

Annual Essay Writing Competition-2017



Entry closes
Saturday, 28th January 2017.

Details on
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This annual essay writing competition 2017 is open to students between Class 4 and 12.

Winners of the competition will be recognised by The Future Foundation – a not for profit trust that works towards preparing students for the 21st century and to succeed in the 4th Industrial Age.

WHY WRITING

Writing is an important part of life, whether at School, College, University as part of studies also referred as 'Academic Writing' or at workplace and business, referred to as 'Professional Writing'. It helps express feelings and thoughts to the other in a relatively permanent way and helps express thoughts, feelings, ideas and beliefs. Writing encourages and enhances critical thinking, creative thinking and helps in organising thoughts and improve communication skills.

Writing also improves develop professional arguments about a topic and articulate opinions. It also helps in better presentation of facts.

For students, good writing skills are important also when writing their SoP (Statement of Purpose) for admission to universities, colleges for higher education.

It is important therefore, that every student develops good writing skills and can continuously improve it.

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **2 levels:**
 - Level 1 – Students in classes 4 to 7
 - Level 2 – Students in classes 8 to 12
- **Essay topics and Word count:**

Students are given a choice of 5 topics at each level. They need to choose any one topic and submit their essay. One student can submit only one essay.

 - **Topics for Level 1 (500 words)**
 - What would you choose: a pet dog or a robot dog?
 - If there were no Schools?
 - If you could read the thoughts of all others?
 - If you could become invisible or visible at the press of a button?
 - What do you want to learn, that is not taught in School?
 - **Topics for Level 2 (800 words)**
 - Truth is stranger than fiction
 - Should everyone get a guaranteed basic income?
 - Life of a teenager in 2030
 - If every human being becomes immortal?
 - What happens when machines become smarter than humans?

ESSAY ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

All submissions will be assessed and graded on pre-defined parameters given below. The weightage in terms of points is also given along with the parameters to help students understand how the assessment framework is designed.

Within each parameter, the key attributes that best describe what the parameter means is also given.

Students are advised to understand the guidelines below when writing their Essay.

It is recommended that students undertake some research on the topic they choose, read a few articles on the internet, watch videos and then formulate their thoughts that will translate into the Essay.

It is important to note, that while we encourage research, Plagiarism is not accepted and will be dealt with strictly at the time of assessment. Plagiarised essay are likely to be rejected and may not be included in the competition or receive a penalty of upto 30%.

You learn to *write*

better by *reading*.

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Reading and writing *work*

together to improve your

ability to *think*!

Main Idea (15% weightage)

- Original and Creative
- Attention catcher

Introducing the idea (15% weightage)

- Clarity and precision
- Inviting
- Describes the main topic
- Provides an overview

Organisation (10% weightage)

- Connectivity
- Linkage
- Coherence
- Keeping to the word limit

Consistency of idea (10% weightage)

- Paragraphs support each other
- Essay is inter linked throughout

Language (30% weightage)

- Word choice / Vocabulary
- Grammar
- Spellings
- Tone
- Sentence structure
- Punctuation and Capitalisation

Conclusion (20% weightage)

- Ends with a clinching statement
- Paragraphs support each other

RECOGNITION AND REWARDS

- Best Essay at each level will receive a Cash Reward of INR 11,000/-
- Second Best Essay at each level will receive a Cash Reward of INR 5,100/-.
- Motivational prizes will be given as per recommendation of the jury
- All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation

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