

Convention 2013 Essay Writing Competition

Essay Judging Criteria

At the national level, each essay is read and marked by at least five judges. The best five rated essays progress to the second reading, where they are read aloud and debated up by at least three Special Judges. This time, the Special judges either confirmed the essay ratings or award new and final ratings. Participants are to be bound by the **Official** Rules as stated and the decisions of the **judges**.

The following scales will be used in assessing essays.

Creativity	40%
Structure	20%
Adherence to Topic	10%
Grammar	10%
Length	10%
Exceptionality	10%
Total	<u>100%</u>

Description of Criteria

40% - Creativity

This is to reward students who display the ability to think “outside the box” – that is. Those whose writing are novel and unusual. Here are the checkpoints

- Does this essay express ideas not commonly found in other essays?
- Does this essay answer the questions in an unexpected way?
- Does this essay display a lot of thought on behalf of the student writing it?
- Does this essay address the topic in a way that makes the reader thinks?

20% - Structure

- Is this essay organized in a comprehensible way?
- If this essay adheres to a traditional format, is there a clear beginning, middle and end or introduction, body and conclusion.

10% - Adherence to Topic

Does this essay, in one way or another, address the topic at hand?

10% - Grammar

Is the grammar of this essay correct enough that the essay is easy to understand?

10% - Length

Is the essay of an appropriate length as required?

10% - Exceptional factor

Does the writer display an incredible use of vocabulary, clever ideas, matured style, advanced English and so on?