# **ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY TOPICS**

# **EDUCATION**

- 1. Boys and girls should attend separate schools.
- 2. Teachers should be paid according to how much their students learn.
- 3. Classmates are a more important influence than parents on a child's success in school.
- 4. Grades (marks) encourage students to learn.
- 5. Children should begin learning a foreign language as soon as they start school.
- 6. High schools should allow students to study the courses that students want to study.
- 7. Universities should give the same amount of money to their students' sports activities as they give to their universities libraries.
- 8. With the help of technology, students nowadays can learn more information and learn it more quickly.
- 9. All required university courses are boring.
- 10. Exams are not useful.
- 11. Public schools should require uniforms in order to benefit both the student and the society as a whole.
- 12. There is nothing that young people can teach older people.
- 13. Reading fiction (such as novels and short stories) is more enjoyable that watching movies.

# **FAMILY LIFE**

- 14.A person's childhood years (the time from birth to twelve years of age) are the most important years of a person's life.
- 15. Watching television is bad for children.
- 16. Parents are the best teachers.
- 17. Divorce is sometimes a solution to marital problems.
- 18. Women, not the government, have the right to make their own decisions about abortion.
- 19. Television has destroyed communication among friends and family.
- 20. Games are as important for adults as they are for children.
- 21. Playing games teaches us about life.

# **TECHNOLOGY & PROGRESS**

- 22. Technology has made the world a better place to live.
- 23. Modern technology is creating a single world culture.

- 24. Telephones and email have made communication between people less personal.
- 25. Progress is always good.
- 26. Face-to-face communication is better than other types of communication, such as letters, email, or telephone calls.

# **ANIMAL RIGHTS**

- 27. A zoo has no useful purpose.
- 28. Animals should not be used as laboratory tools.
- 29. Animals shouldn't be kept in zoos.

#### **OTHER**

- 30. Advertising can tell you a lot about a country.
- 31. Dancing plays an important role in a culture.
- 32. People behave differently when they wear different clothes. Do you agree that different clothes influence the way people behave?
- 33. Only people who earn a lot of money are successful.
- 34. Playing a game is fun only when you win.
- 35. It is better to be a member of a group than to be the leader of a group.
- 36. The most important aspect of a job is the money a person earns.
- 37. A person should never make an important decision alone.
- 38. Police are unnecessary because they aren't reducing crime.
- 39. Wars are always wrong.
- 40. Inflation is the only problem of our country.
- 41. The country should only be run by women.
- 42. Marijuana should (not) be legalized.
- 43. Women shouldn't work.
- 44. The best way to travel is in a group led by a tour guide.