

ALL INDIA ESSAY WRITING EVENT

Detailed Evaluation Criteria for Participants

Introduction/Interpretation: Weight 10%

It is recognized that there may be many interpretations of each topic. The ability of the student to articulate her/his particular understanding of the topic will be evaluated. Importance will be given to the effectiveness of the opening to set the tone for the ideas to follow.

Structure and Flow: Weight 10%

Continuity of ideas and smoothness of the transition between ideas will be evaluated.

Language: Weight 15%

Grammar, spelling, clarity and style of expression will be given due importance.

Creativity / Originality: Weight 25%

The ability of the student to develop ideas based on her/his own analysis of the topic and originality of ideas presented would be rewarded. Participants are expected to use examples, real life observations, personal experiences, and all other novel ways of expressing ideas. Excessive use of quotations / material from others and plagiarisms (material directly copied, excessively or without due credit) would be severely penalised.

Relevance : Weight 20%

The evaluators will look for how the ideas expressed are relevant to the topic and indicate an in depth understanding of the same .

Research / attention to details: Weight 10%

Special efforts undertaken to prepare for writing the essay would be rewarded – such as extensive research on various philosophies/ideologies relevant to the topic. The ability of the student to incorporate effectively ideas from outside sources would be evaluated. The depth in which ideas are expressed would also be rewarded.

Conclusion: Weight 10%

The ability of the student to bring together the ideas expressed in the essay and articulate his/her opinion, stance, or learning clearly and effectively would be evaluated. An important criterion for evaluation would be to find out if the essay is barely a 'thought piece' or it contains a clear call to action.