Debate

A debate is a contest or an event where two or more people speak for or against an issue and try to persuade in mutual using logical argumentation. It contributes to the intellectual and ethical development of the participants. Regular participation in debate improves analytical and speaking skills that empower individuals to speak in support of themselves and discover their own views.

Features:

- Logical consistency
- Factual accuracy
- Persuasive skills
- Analytical skills
- Spontaneity

Steps for a successful debate:

Participants should realize that debate shall not develop enmity amongst them.
- Select the topic and do gather necessary information from various sources.
- Arrange it in suitable order.
- Connect the available information logically in a sequential order.
- Define the topic clearly.
- Identify the cause and effect logic.
- Think of all viable solutions and select the most suitable one.

Rules to follow:
- Participants should adhere to the rules and guidelines of the format.
- Language used by participants shall be formal.
- Time management is beneficial.
- Clear and audible voice ensures success of the participant.
- Non-verbal communication like body language is also important.
- Simple and clear language avoids confusion and complication of ideas.

Do's	Don'ts
Give vent to your ideas	Arrest/control/suppress your ideas
Be polite in expressing your self	Use of unparliamentary language
Be clear and logical	Throw arbitrary statements
Be quick to the point	Use non-words and beat around the bush
Be natural but control your emotions	Look annoyed or express extreme emotions

Maintain good eye contact with all the members of the opposite group	Avoid eye contact or stare fixedly
Sit comfortably with a polite posture and express ideas using proper gestures	Sit carelessly, legs crossed or shaking you legs or thumbing the table
Take care regarding correct pronunciation, optimum speed and proper sentence construction	Put on an accent, be too fast or slow

ACTIVITIES

1. There should be no reservation in jobs, because it leads to incompetence and inefficiency.

2. The present system of examination is promoting learning by rote and discourages creativity and originality

Which is essential for personality development?

3. Cell phone should be banned in colleges strictly.

4. Small states vs. Big states

5. Computer games useful/not useful to children

6. Entertainment and political fields are two different branches one should not influence the other

7. Moral policing by elders: welcome or not welcome for youngsters

8. Nuclear deal signed by Indian government help or hazard

9. Brain drain from India should be stopped.

10. Greenhouse effect- who should blamed? Developed countries/under developed countries

11. Satellites-development/ or disaster of space.

12. Ragging should be prohibited in colleges.

13. Genetically modified crops should be a welcome or no welcome in India at present.

14. Capital punishment is the right solution to reduce the crime rate.

15Social networking sites a boon / bane to the youth.