



What are views and attitudes?

- general feelings and opinions about a subject

How to evaluate one's views and attitudes?

- decide whether you agree with one's views or whether you adopt a similar attitude towards a certain matter
- elaborate on your stance by relating it to any of the examples or relevant information cited in the passage
- further support your viewpoint with your personal experience, prior knowledge or reasoned judgments

Let's have a closer look!

Cultured meat comes from the cells of live animals.

Are you a devoted meat-eater or a vegan? No matter how you choose to identify yourself, you may soon find it harder than ever to define the word 'meat'. Owing to the growing awareness of animal rights and the rising popularity of vegetarianism, scientists are trying to 'grow' meat in the laboratory using the cells of live animals. What is noteworthy about lab-grown meat? For one thing, grown in test tubes in the laboratory rather than in the natural environment, it is much less likely to be exposed to bacteria and fungi. For another, when popularised, it will help to eliminate the need to kill livestock for meat...

Cultured meat, after all, is a product of the lab and therefore artificial.

Do you agree that cultured meat should not be considered meat? Explain your answer.

Yes, I do because cultured meat is grown in test tubes in the laboratory, rather than in the natural

environment. // No, I do not because cultured meat comes from the cells of live animals.

Let's practise!

Whether to use Putonghua as the medium of instruction to teach Chinese language in classrooms has long been a controversial topic on the table in Hong Kong. While some claim that students will be able to attain a better command of Putonghua, some argue that it may lead to a decline in the use of Cantonese and, in the long run, the eventual extinction of the language. Another argument that advocates of the proposal put forward is that teaching Chinese language in Putonghua would enhance students' writing skills. However, the view is disputed by critics that there is yet to be conclusive evidence that Putonghua is a better medium of instruction than Cantonese, as far as students' writing skills are concerned...

Do you support using Putonghua as the medium of instruction? Explain your answer.

(Any reasonable answers)

Yes, I do because students will be able to attain a better command of Putonghua, a language spoken

by a great population. // No, I do not because it may lead to a decline in the use of Cantonese and even

the eventual extinction of the language.