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Essay on Co-education

Co-education means the education of boys and girls together in the same school or college at the same time. In India, it has recently become popular.

Co-education is not a new thing for us. In the good old days, co-education was in practice. There are many examples which show that co-education was all over the country in the days.

From the very beginning, voices have been raised against co-education. Stephen Leacock, an American educationist declares, "Men cannot read when women are around".

There are many changes against co-education. First, it lowers the tone of discipline. Secondly, it brings about a shift in the minds of students. Learning goes to the background and 'sex attraction reigns supreme'. Thirdly, it creates a love of fashion and extravagance. Fourthly, girls sometimes run with the teachers.

The Chief argument in favour of co-education is the economy. It would be foolish indeed to have two institutions at a place where the only one will do. A poor country like India which needs education of women more than any other country cannot afford to have two institutions at one place. The other argument is that co-education creates better understanding between young men and young women. After all they have to live together in life. Then why is this unnatural separation of sexes in our schools and colleges? The reasoning is sound.