

DEBATE

A debate is a formal discussion on a particular matter in a public forum in which opposing arguments are put forward. A debate is a contest in the form of an argument, dispute and discussion.

Debate writing

An ideal debate must consist of four paragraphs, namely, Salutations /Introduction, Problem, Solution and conclusion.

Introduction

This includes salutations and the topic (including FOR/AGAINST the motion).

For Example: - Good morning, everyone. I, (name given in the question or else, XYZ) feel honoured to have been given the opportunity to speak (FOR/AGAINST) the topic- (name of the topic).

Body (Problem)

This is the main paragraph or the body of the answer.

- Write the meaning of the topic or the explanation of the topic in not more than a line.
- Quote the issues and explain the points to support the quote. Follow the logical sequence.
- The clarity of the thoughts should be maintained.

Solution

This paragraph needs to be short and crisp. It should have a rational and practical solution for all the above problems.

Conclusion

This part involves clarification of the statement and stance, along with thanking the audience. This paragraph needs to be short and precise.

You are Mukul / Mahima of Alps Public School. Your school has organized a debate on “Social Media and Its Effects” and you will be participating in your school. Prepare your views against or in favour of the motion. (120 – 150 words)

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ITS EFFECTS

FOR THE MOTION:

“We are all now connected by the internet, like neurons in a giant brain.”

Honourable judges, teachers and my worthy opponents, thank you for giving me the opportunity to take part in this debate on the topic, “Social Media and Its Effects”. I am Mukul/ Mahima and I would like to speak in favour of the motion.

How many people do not have a smile on their faces upon finding an old friend on Facebook? Well, social media has removed all the barriers and boundaries to communication by bringing the globe on a single platform. While business opportunities have widened, marketers’ reach

has broadened. It keeps us updated about everything going on in every nook and cranny of the world on a real-time basis.

From emergency alerts, announcements and declarations to knowing how our friends are doing, has all become so convenient. It provides freedom of speech and thus, enables everyone to speak their mind. Not to forget the incalculable access it provides to the extensive information.

With so much advancement and innovation, it would be an unimaginable world without social media in it. Someone has rightly put it into words by saying, “Social media is addictive precisely because it gives us something that the real-world lacks: it gives us immediacy, direction and value as an individual.” Thank you.

AGAINST THE MOTION:

What a world it is, with everyone on their phones, all the time, faking their lives and keeping a count of their likes?

Good Morning, ladies and gentlemen! I am Mukul/ Mahima and my topic for the day is, “Social media and its effects”. I would like to speak against the motion.

It has now become doubtful to trust the saying that goes like “Technology was developed to save time and make our lives easier”, because people have become addicted and unproductive. It takes a lot of effort and discipline to stay away from social media. Results have shown that it has had adverse effects on human minds and their functioning. Outdoor activities among children have also reduced significantly.

No doubt, it provides access to useful information, but it is hard to ignore the quantum of fake news that spreads like wildfire and the extent of the impact it has on society. In fact, fake WhatsApp forward was a clear pattern that was observed behind the glorified or falsified facts in the recent years.

It is one of the reasons behind insecurities and depression among teenagers. It is right that technology was introduced to save time, but we forgot to mention, “In the right amount “. So, remember, you leave the present moment every time you check the phone. Thank you for your cooperation and patient hearing.

Assignment

Consumerism is increasing day by day. The luxuries of yesterday have become necessities of today. The result is that the more we want, the more miserable we become. Write a debate in 150-200 words on ‘The only way to minimise human suffering and pain is to control our needs’. You are Navtej/Navita.