SPEAKING SKILLS

Module 6

Part 2

Academic Transactions

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DISCUSSION, DEBATE AND PRESENTATION

• Opening:

- I. It is often said that.../Many people claim that...
- 2. In this day and age.../Nowadays.../These days ...
- 3.We live in an age when many of us are...
- 4.... is a hotly-debated topic that often divides opinion.
- 5....often discussed yet rarely understood
- 6. It goes without saying that... is one of the most important issues facing us today.
- 7. The following presentation takes a look at both sides of the argument.

INTRODUCING POINTS

- I. Firstly, let us take a look at.../To start with, ...
- 2. First of all, it is worth considering...
- 3. Secondly.../ Thirdly....
- 4. Furthermore/ In addition.../What is more.../On top of that...
- 5. Anther point worth considering is .../Another factor to note is...
- 6. Lastly.../Finally.../Last but not least...

PRESENTING IDEA AND GIVING EXAMPLES:

- I.When it comes to ...
- 2. In terms of...
- 3. With respect to...
- 4. Not only... but also...
- 5. According to experts,...
- 6. Research has found that...
- 7. There are those who argue that...
- 8. For instance.../For example.../Such as...

EXPRESSING RESULT AND REASON:

- I.As a result,,,/As a result of...
- 2....has led to/...has resulted in
- 3. On account of.../ Due to...
- 4. One reason behind this is...
- 5. Consequently.../ Therefore....

CONTRASTING.

- I.Although/Even though
- 2. Despite/ in spite of...
- 3. Despite the fact that...
- 4. On one hand...On the other hand...
- 5. However.../Nevertheless.../ Even so ...

CONCLUDING

- I.To sum up.../In conclusion...
- 2.All things considered...
- 3. Taking everything into consideration...
- 4. The advantages of ... outweighs the disadvantages.
- 5. Weighing up both sides of the argument.

OPINION

- I.As far as I am concerned,...
- 2. From my point of view...
- 3. In my opinion...
- 4. Personally speaking...
- 5. My own view on the matter