

## 2020 年真题笔记

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①A group of labour MPs, among them Yvette Cooper, are bringing in the new year with a call to institute a UK “town of culture” **award**.

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②The proposal is that it should sit **alongside** the existing city of culture title, which was held by Hull in 2017, and has been awarded to Coventry for 2021.

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③Cooper and her colleagues argue that the success of the crown for Hull, where it brought in £220m of investment and an avalanche of arts, ought not to be confined to cities.

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④Britain's towns, it is true, are not prevented from applying, but they generally lack the resources to put together a bid to beat their bigger competitors.

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⑤A town of culture award could, it is argued, become an annual event, attracting funding and creating jobs.

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⑥Some might see the proposal as a booby prize for the fact that Britain is no longer able to **apply for** the much more **prestigious** title of European capital of culture, a sought-after award **bagged** by Glasgow in 1990 and Liverpool in 2008.

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⑦A **cynic** might **speculate** that the UK is on the **verge** of disappearing into an endless fever of self-celebration in its **desperation** to reinvent itself for the post-**Brexit** world: after town of culture, who knows what will follow—village of culture? **Suburb** of culture? Hamlet of culture?

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⑧It is also wise to recall that such titles are not a cure-all.

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⑨A **badly** run “year of culture” washes in and out of a place like the tide, bringing **prominence** for a **spell** but leaving no lasting benefits to the community.

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