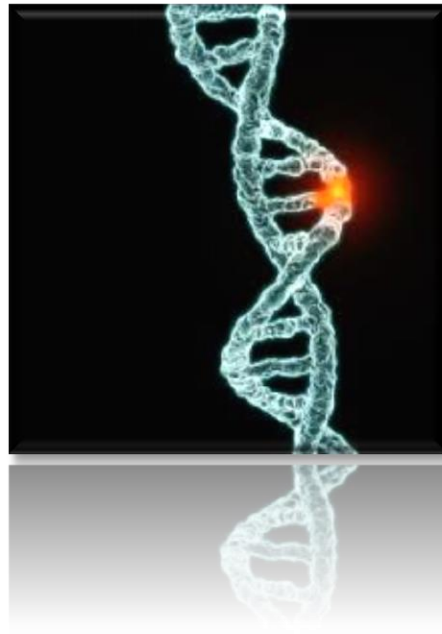




# FREE WILL, YOUR DNA AND PRAYER

Ok, not a likely combination, but when you read this piece, you will see the “link”



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## OBJECTIVE

*This short article is aimed at making you aware of the fact that when you have problems in life, you can always consult the expert!*

Part of the **FREE** series aimed at **positively** impacting children and the future



## 1. INTRODUCTION:

Some facts:

- I read that almost everybody have some sort of weaknesses in their DNA! Yes, our chromosome chains seem to have weak links;
- We read in the Bible that God has given people “Free Will” to make their own choices about their lives (including to decide to love God or not); and
- God said that through prayer and belief, HE will respond. Matthew 7:7 and Mark 11:24 serves as examples.



In this article you will see how the above 3 bullet points relate.

## 2. Your DNA:

### 2.1 Mixing of DNA

When two people with unique DNA get together and conceive a child, their unique DNA “mix” to form another life with its own unique DNA code (a certain combination of the mother and father’s DNA).

Each of our DNA is unique resulting in us having unique abilities, body features and personalities

Have you ever wondered why you were born with certain strengths, but also with certain weaknesses? If you have a physical or mental disability, do you want to blame God or your parents for it? How can you blame God or your parents? You see, this is where “free will” comes in! (see next paragraph for more detail). Your disability came about because of the mixture of your parents’ DNA! In the next paragraph you will see that you cannot blame God, and at the same time, you can also not blame your parents for what you turned out to be!

The mixture of your parents’ DNA has resulted in your unique race, sex, sexual preference, personality, mental abilities, physical appearances, bodily functions and physical abilities, yes, the Unique YOU! (your environment you grew up in obviously also played a role later).

**Bottom line:** You have no control over what and who you are @ birth, as it is all based on your parents’ choice to select each other and what their DNA mixture turned you into. Your parents could also not have envisaged what their DNA mix would result in (yet). **Is this perhaps one of the reasons why Jesus had so much compassion for the Sick and Poor!? (He knew it was not their own doing, but perhaps the DNA mix of their parents, due to Free Will?!).**



## 2.2 You never know

Due to each one's DNA being different, it means that someone may be a heavy smoker, but turn out to live to a 100, while another person may be a moderate smoker, but die of lung cancer at the age of 50. Someone may start drinking at the age of 18 and remain a moderate drinker for the rest of their life, while another may also start drinking at 18, but become an addict, unable to resist it.

Someone may be a couch potato, overweight and lazy and turn out to live to 70, while another similar couch potato also lazy and overweight, lives to only 40, while a super fit, skinny health freak athlete turns out to live to 60, but another super fit, skinny health freak dies of a heart attack at the age of 30! Each one's DNA mix is different! (with some input and impact from their environment and what they consume).

**You never know** what your DNA will turn out to be and how it will impact your health, abilities, immune system and many other aspects of your life (maybe this will be fully predictable in future). The above thus means that someone can take chances in life and it will have a limited impact on them, while another will be very negatively impacted, yet another may look after themselves well and live a long healthy life, but someone else who also looked after themselves well, still dies young (accidences excluded from these scenarios).

A long life is not guaranteed if you live healthy, because your DNA plays an important role!

## 3. FREE WILL:

Most people are free to choose a life partner, but...

Each person has been given **free will** to choose a life partner and free will to do what they want! God decided not to interfere, unless YOU ask him to do so! (see next section on prayer). So your strengths and weaknesses came about as a result of your DNA and this was as a result of your parents' "Free Will", so you cannot blame God, because YOUR parents freely decided to choose EACH other.

How could your parents (who wanted each other) have known that their DNA, when combined, would result in YOU with certain strong and weak links in your chromosome chains (perhaps it will be possible in future to determine the DNA outcome). I said "*perhaps this will be possible in future*", because there are huge advances in DNA analysis and manipulation, whether ethical or not.



You have been given Free Will to choose who you want to marry and what you want to do with your life, including looking after your health or not.

#### 4. PRO-ACTIVE PRAYER:

You  
**CAN/MUST**  
pro-actively  
pray

Now here is a curve ball, although there is “Free Will”, your parents are free and encouraged to pray to God anytime, every time and for anything (Ts&Cs apply, but I will get to the Ts & Cs shortly).

So before you are to be conceived and even while growing in your mother’s womb, your parents (not you yet) are free (actually also part of Free Will) to pray to God that you are born “normal” (with good DNA and minimum weak links in your chromosome chains). Even while your parents are still very very young, they can still pray to God that they meet the “right” partner (“right” partner in terms of many things including someone that will result in a “good” DNA mix). If your parents pray, they must also make sure they contribute their part by not abuse substances before and after you are born.

Pro-active prayer that things turn out well, is better than re-active prayer to ask GOD to fix a problem afterwards!

#### 5. RE-ACTIVE PRAYER:

Even if your parents did not pray pro-actively, they can still pray re-actively! If your parents choose wrong and this resulted in a bad DNA match (you being born with many weaknesses), they (and even YOU later on), can still pray re-actively to God to change your situation/sickness/disability or at least help or alleviate your situation.

If you young, you can actually start now (pro-actively this time) praying to God (see paragraph 4 above) that He guides you to select the right life partner one day for yourself (not only for a good DNA match, but an overall “match” on all areas).

You can still re-actively pray, but Prevention is better than Cure

We all know the saying “Prevention is better than cure”, so remember that it is better to pray for something upfront (pro-actively) than praying for it afterwards (re-actively) when the “damage” has already been done.

Another issue related to re-active prayer is “**you shall not tempt God**”, so what does this mean? Do not mess up your life and think you will later just ask God to fix everything for you **via re-active prayer**. An example, you abuse alcohol or smoke excessively or use drugs while pregnant knowing that you going to negatively impact yourself and your unborn child, but then



argue that you will just pray to God later to undo the harm you caused. Read [Luke 4:12](#), [Deuteronomy 6:16](#), [Matthew 4:7](#) as well as [Job 18:28](#) in this regard.

## 6. Ts & Cs

Sorry, there are Ts & Cs linked to prayer

It seems like there is always Terms and Conditions (Ts & Cs) in life! Although some Bible verses state that you should just ask, many other verses include “conditions”. Let us first look at the ones with no conditions:

**Jeremiah 29:12** – “*Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you*”, or

**Luke 18:1** – “*And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart*” or

**Matthew 7:7** – “*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you*” or

**Isaiah 65:24** – “*Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear*”

Ok, let us look at Ts&Cs in other bible verses regarding prayer (I will Bold and underline the T&C I identified in each verse):

**John 16:23-24** – “*in that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*”. The T&C here is to ask “**in Jesus’s name**”.

Actually, Jesus said the following in **John 14:6** - “*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, but through Me.*” So the first tip is to pray via Jesus.

**Matthew 21:22** – “*And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith*”;

**Psalms 37:4** – “*Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart*”;

**Psalms 50:15** – “*And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me*”



**Philippians 4:6** – “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”

**Hebrews 11:6** – “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him”.

**Mark 11:24** – “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours”.

**John 15:7** – “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you”.

**1 John 3:22** – “And whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him”.

**James 5:16** – “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working”.

**Isaiah 59:2** – “But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear”.

**Micah 3:4** – “Then they will cry to the LORD, but he will not answer them; he will hide his face from them at that time, because they have made their deeds evil”.

**1 John 5:14** – “And this is the confidence that we have towards him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us”.

**James 4:3** – “You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions”.

Quite a lot of Ts &Cs to consider...

A Bonus one is **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** which states that: you should always **rejoice** (verse 16), you must **continually pray** (verse 17) and **give thanks** in ALL (good or bad) circumstances (verse 18) for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

## **7. WHAT IF MY PARENTS PRAYED BEFORE AND AFTER I WAS BORN AND I STILL TURNED OUT UN-DESIRABLE?**

I believe that God has a plan (purpose) in everybody’s life, but each person has “free will” to decide to follow that plan or not! If you have a disability, a mental disease, autism or any other physical or mental illness, you or your parents should try and seek out the Plan God may have



with this. I read many cases where a child has a mental illness and the parents decide to start a school or raise awareness or provide special treatment for their child and then start including others with similar challenges (perhaps to help those who did or did not pro-actively or re-actively pray). Other cases come to mind where people start raising awareness, collecting funds or start helping others, so there is often a Plan behind the “madness”. Just look for it.

## 8. WHAT IF I WAS BORN ALMOST “PERFECT”?

Do not become arrogant about your positive situation because you did not create it

Just a short note on the opposite. So what if your parents’ mix of DNA resulted in you being born with the perfect combination of DNA? So you turned out beautiful, intelligent, great at sport and successful in business and life overall!

Well, **firstly**, you should pray and thank God that your combination of DNA (accidentally, if it was not via pro-active prayer) worked out so well.

**Secondly**, be careful **not to become arrogant** about it and the bible has so many warnings against that! Just a few examples:

**1 Samuel 2:3** - “*Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed*”.

**Romans 12:3** - “*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned*”.

**Isaiah 13:11** - “*I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless*”.

**Proverbs 27:2** – “*Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips*”.

**Jeremiah 50:31-32** - “*Behold, I am against you, O arrogant one,” Declares the Lord GOD of hosts, “For your day has come, The time when I will punish you. “The arrogant one will stumble and fall. With no one to raise him up; And I will set fire to his cities And it will devour all his environs.”*

**Daniel 5:20** - “*But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit became so proud that he behaved arrogantly, he was deposed from his royal throne and his glory was taken away from him*”.

**Psalms 94:4** – “*They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast*”.



## 9. PREJUDICE

Now after reading the above and realising that NOBODY cannot help being what they turned out to be (yet, until they start manipulating DNA), we cannot be prejudice towards someone/anyone! So if someone was born in a certain way with certain body features or being a certain race or having certain sexual preferences or with certain mental inabilities, they had no control over it, so you and I cannot judge them and be prejudice towards that person.

## 10. TALENTS

Now I am going to contradict myself! Above I said that God gave us Free Will to choose a life partner and have children with. This (Free Will) decision would then determine the DNA mix of their children and subsequently their features, personality, strengths and weaknesses, but God also clearly states that he gives each different gifts/talents like below:

**1 Peter 4:10** - *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. “As each one has received a gift,*

**James 1:17** – *“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows”.*

**Ephesians 2:10** - *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*

**1 Peter 4:10-11** – *“<sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen”*

**Exodus 31:3-5** – *“<sup>3</sup> and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— <sup>4</sup> to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, <sup>5</sup> to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts.*

**Romans 12:6-8** – *“<sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11** – *“<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the*





*Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he **distributes them to each one, just as he determine**”*

Now what? Does God know in advance who we will choose via our Free Will and He then subsequently allocates a Gift/Talent to that child from the beginning? Does God wait until a child’s DNA mix is formed and then allocate His Gifts to each? I will leave this up to the experts to unpack/explain or perhaps we can ask God one day.

## 11. CONCLUSION

My purpose here is not to try and explain where God comes into the process, but to let you know that you ~~can~~ (should) Pray Pro-Actively to God to help you choose the right partner (Consult the Expert), so that your children may have a “good DNA Mix”. You can also still Pray Re-Actively to God to help fix any problems, but God may not necessarily respond as you want him to respond, as it depends on many factors such as whether you meet many Tc & Cs, his Grace, his Bigger Plans He has for the situation overall as well as His own Free Will.

So in summary, you are FREE to choose a partner and do what you want in life, BUT there are always possible consequences. You can pro-actively pray to God to help you make the right choices BEFORE you exercise your FREE WILL. However, if you did pray, but still experienced problems or you did not pray and experienced problems, you can always pray re-actively to God to help, BUT there are Terms and Conditions linked to all prayers in general and God may have another Plan for your situation...

Always pray no matter what

Remember however that God also has “Free Will” (or another Bigger Plan) to decide whether to intervene and help you or not!

The Terms and Conditions related to prayer include, but are not limited to:

- Pray through Jesus;
- Have faith and do not be afraid;
- Be thankful and glorify the Lord;
- Believe in God fully;
- Abide in Him (to remain inseparably linked to Christ in all areas of your life such as for grace and power to obey, looking obediently to His Word for instruction on how to live,



offering Him your deepest adoration and praises and submit yourselves to His authority over your life);

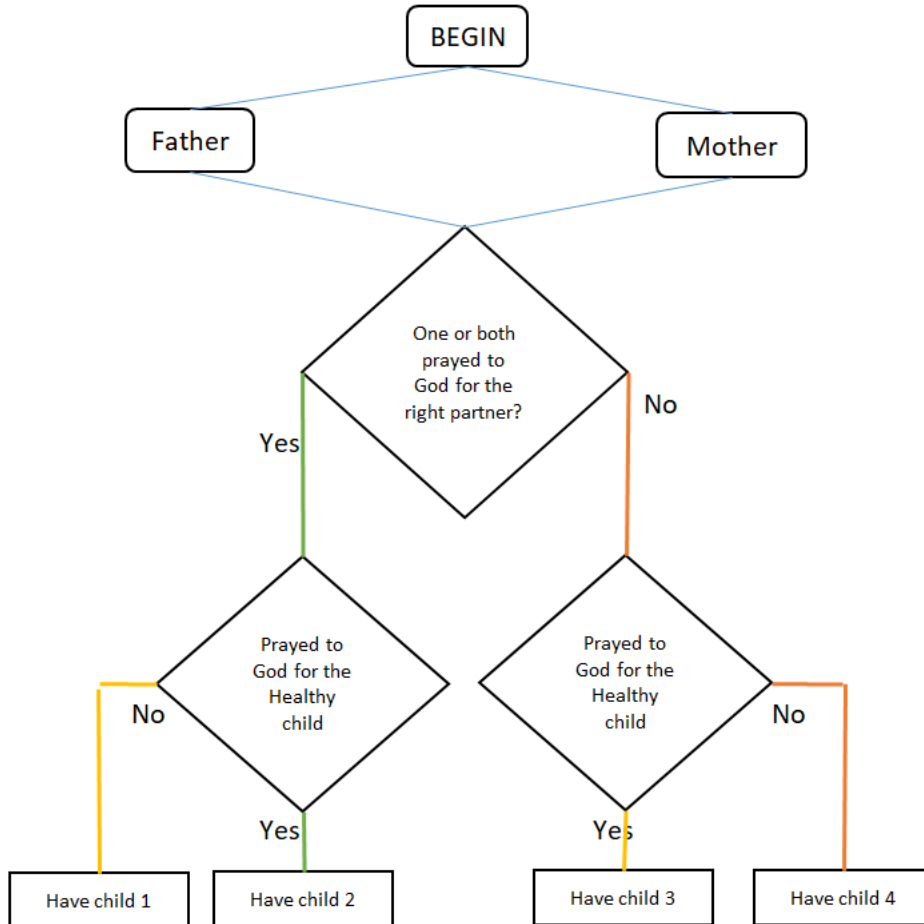
- Keep God's commandments and confess your sins;
- Remember that God's Will and Plan is also a factor; and
- Ask for the right things, not for something selfishly just for yourself.

See **Annexure A** below for information about unpacking the "Our Father" prayer.

**Bottom Line:** exercise your "Free Will" **in close** collaboration with God (ideally via "pro-active prayer", as "prevention is better than cure") and abide by the Ts&Cs (at least the bullet points above) and should you actually turn out well or "too good to be true", do NOT become arrogant about it, as it was not you who created yourself, but a random mix of DNA (with some possible intervention from God...)



## PROCESS FLOW:



**Note:** Any of child 1, 2, 3 or 4 could turn out good or bad

chances are that child 2 has an "advantage" way above child 4

If any of child 1, 2, 3 or 4 still turns out bad, then one or both parents can still Pray to God



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## ANNEXURE A: Unpacking GODs prayer

**Credit to:** <https://prayers4reparation.wordpress.com/2012/12/21/the-meaning-of-the-our-father-line-by-line/>

*“The Lord’s Prayer [the ‘Our Father’] is the most perfect of prayers... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired. This prayer not only teaches us to ask for things, but also in what order we should desire them” (Thomas Aquinas, cf. CCC 2763).*

### **OUR FATHER:**

*We can invoke God as “Father” because he is revealed to us by his Son. When we pray the Our Father we personally address the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we recognise that all his promises of love are fulfilled in the new and eternal covenant in Jesus Christ. We have become his people and he is henceforth our God (cf CCC 2780, 2787, 2789).*

### **WHO ART IN HEAVEN:**

*Heaven does not refer to a place but to God’s majesty and his presence in the hearts of the just. Heaven, the Father’s house, is the true homeland towards which we are heading and to which we already belong (cf. CCC 2802, 1 Jn 5:1).*

### **HALLOWED BE THY NAME:**

*When we say “hallowed be thy name”, we ask that his Name should be sanctified by us and in us, and also in every nation and person (cf. CCC 2814, 2858; Ezek 20:9, 14, 22, 39; 1 Cor 6:11; Lev 20:26; Jn 17:11).*

### **THY KINGDOM COME:**

*Refers primarily to the final coming of the reign of God through Christ’s return. The Kingdom will come in glory when Christ hands it over to his Father. We also pray for the growth of the Kingdom of God in our own lives today (cf. 2816, 2818, 2859; Rom 14:17; Tit 2:13).*

### **THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN:**

*We ask insistently for the will of God (fulfilled in Christ) to be fully realised on earth as it is already in Heaven. Jesus teaches us that one enters the Kingdom of Heaven not by speaking words but by doing the “will of my Father in Heaven” (Mt 7:21). By prayer we can discern*



*“what is the will of God” and obtain the endurance to do it (Rom 12:2; cf. CCC 2823, 2824, 2826; 2 Pet 3:9; Mt 18:14; Heb 10:17).*

**GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD:**

*“Bread” refers to the earthly nourishment necessary to everyone for subsistence and also to the ‘bread of life’ that is, the Word of God and the Body of Christ received in the Eucharist (material and spiritual food). “This day” not only refers to that of our mortal time but also the ‘today’ of God. Even when we have done our work, the food we receive is still a gift from our Father. (CCC 2830, Jn 6:26-58).*

**AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US:**

*Forgiveness is the fundamental condition of the reconciliation of the children of God with their Father and of humans with one another: “so also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart” (Mt 18:23-35). With the example and help of Christ every Christian can forgive even his/her enemies (CCC 2842, 2844).*

**AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION:**

*We ask God not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin. We are engaged in the battle between flesh and spirit. This petition implores the spirit of discernment and strength (cf. CCC 2846; Gal 5:21, Mt 6:21, 24; 1 Cor 10:13).*

**BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL:**

*The last petition to our Father is also included in Jesus’ prayer: “I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one” (Jn 17:15). When we ask to be delivered from the evil one, we pray as well to be freed from all evils, present, past and future, of which he is the author or instigator. In this final petition, the Church brings before the Father all the distress of the world (cf. CCC 2850, 2854; Jn 8:44; Rev. 12:9; Jn 5:18-19).*



## 12. RECAP QUESTIONS:

NO	QUESTION	YOUR ANSWER
1	What is better than cure?	"P..."
2	When you extremely sick. You usually consult an expert such as the Doctor or a Specialist, so what is the best way to consult God?	Through "P....."
3	<p>3.1 The "P" in the rating of a Movie stands for:</p> <p>3.2 Can any baby (or parent) <u>currently</u> decide how the DNA should be like and how their DNA should determine the Sex, Skin Colour, Sexual Preferences, IQ, EQ, Mental state, Sporting abilities, body shape, etc..?</p> <p>3.3 If the answer in 3.2 is "No", try and explain why you may be Prejudice towards some people?</p> <p>If you were able to give a reason in 3.3 above, go back to question 3.2 and read the question carefully, because you seem to miss the point</p>	<p>3.1 P...</p> <p>3.2 Yes / No</p> <p>3.3 My reason is:</p>

## 13. RELATED ARTICLES:

NO	RELATED ARTICLES	COMMENTS