

Match arguments with the correct thesis statements and then decide if the arguments are for or against. Write numbers in the table below.

<i>“Alcohol should be banned”</i>		<i>“There should be more stringent laws concerning gun ownership”</i>		<i>“There should be censorship”</i>		<i>“Government shouldn't help the poor and unemployed”</i>	
For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against

- 1) Crime is on the increase in cities, and the percentage of robberies in which arms are used is rising, too,
- 2) Not all those people who receive social welfare payments are able or capable of earning a wage. They have a right to an income, too.
- 3) A reduction in gun ownership would only occur if there were enough police to enforce the stronger laws,
- 4) A democracy can only be strong and healthy if it allows people with radical opinions to say what they wish. Words never hurt anyone.
- 5) Why only ban alcohol? There are many other drugs which impair one's ability to drive. The complete ban of only one substance makes no sense.
- 6) Guns kill. Since we cannot prohibit their manufacture we must have effective, that is, stronger gun laws.
- 7) We are not free to do whatever else we like, so why should we believe we have the right to free speech?
- 8) People should look after themselves. Welfare increases dependency on others and destroys dignity.
- 9) Almost anyone can buy a gun if they can provide proof of the need to own one. It is too easy to buy a gun.
- 10) Tests prove that most car accidents occur as a result of speeding. Drivers still speed even when they have not been drinking alcohol. Targeting alcohol does not stop people speeding.
- 11) The only way to prevent crime is to reduce the need for crime, that is, to reduce poverty. Gun ownership makes no difference.
- 12) The only persons against a total ban are the manufacturers of alcoholic drinks and pub owners. Unfortunately, these two groups are politically influential and wealthy. Most others support it.
- 13) The best way to make a better world is to prevent certain people from expressing their opinions. This means censoring what they say so that others do not become influenced.
- 14) Crime increases if people have no means of support. It is cheaper to pay welfare than police the streets.

- 15) In countries where it is illegal to drink and drive, the road death toll is far less than in countries which allow alcohol in the bloodstream while driving.
- 16) If you have no job, you should not expect the government to help you. It is your family's responsibility.
- 17) People who oppose free speech are only afraid that what they believe may not be the truth. Many great ideas of the past were first banned from being heard.
- 18) Since speeding is the leading cause of accidents, and alcohol makes people less careful and more likely to speed, it makes sense to totally ban drinking while driving.
- 19) Banning people from saying what they wish only makes them try harder to be heard.
- 20) It would be better if guns were not manufactured. However, they are needed in the military on the farm and for sporting purposes. Stronger laws have little or no effect, since criminals can always buy guns.
- 21) People who pay taxes all their working lives have the right to an income if they lose their jobs, especially if it is not their own fault.