Writing is an art and there's no better platform to exercise it than your own beloved GT! To unleash the writer in you, GT brings you a new topic every time and asks for your views on the same. Here are some intriguing responses from the young writers at Amity for the prompt...

"The sudden announcement of layoff will certainly earn Amazon a bad reputation in the workspace sector. Even employees who were able to keep their jobs would face anxiety about their future, and this would lead them to quit. Not to miss, the move would put a lot of strain on the market which would further add to the already worsening economy."

Jayshree Kumar, AGS Gurugram, XI

"The e-marketing sector experienced rapid growth during the pandemic as everyone switched to buying stuff online, but now that people have started to indulge in shopping at mortar and brick stores, these e-marketing companies are experiencing a decline in their overall sales. For the same reason, bigshot companies find layoffs as the easiest option to maintain an overall balance."

Ishi Pandey, AIS VYC Lko, IX B

"The downsizing can take a toll on workforce morale; employees may feel betrayed. Long-term consequences of altering the work environment may hamper the overall productivity of the employees. Besides, I feel that the companies must give a great amount of thought before taking such sudden decisions because so many families are dependent on them for the smooth functioning of their respective households."

Arpita Kaushal, AIS Jagdishpur, XII C

"Recently, Amazon has announced the layoff of nearly 10,000 employees. How do you think such sudden layoffs will impact the overall dynamics of the workspace sector?"

"Twitter, Meta and now Amazon have laid off thousands of employees. This has instilled a sense of fear and insecurity, thus casting an adverse impact on the overall milieu of the workforce. While the unemployed grapple with the insecurity of finding a job, those in jobs live in constant fear of if they are going to be axed next. This is further likely to impact their mental health. Cases of depression and other mental health related conditions might also be on the rise."

Aayush K, AIS Pushp Vihar, IX A



"Even though Amazon has over 1.5 million workers worldwide, its loss in market value would probably be felt with this sudden decision. The company would earn a negative image in the market and the rival companies might take advantage of the situation by offering jobs to the employees who have been fired. In a way, the rival big giants might take this is an opportunity to take over Amazon."

Shivika Gupta, AIS MV, IX A

"If employee layoffs are not handled carefully, there may be chaos and conflicts. In fact, the workload will increase on the remaining employees, which will force them to work for longer hours, and harm their physical and mental health. As a result, the existing employees will start looking out for other opportunities, further reducing productivity of an organisation."

Koyal Das, AIS Gurugram 43, XI S

"The stock market is down this year, so while shorter credit bills may be on a roll for companies holding back refractory spending, in certain scenarios, it may not suffice to stem the tide. And if a sneak into the monetary field is any hint, these layoffs could be the first flush, indicating that an economic recession – and in the realm of possibility, a white collars' dwindle, awaits all of us in near future!"

**Bulbul Verma**, AIS Gur 46, X E

"The laid off workers will face more competition in the job market and will have to take less attractive offers because the sudden decision is nothing less than a shock. Companies like Amazon, Flipkart, Big Basket, etc, must analyse the number of people associated with them and also how one decision of theirs could impact the lives of people on a large scale."

Rati Gautam, AIS Vas 6, XII D

"The decrease in workforce means an enormous amount of burden on the retained employees. Furthermore, this will ruin the quality of the work and ideas due to emotional distress. The constant fear that they, too, can lose their jobs will hamper the functioning of the company and create room for more errors."

Anushka Porwal AIS VKC Lko, XII E

"These layoffs will lead to fewer job opportunities and a feeling of hopelessness amongst the youth, who are hunting for employment opportunities. People who are already employed will get overburdened with work. The insecurity created due to these layoffs will drive people towards competing with their peers rather than cooperating with them. In the long run, it will lead to an increase in voluntary turnover and a reduction in innovation. This also indicates that global recession is in the offing."

Venya Verma, AIS Vasundhara 1, X D

"With the threat of recession looming overhead, this is just the beginning. Recently, layoffs have been on the rise. If the trend continues, then, one must be prepared for exploitation in workspace sector because in order to survive, the employees will have to work beyond working hours, all in an effort to save their jobs."

Naman Panpalia, AIS Saket, IX B