**Sample Ways to Enter the Conversation**

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1) In recent discussion of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a controversial issue has been whether \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On the one hand, some argue that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. From this perspective, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, however, others argue that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In the words of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, one of this view’s main proponents, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” According to this view, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In sum then, the issue is whether \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My/our own view is that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Though I/we concede that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I/we still maintain that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For example, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Although some might object that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I would reply that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This issue is imperative because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2) Prior studies have demonstrated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

improve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, previous studies have conflicting results regarding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, we tested whether \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ improves faster or slower with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We found a relationship between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, regardless of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This relationship was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and allowed us to predicted by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These findings allow us to clarify long-standing paradoxes about the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3) In discussion of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_one debated issue has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Scholars holding the position of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ argue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Conversely, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ contends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Furthermore, others even maintain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. My/own own view is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4) Regarding the topic of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, popular opinion agrees that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Where this agreement usually ends, however, is on the question of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Whereas some are convinced that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, others maintain that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5) In conclusion, then, as I have suggested earlier, defenders of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cannot have it both ways. Their assertion that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is contradicted by their claim that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.