

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL BURAIDAH
Worksheet for the Academic Year (2025-26)
CLASS: XI SUBJECT: ENGLISH

LESSON: DEBATE WRITING

A debate is a formal discussion on a particular matter in a public meeting or legislative assembly, in which opposing arguments are put forward and which usually ends with a vote.

Format of a Debate

An ideal debate must consist of 4 paragraphs, namely, Introduction/Salutations, Problem, Solution and the concluding part. Let us discuss each of them in detail.

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

For Example:- Good morning everyone. Esteemed judges, honourable guests, respected teachers and my fellow students. 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 your answer.

- Always begin with the meaning of the topic or the explanation of the topic in not more than a line.
- Then start quoting the issues. Now here, it is important you follow a sequence. It is possible that you have too many points or very few points. When you have a lot of varied points, it is better you choose a few best ones and write a line on each. In case you have very few already, explain them in at least two lines each.
- Make sure you are clear with your thoughts, only then you'll be able to put them into words unambiguously.

Solution- “For every problem, there is a solution.”

This paragraph needs to be short and crisp whereby; you are supposed to give a rational and practical solution for all the above problems.

- In case you are not able to figure one out, keep in mind a few general ones. It could involve spreading awareness, campaigns, stringent laws and their strict implementation, education, etc.
- Using a quote never hurts. It can be general ones like, on working together. Every situation can be faced and solved if there is unity. So here are a few handy ones.

“Wherever there is unity, there is always victory. “

“Unity is strength.”

Conclusion- This part involves clarification of your statement and stance along with thanking the audience for being such patient listeners. This paragraph needs to be short and precise.

Here also, you could add some glitter to your art piece with some quotes like “The word IMPOSSIBLE itself says, I M POSSIBLE.”

Q1. "Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career." Write a debate either for or against the motion.(120 – 150 words)

Answer:

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IS THE ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

FOR THE MOTION:

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it from you."

Respected judges and my worthy opponents, I stand before you all to speak in favour of the motion: "Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career".

Right to Education is the fundamental right of every child in the age group of six to fourteen years. The education system in the primary years is designed so as to provide basic knowledge of each subject and help the youth of today to choose their subject of interest for its deeper study that can only be provided effectively through universities. It plays a key role in the development of society and nation. Information cannot be

converted into knowledge without education. Education makes us capable of interpreting things, among other things.

It helps in raising future leaders by providing them clear understanding and developing decision making abilities. It makes them resourceful and competent. Excellence in academics prepares children for the competition ahead and teaches them to work hard as well.

Moreover, Excellency will ensure admission to the best universities for higher education that provide exposure and a kick start to their career. To conclude, I would say that one who has it's academic future choices sorted out, has it's career planned out.

"The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth."Â

Thank you.

AGAINST THE MOTION:

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen! My topic for the day is "Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career" and I choose to speak against the motion.

"The goal of education is to raise the leaders of tomorrow". But my question is, How is it that most of the leaders of today happen to be college dropouts? This is because having degrees cannot ensure success. It fails to impart the life skills and polish personality of an individual. They can surely give you an overview of a subject but fail to provide an overview of how the world works. It does not ensure skills and competencies. It tells people what to think instead of how to think and the end results is that, the society now has just robots who have switched their minds off only to believe what is being taught.

One's attitude towards life is what brings success. Undoubtedly, academic Excellencies can provide you degrees or may even land you at a job, but, your success depends upon how you think, behave, walk, talk and present yourself. It has been rightly said,

"Education produces great employees in the market, not employers".

Thank you.

Q2. "ONLINE SMART CLASSES ARE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION STYLE". Write a debate either for or against the motion. (150 – 200 words).

Answer:

ONLINE SMART CLASSES ARE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION STYLE

FOR THE MOTION:

Honourable judges and worthy listeners,

"If you are so old minded and think that computers will be distracting children from studies, with a sincere sorry for you, let me tell you that the young generation has gone a long way with computers!"

Thus, I am here to talk about the endless possibilities of computer and internet based teaching methods.

When most parents think of learning from computers, socializing websites like facebook appear before their eyes. It is the biggest cyber tragedy. There are definitely a large number of sites beyond just facebook.

Udemy, Coursera, Khan academy, Byju's teaching app, the list of online teaching platforms is endless and ever growing. There are millions of students and teachers who use these websites and apps for their exam-preparation. They are mostly free and it is what makes one turn away from traditional paper-guides. With a smartphone in every hand, city and village alike, these online libraries are within everyone's reach.

Google has already replaced the word Guru to become the greatest knowledge-provider.

With seven hundred billion population and six hundred trees, it is the need of the century to go paperless. In this context you can find no better solution than eLearning.

Rather than living the life of a consumer, let's be contributors. Instead of buying paper books, let's buy eBooks. Instead of collecting a thousand books in our shelves, let's convert our phones or computers into virtual libraries and learn.

Thank you.

AGAINST THE MOTION:

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen! My topic for the day is "Online Classes are the Future of Education Style" and I choose to speak against the motion.

Online learning or e-learning refers to learning conducted via electronic media, typically on the Internet. There is no face-to-face interaction between the teacher and the student. It decreases the scope of adjusting and modifying the language or the concept according to various audiences. Moreover, humans are known to be social animals and are thus, more interested in direct tuition than virtual tuition.

There is lack of proper guidance and self-assessment mechanisms. Not only this, it would also reduce employment among teachers.

Since it involves only brain work and not physical work, they tend to get lethargic resulting in altered physiology. Also, it leads to lack of discipline. Attending a school makes one have a time schedule in a day. This helps them learn some good habits like, bathing, breakfast, going to bed at the right time etc. Physical school help children adopt a discipline.

Not to forget the excellent interactions involved in physical learning. People tend to make friends who support them and mentors who guide them. Thus, no matter how fast technological developments are taking place, the traditional way of learning should not be displaced.

Thank you.

Q3. Are celebs responsible for the products they endorse? Taking a cue from the headlines given below and using your own ideas, write a debate for or against the topic. (about 150-200 words)

- **Amitabh Bachchan steps back from promoting Pepsi after a school girl questions the health impact of the drink.**
- **Brief ban on Maggi noodles causes trouble for its celebrity Brand ambassadors.**

ARE CELEBS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRODUCTS THEY ENDORSE?

FOR THE MOTION:

Respected judges and my worthy opponents, today, I stand before you all to accentuate why celebrities are responsible for the products they endorse.

Advertising agencies often pick celebrities because their fan following ensures more eyeballs. The celebrities are the present-day gods. They are adored, venerated, and worshipped by many. Given the fan base and the celebrity power of influence, many questions come up. Are they accountable for what the endorser does? Do they at least have the moral responsibility to understand the product better?

It becomes a misleading advertisement if it is found that the product does not have the attributes that the manufacturer professed. And if the brand ambassador has promoted that product and said specifically that the product has those attributes, they are also certainly liable for action.

The brief ban on Maggi noodles had an implication for its celebrity endorsers. Not so long ago, Amitabh Bachchan stepped back from promoting Pepsi after a school girl questioned the health impact of the drink. Celebrities vouch for the performance of a product; they should first use it before endorsing it.

Public figures have an ethical obligation towards those who follow them and this necessitates a framework that guides them to take responsibility for their public image, which includes the products they endorse. Moving in and out of paid contracts might be a solution for the celebrity endorser but it doesn't erase the impact of their previously branded image.

Thank you.

AGAINST THE MOTION:

Respected judges and my worthy opponents, today, I stand before you all to accentuate why celebs should not be held responsible for the products they endorse.

Advertising agencies often pick celebrities because their fan following ensures more eyeballs. No doubt the advertisement will attract you, but it's unlikely that you will buy the product unless you have seen it and tested it. Buying financial products and real estate is more nuanced and, hence, advertisements alone shouldn't be your guiding light. Consumers need to be more discerning in such cases.

Take the case of Mahendra Singh Dhoni. He did end his contract with the real estate firm but how would he have known that the company would fail to honour its commitment? If it was so easy to determine the intention

of the company then the first to exit the deal would have been the home buyers. Or take the case of celebrity tourism mascots for states. Would you blame a celebrity if the state government ends up doing something ridiculous?

Many celebrities endorse multiple brands and it is not possible for them to use all. Celebs endorse brands for money. Don't make them responsible for the efficacy of the product. There are government agencies to ensure quality for the products sold in their countries and it is justified to make only those people accountable whose job is to certify products.

Thank you.