



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH- (2022-23)

**DEBATE WRITING**

Class: XI

Sub: ENGLISH

Format:

- Formal Address
- Introduction: Against or For the motion
- Arguments against or for the motion
- Conclusion
- Formal thanks

Marks will be awarded for:

- Format: Formal Address + Formal Thanks
- Content: (logical organization, relevance). Credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his/her own ideas.
- Expression: Accuracy, Grammatical, appropriate words & spelling Fluency, coherence and relevance of ideas and style.

**SAMPLE**

Consumerism is increasing day by day. Luxuries of yesterday have become necessities of today. The result is that the more we want the more miserable we become. Write a debate in 150-200 words on '*The only way to minimise human suffering and pain is to control our needs*'. You are Navtej/Navita.

Answer:

**Consumerism is increasing day by day: We all are materialistic to some extent!**

I, XYZ, have come before you all to speak for the motion 'The only way to minimise human suffering and pain is to control our needs'.

We use and enjoy the luxuries which have become necessities and an inseparable part of our lives. The result is we want more and more and feel miserable when we do not get all that we need.

We need to minimize this misery and pain and an effective step in this direction would be to control our needs. The greed to have more becomes an obstacle when we start allowing material things to control us. The struggle to accumulate materialistic things give rise to a rat-race and cut-throat

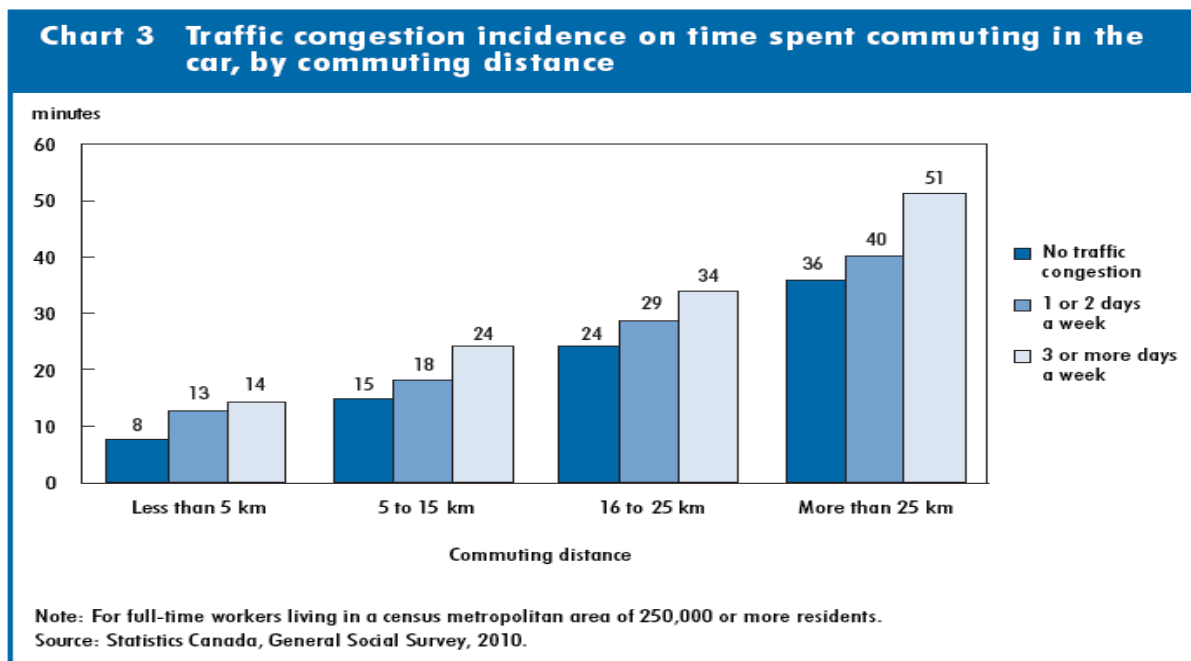
competition. This, in turn, generates tremendous physical and mental stresses which further lead to various ailments. When we have limited needs we feel satisfied and content.

Excessive desire for things is any-way considered immoral, a violation of natural or divine law. When this greed to have more than we actually need starts growing strong, we become utterly fixated on seeking what we do not actually need and try to get hold of those things that will still not help to eliminate the deep-rooted evil of not having enough. When we learn to control our needs we not only minimize our suffering and pain but are able to be at peace with ourselves and be happy and appreciate the little things that have been bestowed on us.

### **PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

1. ‘Private cars should be banned in the congested commercial areas of the cities.’ Write a debate in 150-200 words **either for or against the motion**.

Given below is some data for reference:



2. ‘Gyms and fitness centres have reduced the importance of exercise in the park.’ Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. Refer to the excerpt from an article given below.

***Exercise in the park or gym? Which is better?***

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*“Physical activity has multiple health benefits, but little is known about the impacts of the setting where you exercise. The two main options that people broadly choose are either going to a gym for a few months or going to a nearby park, usually in the morning and/or evening. Which option is best to reap the maximum benefits of exercise?”*

3. *“Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career.”* Write a debate either for or against the motion after taking help from cues given below. (120 – 150 words) (5)

- Accept Responsibility. Remember that you alone are responsible for your academic achievement/ career path.
- A self-assessment of your skills, interests, hobbies, values, and passions.
- A personal career path can lay the foundation of your career.
- Discipline yourself and manage your time.
- Be Present and Prompt.
- Don't Quit.
- Communicate with Instructors.

4. *The government has banned the use of animals in the laboratories for the purpose of dissection.* Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against this decision.

**Cues: Part of curriculum - Ethical consideration – Ecosystem - How important is it for scientific growth and development?**

5. *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.