

## SUGGESTED GD TOPICS

Now that the campus recruitment has started in many colleges, here comes another important step in acquiring that elusive step towards selection - **Group Discussions**. I present here a few topics that I have collected which I think will certainly help you all. These are topics that are generally asked or are likely to be asked. Along with the topics I have also given the broad points along which these topics can be discussed.

1. Is coalition politics here to stay?
2. Does India need a dictator?
3. Is India moving away from a secularist state?
4. Education in India - or the lack of it
5. What ails Indian sports?
6. The Age of Information
7. Is Philosophy just an armchair theory?
8. Success is all about human relations
9. Borderless worlds - Dream or reality?
10. Quality is a myth in India.
11. Education and success - Is there a correlation?
12. We don't learn from history, we repeat it
13. Do we need a global policeman?
14. Indian villages - our strength or our weakness?
15. Agrarian Economy in India - boon or bane
16. if there were no armies in the world.....
17. Indian customs - are we in a time warp?
18. "How green was my valley.....". Is nature paying the price ?
19. Management Education - Is it necessary to succeed in business
20. The role of NGOs in economics and politics
21. NGOs - Do they serve peoples interests or are they pressure groups?
22. Death of Socialism
23. Role of women in development

24. Kids today are not what they used to be
25. Casteless India - A pipe dream
26. Should Trade Unionism be banned in India
27. Repeated elections - Should taxpayers pay for it?
28. Indian bureaucracy - foundation strengths or colonial hangovers?
29. In India, the whole is less than the parts - Do we lack in team spirit?
30. Generation X - Drivers of our future or are they our lost souls?
31. Do we need a cut in the defence budget?
32. "Dot.com" companies - Is there room for everyone?
33. Artificial Intelligence - Will man be ever replaced by machines?
34. if I were to choose my person of the millennium...
35. All the world is a stage....
36. when managers become Hamlets...
37. If Patel were our first Prime Minister.....
38. Materialism - Have we sold our souls to the Devil?
39. You've come a long way, baby - The rise and rise of feminist power .
40. Role of ethics in tobacco industry, liquor industry etc.
41. Should gambling be legalised in India?
42. Are we unfit for Democracy?
43. Survival tools for the new millennium
44. Examinations - has it killed education
45. Cultural Invasion through the air waves
46. Should doctors be tried in Consumer Courts
47. Abortion and Euthanasia - Is it morally right for society
48. Are beauty pageants neccessary?
49. The relevance of Gandhism today
50. India and the WTO

51. Did India handle the hijack issue properly?

52. Is E-Commerce the best thing for India

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### ***Is coalition politics here to stay?***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

Nature of coalition politics. Indecisiveness of elections. No particular party is getting the peoples mandate. Advantage of coalition politics in enabling formation of government. Flipside of coalition politics- a party with a handful of seats become powerful. Government falls before tenure. Fresh elections each time. Suggest a way out of this problem, for e.g.: once a party pledges support to a coalition, it will not withdraw its support until it has watched a governments performance for atleast three years...etc The future -will it only have coalitions ,emerging political trends...etc...

### ***Does India need a dictator?***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

The current political structure. Drawbacks of it. Bureaucracy, layers in decision making, anarchy. Dictatorship would mean centralised power and faster decision making. But, country run on whims and fancies of an individual. Freedom on individuals could be clamped ..etc.... Present a balanced argument for and against and take up your position on the issue.

### ***Is India moving away from a secularist state?***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

Define secularism. Constitution calls our country such a state, but how things have changed over the last 50 years. Spread of nationalism. Division into majority and minority groups-e.g. benefits given to minority groups perceived as a threat by others. Role of non-tolerant neighbors in fuelling fundamentalism. It is a passing phenomenon. We have the national character to overcome this.... Points along these lines can be discussed.

### ***Education in India-or the lack of it.***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

Discuss current education system. Discuss our sociological structure. Poverty which forces kids to drop out to supplement family income. Vicious circle-poverty due to lack of education and vice versa. Suggest solutions to get out of this-for e.g., governments are doing a commendable job with the midday meal schemes but we need more of such efforts. Going down further , why restrict it to government alone? why cant private people, NGOs and other voluntary bodies come forward to do the same? How about tapping corporate funds for such causes .....etc.....

### ***What ails Indian sports?***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

A nation of 950 million, we fail to produce great champions barring the occasional Vishwanathan Anand or Geet Sethi. Sports system steeped in bureaucracy. Overriding popularity of cricket leading to neglect in other sports. Traditionally, sports not accorded much importance by us as a career. Need to develop sports from the primary school level- "catch em young". Various incentives to be given to budding sportsmen like academic credits, sports in lieu of a few other subjects etc. Development of sports infrastructure, making it amenable and affordable...etc.....

### ***The Age of Information.***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

Today a plethora of sources to provide information- Newspapers, radio, Television, Internet etc. Information available at the touch of a button. Greater decision making power to the individual. Also easier decision making for the individual. Information is the key to one's success today. One who is more informed forges ahead. The flipside- information overkill. At times deciding is tough due to too much information ...etc.....

### ***Is Philosophy just arm chair theory?***

*(This is an example of an abstract topic which is thrown up to students once in a while by the examiners)*

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

Talk what you know about this topic. Talk of its relevance in day to day life (or irrelevance if you feel so..). Talk of its influence in literature e.g. Influence of Kant on the romantic poets especially Wordsworth or of Bacon, Voltaire et al on the "Enlightenment" period etc. Talk of its influence in politics e.g. Influence of Nietzsche on Hitler and subsequent genocide during Nazi regime etc. Talk of ethics and morals and their importance in life. Talk of Indian philosophy. the Gita. Discuss whether we use any of these in our lives and their importance in moulding our values...etc...

### ***Success is all about human relations***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

The most important skill for success is to have people on your side. One can get a lot of work done by superiority and hierarchy but one cannot be a leader of men unless one maintains excellent human relations. Its importance not only in professional life but personal life too. Knowledge and expertise does one no good if one cannot maintain proper human relations...etc.....

### ***Borderless worlds-Dream or reality?***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

Globalisation of business. Opening up of the various economies. Cross cultural exchanges. More and more people getting an opportunity to work in different lands among different peoples and absorbing a bit of their values and culture. This leads to greater tolerance and understanding of others' problems. The other side- people despite all this have nationalistic and regionalist chauvinism. A world divided into first, second and third worlds. People still talk of "their" economy and not world economy. Europe has shown a step in this direction with EU but its feasibility remains to be seen. So while people clamour for globalisation, they still think only in terms of their national interests...etc...

### ***Quality is a myth in India.***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

The Indian products and manufacturing techniques. Why are we unable to sustain against global competition. Our mindset towards quality. Indian attitude of "chalta hai" which leads to an undemanding customer which in turn lets people get away with substandard products and services. Today competition is forcing our industry to adhere to global standards so we are getting there in terms of quality. Examples of our software industry which is recognised for its ability to meet global standards etc. Since the topic is general, we can extrapolate it to our quality of life-the air, the water, the facilities we have, the infrastructure we have, the services we get and put up with ....etc.....

### ***Education and success-Is there a correlation?***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

This is a topic which provides ample scope for dialectics. One can argue for and against it. One of the best examples is Bill Gates who went on to become the richest man in the world despite dropping out of his education. Closer home we have the example of Dhirubhai Ambani. What a person learns and what he really wants to do has no correlation many a times. A person succeeds only if he likes what he does. The argument for education will be that, in practice, it is your marks and qualifications that opens doors for you. While one can become successful without education, education brings about a richness in one's life. One is able to appreciate many facets of life due to the extended knowledge that education provides. It opens a new window and provides a different perspective towards things, ability to distinguish between ethical and unethical, moral and amoral ....etc.....

### ***We don't learn from history, we repeat it***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

Relevance of history. Reminder of our past telling us what to do and what not to do. Still we have numerous examples which have occurred again and again for e.g. Time and again we have had innumerable wars and bloodshed, Hitler made the same mistake as Napoleon and Napoleon in turn the same ones as Alexander and all the three wanted to rule the world, countries making similar mistakes in world war II as they did during world war I ....etc....

But despite this there are also many examples which have not been repeated (or rather not brought out to the fore as they were not repeated). This could mean we have indeed learnt from history and avoided those mistakes. In fact that has been the purpose of teaching history so as not to repeat them. Today fear of war is directly due to the record history places before us...etc....

### ***Indian villages-our strength or our weakness?***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

A typical Indian village and its myriad problems. Lack of basic amenities and infrastructure. Their contribution to the economy both in goods and services vis-a-vis their urban counterparts. They could be an even bigger driver of our economy if they are made self-reliant by improving infrastructure and reducing the general disparities between cities and villages ...etc...etc

### ***Agrarian Economy in India-boon or bane***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

Speaking for the topic one can argue the following- time and again it has made us self reliant in food. This increases our bargaining power tremendously in the world economy. Internally also food prices can be kept low and this will have a direct bearing on inflation. This would bolster the economy and provide us freedom from world bodies and other nations.

Against the topic-agrarian economy is at the mercy of climatic conditions. A bad summer , monsoon, or winter could bring the nation down. It will have a spiral effect as increased prices will lead to inflation and problems associated with it. World bodies and other nations will dictate terms..etc....

### ***If there were no armies in the world.....***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

Wishful thinking indeed! It would be the key element for world peace. There will be no instrument to wage a war. It will also remove fear and distrust among various nations. We wont have a defence budget. This means more funds channelised into other productive areas. Reduced terrorism and very little separatist groups

But the disadvantage could be imposition by one group, anarchy,laissez faire politics, lawlessness..etc..

### ***Do we need a global policeman?***

The role of some countries in "disciplining" others. Assuming on itself to decide what is right and what is wrong for the whole world. Bullying others into submission by its sheer economic power. Overriding the brief of world bodies in world politics

Suggest alternatives like more authority to world bodies like UN etc which is more representative of everyone's interests. More assertiveness to be shown by other nations to such policing nations . making more nations self reliant so that we have less of "Big Brother" Syndrome....etc.....

### ***Indian customs-are we in a time warp?***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

Some undesirable practices over a long time. Dowry- prevalent even among the educated class, Sati- recent example of a lady in North India, Child marriages-still prevalent in backward areas etc. Reason on why do we still follow such customs. Traditional subjugation of women-present even in big cities among upper class society. Allied problems due to such customs-intolerance, fundamentalism,exploitation, etc

Suggest ways out of this like education the masses, indicating the outmodedness and irrelevance of such practices today...etc...

### ***"How green was my valley.....".Are we paying the price of nature?***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

As every one tries to be one up on the other in the race for industrialisation, deforestation is taking place on a large scale. This effect is more pronounced in developing countries . It has made a perceptible difference in the last 50 years with rising temperatures. Global warming . Greenhouse effect. Ozone layer depletion. El Nino type effects. Similarly it has affected other living beings-both plant and animals driving many of them to extinction..etc...

But people have realised it now. A lot of NGOs and voluntary bodies are working on it. Infact there is even a Greens party in Germany which has been winning elections using the environmental plank...etc....

### ***Management Education-Is it necessary to succeed in business***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

This is again a topic where we can have for and against arguments. There are many examples of great visionaries and leaders in business who have succeeded without any formal management education. People have simply done it by their will, passion and desire. But management education has also produced many bigwigs. A management education gives a perspective towards analysis and problem solving. It enables one to take decisions in a scientific manner, it enables you to handle the stress and strains of a demanding job...etc...

### ***The role of NGOs in economics and politics***

The following points could be discussed under this topic:

NGOs have become very powerful today. They have a major role to play in politics as they swerve peoples opinion. They enjoy a lot of support and goodwill of the people. They can also make or break a business. They protect the interests of the people and represent a collective voice against anything that goes against their interests. Most of the times NGOs are more capable in securing a fair deal for the general good. Also the NGOs have shown that they are in a better position to handle social issues than most governments ...etc..

## **General Topics**

- 1.US war on iraq-justified or not.
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- 26.Can america occupy iraq
- 27.Cricket shud be banned or not.
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29.Present state of Indian Cricket team.

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6.What India needs is a Dictatorship.

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censorship is the

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8.Kaun Banega Kropati is less about knowledge but more about money and personality.

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12.Is dependence on computers a good thing?

13.Should the public sector be privatised?

14.China and India are similar nations with contrasting ways

15.Is India a Soft Nation?

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23.Should there be private universities?

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- 2.Films are corrupting the Indian Youth
- 3.A Gandhian State selling liquor is an anomaly
- 4.Bride burning and dowry may look bad, but are an integral part of India.
- 5.Our Culture is Decaying
- 6.We are not serious about saving Wildlife/Environment
- 7.The education system needs serious reforms
- 8.The impact of MTV on our psyche
- 9.Showing Violence and Crimes should not be allowed in films and on television.
- 10.Let us legalise gambling

#### **Management Topics:**

- 1.Is management an art or a science?
- 2.The Rush for MBA is really a rush for big money
- 3.Ethics in Business are just a passing fashion
- 4.The objective of Management is to maximise profits
- 5.Do professional managers have a chance in our family run businesses?
- 6.The Internet is an exercise in hype
- 7.Is an MBA necessary to succeed in life?
- 8.Family owned business vs professionally run businesses
- 9.Smaller businesses and start-ups have more scope for professional growth.
- 10.Dot com or doubt com?

#### **Creative Topics:**

- 1.The Wheel is Turning Round and Round
- 2.If I was the Finance Minister/Prime Minister
- 3.There is no right way to do a wrong thing
- 4.Group Task: How can we have Mount Everest in India?
- 5.Do Beauty and Brains Go Together?
- 6.When I woke up in the morning I saw...
- 7.A ship docked in harbor cannot face the storms
- 8.Up the Down Staircase
- 9.Just as we have smoke free zones, we should have child free zones
- 10.Marriage is a social trap

#### **Management Education Topics**

1. Managerial skills learnt in the classroom can never match those

learnt from experience

2. Democracy is hampering India progress
3. MBA in India is highly overrated.
4. Religion is a private affair and should be of no concern for the state
5. Decreasing defense expenditure and increasing social expenditure is the need of the hour

#### **POLITICAL TOPICS:**

1. Reserving seats for women in Panchayat has not only been a farce but has distracted from developing a more genuine voice of women.
2. Have the nuclear tests of 1998 benefited or harmed India?
3. Voters, not, political parties are responsible for the criminalization of politics.
4. The voters are required to be well informed and educated about their candidates so that they can elect the right aspirant by their own assessment.
5. India should go for the presidential form of democracy.

#### **ECONOMIC TOPICS:**

1. In our economic matters, there is an excessive tendency towards the thinking rather than doing.
2. Every cloud has a silver lining
3. Can the economy achieve an 8 percent growth rate?.
4. Is disinvestment really that good for India or is arethink in order ?
5. Are co-operatives relevant in today's globalised environment?.
6. Foreign aid is a dangerous drug that can stimulate in small doses but become fatally addictive in larger doses.
7. Modern day sport in industrialised society is an industry, as anything else.
8. Government should clean its own hands before pointing finger at the private sector for corruption.
9. Is the NPA ordinance too harsh?
10. Reforms have to grow up.
11. The future lies with glocalisation .
12. Is the consumer really the king in India?.
13. Globalisation versus nationalism
14. Conditional access system for cable TV watchers: boon or bane?
15. If India is poorly governed, the reason is that we have designed our system of governance for protecting, if not encouraging, corruption?
16. Commercialisation of health care : Good or Bad ?
17. For globalisation to succeed in India people must be able to see what is in it for them
18. Is the US economy headed the Japanese economy way?
19. Economic freedom not old fashioned theories of development will lead to growth and prosperity

20. Markets left to themselves encourage greed.
21. For globalisation to succeed in India people must be able to see what is in it for them
22. Should businessmen run the finance ministry
23. Should important services like transport be left to market forces?.
24. Is there any point in having a business strategy when the world changes from month to month?
25. Is the patents bill good for India? .
26. Is the business of business only business?.
27. Globalisation is good for developing countries
28. Public sector being a guarantor of job security is a myth.
29. Is industryless growth here to stay ?
30. Capitalism is a very flawed system but the others are so much worse ?
31. How can business get rid of the bad name that it has earned?
32. Government pumping money into the economy is not the solution for our economic problems
33. Business ethics are no longer a luxury for corporates but a necessity?
34. How should privatisation proceeds be utilised ?
35. Is the budgeting exercise of any use?
36. Should agricultural subsidies be stopped ?
37. Will Mumbai's film industry ever evolve into a truly modern corporatised one?
38. Will market reforms enrich rich states further, while poorer ones lag further?.
39. Why do we lag behind China ?
40. Who says MNCs are superior to Indian companies ?.
41. Why not use a brand index to measure national prosperity?.
42. What we need to reduce scams is better regulatory bodies.
43. War rhetoric is misplaced in a country like India which is trying to globalise its economy.
44. Trade can help the poor ?
45. The power ministry should cut off supplies to all the defaulting SEBs.
46. Steal a few lakhs and you're a criminal. Steal a few hundred cores and you become an industrialist.
47. Should PSUs be divested through strategic sale or public offer?
48. The state is above the law?

## **Topics Collection**

- 1.Public sector is more a hindrance than help to promote socialism.
- 2.Economic betterment of the poorer nations is as important as disarmament to ensure lasting world peace.
- 3.From public sector to privatization as in the U.K., is the right answer for India's instant economic breakthrough.
- 4.The doctrine of "limited nuclear war" is an ill-convinced, ill-logical, irrational and extremely dangerous concept.
- 5.Some simple but effective electoral reforms will enable us to retain the present parliamentary system and ensure the preservation of democracy in India.
- 6.We must have only two national parties to contest parliamentary elections and regional parties should not be allowed to contest for the same.
- 7.We can increase our food production not only to match our population explosion but also for export provided we adopt modern, mechanized farming methods with large size land holdings.
- 8.Nuclear war cannot be won and should not be fought.
- 9.Private enterprise and not public sector will contribute to faster and higher economic growth in India.
- 10.Inflation is inevitable in our developing country.
- 11.The policy of reservation is a legacy of the British and it has done more harm than good.
- 12.Do you think MBAs are useful in the manufacturing production department?
- 13.For a marketing post graduate, without prior work experience working in a big marketing firm is a disadvantage when compared with working in a small firm. Discuss.
- 14.Consumerism is destroying the social fabric of Indian culture.
- 15.Free market is a prerequisite for growth.
- 16.Cricket as a national obsession is a detriment to other sports.
- 17.To develop India has to empower women.
- 18.Formulate the government's health policy to control the spread of AIDS.
- 19.Advertising is a waste of resources.
- 20.Privatization will lead to less corruption.
- 21.State is the biggest violator of human rights.
- 22.There can never be a classless society.
- 23.Beauty pageants are a marketing gimmick.
- 24.Voting rights to illiterates in India is illogical because it is widely misused.
- 25.Joint family is a blessing in disguise.
- 26.Higher education should be made possible only for those who can pay for it.
- 27.The weaker sex is the weakness of the stronger sex.

28. Women cannot successfully combine both career and home.
29. Women are good managers.
30. Executive should be allowed to form unions.
31. Effect of liberalization on poverty.
32. Indians perform better as individuals rather than in groups.
33. Business and ethics go hand in hand, or do they?
34. Developing countries should spend more on development than on defense.
35. Political parties have outlived their utility.
36. Is Swadeshi relevant for India today?
37. Money is required to earn more money.
38. Foreign trade is necessary for any country to survive .
39. Presidential Vs Parliamentary form of government of India.
40. Technology: The Ism' Of The New Millennium?
41. Religion And Politics Should Not Mix
42. TRIPS Controversy And The Patent Act Amendment
43. Export Stagnation: Causes And Cures
44. Excessive Depiction Of Sex And Violence In Films
45. Classical Music Heritage And The Growing Pop- Culture
46. Decentralisation & The Panchayati Raj Institutions
47. Should India Sign The CTBT
48. State Interventions In Market Kind Or Mixed Economy
49. Science Is A Boon Or Bane
50. Is Swapping Terrorists For Hostages An Encouragement For Plane-Hijackers?
51. India and the political dynasties: The Nehru Family context
52. Nice Guys Finish Last
53. All Work And No Play Makes Jack A Dull Boy
54. Individual Freedom And Civil Society
55. Conventionalism And Modernity: The Ever going Debate
56. Should There Be A Restriction On Permissiveness Being propagated by The MTV Culture And Foreign Media?
57. Marxism And Its Future All Over The World
58. The Growing Menace Of Casteism And Regionalism
59. Presidential Form Of Government Is Needed In India
60. Bullet For Bullet: Is It The Right Policy?

- 61.Capitation Fees Should Be Abolished
- 62.Arranged Marriages Are Better Than The Love-Marriages
- 63.Brain-Drain Has To Be Stopped
- 64.Business And Ethics Can't / Don't Go Together
- 65.Are women As good as Men Or Inferior?
- 66.Nothing Succeeds Like Success
- 67.The Malthusian Economic Prophecy Is No Longer Relevant
- 68.Secessionism In The North-East: Who's To Blame?
- 69.Should India Break Diplomatic Ties With Pakistan?
- 70.Age and Youth: Experience And Young Talent
- 71.`East Is East & West Is Where All The Action Is': Mark Twain
- 72.Freedom Of \_Expression And The State Authority.
- 73.Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished
- 74.Tuitions Should Be Banned
- 75.India Needs Gujral Doctrine For Better International Relations
- 76.Doctors' Accountability To Improve Health-Care
- 77.Universal Disarmament Is A Must
- 78.Indian Cricket Team Shouldn't Be Allowed To Play Abroad

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**Satyam GD Probable:**

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  1. Is management an art or a science?
  2. The Rush for MBA is really a rush for big money
  3. Ethics in Business are just a passing fashion
  4. The objective of Management is to maximise profits
  5. Do professional managers have a chance in our family run businesses?
  6. The Internet is an exercise in hype
  7. Is an MBA necessary to succeed in life?
  8. Family owned business vs professionally run businesses
  9. Smaller businesses and start-ups have more scope for professional growth.
10. Dot com or doubt com? Creative Topics:
  1. The Wheel is Turning Round and Round
  2. If I was the Finance Minister/Prime Minister
  3. There is no right way to do a wrong thing
  4. Group Task: How can we have Mount Everest in India?
  5. Do Beauty and Brains Go Together?
  6. When I woke up in the morning I saw...
  7. A ship docked in harbour cannot face the storms
  8. Up the Down Staircase

9. Just as we have smoke free zones, we should have child free zones

10. Marriage is a social trap

### **SOCIAL TOPICS:**

1. The Internet chains have come on the wings of science and technology but are no less restrictive for all that.
2. Secularism has become a tool to justify the wrongs done by the minorities.
3. Media is a mixed blessing/How ethical is media?
4. To fight AIDs, stop being coy about sex education.
5. What should India strive for- Westernization or modernization?

### **ECONOMIC TOPICS:**

1. Developing countries need trade, not aid.
2. Why do we lag behind China?
3. Capitalism is a very flawed system but the others are so much worse.
4. Flexibility of labour laws is the key to attracting more Foreign Direct Investment.
5. Is the business of business only business?

### **POLITICAL TOPICS:**

1. Reserving seats for women in Panchayat has not only been a farce but has distracted from developing a more genuine voice of women.
2. Have the nuclear tests of 1998 benefited or harmed India?
3. Voters, not, political parties are responsible for the criminalisation of politics.
4. The voters are required to be well informed and educated about their candidates so that they can elect the right aspirant by their own assessment.
5. India should go for the presidential form of democracy.

### **ECONOMIC TOPICS:**

1. In our economic matters, there is an excessive tendency towards the thinking rather than doing.
2. Every cloud has a silver lining
3. Can the economy achieve an 8 percent growth rate?
4. Is disinvestment really that good for India or is a rethink in order?
5. Are co-operatives relevant in today's globalised environment?
6. Foreign aid is a dangerous drug that can stimulate in small doses but become fatally addictive in larger doses.
7. Modern day sport in industrialised society is an industry, as anything else.
8. Government should clean its own hands before pointing finger at the private sector for corruption.
9. Is the NPA ordinance too harsh?
10. Reforms have to grow up.
11. The future lies with glocalisation .
12. Is the consumer really the king in India?.
13. Globalisation versus nationalism
14. Conditional access system for cable TV watchers: boon or bane?
15. If India is poorly governed, the reason is that we have designed our system of governance for protecting, if not encouraging, corruption?
16. Commercialisation of health care : Good or Bad ?
17. For globalisation to succeed in India people must be able to see what is in it for them
18. Is the US economy headed the Japanese economy way?
19. Economic freedom not old fashioned theories of development will lead to growth and prosperity
20. Markets left to themselves encourage greed.
21. For globalisation to succeed in India people must be able to see what is in it for them
22. Should businessmen run the finance ministry

23. Should important services like transport be left to market forces?.
24. Is there any point in having a business strategy when the world changes from month to month?
25. Is the patents bill good for India?
26. Is the business of business only business?
27. Globalisation is good for developing countries
28. Public sector being a guarantor of job security is a myth.
29. Is industryless growth here to stay ?
30. Capitalism is a very flawed system but the others are so much worse ?
31. How can business get rid of the bad name that it has earned?
32. Government pumping money into the economy is not the solution for our economic problems
33. Business ethics are no longer a luxury for corporates but a necessity?
34. How should privatisation proceeds be utilised?
35. Is the budgeting exercise of any use?
36. Should agricultural subsidies be stopped ?
37. Will Mumbai's film industry ever evolve into a truly modern corporatised one?
38. Will market reforms enrich rich states further, while poorer ones lag further?.
39. Why do we lag behind China ?
40. Who says MNCs are superior to Indian companies ?
41. Why not use a brand index to measure national prosperity?
42. What we need to reduce scams is better regulatory bodies.
43. War rhetoric is misplaced in a country like India which is trying to globalise its economy.
44. Trade can help the poor?
45. The power ministry should cut off supplies to all the defaulting SEBs.
46. Steal a few lakhs and you're a criminal. Steal a few hundred crores and you become an industrialist.
47. Should PSUs be divested through strategic sale or public offer? 48. The state is above the law?

### **Management Education Topics**

1. Managerial skills learnt in the classroom can never match those learnt from experience
2. Democracy is hampering India progress
3. MBA in India is highly overrated.
4. Religion is a private affair and should be of no concern for the state
5. Decreasing defense expenditure and increasing social expenditure is the need of the hour

### **TCY Online:**

1. Public sector is more a hindrance than help to promote socialism.
2. Economic betterment of the poorer nations is as important as disarmament to ensure lasting world peace.
3. From public sector to privatization as in the U.K., is the right answer for India's instant economic breakthrough.
4. The doctrine of "limited nuclear war" is an ill-convinced, ill- logical, irrational and extremely dangerous concept.
5. Some simple but effective electoral reforms will enable us to retain the present parliamentary system and ensure the preservation of democracy in India.
6. We must have only two national parties to contest parliamentary elections and regional parties should not be allowed to contest for the same.
7. We can increase our food production not only to match our population explosion but also for export provided we adopt modern, mechanized farming methods with large size land holdings.
8. Nuclear war cannot be won and should not be fought.
9. Private enterprise and not public sector will contribute to faster and higher economic growth in India.

10. Inflation is inevitable in our developing country.
11. The policy of reservation is a legacy of the British and it has done more harm than good.
12. Do you think MBAs are useful in the manufacturing / production department?
13. For a marketing post graduate, without prior work experience working in a big marketing firm is a disadvantage when compared with working in a small firm. Discuss.
14. Consumerism is destroying the social fabric of Indian culture.
15. Free market is a prerequisite for growth.
16. Cricket as a national obsession is a detriment to other sports.
17. To develop India has to empower women.
18. Formulate the government's health policy to control the spread of AIDS.
19. Advertising is a waste of resources.
20. Privatization will lead to less corruption.
21. State is the biggest violator of human rights.
22. There can never be a classless society.
23. Beauty pageants are a marketing gimmick.
24. Voting rights to illiterates in India is illogical because it is widely misused.
25. Joint family is a blessing in disguise.
26. Higher education should be made possible only for those who can pay for it.
27. The weaker sex is the weakness of the stronger sex.
28. Women cannot successfully combine both career and home.
29. Women are good managers.
30. Executive should be allowed to form unions.
31. Effect of liberalization on poverty.
32. Indians perform better as individuals rather than in groups.
33. Business and ethics go hand in hand, or do they?
34. Developing countries should spend more on development than on defense.
35. Political parties have outlived their utility.
36. Is Swadeshi relevant for India today?
37. Money is required to earn more money.
38. Foreign trade is necessary for any country to survive .
39. Presidential Vs Parliamentary form of government of India.
40. Technology: The Ism' Of The New Millennium?
41. Religion And Politics Should Not Mix
42. TRIPS Controversy And The Patent Act Amendment
43. Export Stagnation: Causes And Cures
44. Excessive Depiction Of Sex And Violence In Films
45. Classical Music Heritage And The Growing Pop- Culture
46. Decentralisation & The Panchayati Raj Institutions
47. Should India Sign The CTBT
48. State Interventions In Market Kind Or Mixed Economy
49. Science Is A Boon Or Bane
50. Is Swapping Terrorists For Hostages An Encouragement For Plane- Hijackers?
51. India and the political dynasties: The Nehru Family context
52. Nice Guys Finish Last
53. All Work And No Play Makes Jack A Dull Boy
54. Individual Freedom And Civil Society

55. Conventionalism And Modernity: The Ever going Debate
56. Should There Be A Restriction On Permissiveness Being propagated by The MTV Culture And Foreign Media?
57. Marxism And Its Future All Over The World
58. The Growing Menace Of Casteism And Regionalism
59. Presidential Form Of Government Is Needed In India
60. Bullet For Bullet: Is It The Right Policy?
61. Capitation Fees Should Be Abolished
62. Arranged Marriages Are Better Than The Love-Marriages
63. Brain-Drain Has To Be Stopped
64. Business And Ethics Can't / Don't Go Together
65. Are women As good as Men Or Inferior?
66. Nothing Succeeds Like Success
67. The Malthusian Economic Prophecy Is No Longer Relevant
68. Secessionism In The North-East: Who's To Blame?
69. Should India Break Diplomatic Ties With Pakistan?
70. Age and Youth: Experience And Young Talent
71. 'East Is East & West Is Where All The Action Is': Mark Twain
72. Freedom Of \_Expression And The State Authority.
73. Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished
74. Tuitions Should Be Banned
75. India Needs Gujral Doctrine For Better International Relations
76. Doctors' Accountability To Improve Health-Care
77. Universal Disarmament Is A Must
78. Indian Cricket Team Shouldn't Be Allowed To Play Abroad