

Group DISCUSSION





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Definition of Group Discussion

- Group Discussion is a modern method of assessing students personality.
- It is both a technique and an art and a comprehensive tool to judge the worthiness of the student and his appropriateness for the job.



Group Discussion

- The term suggests a discussion among a group of persons.
- The group will have 8 & 12 members who will express their views freely, frankly in a friendly manner, on a topic of current issue.
- Within a time limit of 20 to 30 minutes, the abilities of the members of the group is measured.



Prerequisites of a Group Discussion

- Topics given by panelists
- Planning and preparation
- Knowledge with self-confidence
- Communication skills/ power of speech
- Presentation
- Body Language and personal appearance
- Being calm and cool



Prerequisites of a Group Discussion

- Extensive knowledge base related to state, country and globe.
- Areas are politics, sports, science & trade commerce, Industry and Technology, MNC, ect.
- Analyze the social, economical issues logistically .
- Listening skills
- Co-operation.



Benefits in Group discussion

- Stimulation of thinking in a new way.
- Expansion of knowledge
- Understanding of your strength and weakness.
- Your true personality is revealed and qualities of leadership crystallize

Benefits of group discussion

- provides chance to Expose
- Language skills
- Academic knowledge
- Leadership skills
- people handling skills
- Team work
- General knowledge.



Salient features of G.D

- Topic may be given to judge your public speaking talent.
- Discussion revolves around a specific subject.
- The examiner does not interfere once he announced the topic.
- Maintain cordiality and free expression of thought and opinion.

Do`s in group discussion

- Appropriate to the issue .
- Make original points & support them by substantial reasoning .
- Listen to the other participants actively & carefully.
- Whatever you say must be with a logical flow, & validate it with an example as far as possible.
- Make only accurate statements.



Do`s in group discussion

- Modulate the volume, pitch and tone.
- Be considerate to the feelings of the others.
- Try to get your turn.
- Be an active and dynamic participant by listening.
- Talk with confidence and self-assurance.



Don'ts during group discussion

- Being shy /nervous / keeping isolated from G.D
- Interrupting another participant before his arguments are over
- Speak in favour ; example:Establish your position and stand by it stubbornly
- Changed opinions
- Don't make fun of any participant even if his arguments are funny.



Don'ts during group discussion

- Don't engage yourself in sub-group conversation.
- Don't repeat and use irrelevant materials.
- Addressing yourself to the examiner.
- Worrying about making some grammatical mistakes, for your interest the matter you put across are important.

Important points in group discussion

- Be assertive: An assertive person is direct , honest careful about not hurting others 'self-respect'.
- A patient listener: listening to another person is one way of showing appreciation.
- Right language : Words can make friends & right words at the right time make the best results.
- Be analytical and fact-oriented : It is necessary to make relevant points which can be supported with facts and analyzed logically.



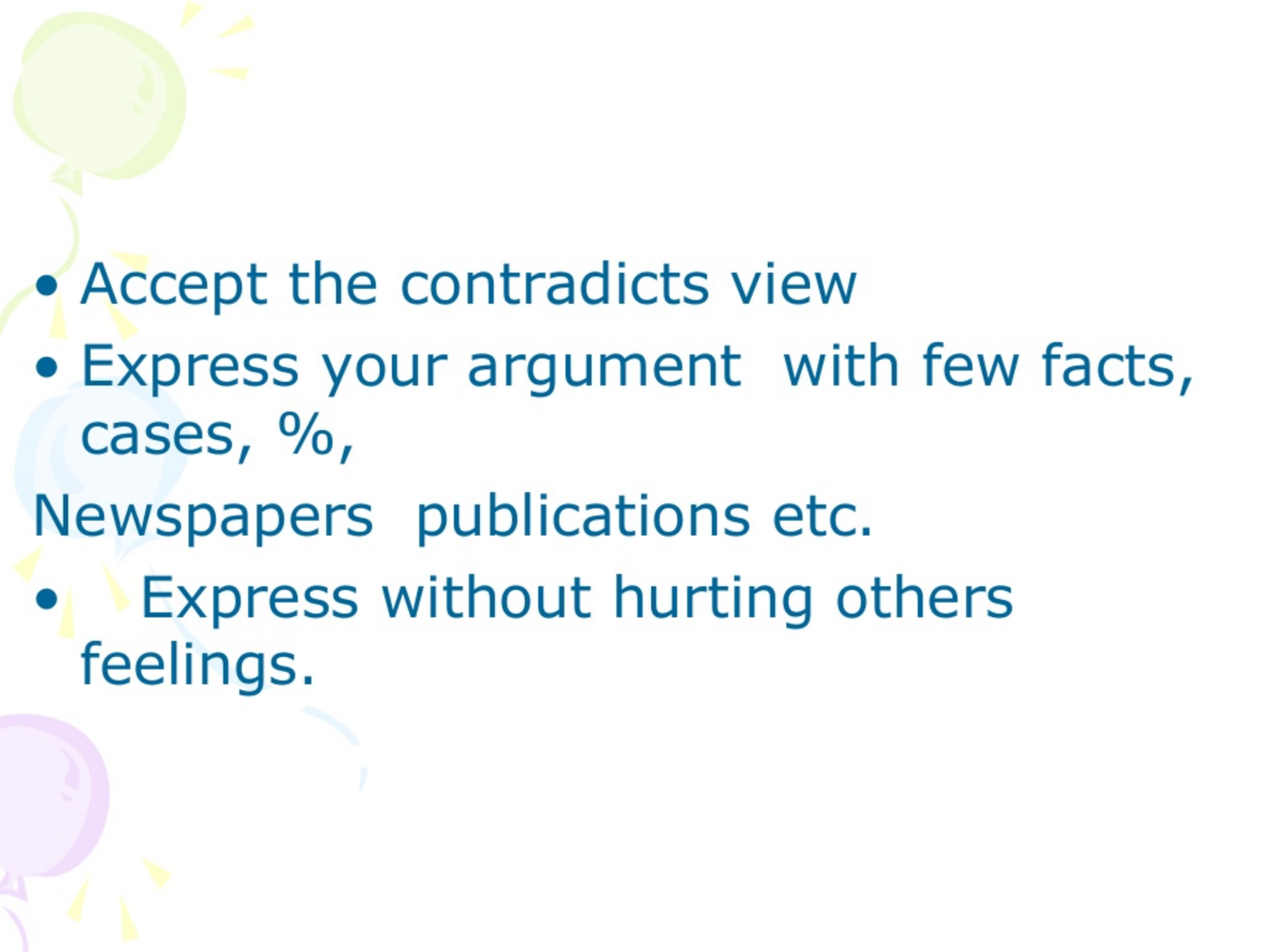
Accept criticism

- If any member of the group criticizes or disapproves a point, it is unwise to get upset or react sharply.
- In case the criticism is flimsy, the same can be pointed out politely.
- Maximize participation ; one must try to contribute fully, vigorously & steadily throughout the discussion.
- Show leadership ability: A group discussion also evaluates your leadership qualities.

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- Accept someone's point of view
 - Praise the argument

Example: Remedial English communication is necessary for college students because they fail in communication skill test.

Status of literacy of women , is increased from 30% to 70% when compared to past years, in employment sectors organized ,in the IT & ITES field.

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- Accept the contradicts view
 - Express your argument with few facts, cases, %, Newspapers publications etc.
 - Express without hurting others feelings.



- **Suggestions**

- Never try to bluff.



- Practice group discussion with friends on different subjects.



- Remember !speech is a powerful weapon.

Topics of Importance frequently discussed

- Is India Shining
- Mobile phones / Internet – a boon or nuisance
- Students focusing on software industry- good or bad
- Child marriage
- India 2020
- Daughters are more caring than sons
- Influence of western culture in Indian Universities
- Influence of computers in medical sciences



GD Phrases

Ask	Agree	Disagree
What do you think?	I agree	I disagree
How about you?	I feel the same way.	I have a different idea. I think...
How do you feel about it?	I have the same opinion as...	I don't think so.
Could you tell me ...?	That's what I think too.	Really?
I'd like to ask (you) about...	Same here.	No. I think ...
I'd like to know...	Me too.	That doesn't make any sense.





Get in

Pardon, but...

May I say something here?

Excuse me for interrupting, but...

Can we go back to what (name) just said?

Wait a minute!

Sorry, but...

Can we slow down a minute?

Get more

Could you repeat that

I missed the end of that.1

Sorry, I missed something there.

Hmm? What was that?

I didn't get that.

Could you go over that again?

Huh?

Get through

The main reason is...

...because...

That's why...

And then...

And there's another reason...

The really important thing is...

That's like...

Thank you

