Week 9

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Task 2:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People who have learned many different skills are more likely to succeed than those who focus on learning only one skill.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

 In modern society it is necessary for everyone to learn at least one skill to make living. Some believe learning and mastering a certain skill would guarantee a person’s success. On the other hand, others believe learning many skills and being able to perform multiple tasks would help a person to earn money. Personally, I prefer learning one skill and master it, which will build my future career.

 First of all, in today’s fast-paced world people do not have enough time to learn multiple skills. Learning a skill could take a few months to couple of years. Usually, kids at their twenty’s decide on a field and invest thousands of dollars and many years of their precious life to graduate from that field. In addition, they need to keep practicing at that field for a decade or two to gain enough experience. For instance, it takes about 30 years to completely understand a specific body part, such as heart or lungs, and become a professional physician.

 In addition, in this stage of scientific progress we cannot master many fields. In the past, scientists, such as Plato or Archimedes, were expert in fields of philosophy, physics, literature, chemistry and etc. however, nowadays students study at certain fields and major in them. It is very rare for a person to master 2 fields at the same time. For instance, learning biology and electrical engineering at the same time would be impossible. However, if a person succeeds at majoring in 2 fields, he or she would only utilize one of them to make money and the other would be futile. Besides, learning multiple skills at the same time would lower the quality of education. This understating of the field would be shallow and useless.

In conclusion, it is more logical to choose a field and focus on it, instead of achieving a shallow understanding of many fields. Because of our limited time and the nature of today’s science, it is best to stick to one skill and become an expert in that field.