

**SUVA SANGAM COLLEGE**

**YEAR 13**

**ENGLISH**

**WORKSHEET 10**

**SUMMARY WRITING**

**(8 marks)**

Write a summary of the following passage, using your **own words**. Your summary should be between **95 to 100 words**.

**HUMAN CLONING**

Human cloning is the practise of creating genetically identical copy/copies of a person, or cells and tissues of the person. The process is quite similar to the process in which identical twins are born. The difference though, is that the birth of identical twins is a natural process, while what we refer to as human cloning is an artificial process. Basically, it can be grouped into two categories: (i) human reproductive cloning, wherein a human clone is created, and (ii) therapeutic cloning, wherein human cells are cloned for use in medicine and research.

Everything has its advantages and disadvantages; human cloning is no exception. It is always wise to understand the positive and negative sides of the issue before forming an opinion. Irrespective of whether it is human reproductive cloning or therapeutic cloning, the pros and cons have to be taken into consideration when trying to determine whether the process is safe or not.

We have time and again heard the argument that cloning—in general—will not just help us to save plant and animal species from extinction, but will also help us revive species which have become extinct. In its advanced form, it will be of great help for humans as well. The practice of reproductive cloning, for instance, will help infertile to couples have children. In fact, even same-sex couples will be able to have children without having to resort to methods like sperm donation and surrogacy.

While the advocates of human cloning continue to put forth arguments to support their stand, its critics don't seem to be impressed. Their argument: creating a human clone would be interfering with the natural process of procreation and that, in turn, will have a domino effect on other attributes of life. For instance, if genes are modified to create smarter human beings by means of cloning, average humans, who are not the products of this process, will have no takers.

***(<http://www.bing.com/search?q=Facts+About+Human+Cloning&FORM=QSRE1>)***