

ARTICLES / SPEECH

Descriptive or Agrumentative

Points to Remember

Weightage : 10 marks

Word limit : 150 - 200

Time available : 15-20 minutes

Division of marks

Format : 1 marks

Content : 4 marks

Expression : 5 marks

Format

- ☐ Title
- ☐ Writer's Name

Content (Value points related to the topic) 3-4 Paragraph

- ☐ Para 1 : Brief Introduction of the status of the issue
- ☐ Para 2 : Analysis of the topic in terms of
 - ☐ Types
 - ☐ Consequences
 - ☐ Causes
 - ☐ Good/bad aspects
 - ☐ related information
- ☐ Para 3
Implications – social / environmental/Psychological/health related.
- ☐ Para 4
Concluding Para-Suggestions / reminders.

Expression

- ☐ Grammatical accuracy, spellings, coherence, relevance of ideas and style

Steps taken to write an article/speech

- ☐ Thinking about the topic and ideas associated with it
- ☐ Collecting ideas involved through brain storming / discussion / sources
- ☐ Organising : the ideas in logical order.
- ☐ Revising critically

Debate/Speech Guidelines

Points to remember

1. Begin with – “Honourable Judges and my dear friends, I stand before you to express my views for/against the motion **“Topic”**”.
2. Total agreement or disagreement with the topic should be expressed forcefully and clearly.
3. Use argumentative style and logical reasoning.
4. Bank up arguments with relevant information.
5. At the end write ‘Thank you’ at extreme end on the left.
6. Always make a rough draft, edit and time yourself (20 minutes)

Use powerful expressions like :

- I’d like to argue
 - In my opinion
 - May I ask? etc. etc.
 - Refer to your opponent’s view/views
7. Stick to your view point either in favour or against

Speech

1. Give the title at the top
2. Begin with “Good morning to all of you, today I am here to express my views on the topic_____”
3. Define the topic; give its causes, effects, the present state and remedial measures
4. Should be coherent piece clearly stating a particular point of view. Divide the speech into 3 to 4 paragraphs.

6. Always make a rough draft first
7. Time yourself (20 minutes)
1. You are Satish/Shweta. Working in an NGO which is working for the uplift of socio-economic conditions of child labourers by counselling their parents and helping children to go to school. You find it appalling that many people in educated society want the practice of child labour to continue. Write an article on the "Role of Educated Society in Curbing Child Labour". (150–200 words.)
2. You are Mamta/Mohan. You find corruption as the biggest impediment in the development of a nation. You strongly believe that youth can play a very important role in fighting the menace of corruption. Write an article on the "Role of Youth in Fighting Corruption". (150–200 words).
3. You are Jeetender/Jeetu. You have been working on a project related to effect of modern life on youth. You interviewed school and college students for the project. Write an article on the subject in about 150–200 words.
4. Write an article in 150 to 200 words on vocational training – as part of the school curriculum' expressing your views on its need in the present scenario and suggesting steps to make it successful.
5. You are Vidya/Vijay, a student of Class XII of Sarvodaya School Dilshad Colony. You feel disturbed to read news about increasing cases of "honour killing" in northern India. You feel that such attitude of some elders in the society deprives children of their free will and pose hindrance in choosing life partner and career of their choice. Write an article in about 150–200 words on the topic, "Honour Killing a Stigma on Modern Society."
6. You are Sudha/Sudhir, a counsellor in BBP school, Palam. You come across cases of Domestic Violence frequently. You found through your interaction with the victims that children are affected most by this. Write an article in 150–200 words on the "Impact of Domestic Violence on Young Minds".
7. You are Veer/Veena, a student of Class XII of SPS school Maidan Garhi. While watching many reality shows on T.V. you felt that they are harmful for children. Write an article in 150–200 words on Negative impact of reality shows on children.
8. You are Sona/Sandeep, a worker in NGO – 'Awareness India' You feel that media which has reached every part of the country can play an important role in spreading awareness about "Rights and Responsibilities". Write an article in about 150–200 words on the subject.
9. You are Mohan/Meeta. You are worried about the hikes in the prices of essential commodities like LPG, pulses, vegetables etc. Write a speech on

this in about 150-200 words for the morning assembly suggesting certain steps to curb inflation.

10. You are Jyoti/Jayant, a class XII Student of RS School, Sagarpur, Recently you read a survey report in a newspaper on the use of chemicals in vegetables. You have come across such reports frequently. You find the trend shocking. Write an article in about 150–200 words on the topic 'Adulteration a Monstrous Evil'.
11. You are Zeenia/Zeeshan a class XII student of RSV school, Badli. You interacted with your friends for knowing their views on shopping Malls which have come up in every corner of the city. You found that around half the total number of your friends love to go to Malls, while the other half hate them. Write a debate in 150–200. Words in favour of or against the topic "Mall Culture in Cities – Positive or Negative Aspect on Teenagers".
12. You are Sadhna/Siddharth a student of ASN school, R.K. Puram. You have observed that Tuition centres have come up in different parts of the city. They charge very high fee and assure the students better marks and seats in professional colleges. Almost all the students in class X and XII join tuition centres or coaching centres. They strongly believe that one gets quality teaching in them. Write a debate in around 150–200 words either in favour of or against the topic "Tuition and Coaching Centres Necessity of Students".
13. You are Raksha/Rakesh a student of Class XII of MGH school Geeta colony. You feel that mobile phones have become integral part of today's life. You think that every good thing has bad sides also. Write a debate in 150–250 words either in favour of or against the topic "Mobile Phone and Social Development of the Children".
14. You are Shakeela/Shaukeen a student of class XII of BVB school Mehta Road. You have observed that students of your school discuss too much about video games like call of the duty etc. Many a times they get so engrossed in discussion that they neglect their studies but at the same time they learn so many new things also. You keep reading about reports of surveys on impact of Video games on students which give varied views. Write a debate in 150–200 words on the topic "Video Games – their Impact on Students", putting your views either in favour of the topic or against it.
15. You are Rajan/Rajni the Head Boy/Girl of your school. You are asked to address the students of a neighbouring school on the World Environment Day as a part of students interaction programme. Write a speech in about 150-200 words emphasizing the "Role of Students in Protecting the Environment".

16. You are shocked to read a report on murder of a senior citizen in Vasant Vihar Colony. You being the President of BVA of the Colony feel that

adequate steps in the field of safety and social awareness is needed. Write a speech on the topic “Crimes against Senior Citizens—Measures to Curb It” in about 150-200 words to be delivered at RWA meeting. Assume yourself as Radhika/Rajesh.

17. You are Mamta/Mohan a student of Class XII of Sarvodaya school Nangloi. You feel that there is a wide gap between civic facilities in urban and rural India. All the progress in the fields of technology and economy is used up in improving the life of city dwellers, Whereas rural people remain neglected. Write an article in about 150–200 words on the topic “How to bring the light of modernity to rural India.

Solution of Some Questions

4. Write an article in 150-200 words on : Vocational Training - as part of the school curriculum' expressing your views on its need in the present scenario and suggesting steps to make it successful.

Suggested value points :

- I. – Present system of education and its flaws.
 - Problems faced by students in the competitive world
 - Increasing unemployment – various seasons
 - II. Passage
 - Vocational training to be assential part of curriculum
 - Knowledge of professional courses to the students through career counselling programmes and experts
 - aptitude tests to choose a professional course
 - Practical training – to work in the work shops or institutes.
 - Stipends / scholarships to the students on meritorious students
 - Selection through campus interviews
 - Job opportunities / self employment
 - easy loan by the government
 - III. Conclusion – Your views – concluding the article.
5. **Honour Killing – A Social Evil**

by Vidya/Vijay

emerged with the onset of civilization. The root cause of this social evil lies in exercise of parental authority, over their children as their matter of right. Especially in the patriarchal societies, the thinking that whatever parents think is right; that children can't take good decisions for their life partners, their future or career goals. Majority of Indian parents don't trust their children when it comes to decide their life partner or career. Even if society had not been divided along the lines of caste and creed, problems would have persisted in other forms. But the evil of Honour killing began to raise its ugliest head when structure of society became more and more complex. It is more frequently found in rural areas where the light of education is yet to reach.

These things are very shocking in context of Honour killing. First of that the perpetrators do not regret after killing their daughters, sisters and their boy friends. Rather the killings are glorified. Secondly, ways of killing are very heinous and brutal going beyond the limits of humanity. For example— In Delhi the couple was electrocuted after being closed and tied in an iron box.

Third thing is that not only older generation i.e., parents but the youths who are expected to bring out the social change and revolution in society are also killing their sisters, cousins in the name of family honours.

Whatever the reason and whoever is the perpetrator, Honour Killing is totally wrong and a punishable crime. It is against the pattern of society and civilization. Each older generation must give way to the forthcoming generation the freedom to take their decisions about their life priorities. We must have trust in our children and respect their decisions. Even it is not right, no law allows us to kill our children. The practice of Honour killing must be stopped immediately and all legal agencies. Govt. NGOs, Social activists should come forward to rescue the young boys or girls who have decided their life partners on their own.

7. Negative Impact of Reality Shows on Children

—Veer/Veena

There has been a lot of discussion on the relative merits of reality shows. When it comes to different people in society. There are a number of people who will argue that these shows are very good for children and there are many reasons to prove their point of views. But I think that these reality shows are not good for young minds and have a negative impact too. Firstly they watch television in excess without breaking their concentration regularly. Secondly as children they tend to ignore their other important activities such as reading, writing, social and some type of thinking skills. Today children have no interest in reading story books, to solve puzzles and other brain storming activities. They want to watch only and only television. Consequently they have poor eyesight, bad posture and other physical disorder due to lack of outdoor games.

There are many reality shows which are being telecast on the silver screen such as Dance India Dance, Little Champs, Chhote Ustad, Boogy woogy, laughter Challenges. Talent Hunt etc. These shows are being viewed by the children interestingly and they want to be the part of such shows at the cost of their studies. I agree that these shows give a big platform to perform and draw out the talents of young children. Undoubtedly they do that but what about their childhood. They have to spend or live with the organisers for many months without family, without love and care. They lose their innocence, their childhood and to act as per the orders of the organisers just like the puppets. They perform under great stress and to the last extent of their abilities and physical capabilities. They face a big challenge to prove their best to compete with other participants. They face great stress and tension at the moment of Judges' Remarks, public votes consequently their elimination. The children have become the earning tools of their parents to earn name, fame and money. They act in place of learning. They are involved in many shows, serials, modelling and advertisements. This is child exploitation and should be censored to save their childhood. The innocent children do the stunts at home inspired by the shows and untimely entangle with death. They also have deficit attention disorders or behavioural problems.

8. The Role of Media in Spreading Awareness in Society

–Sona/Sandeep

Media today encompasses Print Media such as newspaper, magazines, journals, periodicals etc. Electronic Media – radio, television, telephone and the internet. Entertainment media : Films and Music.

In the world of today, media has become almost as necessary as food, clothing and other requirement. It is true that media is playing an outstanding role in strengthening the society, it's a mirror of the society. It is the duty of media to inform, educate and entertain the people as it is the fourth pillar of our democratic country. They help us to know what's going on around the world. They put their lives in danger during attacks or a natural disaster, just to inform us of situation. It is partly because of them that awareness is spreading in the society. It is the media which shapes our lives i.e., we cannot think our morning without the newspaper. It is just like morning tea with biscuit. Our lives would be incomplete without the print and Electronic Media.

The role played by media in developing countries such as India, is key to realise the dream of inclusive development. Awareness regarding immunization programmes institutional deliveries, balanced diet, healthy lifestyle and family planning are spread through media to remote parts of our country. Today All India Radio covers approx 98% of the population of India, Farmers in distant villages are able to find the true price of their produce through radio and telephone services. Even the spread of Education through Distance learning

has made the dream of 100% Literacy a reality in the years to come.

Media is the watch dog of the political democracy. If it plays its role honestly, It will be a great force in building the nation but nowadays, media has become a commercialised sector eyeing only for news that is hot and sells. Instead of giving important information and educative programmes, all that one gets on television is sensational depiction of all new stories, their only goal being gaining television rating points (TRPs).

Media is an integral part of our society, but that's also a fact that its too much intervention in every thing is a matter of concern. People have to judge on their own by looking and listening to different channels for the same news and then form a conclusion.

Topic the ever rising prices

Q. No. 9

Good morning to all of you. Today I am here to express my views on 'Price Rise a constant problem.

Suggested value points

Para-I

- start with rising price index in India
- world wide phenomena with hike in petrol price, natural gas etc.

Para-II

- Write problems related to it to the low income group people, salaried people, pensioners, labour class etc.

Causes

- increases in population
- more demand less production (supply)
- hoarding, false short supply
- black marketing
- rise and fall of equity shares in stock exchange
- defective planning and distribution system
- Corruption by beurocrates
- increase in standard of living

Any other valid point

Para-III

- Suggestions – strict stops by government to encrease the fair prices
- strict action against corrupt officials
- awareness of general public
- use right to information develop public distribution system
- any other relevant point

11. Mall Culture in Cities – Positive Aspects

–Zeenia/Zeeshan

Honble judges and my dear friends, I stand before you to express my views in favour of the motion Mall culture in cities. Shopping malls are becoming integral part of cities. Every corner of a city has at least one shopping mall in it. They are fast emerging as new hallmark of development.

Teenagers love to visit malls with their friends and family. Airconditioned atmosphere provides a big relief from sweltering heat one has to face while shopping in markets in summers. The neat and clean, safe and secure building helps teenagers to forget the stress and pressure of schools and colleges and enjoy free time in a relaxed way.

Shopping malls help teenagers to shop for any thing under the sky under one roof. All their favourite things like Junk Jewellery, latest DVD, newly released books all are available there. They can take electronic item of any brand without caring about bargaining as the articles sold in malls are of quality brands with fixed price tags. Window shopping, the best way to learn about latest products in market is best done in malls. Teenagers with their peer are seen window shopping at showrooms of famous brands there.

Shopping malls also provide perfect place to give and enjoy parties Mcdonalds, Pizzahuts, KFC and many such eating joints have their outlets in malls. It is becoming a new trend among teenagers to celebrate birthdays, friendship days and many such occasion in the company of whole gang of their friends in shopping malls.

Shopping malls with their movie theaters provide another way of enjoying holidays with friends and family. One can watch latest movie in cool and relaxed atmosphere of such theaters.

Thus shopping malls are emerging as the most favourite place for teenagers to hang around in the company of their loved ones without worrying about heat or hunger.

Debate – Against

Mushrooming of shopping malls in every nook and corner of cities is becoming a nuisances for common people. Teenagers suffer most because of increasing mall culture in cities.

Everything about malls is detestable. Their imposing structure and lucrative exterior symbolise the superficiality of city life with increasing materialistic outlook of its people. They seem to be blot on social growth of people. Youngsters, especially teenagers spend their valuable time and hard earned money of their parents in malls.

Shopping malls are harmful for health of the visitors. The air inside the mall is stale due to its being airconditioned without proper ventilation. The air inside it contains fumes from its eating joints besides breathed out air of the crowd there.

Shopping malls are heavy on the purse also. Most of the showroom in malls charge higher prices in comparison to those in open markets as they have to pay higher rents. It costs many times more to watch movies or buy things here.

Shopping malls encourage western culture among teenagers. They get lured by the glossy advertisements about the eating joints there and want to give parties in them instead of at home. They thus, harm teenagers as they get away from Indian values like partying at home with parents.

To conclude, one can say it emphatically that today's teenagers under the bad influence of western culture, encouraged by malls, spend their valuable time and hard earned money by roaming around aimlessly and many a times anonymously in malls in the name of window shopping. They want to show off to their friends their spending powers and western outlook at the cost of time and money.

17. How to bring the Light of Modernity to Rural Area

–Mamta/Mohan

India is still an agriculture based economy where by virtue of having 70% share of the agriculture/the ways of the economic development pass through the streets of our villages. But it would not be wrong to say that still these rural streets are without the lights of progress in social and economical terms.

The physical conditions of villages are very pathetic, roads are still in deplorable condition. Most of the houses are still made up of mud and straw and even if they are constructed in bricks, they are not plastered in cement. Electricity is still a day dream for many of the villages, or those having electricity it is provided for few hours.

child marriage, Parda system. Adult illiteracy is also widely found in these villages. Superstition is the by product of many of the social evils and practices. These are the outcome of poor economic growth. All types of unemployment is found here. Most of the villages are poverty stricken. They are not aware of the modern gadgets. We are witnessing the tragic outcomes of this poor growth and lack of substantial support system in wake of failing monsoon or some other natural calamity. Our farmers are committing suicides and in some parts of the country their anger is being expressed in terms of maoist movements. The worst part of the story is that Governments have since the time of mughals reported to be means of crushing these movements with Coercion. In words of Chetan Bhagat "We are trying to kill symptoms rather than going into the roots of the disease. We are giving crocin to the problem whereas it needs a strong antibiotic.

Apart from Govt. it is the duty of NGOs and all big industrialists to adopt these villages and to make the life of village prosper and delightful. There must be a movement to set up educational institution in rural areas as well as industries to provide employment and better life prospects to rural people. Once they are educated and economically sustained, social evils automatically will disappear and our villages will be enlightened with the ray of modernity.