

Question 5 (10 marks)

READ Text 6 and then answer Question 5.

Text 6 – Slogans

- 如果把才华比作剑，勤奋就是磨刀石<sup>1</sup>。
- 再长的路，一步步也能走完；再短的路，双脚不动也无法到达。
- 梦想不能实现都是因为不够现实。
- 竹子的优点是长得越高，弯得越低。
- 生活不是单行线。走不通的时候，你可以转弯。

<sup>1</sup> 磨刀石 mó dāo shí sharpener

5. 在中国旅游学习时，你看到学校教室的墙上贴着这些标语。为增加你的澳大利亚同学对中国文化的了解，写一篇演讲稿，给他们解释标语的意思和文化价值。答案字数大约用 250 个英文字。 10

During a study tour in China, you saw the slogans above on the walls of a classroom. To promote awareness of Chinese culture among your Australian school mates, write a speech explaining the meanings and cultural values of these slogans. Write approximately 250 words in ENGLISH.

Dear fellow students,  
These Chinese slogans  
not only reflect Chinese culture, but  
they should be considered as a  
general outlook on our lives. The first  
slogan means that if skills are  
compared to swords, then hard work

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is the stone that sharpens it, meaning that hard work will get you somewhere. The next means that even the longest roads may be walked, and the shortest roads cannot be walked if your feet do not move. This tells us to work towards our goals, as one day we will be able to achieve it through persistence. The next slogan states that ~~the~~ ~~only~~ unrealistic dreams are broken. Everyone has a limit, so we should only aspire to be what we can be, or through persistence. The next states that the advantage of a bamboo is that the taller it grows, the lower it bends. This can be interpreted as the higher ~~your level of education,~~ the lesser likelihood of you ~~you~~ think of yourself, the more likely you are to fail at something. The final slogan means that life is not a line, when one path is blocked you can turn a corner. This promotes an optimistic view of life, meaning that there is always a way.

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