## University students to-day are not as academically gifted as in previous years.

| Possible points in favour | Possible points against |
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| • *It's too easy to get information from the internet; there is no need to do research. It's easier to plagiarize.*<br>• *Universities have lowered their entrance requirements in order to attract more students, and therefore increase income.*<br>• *Schools do not prepare students effectively for university study.* | • *There is no evidence to support this in any statistical surveys.*<br>• *Students are more motivated than in previous years; university studies are essential for a good career. It's important to achieve the highest academic level possible.*<br>• *"Academically gifted" is a vague and imprecise term.* |

## There is no place for a system of monarchy in the 21$^{st}$ century.

| Possible points in favour | Possible points against |
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| • *Most countries in the world are republics. A monarchical system is an anachronism.*<br>• *Being able to vote for the head of state is a sign of a mature democracy.*<br>• *Investing power in members of one family (or group) is both undemocratic and unfair. All citizens should be regarded as equal.* | • *A monarchy brings an element of stability to a country which a republican system cannot bring.*<br>• *Having a head of state who is not involved in politics allows that person to represent all citizens.*<br>• *A monarchy can identify a country and instill a sense of tradition, continuity and patriotism.* |

## Governments have a duty to introduce laws which improve public health, such as restrictions on smoking or drugs,.

| Possible points in favour | Possible points against |
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| • *In countries where such laws have been passed, there has been a noticeable improvement in public health.*<br>• *Laws preventing smoking in public places, or restrictions on drug availability, reduce the number of young people taking up those habits.*<br>• *Healthcare costs are reduced as less people suffer from illnesses related to "dangerous" habits.* | • *Introducing such laws infringe citizens' freedoms. The ability to smoke, drink or take drugs should be a matter of choice.*<br>• *Introducing such laws is often expensive and unworkable.*<br>• *Statistics concerning the results of the introduction of such laws are often unreliable and open to interpretation.* |

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## To reduce world overpopulation, laws should be introduced to prevent parents having more than two children.

| Possible points in favour | Possible points against |
|---|---|
| • *A similar system produced positive results in China.*<br>• *Overpopulation is a greater threat to the world than climate change, according to recent surveys.*<br>• *Children suffer more as a result of overpopulation; reducing birthrates would also reduce poverty and hunger.* | • *Having large families is of cultural and ethnic importance in many parts of the world.*<br>• *Passing such laws would infringe human rights and freedoms.*<br>• *It would be very difficult, almost impossible, to find international concensus to pass such laws.* |

## The best future for European universities is to attract more international students

| Possible points in favour | Possible points against |
|---|---|
| • *International students are a vital source of income for a university.*<br>• *International students improve a university's image internationally*<br>• *International students create a more vibrant, cosmopolitan student body.* | • *International students take up university places that could otherwise be given to students from the home country*<br>• *International students create pressures for teachers (language problems, etc.)*<br>• *Universities don't do enough to integrate foreign students into student life.* |

## The European Union should expand to include Turkey

| Possible points in favour | Possible points against |
|---|---|
| • *Turkey is a major economic power, with a large working population, and could increase the EU's productivity.*<br>• *As a member of NATO, Turkey is of vital strategic importance in the area.*<br>• *Membership of the EU would encourage Turkey to improve its own record of  human rights and democracy* | • *The entry of such a large Muslim population would upset the cultural and religious balance of the EU.*<br>• *The political system in Turkey has a long history of instability.*<br>• *The attitude of Turkey towards the situation in Cyprus is incompatible with EU membership* |

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