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Essay and Short Story Competition

To inspire and recognize the literary talents of participants from diverse backgrounds. This competition aims to celebrate the beauty of concise storytelling and the depth of thoughtful essays.

General rules of the competitions are as follows.

- The competition is open to individual participants only.
- Participants must register individually using the google form link [click here](#).
- Participants can write their essay/short story either in **English or in Hindi** Language (can change based on the number of entries opted for other native languages).
- All entries are judged anonymously. The participant's name and department must not appear anywhere on the sheet.
- The contestants shall be given one (1) hour to develop the composition.
- The topic (Essay) and opening line (short story) will be announced at the time of competition only.
- Please note that the point distribution for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places are 30pts, 20pts and 10pts respectively.

Rules for Essay writing competition:

1. Word limit: 1500 words max.
2. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. The essay should be an original piece of work. It should be written in the Participant's own words and not copied from any books, articles, or from the internet. All entries will be checked for originality.
3. **Judging Criteria:**

Essays will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Creativity and Originality
- Clarity of Expression
- Relevance to the Topic
- Structure and Organization

Rules for short story writing competition:

1. Word limit: 1500 words max.
2. Any genre is allowed. Tale of mystery, romance, fantasy, or a reflection on the human experience, participants are encouraged to let their imagination run wild.
3. **Judging Criteria:**

Essays will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Creativity and Originality
- Character Development
- Plot Structure and Cohesion
- Language and Style
- Emotional Impact

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