# **GRADE 6**

Topic 1 - "Teachers should be replaced by computers" - 18 students

## **Opening Statement:**

# Speaker 1 (3 students)

Good morning/afternoon, respected judges, teachers, and fellow students. Today, we stand before you to argue that teachers should be replaced by computers. In this digital age, technology has transformed how we learn, making information readily available. Computers can give a learning path, instant feedback, and can adjust to different learning speeds. This helps in shaping a modern education system. We believe that being able to use technology in the form of computers will lead to a more effective education for all students. (Proposition Team) Rebuttal:

## Speaker 2 (3 students)

Thank you for your points, proposition. However, teachers cannot be fully replaced by computers. While computers offer valuable tools, they lack the empathy, creativity, and human touch that teachers provide. Education is not just about delivering information; it's about thinking carefully about what you have learnt, interpersonal skills, and emotional intelligence (EI) — all of which are best taught by dedicated teachers. Not all students learn the same way, and teachers can tailor their approach to meet individual needs in ways that computers simply cannot redo. **Opposition (Against the motion)** 

#### Speaker 3 (3 students)

Today, we firmly oppose the notion that teachers should be replaced by computers. While computers has it benefits, the role of a teacher is important as well. Teachers provide guidance & motivation that computers simply cannot match. We believe that human interaction and emotional intelligence are essential in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow. Opposition (Against the motion)

## Speaker 4 (3 students)

Computers lack the ability to understand and respond to the emotions of students. Education is not just about data and algorithms; it's about building relationships. Teachers possess the empathy and experience to address students' challenges. **Opposition (Against the motion)** 

#### Speaker 5 (3 students)

Teachers bring passion, dedication and expertise to the classroom, which help in students emotional growth. Therefore, we support the essential role of teachers in educating and inspiring future generations. **Opposition (Against the motion) Closing Statement:** 

#### Speaker 6 (3 students)

In conclusion, while computers have their place in education, they cannot replace the role of teachers. Teachers are mentors, guides, and role models who support students. They help students develop essential life skills that computers cannot offer. Therefore, we request you to vote against the motion. **Opposition (Against the motion)** 

#### Topic 2 -- "Homework should be banned" - 18 students

### **Opening Statement (For the Motion)**

## Speaker 1 (4 students)

Good Morning, honorable judges, teachers, and fellow students. Today, my team and I stand strongly in favor of the motion that homework should be banned. Here are our reasons why we believe homework should be banned:

Firstly, homework takes away precious time that could be spent on other important activities, such as playing, spending time with family, or pursuing hobbies.

Secondly, homework often causes stress and anxiety in students. We already spend a large part of our day at school. It affects our mental well-being and can lead to burnout.

Lastly, research suggests that it feels like we are just doing it for the sake of doing it, rather than genuinely learning.

## **Opening Statement (Against the Motion )**

## Speaker 2 (4 students)

Good afternoon, everyone. Today, my team and I firmly believe that homework should not be banned.

Firstly, homework revises what we learn in class. It helps us practice what we have been taught.

Secondly, homework teaches us important skills such as time management, responsibility, and self-discipline. These skills are essential for our future success.

Lastly, homework provides an opportunity for us to get feedback on our progress. Teachers can identify areas where we may need extra help.

## **Rebuttal (For the Motion)**

#### Speaker 3 (3 students)

Thank you to the opposing team for your points. However, while practice is important, excessive homework can lead to stress. Furthermore, the time spent on homework could be better used for other activities. Therefore, we

stand by our argument that homework should be banned.

# **Rebuttal (Against the Motion)**

# Speaker 4 (3 students)

We appreciate the concerns raised by the opposing team. However, it is important to note that homework can be beneficial. It helps us revise what we learn in class and develop important skills. Therefore, we maintain that homework should not be banned.

## **Closing Statement (For the Motion)**

## Speaker 5 (3 students)

In conclusion, homework should be banned to ensure that students have a balanced life and a positive learning experience. By eliminating homework, we can reduce stress, promote well-being. Let's create an enjoyable and meaningful environment without the unnecessary burden of homework.

# **Closing Statement (Against the Motion)**

## Speaker 6 (4 students)

To conclude, homework is a valuable tool that prepares us for future challenges. Let's continue to support homework as

a beneficial aspect of our education. Homework plays a valuable role in our education and should not be

banned. It helps us learn, grow, and prepare for the challenges ahead.