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Research into new types of medicine and treatments are essential to improving health and to deal with diseases. Who do you think should fund these researches: private companies, individuals or governments?

It is true that in order to improve the physical health of the general population, there must be research into drugs and treatments. But who should **bankroll** new medical developments? In my opinion, I judge that the **onus** should be on private drug companies and governments and not on the individual.

Those against government funding argue that governments have more important concerns. For example, state budgets need to be spent on services like education, infrastructure and national security. These **public services** are essential for a country to function properly, because without them the country would fall apart. In contrast, new types of drugs and treatments are essentially a luxury. Private companies are also seen as a poor option because most simply do not have enough funds for large-scale medical research. Also, in order to **recuperate** their massive research costs, private drug companies tend to raise the prices of their new drugs, which end up **beyond the means of** most consumers.

Nevertheless, I believe private companies and governments should **bear the brunt** of this funding. If this massive investment is passed onto the consumer it would be impossible for many people to be able to afford basic necessities for living, including the very drugs and treatments their money would fund. For example, in some African countries people are dying because they cannot afford food and water, much less the anti-viral drugs they desperately need. I consider good health to be a right for all, not just the rich. In other words, every person inherently deserves decent standards of living.

In conclusion, I believe private companies and governments have a **moral obligation** to fund further research into new types of medicines and treatments to **relieve the burden** on the poorer sections of society.

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Vocabulary

bankroll (idiom) To finance or put up money for someone or something, as for a business endeavor.

My wealthy uncle has generously offered to bankroll my independent film.

onus (noun) A difficult or disagreeable responsibility or necessity; a burden or obligation.

public services (phrase) Services that serve all members of a community

recuperate (verb) To recover or regain something

He took a day off to recuperate from the flu.

beyond the means (of something) (idiom) To be unaffordable by

She enjoys a style of living that is beyond the means of most people.

adage (noun) traditional saying; proverb: An old adage states that you reap what you sow.

bear the brunt (of something) (idiom) To suffer the worst part of an unpleasant or problematic situation.

When our system crashed, the call center employees bore the brunt of our customers' anger.

Because I came home late, my sister bore the brunt of our mother's frustration about her job.

moral obligation (noun) an obligation arising out of considerations of right and wrong; "he did it out of a feeling of moral obligation"

bear the burden (of something) (idiom) To endure something distressing, painful, stressful, or emotionally or physically taxing, especially for the sake of others.

Our mother bore the burden of this farm for 53 years until the day she died.

My partner quit his job to stay home with the baby, so I have to bear the burden of earning enough to pay the mortgage.

范文解析：

这是一篇特殊题型的社会类大作文，这种类型题目在雅思考试出现的频率并不是很高，但是这篇范文可以为各位考生提供一个优秀的示例以供学习。首先这个题目的要求为讨论究竟是哪一方有责任为新型药物的研究提供经济支持。作者采用了双边的结构来进行论述。首先第一段，作者用改写题目的方法引出了论题，并且在首段就表明了自己的观点——认为 **private companies** 和 **government** 有这样的社会责任为新型药物的研究提供经济支持。其次第一个主体段部分，作者使用了“论点，解释，举例”的结构来论证论点。通常在写支持句时，可以使用原因 & 结果，比较 & 对比等方法解释你的论点，如本篇范文，作者使用了 **because**, **in contrast** 等连词来引导“解释”这一部分。第二个主体段与第一主体段使用了同样的写主体段的方法。最后结尾段，作者重申自己的观点并总结上文。整篇文章的前后举例论证和逻辑结构清晰有序。文章中使用了一些地道的单词短语和表达，

各位考生可以模仿学习。文中使用的类似写作技巧和逻辑结构在启德 2019 雅思标准化教材的强化段第八课有详细的介绍。社会类题目写作技巧也会在标准化教材中有详细地讲解，如果大家想学习更多关于雅思写作的内容，欢迎大家来启德上课。