



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH (2025-26)
CLASS – XI
QB ON DEBATE WRITING

To write a debate, you need to structure your points logically with an introduction, body, and conclusion, and support them with facts and evidence. Always choose a stance (for or against the motion), maintain a formal and polite tone, use strong vocabulary, and avoid personal details or slang.

1. Before you write

- Understand the motion: Clearly define the topic being debated.
- Research the topic: Gather facts, data, or evidence to support your arguments.
- Choose a side: Decide whether you will argue for or against the motion.
- Plan your structure: Outline your introduction, body paragraphs (which should include your arguments and refutations of the opposition), and conclusion.

2. Writing the debate

- Introduction:
 - Start with a formal salutation (e.g., "Respected chairperson, honourable judges, and ladies and gentlemen").
 - State the topic and your clear stance (for or against).
- Body:
 - Develop your arguments by breaking down the main thesis into smaller points.
 - Use evidence and facts to support each point.
 - Anticipate the opposition's arguments and include a section to refute them.
 - Use persuasive language and avoid repetition.
- Conclusion:
 - Summarize your main points.
 - Clearly restate your final position.
 - Thank the audience for their time and attention.

3. Style and tone

- Be formal: Avoid slang, abbreviations, and personal details like your name or school.
- Be polite: Use respectful language throughout your speech.
- Be convincing: Use strong vocabulary and clear, logical reasoning to make your case.

- Adhere to word limits: Stick to the prescribed word limit, often around 120–150 words.

SAMPLE-

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

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.”

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. ‘Brain drain is not a bane for a developing country like India.’ Write a debate in 150 – 200 words either for or against the motion.

**BRAIN DRAIN IS NOT A BANE FOR A DEVELOPING COUNTRY LIKE INDIA
FOR THE MOTION:**

Respected judges and my worthy opponents, today, I stand before you all to bring into light why Brain drain is not a bane for a developing country like India.

Brain drain is a situation in which large numbers of educated and skilled professionals leave their own country to live and work in another country where pay and conditions are better. In a developing country like India, the population is growing at a rate faster than the increase in job opportunities. In such a case, immigration to other countries can be seen to be providing sunshine to dispel the gloom of the unemployed youth.

Moreover, income from the emigrated people comes back to the native country as overseas remittances. India is recipient of the highest amount of foreign currency coming in as remittances from NRIs.

Reverse brain drain, on the other hand, if given attention, can make it a win-win situation. It is a situation in which such people come back to India after acquiring knowledge, skills and abilities, thus adding value to India.

The need of the hour is to encourage reverse brain drain so that India can make use of their tremendous potential, experience and expertise for building a stronger nation. This helps India becoming a developed country very soon and also a global Super Power in the long run.

Thank you.

AGAINST THE MOTION:

Respected judges and my worthy opponents, today, I stand before you all to express my views on the topic “Brain drain is not a bane for a developing country like India”. I choose to speak against the motion.

Brain drain is referred to a situation in which large numbers of educated and skilled professionals leave their own country to live and work in another country where pay and conditions are better. The majority of migration is from developing to developed countries. This is of growing concern worldwide because of its impact on developing countries. These countries have invested in the education and training of young health professionals. This translates into a loss of considerable resources when these people migrate, with the direct benefit accruing to the recipient states who have not forked out the cost of educating them. It drains a developing country of expertise at a time when it requires it the most. If the number of skilled people leaving is higher than that of people entering (the so-called brain gain), brain drain can become a challenge, especially if it hits the sensitive spots of a nation’s economy in sectors such as science, health care, or technology.

It is the need of the hour to be in control of the situation. It can be done by providing better opportunity, security, better standard of living and if need be, tax concessions. It’s time to end brain drain and move to brain gain.

Thank you.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS: -

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

2. 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.

3. “ONLINE SMART CLASSES ARE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION STYLE”. Write a debate either for or against the motion. (120 – 150 words).

4. ‘Homes for the aged is a necessity in India ‘. Write a debate in 120- 150 words either for or against the motion. You are Shivam/ Shivani.

5. You are a student of Class 12, who is currently preparing for the board exams. In the newspaper, you saw an advertisement for a debate competition held by the newspaper on the topic “Should schools conduct Pre Board Exams?”. You wish to present your views on the topic. Write a debate on the given topic in 150-200 words, which is to be submitted to the editor of the local daily.

6. You are a NEET aspirant. Your institution is organising a debate competition on the topic “Are entrance exams advantageous?”. You wish to present your views on the topic. Write a debate on the given topic in 150-200 words.

7. Your school is organising a debate event on the topic “Should Video Games be Banned?”. Write a debate on the given topic, presenting your views in 150-200 words.

8. You, a student of class 12, were given 10 days to think over the topic “Beauty Over Brains”, for which the teacher will hold a debate in class. Present your views in 150-200 words.

9. Migration from villages to cities has led to the spread of urban slums. People living in these slums lead a miserable life. Economic disparity leads to the problems of law and order. Write a debate in 150-200 words on ‘Solution to the problem of misery in the urban slums lies in creating jobs in the villages.’ You are Navtej/Navita.

10. ‘The policy of reservation of seats for admission to the professional courses is good for the deprived sections of society’. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.