

## GROUP DISCUSSION

There are some standard expressions used by people when they are performing these functions. Given below are sets of expressions useful for some of these functions: -

1. Expressing opinions: I think/feel that  
In my opinion/view  
From my point of view  
According to me.
2. Agreement: I (quite) agree with  
I couldn't agree more  
I second that  
I think you're absolutely right  
As you say...  
I must admit...  
That's a very good point  
You've got a very good point there.
3. Doubt & Reservation: Well... may be... possible...  
I'm not so sure about that.  
You may be right.  
I don't think I'd say that.  
Yes, but don't you think.  
I can see your point, but...  
I think that's debatable.  
I'd like to reserve judgment on that.
4. Disagreement: I wouldn't say that.  
That is a very sweeping statement.  
On the contrary  
Not at all.  
That's not how I see it.  
I don't agree (at all)  
I can't accept that.  
I'm sorry. I think you're absolutely wrong
5. Refuting & Dismissing: With respect...  
Actually...  
As a matter of fact...  
That's not the point.

## 6. Persuading & convincing:

That has nothing to do with it.  
It simply isn't true that...  
It's (patiently) obvious that...  
Are you suggesting...?  
The facts just don't support that argument.  
Any one can see...  
Look  
Surely...  
Why not...  
Why don't you?  
Everyone knows that...  
Wouldn't it be better to...  
You must admit...  
You will agree...  
Don't forget...  
Let's not forget...  
It's in your interest (to)... you know.  
Let's face it.

## 7. Exemplifying & Emphasizing :

For example/ for instance...  
Take the case of...  
And as evidence/proof of that...  
Remember...  
What's more...  
This supports my argument that...  
It follows from that, therefore...

## 8. Relating:

In other words...  
That is to say...  
To put it in another way...  
What I'm suggesting is ...  
Look at it this way...  
At all events...  
In any case...  
Anyway...  
Or you could say...  
I mean...  
By which I mean...