Debate

Introduction

Debate is a discussion communicating one's argument and views on a subject in front of an audience. It always has two sides – propositional and oppositional. A debater has to take a stand either 'for' or 'against' the given topic, and an opponent questions him. A good debater is one who convinces the audience to agree with his own point of view on the given topic.

Tips and Guidelines:

- Choose your area of debate. Understand the requirement of the topic you are working on.

- You need to choose whether you want to argue 'for' or 'against' the motion. However, being well aware of the content of the opponent is useful and an added benefit.

- Be prepared and coolheaded. Staying on the right track is extremely essential for proving your point well before your opponent. Your written speech has to be very thorough.

- Use your resources well, keeping in mind the various advantages and disadvantages your topic might have. Study well and prepare your introduction; it is important to give the initial views in a precise manner.

- Outline your main points and put emphasis on them in order to make your opponent judge your position as a strong one. Breaking down your topic into smaller points can trigger your memory during the debate.

- You should also prepare yourself to respond to your opponent's arguments. So, it is imperative to study the matter in depth.

Computers Are Important for Children

Q. Write a debate in about 120-150 words on the topic 'Computers are important for children'. Given your opinions in favour of the statement.

Answer:

A good afternoon to or teachers and my fellow students. The topic for this debate is that computers are important for children. I shall express my views in favour of the motion.

Today, computers have evolved to become not only a help, but also a good friend. Computers let us convert raw data into meaningful information. It aids in letting us do a particular work in a matter of minutes, something that took our forefathers hours to complete. Children can seek help from various educational websites and sources for academic help. Computer games have proved to be a great source of entertainment. Social networking sites make kids socially active.

The use of computers is almost an integral part of our day-to-day lives. I think schools should make it a point to introduce computers to students from an early age.

Thank you.

School Should Focus on Academic Activities and Not on Extra-curricular Activities

Q. Write a debate in about 120-150 words against the motion 'School should focus on academic activities and not on extra-curricular activities'.

Answer:

Good morning teachers and my dear fellow students. I fail to comprehend the viewpoint of my opponent that schools should concentrate only on the academics.

A school is responsible for the overall development of a child. This includes not only the academics but also the personality, health, etc. of the students. Co-curricular activities give the students practical education and prepare them for the future. Students whose only experience of school is one of rigid academic study may not be able to put to practice what they have learnt. If the co-curriculum is given an equal importance in the student's everyday schedule, it will lead to improvement in the student's ability to grasp things as a whole. Such students will have received an all-round education.

In my opinion, schools should give importance to extracurricular activities as well rather than focusing on the academics only.

Thank you.

Education is Important for the Overall Development of a Person

Q. You are Priyanka/Prashant. You are to speak in a debate organized by your school. The given topic is 'Education is important for the overall development of a person'. Write a debate in about 120-150 words expressing your opinions in favour of the motion.

Answer:

Respected judges, Principal, teachers and dear friends. I am Prashant/Priyanka and I am here to speak in favour of the motion 'Education is important for the overall development of a nation'.

Education is the solution to all types of problems. It is education that helps a person to live a better and respectable life. Education is one of the important factors which formulate the character of a person. It is a productive and beneficial factor in a person's life. An individual is made up of different entities. Education brings about the integration of these separate entities. A man becomes a human being in the real sense when he is transformed from a living being into a human being. Education is not just a matter of training the mind.

Training makes for efficiency, but it does not bring about completeness. Knowledge and efficiency are necessary, which are brought up by education.

Thank you.

Vegetarianism: Need of the Hour

Q. Write a debate in about 120-150 words on the topic 'Vegetarianism: Need of the hour'.

Answer:

Good afternoon honourable judges, teachers and my dear friends.

Are you aware of the fact that more than 100,000 cows are slaughtered every day in the United States? It is sad that people kill so many animals to satisfy their own greed. Vegetarianism is certainly a better option. Life span of vegetarians is longer and they live healthier too because they develop a better immune system. Heart and kidney related health issues, diabetes etc. may be treated well if one follows a vegetarian diet. Maintaining weight is also easier when one is a vegetarian.

I would take this opportunity to encourage each and every one of you to choose vegetarianism, a better way of life.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Early to Bed and Early to Rise

Q. Write a debate in about 120-150 words on 'Early to bed and early to rise'.

Answer:

Good morning to one and all present here.

We have always been taught in our childhood that 'early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise. The teaching holds absolutely true in our lives. Morning atmosphere and the rays of the sun add Vitamin D to our bodies. As our country is a tropical country, it is always better to rise before the heat rises. The mind remains fresh for the rest of the day and brings scope for healthy ideas. Ending the day soon and waking up at an early hour also reduces stress and obesity in a person. A bright start of the day enhances optimism. Waking up late makes a person physically lethargic and inactive thereby decreasing his efficiency.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to follow this childhood pedagogy.

Thank you all for your kind attention.

It is and Will Always Be a Man's World

Q. You have been asked to prepare a debate on the topic 'It is and will always be a man's world'. Write a debate speech in support of this argument.

Answer:

Good morning everyone. Today I take my stand before you to speak in support of the statement that it is and will always be a man's world.

We live in a patriarchal society: a society organised and run by men. Men make the rules and dominate in business and government. It is said to be a "man's world". A woman's job is to support a man (it is often said that behind every successful man is a woman), bear children and engage in housekeeping duties. Even though there have been instances of successful and powerful women, they are not very common.

In most cultures, men dominate the society: this is how it is and has been for time immemorial. Unless steps are taken for the progress of women, things are not likely to change.

Thank you.