

# STATEMENT AND ARGUMENTS

**Directions(1-65):** Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

**Give answer:**

- (a) if only argument I is strong.
- (b) if only argument II is strong.
- (c) if either I or II is strong.
- (d) if neither I nor II is strong.
- (e) if both argument I and II are strong.

**1. Statement**

Should agriculture in rural India be mechanized?

**Arguments**

- I.** Yes, it would lead to higher production.
- II.** No, many Villagers would be left unemployed.

**2. Statement:-**

Should girls learn art like judo and karate?

**Arguments:-**

- I.** Yes, it will enable them to defend themselves from rogues and ruffians.
- II.** No, they will lose their feminine grace.

**3. Statement:-**

Should the political parties be banned?

**Arguments**

- I.** Yes, it is necessary to teach a lesson to the politicians.
- II.** No, it will lead to an end of democracy.

**4. Statement:-**

Should the educated unemployed youth be paid "unemployment allowance" by the Government?

**Arguments:**

- I.** Yes, it will provide them some monetary help to either seek employment or to kickstart some 'self-employment' venture.

- II.** No, it will dampen their urge to do something to earn their livelihood and thus promote idleness among the unemployed youth.

**5. Statement:-**

Should all foreign films be banned in India?

**Arguments:-**

- I.** Yes, they depict an alien culture which adversely affects our values.
- II.** No, foreign films are of a high artistic standard.

**6. Statement:-**

Should all the practising doctors be brought under Government control so that they get salary from the Government and treat patients free of cost?

**Arguments:-**

- I.** No, how can any country do such an undemocratic thing?
- II.** Yes, despite many problems, it will certainly help minimize, if not eradicate, unethical medical practices.

**7. Statement:-**

Should higher education be completely stopped for sometime?

**Arguments:-**

- I.** No, it will hamper the country's future progress.
- II.** Yes, it will reduce the educated unemployment.

**8. Statement:** Should there be more than one High Courts in each state in India?

**Arguments:**

- I.** No, this will be a sheer wastage of taxpayers' money.
- II.** Yes, this will help reduce the backlog of cases pending for a very long time.

**9. Statement:** Are nuclear families better than joint families?

**Arguments:**

- I.** No, joint families ensure

security and also reduce the burden of work.

- II.** Yes, nuclear families ensure greater freedom.

**10. Statement:** Should India give away Kashmir to Pakistan?

**Arguments:**

- I.** No, Kashmir is a beautiful state. It earns a lot of foreign exchange for India.
- II.** Yes, this would help settle conflicts.

**11. Statement:** Should students take part in politics?

**Arguments:**

- I.** Yes, it inculcates in them qualities of leadership.
- II.** No, they should study and build up their career.

**12. Statement:** Should there be concentration of foreign investment in only few states?

**Arguments:**

- I.** No, it is against the policy of overall development of the country.
- II.** Yes, large number of states lack infrastructure to attract foreign investment.

**13. Statement:-**

Should luxury hotels be banned in India?

**Arguments**

- I.** Yes, they are places from where international criminals operate.
- II.** No, affluent foreign tourists will have no place to stay.

**14. Statement:-**

Should India engage into a dialogue with neighbouring countries to stop cross border tension?

**Arguments:-**

- I.** Yes, this is the only way to reduce the cross border terrorism and stop loss of innocent lives.
- II.** No, neighbouring countries cannot be relied upon in such matters, they may still engage in subversive activities.

**15. Statement:-**

Should a total ban be put on trapping wild animals?

**Arguments:-**

- I. Yes, trappers are making a lot of money.
- II. No, bans on hunting and trapping are not effective.

**16. Statement:**

Should system of offering jobs only to the wards of government employees be introduced in all government offices in India?

**Arguments:**

- I. No, it denies opportunity to many deserving individuals and government may stand to lose in the long run.
- II. No, it is against the principle of equality. Does not government owe its responsibility to all its citizens?

**17. Statement:**

Should young entrepreneurs be encouraged?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, they will help in industrial development of the country.
- II. Yes, they will reduce the burden on employment market.

**18. Statement:**

Should the sex determination test during pregnancy be completely banned?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, this leads to indiscriminate female foeticide and eventually will lead to social imbalance.
- II. No, people have a right to know about their unborn child.

**19. Statement:-**

Should government jobs in rural areas have more incentives?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, incentives are essential for attracting government servants there.

- II. No, rural areas are already cheaper, healthier and less complex than big cities. So, why offer extra incentives!

**20. Statement:**

Should there be only one rate of interest for term deposits of varying duration in banks?

**Arguments:-**

- I. No, people will refrain from keeping money for longer duration resulting into reduction of liquidity level of banks.
- II. Yes, this will be much simple for the common people and they may be encouraged to keep more money in banks.

**21. Statement:**

Should all refugees, who make unauthorized entry into a country, be forced to go back to their homeland?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, they make their colonies and occupy a lot of land.
- II. No, they leave their homes because of hunger or some terror and on human grounds, should not be forced to go back.

**22. Statement:-**

Should new big industries be started in Mumbai?

**Arguments:-**

- I. Yes, it will create job opportunities.
- II. No, it will further add to the pollution of the city.

**23. Statement:**

Should government stop spending huge amounts of money on international sports?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, this money can be utilized for upliftment of the poor.
- II. No, sports persons will be frustrated and will not get international exposure.

**24. Statement:**

Should the oil companies be allowed to fix the price of

petroleum products depending on market conditions?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, this is the only way to make the oil companies commercially viable.
- II. No, this will put additional burden on the retail prices of essential commodities and will cause a lot of hardships to the masses.

**25. Statement:**

Should there be a maximum limit for the number of ministers in the Central Government?

**Arguments:**

- I. No, this political party in power should have the freedom to decide the number of ministers to be appointed.
- II. Yes, the number of ministers should be restricted to a certain percentage of the total number of seats in the parliament to avoid unnecessary expenditure.

**26. Statement:**

Should non-vegetarian food be totally banned in our country?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, it is expensive and therefore it is beyond the means of most people in our country.
- II. No, nothing should be banned in a democratic country like ours.

**27. Statement:**

Should officers accepting bribe be punished?

**Arguments:**

- I. No, certain circumstances may have compelled them to take bribe.
- II. Yes, they should do the job they are entrusted with, honestly.

**28. Statement:**

Should India become a permanent member of UN's security Council?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, India has emerged as a country which loves, peace and amity.
- II. No, let us first solve problems

of our own people like poverty, malnutrition.

**29. Statement:**

Should the persons below the age of 18 years be allowed to join armed forces?

**Arguments:**

- I. No, persons below the age of 18 do not attain both physical and mental maturity to shoulder such burden.
- II. Yes, this will help the country develop its armed forces which will serve the country for a longer time.

**30. Statement:**

Should there be a ban on product advertising?

**Arguments:**

- I. No, it is an age of advertising. Unless you advertisement is better than your other competitors, the product will not be sold.
- II. Yes, the money spent on advertising is very huge and it inflates the cost of the product.

**31. Statement:**

Should income tax be abolished in India?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, it is an unnecessary burden on the wage earners.
- II. No, it is a good source of revenue.

**32. Statement:**

Does India need so many plans for development?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, nothing can be achieved without proper planning.
- II. No, too much time, money and energy is wasted on planning.

**33. Statement:**

Should those who receive dowry, despite the law prohibiting it, be punished?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, those who violate the law, must be punished.
- II. No, dowry system is firmly

rooted in the society since time immemorial.

**34. Statement:-**

Should fashionable dresses be banned?

**Arguments:-**

- I. Yes, fashions keep changing and hence consumption of cloth increases.
- II. No, fashionable clothes are a person's self expression and therefore his/her fundamental right.

**35. Statement:-**

Should all the infrastructural development projects in India be handed over to the private sector?

**Arguments:-**

- I. No, the private sector entities are not equipped to handle such projects.
- II. Yes, such projects are handled by private sector in the developed countries.

**36. Statement:-**

Should colleges be given the status of a university in India?

**Arguments:-**

- I. Yes, colleges are in a better position to assess the students performance and therefore the degrees will be more valid.
- II. No, it is utopian to think that there will not be nepotism and corruption in awarding degrees by colleges.

**37. Statement:-**

Should our country extend generous behaviour and goodwill to our erring and nagging neighbours?

**Arguments:-**

- I. Yes, goodwill always pays dividend.
- II. No, our generous behaviour and goodwill will be considered as our weakness.

**38. Statement:**

Should cottage industries be encouraged in rural areas?

**Arguments:-**

I. Yes, rural people are creative.

II. Yes, this would help to solve the problem of unemployment to some extent.

**39. Statement:-**

Should Indian scientists working abroad be called back to India?

**Arguments:-**

- I. Yes, they must serve the motherland first and forget about discoveries, honours, facilities and all.
- II. No, we have enough talent, let them stay where they want.

**40. Statement:**

Should judiciary be independent of the executive?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, this would help curb the unlawful activities of the executive.
- II. No, the executive would not be able to take bold measures.

**41. Statement:**

Should the opinion polls predicting outcome of elections before the elections be banned in India?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, this may affect the voters' mind and may affect the outcome.
- II. No, such polls are conducted all over the world.

**42. Statement:**

Should words like 'Smoking is injurious to health' essentially appear on cigarette packs?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes, it is a sort of brain-wash to make the smokers realize that they are inhaling poisonous stuff.
- II. No, it hampers the enjoyment of smoking.

**43. Statement:**

Is paying ransom to agreeing to the conditions of kidnappers of political figures, a proper course of action?

**Arguments**

- I. Yes, the victims must be saved at all cost  
II. No, it encourages the kidnappers to continue their sinister activities.
- 44. Statement:**  
Should shifting agriculture be practised?  
**Arguments:**  
I. No, it is a wasteful practice?  
II. Yes, modern methods of farming are too expensive.
- 45. Statement:**  
Should higher education be restricted to only those who can bear the expenditure?  
**Arguments:**  
I. Yes, higher education is very costly, hence it should not be given free.  
II. No, there are a large number of brilliant students who cannot afford to pay and they should be given higher education.
- 46. Statement:**  
Should the vehicles older than 15 years be rejected in metros in India?  
**Arguments:**  
I. Yes, this is a significant step to lower down the pollution level in metros.  
II. No, it will be very difficult for vehicle owners to shift to other parts in country because they will not get suitable job for their very existence.
- 47. Statement:**  
Should there be a restriction on the migration of people from one state to another state in India?  
**Arguments:**  
I. No, any Indian citizen has a basic right to stay at any place of his/her choice and hence they cannot be stopped.  
II. Yes, this is the way to effect an equitable distribution of resources across the states in India.
- 48. Statement:**  
Should the tuition fees in all post graduate courses be hiked considerably?  
**Arguments:**  
I. Yes, this will bring in some sense of seriousness among the students and will improve the quality.  
II. No, this will force the meritorious poor students to stay away from post graduate course.
- 49. Statement:**  
Should high chimneys be installed in industries?  
**Arguments:**  
I. Yes, it reduces pollution at ground level.  
II. No, it increases pollution in upper atmosphere.
- 50. Statement:**  
Should persons convicted of criminal offences in the past be allowed to contest elections in India?  
**Arguments:**  
I. No, such persons cannot serve the cause of the people and country.  
II. Yes, it is democracy – let people decide whom to vote.
- 51. Statement:**  
Should India create a huge oil reserve like some Western countries to face difficult situations in future?  
**Arguments:**  
I. No, there is no need to block huge amount of foreign exchange and keep the money idle.  
II. Yes, this will help India withstand shocks of sudden rise in oil prices due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 52. Statement:**  
Should India encourage exports, when most things are insufficient for internal use itself?  
**Arguments:**  
I. Yes, we have to earn foreign exchange to pay for our imports.  
II. No, even selective encourage-
- gement would lead to shortages.
- 53. Statement:**  
Is pen mightier than a sword?  
**Arguments:**  
I. Yes, writers influence the thinking of the people.  
II. No, with the help of physical force one can conquer all.
- 54. Statement:**  
Should family planning be made compulsory in India?  
**Arguments:**  
I. Yes, looking to the miserable conditions in India, there is no other go.  
II. No, in India there are people of various religions and family planning is against the tenet of some of the religions.
- 55. Statement:**  
Should India have no military force at all?  
**Arguments:**  
I. No, other countries in the world do not believe in non-violence  
II. Yes, many Indians believe in non-violence.
- 56. Statement:**  
Should children be legally made responsible to take care of their parents during their old age?  
**Arguments:**  
I. Yes, such matter can only be solved by legal means.  
II. Yes, only this will bring some relief to poor parents.
- 57. Statement:**  
Should there be a cap on maximum number of contestants for parliamentary elections in any constituency?  
**Arguments:**  
I. Yes, this will make the parliamentary elections more meaningful as the voters can make a considered judgement for casting their vote.  
II. No, in a democracy any person fulfilling the eligi-

lity criteria can contest parliamentary elections and there should be no restrictions.

**58. Statement:**

Should an organization like UNO be dissolved?

**Arguments:**

**I.** Yes, with cold war coming to an end such organizations have no role to play.

**II.** No, in the absense of such organization there may be a world war.

**59. Statement:**

Should India support all the international policies of United States of America?

**Arguments:-**

**I.** No, many other powerful countries do not support the same.

**II.** Yes, this is the only way to gain access to USA developmental funds.

**60. Statement:**

Should school education be made free in India?

**Arguments:**

**I.** Yes, this is the only way to improve the level of literacy.

**II.** No, it would add to the already heavy burden on the exchequer.

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**61. Statement:**

Should eating paan at public places be made punishable?

**Argument:**

**I.** Yes, people eat paan and spit and makes public places dirty

**II.** No, Indians love paan.

(a) if only argument I is strong

(b) if only argument II is strong

(c) if both I and II are strong

(d) if neither I nor II is strong

**62. Statement:**

Should rock shows be allowed to run till midnight at tourist places?

**Argument:**

**I.** Yes, more tourists arrive to run till midnight at tourist places?

**II.** No, local traditions are harmed due to tourism.

**63. Statement:** Should sale of alcohol near highways be banned?

**Argument**

**I.** No, people should have freedom to decide as it is their fundamental right.

**II.** Yes, 90% of road accidents involve drivers who are under influence of alcohol.

**64. Statement:** Should speed breakers be banned?

**Argument:**

**I.** Yes, data shows that number of accidents increased after putting the speed breakers.

**II.** No, it teaches fast drivers a lesson.

**65. Statement :**

Should Chinese crackers be banned?

**Argument :**

**I.** No, China will be hurt by this decision.

**II.** Yes, crackers kill insects.

**ANSWER KEYS**

**EXERCISE**

1. (a)	8. (b)	15. (d)	22. (c)	29. (a)	36. (d)	43. (e)	49. (a)	55. (d)	61. (a)
2. (a)	9. (e)	16. (e)	23. (b)	30. (e)	37. (e)	44. (a)	50. (a)	56. (d)	62. (a)
3. (d)	10. (a)	17. (e)	24. (b)	31. (b)	38. (b)	45. (b)	51. (b)	57. (e)	63. (c)
4. (e)	11. (c)	18. (a)	25. (b)	32. (a)	39. (d)	46. (a)	52. (a)	58. (b)	64. (b)
5. (d)	12. (b)	19. (a)	26. (b)	33. (a)	40. (a)	47. (a)	53. (a)	59. (d)	65. (d)
6. (b)	13. (b)	20. (a)	27. (b)	34. (b)	41. (a)	48. (b)	54. (e)	60. (b)	
7. (a)	14. (a)	21. (b)	28. (a)	35. (d)	42. (a)				

**SOLUTION**

1. (a) Clearly, mechanization would speed up the work and increase the production. So, argument I is strong enough. Argument II is vague because mechanization will only eliminate wasteful employment, not create unemployment.

2. (a) Learning martial arts is necessary for girls for self-defence. So, argument I

holds. However, arguments II is vague since a training in these arts has nothing to do with their feminine grace.

3. (d) Clearly, with the ban on political parties, candidates can independently contest elections. So, it will not end democracy. Thus, argument II does not hold. Argument I does not give a strong reason.

4. (e) Young people, who do not get employment due to the large number of applicants in all fields, must surely be given allowance so that they can support themselves. so, argument I is valid. However, such allowances would mar the spirit to work, in them and make them idle. So, argument II also holds.

5. (d) Clearly, foreign films depict the alien culture but this only helps in learning more. So, argument I does not hold. Also, the reason stated in argument II is not strong enough in contradicting the ban. So, it also does not hold.
6. (b) A doctor treating a patient individually can mislead the patient into wrong and unnecessary treatment for his personal gain. So, argument II holds strong. Also, a policy beneficial to common people cannot be termed 'undemocratic'. So, I is vague.
7. (a) Clearly, higher education is not the cause of unemployment. In fact, it has created greater job opportunities. So, argument II is vague. Also, higher education promotes the country's development,' So, argument I holds.
8. (b) Clearly, an increase in the number of High Courts will surely speed up the work and help to do away with the pending cases. So, argument II holds strong. In light of this, the expenditure incurred would be 'utilization', not 'wastage' of money. So, argument I does not hold.
9. (e) Clearly, with so many people around in a joint family, there is more security. Also, work is shared. So, argument I holds. In nuclear families, there are lesser number of people and so lesser responsibilities and more freedom. Thus, II also holds.
10. (a) Clearly, India cannot part with a state that is a major foreign exchange earner to it. So, argument I holds strong. Further, giving away a piece of land unconditionally and unreasonably is no solution to settle disputes. So, arguments II is vague.
11. (c) Clearly, indulgence in politics trains the students for future leadership but it sways them from the studies. So, either of the arguments I or II can hold.
12. (b) An equitable distribution of foreign investment is a must for uniform development all over the country. So, argument II holds. Also, no backward state ought to be neglected, rather such states should be prepared and shaped up to attract foreign investment as well. So, I does not hold.
13. (b) Clearly, the luxury hotels are a mark of country's standard and a place for staying for the affluent foreign tourists. So, argument II holds. Argument I is not a strong reason because ban on hotels is not a way to do away with the activities of international criminals.
14. (a) Clearly, peaceful settlement through mutual agreement is the best option, whatever be the issue. So, argument I holds strong. Moreover, the problem indicated in II can be curbed by constant check and vigilance. So, II seems to be vague.
15. (d) Clearly, ban is necessary to protect our natural environment. So, none of arguments is strong enough.
16. (e) Merit, fair selection and equal opportunities for all - these three factors, if taken care of, can help government recruit competent officials and also fulfil the objectives of the Constitution. Thus, both the arguments hold strong.
17. (e) Clearly, encouraging the young entrepreneurs will open up the field for the establishment of new industries. Thus, it shall help in industrial development and not only employ the entrepreneurs but create more job opportunities for others as well. So, both the arguments hold strong.
18. (a) Parents indulging in sex de-termination of their unborn child generally do so as they want to keep only a boy child and do away with a girl child. So, argument I holds. Also, people have a right to know only about the health, development and general well-being of the child before its birth, and not the sex. So, only argument II does not hold.
19. (a) Clearly, government jobs in rural areas are underlined with several difficulties. In lieu of these, extra incentives are needed. so, only argument I holds strong.
20. (a) Clearly, the proposed scheme would discourage people from keeping deposits for longer durations (the rate of interest being the same for short durations) and not draw in more funds. So, only argument I holds.
21. (b) Clearly, refugees are people forced out of their homeland by some misery and need shelter desperately. So, argument II holds. Argument I against the statement, is vague.
22. (c) Opening up of new industries is advantageous in opening more employment avenues, and is advantageous in that it adds to the pollution. So, either of the arguments holds strong.
23. (b) Clearly, spending money on sports cannot be avoided merely because it can be spent on socio-economic problems. So, argument I does not hold. Also, if the expenses on sports are curtailed, the sports persons would face lack of facilities and training and our country will lag behind in the international sports competitions. So, II holds.
24. (b) Clearly, oil is an essential commodity and its prices govern the prices of other essential commodities. As such, the interest of the common people must be

taken care of, rather than the profitability of some oil companies. So, only arguments II holds strong.

25. (b) Clearly, there should be some norms regarding the number of ministers in the Government, as more number of ministers would unnecessarily add to the Government expenditure. so, argument II holds strong. Also, giving liberty to the party in power could promote extension of unreasonable favour to some people at the cost of government funds. So, argument I does not hold.
26. (b) Clearly, restriction on the diet of people will be denying them their basic human right. So, only argument II alone holds.
27. (b) Clearly, officers are paid duly for the jobs they do. So, they must do it honestly. Thus, argument II alone holds.
28. (a) A peace-loving nation like India can well join an international forum which seeks to bring different nations on friendly terms with each other. So, argument I holds strong. Argument II highlights a different aspect. The internal problems of a nation should not debar it from strengthening international ties. So, argument II is vague.
29. (a) The armed forces must consist of physically strong and mentally mature individuals to take care of defence properly. So, argument I holds strong. Clearly, argument II holds no relevance.
30. (e) Clearly, it is the advertisement which makes the customer aware of the qualities of the product and leads him to buy it. So, argument I is valid. But at the same time, advertising nowadays has become a costly affair and the expenses on it add to the price of the product. So, argument II also holds strong.
31. (b) Income-tax is levied so that every citizen can contribute

a share of his earning towards the infrastructural development of the nation. So, argument I seems to be vague. However, income-tax is no doubt a good source of revenue for the government. Hence, argument II holds strong.

32. (a) Before indulging in new development programme it is much necessary to plan the exact target, policies and their implementation and the allocation of funds which shows the right direction to work. So, argument I holds strong. Also, planning ensures full utilization of available resources and funds and stepwise approach towards the target. So, spending a part of money on it is no wastage. Thus, argument II is not valid.
33. (a) Clearly, laws are made to ensure that no person pursues the practice. So, persons who violate the laws need to be punished. Thus, argument I holds. A wrong practice, no matter how firmly rooted, needs to be ended. So argument II is vague.
34. (b) Clearly, imposing ban on fashionable dresses will be a restriction on the personal choice and hence the right to freedom of an individual. So, only argument II is strong.
35. (d) Clearly, such projects if handed over to the private sector shall be given to a competent authority. So, argument I is vague. Also, imitating a policy on the basis that it worked out successfully in other countries, holds no relevance. Thus, argument II also does not hold strong.
36. (d) Clearly, at the college level, all the students are assessed according to their performance in the University Exams and not on the basis of any criteria of a more intimate dealings with the students. So, argument I is vague. Also, at this level

the awarding of degrees is impartial and simply based on his performance. So, argument II also does not hold.

37. (e) Clearly, a good behaviour may at some point of time lead to mutual discussions and peaceful settlement of issues in the long run. So, argument I holds strong. However, such a behaviour may be mistaken for our weakness and it would be difficult to continue with it if the other country doesn't stop its sinister activities. Hence, II also holds.
38. (b) Clearly, cottage industries need to be promoted to create more job opportunities for rural people in the villages themselves. The reason that rural people are creative is vague. So, only argument II holds.
39. (d) Clearly, every person must be free to work wherever he wants and no compulsion should be made to confine one to one's own country. So, argument I is vague. However, talented scientists can be of great benefit to the nation and some alternatives as special incentives or better prospects may be made available to them to retain them within their motherland. So, argument II also does not hold.
40. (a) Clearly, independent judiciary is necessary for impartial judgement so that the Executive does not take wrong measure. So, only argument I holds.
41. (a) The opinion polls may influence the thinking of an individual and thus divert his mind from his original choice. So, argument I holds strong. Further, blindly imitating a policy followed by other countries, holds no relevance. So, arguments II is vague.
42. (a) Clearly, such words on cigarette packs would warn the smokers beforehand of its adverse effects. So, argument I holds strong.

- However, smoking is a bad habit with longterm health hazards and is no means of enjoyment. So, argument II is vague.
43. (e) Both the arguments are strong enough. The conditions have to be agreed to, in order to save the life of the victims, though actually they ought not to be agreed to, as they encourage the sinister activities of the kidnappers.
44. (a) Clearly, shifting agriculture is a practice in which a certain crop is grown on a land and when it becomes infertile it is left bare and another piece of land is chosen. Clearly, it is a wasteful practice. So, only argument I holds.
45. (b) For the all-round progress of the nation, all the students, especially the talented and intelligent ones, must avail of higher education, even if the government has to pay for it. So, only argument II holds.
46. (a) Clearly, 15 year old vehicles are not Euro-compliant and hence cause much more pollution than the recent ones. So, argument I holds. Argument II is vague since owners of these vehicles need not shift themselves. They might sell off their vehicles and buy new ones – a small price which every citizen can afford for a healthy environment.
47. (a) Clearly, argument I holds strong, while argument II is vague.
48. (b) A hike in fees is no means to make the students more serious in studies. So, argument I is vague. However, with the increase in fees, poor meritorious students would not be able to afford post-graduate studies. So, argument II holds.
49. (a) Pollution at ground level is the most hazardous in the way of being injurious to human and animal life. So, argument I alone holds.
50. (a) Clearly, persons with criminal background cannot stand to serve as the representatives of the common people. So, they should not be allowed to contest elections. Thus, only argument I holds, while II does not.
51. (b) Oil, being an essential commodity, our country must keep it in reserve. So, argument I is vague, while argument II holds as it provides a substantial reason for the same.
52. (a) Clearly, India can export only the surplus and that which can be saved after fulfilling its own needs, to pay for its imports. Encouragement to export cannot lead to shortages as it shall provide the resources for imports. So, only argument I holds.
53. (a) Physical force can accomplish a task by compulsion, while the influential writings can would the thinking of an individual and change his discretion into accomplishing the task willfully. So, only argument I holds strong.
54. (e) Family planning is an essential step to curb population growth. So argument I holds strong. Also, family planning against the tenets of some of the Indian religions, it is not necessary to make it compulsory. Instead, it can be enforced by creating public awareness of the benefits of family planning. So, argument II also holds.
55. (d) Clearly, India needs to have military force to defend itself against the threat of other military powers in the world. So, none of the arguments holds strong.
56. (d) Taking care of the parents is a moral duty of the children and cannot be thrust upon them legally, nor such a compulsion can ensure good care of the old people. so, none of the arguments holds strong.
57. (e) Clearly, if there were less candidates, the voters would find it easy to make a choice. So, argument I holds. Also, every person satisfying the condition laid down by the Constitution must be given an opportunity and should not be denied the same just to cut down the number of candidates. So, argument II also holds strong.
58. (b) An organization like UNO is meant to maintain peace all over and will always serve to prevent conflicts between countries. So, its role never ends. So argument one does not hold. Also, lack of such an organization may in future lead to increased mutual conflicts and international wars, on account of lack of a common platform for mutual discussions. So, argument II holds.
59. (d) Our country cannot support USA's policies blindly without analysis, just to gain monetary help. Also, we should not withdraw our support without considering the policies, just because some other nations have done so. So, none of the arguments holds strong.
60. (b) Making education free for all is not the only means to ensure literacy. An awareness needs to be aroused for this. So, argument I is vague. Also, such a step would require immense funds and lead to financial drain. So, argument II holds.
61. (a) People eat paan and spit at public places. It makes public places dirty and also may be a cause of diseases. So it becomes a punishable act. Indians love paan, but spitting at public places is



harmful for people.

Thus, only argument I is strong.

62.(a) Tourists arrive to run at tourist places till midnight and sometimes all night. It is a good way to attract tourists for their entertainment. It tourist come in bulk. It will be helpful for our tourism economy. By doing this there will be not any bad effect in local traditions.

63.(c) Mostly we watch in new "Accident by drunk", means

clear that sale of alcohol near highway is very risky and may be a cause of big accident. So alcohol is a big reason that is responsible for accidents. It is true that people should have freedom to decide, as it is their fundamental right. But it is not our right to make others life risky. We have some moral duties as well as fundamental rights. So, only argument II is strong.

64.(a) If we talk about animals, then they are also living thing

as well as human being. We have no right to capture them for our entertainment. Yes, we can keep them as a pet, but not as captured. Capturing any person or an animal is a punishable act. So, only argument I is strong.

65.(d) Here arguments are against Chinese crackers means about international market not about anyone's emotions. So, argument II says crackers kill insects but if it is right then why said yes for it.

So neither conclusion I nor II are strong.