

9.12 Technology

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Objective

Build the skills to explain technology's **unsettled questions** 未定的问题.

You must be able to:

- state what medical technologies did and what they posed
- explain the force of 'eluded consensus'
- explain why the disagreement crosses camps
- explain how this measures technology differently

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ What they did

Medical theories and technologies **extended life** but **posed social and moral questions that eluded consensus and crossed religious, political and philosophical perspectives**.

■ 'Eluded consensus'

The CED says the questions were **not** settled. That is a strong and deliberate phrase, and reproducing it is more accurate than implying a resolution.

■ Crossing camps

A question about when a life begins or ends is not answered by a position on the economy or the state, so people who agree politically can disagree here. This is the clearest case in the course of a debate the ideological map does not organise.

■ A different measure

6.3 and 7.6 measured technology by what it produced or enabled. Here it is measured by what it makes people **argue about** — a different kind of influence, and saying so is the analysis.

2 Practice

2.1 State what medical technologies did and what they posed. [2]

2.2 Explain why the disagreement crosses political camps. [2]

2.3 This subtopic measures technology differently from 6.3.

(a) State each measure. [2]

(b) State why the difference matters. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 “Eluded consensus” means the questions were [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** quickly settled
 - B** not settled
 - C** never asked
 - D** purely technical

3.2 The three perspectives the questions crossed are religious, political and [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** military
 - B** philosophical
 - C** commercial
 - D** artistic

3.3 Two people vote identically and disagree about a medical question.

(a) State what this illustrates. [1]

(b) Explain the implication for how the debate should be described. [2]
