

## ESSAY OUTLINES

### **1. Should government support more to students of science faculty or to the students of regular faculties like arts and commerce?**

Each field important in its own way

Science helps in technological progress – used in sectors like agriculture, transportation, industries, construction, space etc., but studies very costly – scholarships can support students of poor financial background – can produce scientists and develop technology

Business expansions, marketing, trading knowledge requires commerce studies – wide scope in commerce field in this age of globalisation – management studies also too expensive – arts reflect culture of a country – help preserve the culture – help in gaining glory worldwide – creativity/uniqueness of an individual comes out

All fields support each other – government cannot be biased and should give equal importance to every field – can provide scholarships to potential candidates to study further irrespective of faculties – can make the criteria of education loans easy so that more students opt for higher studies or specialised studies

### **2. Is invention of robots fruitful or dangerous?**

Advantages: Robot usage in industries saves time and energy – production increases – industries gain more profits – at present limited to only industries, but in future can be used in medical field or even for household chores – will provide great help to homemakers – they will not need personal servants

Disadvantages: Maintenance cost very high – increases unemployment – chances of technical mishaps – sedentary lifestyle may invite a lot of diseases – may be used for evil reasons – machines may control humans in future

### **3. Should children be encouraged for competition?**

Advantages: Participation increases confidence – develops qualities like sportsman spirit, team spirit, leadership etc. – gives spirit to fight and win – develops winning attitude – teaches to handle stress – teaches to focus on the goals – challenges mind and body – losing teaches to digest disappointments – increases tolerance – competition at every stage of life whether desired or not, so better train right from childhood

Disadvantages: A child may shatter completely if competition not taken in right spirit – may lose confidence forever – excessive pressure from parents to win may cause unnecessary stress – may adopt wrong ways to win

**4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of invention of aircrafts?**

Advantages: Increased mobility – distance no longer remained geographical – increased trade among countries – saved time to travel resulting in increased business – made it easy to get emergency help from other countries at the time of calamities – different flights like helicopters, jets, space shuttles etc. useful in their own way – boosted space exploration

Disadvantages: Air fares are high – common people cannot afford – increased air pollution and chances of air traffic in the near future – aircrafts damage ozone layer – increased noise pollution near airports – air crashes – war planes invented

**5. How does violence shown on television and in the movies affect the society?**

Scenario: A lot of violence shown in the name of entertainment – easy access to international movies with violence – many violent video games directly affect the young crowd

Effect: Young crowd imitates action scenes – may lead to accidents – easily misguided – get ideas to commit crimes like robbing a bank or train – crime rate among youngsters increases – children are brought up with a lot of negativity around – may get deviated from good social values

Censor board should be stricter – violent movies should be shown only at late nights – parents should not allow children to watch excessively violent shows or movies

**6. Should the students at university be assessed with formal exams or through continuous assessment like course work and projects?**

Advantages of formal exams: Students will take theory seriously and be thorough with it – will develop grip on writing skill – have to perform entirely by themselves, so will not rely on others for practice

Disadvantages of formal exams: It will be more of a memory test – result will totally depend on the mental state or condition of student at the time of exam no matter how brilliant he is – if any health problems occur during exam time, then whole year wasted

Advantages of assessment through projects or course work: Every student will get a fair chance – a lot of other skills like creativity, spontaneity, practicality etc. will be tested – will get real experience of their future jobs

Disadvantages: May take help of others or copy someone's project, so difficult to judge the individual contribution – project or course work may not cover each and every aspect of a subject

**7. Discuss possible ways to encourage public transport.**

Reasons to encourage public transport: Private transport has increased air pollution and traffic congestion – leads to global warming

Ways to encourage: Make public transport cheaper – increase the frequency – give special concession to school goers and senior citizens – maintain punctuality – aware people about its importance and tell to contribute by using more of the public transport – keep special day for the use of public transport only – give privileges to regular users

**8. Every country needs to remember its past. To what extent do you agree?**

Past is very important for any country – is the foundation of any country – the root of any culture lies in its past – many people gave away their lives to get independence – tribute must be given to such martyrs by remembering them – can keep track of the development at different stages in the past – this knowledge helps in further development – can avoid repetition of the mistakes done in the past

**9. Trend to use alternative forms of medicine is increasing. Write advantages and disadvantages.**

Advantages: Many alternative forms of medicine like ayurveda, homeopathy, acupuncture, acupressure, reiki, yoga, meditation etc. – ayurveda claims to remove certain diseases from root – effects are long lasting – very helpful in remote areas – forms like meditation and reiki have no side-effects – they help to prevent a lot of diseases

Disadvantages: Long treatment duration – needs a lot of patience – mostly do not give instant results, so instant cure or healing is not provided in many conditions – may be effective more as preventive measure rather than curative measure – needs to see the suitability of the body – no prior testing of the medicine before its usage

**10. It is not necessary to teach handwriting skill to children in this computer age. Do you agree?**

Scenario: After the coming of computers, writing work has reduced – less written communication in the work scenario – a lot of time consumed in manual writing, so typing is preferred – computerised work in demand

Importance of handwriting skill: Dependence on computers from a very young age is not good – writing gives good exercise to hand as well as brain – bad effect on eyes through computers from a very tender age – handwriting important for theoretical exams – graphology still in use where near accurate predictions of a person's nature are made through handwriting – still many companies demand handmade bio-data

**11. Many animal species are endangered due to human activities. Do we need to save them?**

Animals used for various purposes since ages – use of different body parts of wild animals like skin, nails, teeth for leather, jewellery etc. – due to deforestation, animal homes taken away – many wild animals at present are at risk of getting extinct – their extinction may imbalance the whole ecological cycle by disturbing food chain – they have all the rights to stay on earth – is the moral duty of humans to save animals – though extinction of animals is a natural process, current rate is much higher due to human activities – under the Endangered Species Act in India, it was declared that species are of aesthetic, educational, ecological, recreational, historical and scientific value

**12. Will internet replace books completely in the near future?**

After the coming of internet, access to any kind of online books has become easy – getting information on any kind of topic is just a click away – it saves time and energy to browse through the books – gives a variety of options at a time – saves money too – internet resource even richer than a library – excellent resource for making projects or assignments for the students – can be accessed at any time of the day

Internet has definitely replaced books as main source of information, but can never completely replace books – libraries would still be used for the students who take up reading as a hobby – reading books has its own charm – when required to read for longer time, books are best – can be read even while travelling or in the sleeping position

**13. Is education a critical factor in the development of a nation?**

Foundation of a country becomes strong with high literacy ratio – society becomes well-civilised and broadminded due to a high education level – people become well-aware of their rights – become more particular about choosing a right candidate as their leader – standard of living improves – education creates good employment opportunities – educated people can understand global problems in a better way and even contribute towards them – are more concerned for the environment – crime rate reduces

**14. What are the negative effects of computer games on children?**

Make children addicted to them – children lack concentration in their studies – violent and sexist computer games cause an abnormal behaviour to develop – abusive and corrupt language is used in computer games – health problems arise due to constant playing like weak eyesight, sore back etc. – children lack physical exercise and become unfit and victim of a sedentary lifestyle – harms their communication skills as become less interactive and reluctant to go outdoors – inspired to commit crime

**15. What are the positive and negative effects of frequent change in fashion?**

Positives: Wider choice in clothes and accessories – rapid change in fashion breaks the monotony of dressing – improves personality – people have become fashion conscious and take their outer appearance seriously – fashion industry gets benefit – gives employment to many

Negatives: Change in fashion means changing wardrobes frequently – waste of money – youngsters spend a lot of time in shopping – many times blindly copy the fashion whether it suits the climate, culture and/or personality or not – many times vulgarity catered in the name of fashion by fashion magazines and fashion channels – discrimination increases among rich class and middle class through fashionable clothes

**16. What are the changes noted in the students' behaviour? Is it good or bad?**

Reasons: Increased competition in studies/more study stress – increased career consciousness – pressure from parents – nuclear family upbringing, so lack of parents' care and attention – change in the attitude of teachers – psychological effect from media – more technology/facilities available

Positives: Have more general knowledge – more experimentative/innovative/inquisitive/explorative – discuss studies and current topics – more ambitious/career conscious/smart/result-oriented – oriented to use of technology like internet for studies – interested in extracurricular activities

Negatives: Lack of moral values – influenced by bad company (more vulnerable) – give less respect to teachers/elders – argumentative with teachers – hard to be punished by teachers – impatient/restless – offensive towards teachers – increased criminal tendency – shootouts at school – non-regrettable approach – highly practical – money-minded

Advice: Given more attention – dealt with a friendly attitude/advised friendly – motivated by parents and teachers – properly counselled for their behaviour and problems

**17. What are the advantages and disadvantages of disarmament?**

Advantages: Peace and harmony will prevail – increase in globalisation – more cooperation among the nations – focus on other global issues – more funds to fight poverty and diseases, and for improving living standards, development, technological research etc.

Disadvantages: Non-compliance and secret weapon production – searching other ways to fight like cyber war – effect on defence, unemployment for the non-civilians – can be possible only if all the countries support or hidden threat of sudden war

**18. What are the reasons and consequences of overpopulation?**

Reasons: Religious belief of a community – desire to have a boy child – no government control on family planning – ban on abortion – decreased infant mortality rate –

increased lifespan, increase in aged population – increased immunity and ways to fight diseases – decrease in deaths due to fatal diseases

Consequences: Saturation of opportunities – increased poverty and unemployment – more demand, less supply – more congestion – more waste production – more pollution resulting in an increase in global warming – lack of food due to sacrifice of agricultural land – more exploitation of natural resources – deforestation, wild life in danger

**19. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having single currency worldwide?**

Advantages: No botheration to people for currency exchange – eliminate foreign exchange costs – good for international travelling and international business transactions – more stability in international businesses due to absence of fluctuations in the exchange rates

Disadvantages: Need of uniform standards for currency use – unbiased international bodies for currency making, distribution and check forgery

**20. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a cashless society?**

Advantages: Various forms of electronic cash (bank cards, credit cards, debit cards, mobile phones, electronic banking, ATMs etc.) – no need to carry cash anywhere, more safety and security – easy transactions – less time consumption during transactions – a curse on people who make black money

Disadvantages: Large money to be spent on setting up the needed infrastructure – chances of big losses in case of credit/debit card loss or theft – need of immediate action on losing credit/debit cards – not feasible for small purchasing – people will fall victims to hacking

**21. Should corporal punishment be allowed in schools?**

Advantages: Discipline in children – can be controlled, would not spoil – teachers will not be taken for granted – more sincerity towards homework and studies

Disadvantages: Teachers may take advantage – less tolerance in teachers – children may be beaten in the name of punishment – chances of injuries – extreme physical torture may lead to death – human rights violation

**22. Should financial education be taught to children?**

Advantages: Would learn to value money – understand the importance of saving – improve their money-spending habits – become responsible – more advantageous in high school

Disadvantages: Would make them practical and responsible in early ages – may decrease enjoyment in their lives as they may cut their spending unnecessarily – will

increase their study burden – is not so useful as children hardly make crucial decisions regarding money

**23. Is rote learning a good method or not?**

Advantages: Good for some foundational learning like multiplication tables, alphabets of a language – no need of referring book every now and then – can learn in a timely manner

Disadvantages: Monotonous way of learning – used as a tool just to pass exams – affects the ability to comprehend – weaker ability to defend during discussions, arguments and debates – a rote learner may give a false impression of having knowledge of a particular subject

**24. Should one follow his own culture wherever he goes or should he accept the culture of the host country?**

Advantages and disadvantages of following one's own culture: Preservation of one's culture and traditions – new generation also learns about original culture and traditions – may become strength of a family – will keep them connected to their roots

New generation may feel ashamed – may be inconvenient to follow, not suiting the new place – one becomes less flexible in adopting other culture's values – rigid mentality not allowing to gel with other people – people may make fun of

Advantages and disadvantages if you follow other culture: Become broad-minded – become more flexible and practical – adjust well in a multicultural society –develop a dislike for one's own culture and may get overinfluenced by other cultures and adopt its negativities

**25. People have less politeness than they used to have. Give reasons.**

Pace of life is fast – less socialising – loss of joint family culture inculcating moral values – nuclear families – less interaction with family members as all are busy – brought up with less family values – less tolerance – influence of other cultures due to globalisation – people becoming self-centred and materialistic

**26. Should teachers be friendly or strict?**

Strict teachers: Students give regular attendance – complete their work in time – sometimes develop disinterest in the subject – develop temporary respect for teachers – at times students' frustration may come out as violent outburst

Friendly teachers: Students take more interest in the subject – can easily share their problems and teachers may become their mentors – teachers give extra attention and special techniques to learn – sometimes overfriendly attitude results in diversion from studies – if friendliness is partial, other students are affected

**27. Advertisements on toys and fast foods are aiming at children. Some say it has negative effect on children as well as family. Do you agree?**

Negative effects: Children become demanding – family budget gets upset – sometimes ads are tempting and succeed in manipulating the children – children start avoiding nutritious food – face health problems like tooth and gum problems, fatness etc. – internal competition among children through displaying their toys – toys are often personified in the ads – children get allured by the fantasies in the ads

**28. In some countries, number of people opting to live alone is increasing every year. Is this a negative or positive development?**

Positive development: Self-dependent – may become jack of all trades as handle more work on your own – may devote more time to your field – get more time for self-development

Negative development: May suffer from many psychological problems like depression – become introvert and get socially cut off – may fall into bad habits or illegal activities

**29. Children are experiencing social, educational and commercial pressure. What are the causes, and what measures can be taken?**

Causes: High competition – level of education getting high – need to score more for getting admission in desired fields – small families, parents pressurise children to fulfil their dreams – more comparison with other children – intelligent child is a matter of pride for parents, so they pressurise to perform well – many children working, like in ads, serials, films – feel more pressure, are exploited sometimes

Measures: Parents should understand the mental capacity of a child – let the child live life in its own way

**30. Is teaching foreign language(s) to children in primary schools desirable or not?**

Positive side: High grasping power, so learn faster – become multilingual from early age – develop better communication skills – good to know other languages like French and Spanish in this age of globalisation – widens their mental horizon – learn about other cultures – get help of technology in learning like online resources, language learning software etc.

Negative side: Knowledge of other languages may be useless in future – sometimes give more attention to language learning than other important subjects – feel more burden of studies – do not get proper environment to use the language, so learning may go waste



**31. People should change their jobs at least once in their lifetime instead of sticking to one particular job for lifetime. Do you agree?**

Agree: People get chance to meet different people – upgrade their knowledge – do not remain frog in a well – increase their chances of progress – can break monotony of work – become more flexible and develop adaptability – have real test of ability

**32. Research says majority of criminals commit crime when they are set free. Why is it so? What could be done?**

When criminals go to jail, they get used to that atmosphere – they get company of same kind of people – a lot of bullying and illegal activities are seen in many jails – often their conscience dies staying longer in such kind of environment – many times due to psychological impact of being tagged as criminals, they find no point in improving themselves – get in touch with a lot of antisocial elements in the jail itself who try to brainwash them and assure them to give a helping hand when they go out – find the path of crime much easy for breadwinning

Solutions: Reformation should be brought in the environment of jails – an eye should be kept on the internal activities of jail – proper counselling needs to be given to prisoners by arranging good sessions from spiritual leaders/saints – even government should create some employment opportunities for them when they are freed from the jail so that they do not follow the same path

**33. Should government reserve seats for women for higher positions?**

Scenario: Women have started working out – hardly gain top positions in big corporate sectors – still discrimination found – women are exploited at times to reach higher positions

Opinion: Reservation may create dissatisfaction at times to the company – higher designations have high responsibility, so should only be given to deserved candidate – reservation instead of helping women may affirm women to be weaker sex – though a bit of discrimination going on at present, in near future women will prove their capabilities to attain higher positions – so favours from government not needed

**34. Should public speaking be taught to children in school? Is it important to start that early?**

Scenario: High competition – need to be multi-skilled – a lot of expectations from a child since small age – “survival of the fittest,” so need public speaking

Benefits: Children will develop confidence and boldness – develop clarity of speech as well as thoughts – become smart from young age – maximum grasping power, so develop the ability faster – will not remain suppressed – in future may stand to protest against injustice

**35. Museums and art galleries of any country should display the artefacts and art of its own culture rather than other cultures. Do you agree?**

Agree: The main purpose of museum is to keep the history and culture of the country alive – museums are the only place where people visit to have an insight into the past of their country – they pass on “the past” to next generation – even when foreigners come to visit a museum, they come with the intention to know more about that particular country – that is the uniqueness of a museum and that is how it would remain of high value in every country – thus, museums should utilise this platform to represent their country – same with the art galleries – artists get inspiration from their country itself – however, artists can be given liberty to express their creativity with no restriction of any geographical boundaries

**36. Society is based on laws and rules. The individuals who want freedom would face problems in society. Do you feel you are taking away individual right to live?**

Disagree: Any society to run smoothly needs law and order – solely focusing on individual happiness may create havoc – if every individual would want his freedom of behaviour, it would be impossible to remain in society – it would be like living in jungle where survival of the fittest counts – civilisation is the thing which differentiates us from the animals – thus, adjustments and sacrifices for others are very much essential for humans to progress to higher level

**37. Some people help their community directly, while others help through national and international organisations. Discuss both ways.**

Direct help: A person remains directly in touch with the needy, so understand the problems at ground level – no mediators, so less chances of corruption

Join national or international organisation: Can work on a larger platform – for resolving global issues, international platforms are a must – such organisations get more financial help – help activities can be spread through a strong network system

**38. Will woman leaders be less violent than men?**

Women are soft by nature – they may run a country without any selfish motive – they will put nation's progress first – but this field is very much male-dominated – it may not be possible to retain the position with only good motive, needs a fearless leader – many lady leaders also had the same amount of dirty politics or violence in their rule like Indira Gandhi or Benazir Bhutto

**39. Government should spend more budget in medical and education fields than entertainment and stadiums. Do you agree?**

Government should prioritise budget for medical and education fields as its main duty is to look after public welfare – they are the basic necessities of citizens – without education and healthcare facilities, people cannot lead a satisfied life nor their standard of life improves – if these two facilities are sufficient, people would be satisfied with the government

Entertainment and stadiums are also important in terms of generation of revenue – many private organisations are interested to invest, so government gets good income

**40. People can learn a language better if they migrate to a country where it is spoken. Do you agree?**

Agree: Language learning needs continuous practice – if taken classes for a short time to learn a language but not used, may become useless – language comfort comes with a proper environment – a person continuously listens the language and has to use that in communication, so automatically learns it – certain usages and slangs of that language can be learnt only in that country – there is a motivation to learn that language as there is no escapism to learning – it becomes a compulsion to learn that language to communicate in offices or to socialise, so automatically drives a person to learn faster – as the language is used in day-to-day activities, a person becomes fluent in it, which is not possible in one's own country

**41. Should we enjoy one long vacation or several short vacations?**

Pace of life has increased – stress increased at work – need to maintain quality of work under stress – work is tedious or monotonous – so several short breaks much useful – instant energy needed to cope up with stress – can easily go for short trips during weekends – no need to plan beforehand like big vacations – long-term planning needed for long vacation, which may not be possible in this fast-paced life – frequency of long vacation can hardly be once or twice a year – short vacations less expensive and need no permission from authorities

**42. Is it fair that teachers and doctors get less salary than sportspersons or film stars?**

Importance of doctors and teachers: They do not get much media attention, so nobody takes note of them – but they play a vital role in the society – health and education is in their hands – in short, future of the country lies in their hands – it is their right to demand high salary – it is also government's duty to keep them satisfied

On the other hand, sportspersons and celebrities are icons – one needs to know that they are not paid highly by the government – a lot of companies sponsor them and they

get money – even film stars are signed by the producers and they decide the money – it is entirely fair

Doctors and teachers should be credited for what they do – government can increase the pay slabs of doctors and teachers to get improved services from them

**43. Are safety laws necessary?**

Safety laws are important as many lives can be saved – at factories, workers are protected by wearing hats or safety jackets – even during road travel, laws like wearing helmet or seat belt assure the safety of a person

Though many feel such safety laws take away freedom, but they are required – accidents happen only sometimes, but one needs to remain prepared every time – prevention is better than cure

**44. Modern medicines help to live long. Do you agree?**

They help to cure many diseases – their effect is faster and are used for quick relief – easily available everywhere – many diseases have vanished – many vaccines available, which provide lifelong immunity from certain diseases – due to modern technology, operations are possible and can save lives

At the same time, new diseases are popping up – still for many illnesses like blood cancer or AIDS, medicines are not found

**45. Is it necessary to spend money on space exploration?**

Lots of satellites and space shuttles have been sent to space – have helped in many ways, like in weather forecast, taking pictures of earth and other planets, telecommunication etc.

Sometimes unnecessary waste of money, like astronauts going to space for less worthy research – it may be a waste of time and money, as it costs billions of dollars of a country – no need to waste money on projects like exploring new planets or other galaxies as it is nothing more than a subject of curiosity – does not help common man in any manner who struggles to survive on earth – thus, need to set only a limited budget for space exploration, just to be helpful to mankind

**46. Nowadays, women have started working out. Should government provide staff and other facilities to look after the children of working women?**

It is necessary for women to go out to cope up with increasing cost of living – it is equally important for women to take care of house and children – many women are not able to continue their career just due to their children – government should provide crèches for working women – they should be opened in the residential areas to be convenient to mothers – private crèches too expensive, so help should be provided by

government – separate transportation – flexibility in working hours – non-transferable jobs

**47. Can government education be preferred over private education?**

Government education: Less expensive – encouragement in the form of meals, books etc. – there can be misadministration and mismanagement – rich people may not like the standard

Private education: Expensive - quality teaching – more attention to students – stress on extracurricular activities – provide good facilities – more pressure on teachers to deliver good quality

Suggestions: Government should put efforts to change the mindset of people on the quality of government education – should have a consistency in maintaining same good standard in all institutions

**48. Do children learn quickly than adults?**

Small children learn quickly as grasping power is high in young age – no social responsibility, so concentrate well – their only aim is studies – get motivation to learn from parents or sometimes parents even pressurise – curious to learn new things, especially of their interest – many times environment inculcates a learning attitude

Adults are trapped in the family or social life – cannot concentrate completely on learning something new – generally they have to be self-motivated as hardly any encouragement is given by others – if there is really a desire, a person can learn at any age

**49. Destruction of forests may put the world to an end. Do you agree?**

Forests give life to earth – trees used for medicines, fuel etc. – logging done for getting wood for furniture, paper etc. – trees take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen and purify the air – amount of carbon dioxide on earth will increase in the absence of trees, which will put life in danger – forests help in formation of clouds and hence in bringing rainfall – due to deforestation, soil erosion takes place making the soil barren or infertile – forests are the homes to many animals – till forests are there, living beings would exist as they are necessary to run ecological cycle

**50. Should women be allowed to join armed forces?**

May not be able to bear physical strain as a part of the duty – less aggressive and more emotional – lack killer instinct – may lack mental capacity to handle pressure – can be treated immorally if caught by enemy – can do non-combat jobs such as doctor, nurse, cook – can handle technical jobs where they can use their intelligence