

## 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 essays are likely to be rejected and may not be included in the competition or receive a penalty of upto 30%.

### 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

## **ESSAY COMPETITION TOPICS:**

### **1. Level 1: Grades 4-5**

Word Count: 500 words

New inventions in technology have made our lives simpler

### **2. Level 2: Grades 6-7**

Word Count: 500 words

Handheld devices have changed the way we read and learn

### **3. Level 3: Grades 8-9**

Word Count: 800 words

Machine learning has transformed the face of education

### **4. Level 4: Grades 10-12**

Word Count: 800 words

Essential skills and qualities to thrive in the VUCA world