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| **EDUCATION** |

**Discussion questions: Ask and answer**

1. Would you prefer to send your child to a mixed or single gender school?
2. Is day school always a better alternative to boarding school?
3. Should rich people be permitted to buy educational advantages by
4. sending their children to private schools or should all schools be

run by the state?

1. Do you prefer a system where children are put in fast and slow streams or is it better to create mixed ability classes?
2. Should corporal punishment be permitted in schools?
3. Which system do you favor for measuring children’s progress -

final examinations or continuous assessment?

1. Do the "three Rs" (Reading, Writing and Arithmetic) make up themost
2. important part of the school curriculum?

Source: <http://www.tedpower.co.uk/disceduq.html>

1. How important is education? Why?
2. Does your country have a good education system? What are its strengths and weaknesses?
3. Which countries are known to have good systems of education? Why are they good?
4. Is education only for the young? What things should people learn as they get older?
5. Henry Ford said, “Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.” Do you agree? Why?
6. Do you enjoy learning new things? Give an example if you can.
7. Does learning make you tired? Is it hard work?
8. Have you ever considered becoming a teacher? Why are you or aren’t you suited for that job?
9. What characteristics should a good teacher have?
10. Who has taught you a lot in your life?
11. Some people learn on their own. What things, if any, have you learned without teachers or formal education?
12. Some people feel education damages originality and creativity. What do you think?
13. How do you feel about tests and examinations? Are they necessary?
14. What’s your learning style? Do you learn best by listening, reading, interaction, doing things, or by some other method?
15. Do you prefer to spend time with people of a similar level of education to yourself? Why or why not?
16. John Dewey said, “education is not a preparation for life, but is life itself”. What do you think he meant?

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| 1. What comes to mind when you hear the word ‘education’? |
| 1. How important do you think education is? |
| 1. Do you think you had a good education? |
| 1. Was there a high standard of education at your schools? |
| 1. Do you think the quality of education is slipping? |
| 1. What do you think of the idea of all education being online? |
| 1. What kind of education did you have in your home? |
| 1. What would the world be like if everyone had access to a good education? |
| 1. Does your government really care about education? |
| 1. In which country do you think you can receive the best education? |

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| 1. What is a good education? |
| 1. Is the level of education in your country good? |
| 1. What would you like to change about the education system of your country |
| 1. Would you like to work in education? |
| 1. Do you think there’s a lot of money to be made in education? |
| 1. What kind of experience and qualifications do you think a government’s education minister/secretary needs? |
| 1. When does education begin? |
| 1. What do you think Mark Twain meant when he said, “never let school interfere with your education”? |
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| 1. What do you think of the idea of lifelong education? 2. What are the differences between school today and in the past? |

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