and gave an opinion about it'? Evaluated.
5. What word means that something has great repercussions? Far-reaching.

Exercise 练习

1. Some football supporters are fickle. When a team becomes champions they jump on the bandwagon and change their allegiance to it.
2. When the rate of inflation decreases next year the government might present a more positive forecast for the economy.
3. John is an ambitious musician. He hopes the success of his debut album will bring about the funding for his second one.
4. Meryl Streep is a very sensitive actress. She studies her characters for a long time so that she can present a truly insightful and compassionate picture of them.
5. Last year, in spite of the recession some manufacturers of luxury items bucked the trend and prospered.

Glossary 词汇表

a forecast	一项预测
a far-reaching shift	一个影响深远的转变
to account for	(在数量方面) 占, 说明 (原因)
is bucking the trend	与大趋势背道而驰
projected	预测
share	份额
a trend	一个趋势
veer in a new direction	转向新的方向
rather than	而不是
to bring about	带来
the demand for	(对什么的) 需求
new kids on the block	新手, 新人
jumped on the bandwagon	跟上时尚潮流
holds up	保持, 站住脚
dominance	统领地位
evaluated	衡量, 评估
insightful	具洞察力的, 有深刻见解的